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The E4 DTP

Edinburgh Earth, Ecology and Environment
Doctoral Training Partnership

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The University of Edinburgh

Founded 1582

29,765 undergraduate, 13,550 taught postgraduate and 6,425 postgraduate research students from ~156 countries in 2022-2023

3rd in the UK and 22nd in the world
– QS World University Rankings 2024

5th in the UK and 30th in the world
– THES World University Rankings 2024



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The Natural Environment Research Council

NERC advances the frontiers of environmental research by commissioning world-leading research, infrastructure and training

15 DTPs awarded in phase 1: 2014-2018 intakes

17 DTPs awarded in phase 2: 2019-2024 intakes



Natural
Environment
Research Council



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The E3 and E4 DTPs

E3:

117 starts in 2014-2018

E4:

The joint largest NERC DTP, and the largest geographical focus

PhD starts:	2019	23
	2020	24
	2021	25
	2022	23
	2023	32

– a vibrant and active postgraduate community



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E4 DTP partners

Partner Schools

A partial list of Collaborative Partners
(see the handbook for the full list)



THE UNIVERSITY of EDINBURGH
School of GeoSciences



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School of Biological Sciences



THE UNIVERSITY of EDINBURGH
School of Chemistry



THE UNIVERSITY of EDINBURGH
School of Engineering



THE UNIVERSITY of EDINBURGH
School of Mathematics



THE UNIVERSITY of EDINBURGH
School of Physics
and Astronomy



THE UNIVERSITY of EDINBURGH
informatics



THE UNIVERSITY of EDINBURGH
The Royal (Dick) School
of Veterinary Studies



PhD activities

- independent research to make a significant contribution in a field of study (submission of a PhD thesis by end of funding)
- regular meetings and collaboration with supervisors
- attending research seminars and group meetings
- cohort and individual training

Optional:

- up to 60 hours/semester paid tutoring and demonstrating
- up to 3 months additional stipend for an internship
- outreach activities (schools, science festivals, blogging, ...)



E4 DTP training and cohort building

25 days cohort and 25 days individual training over the course of a PhD, based on four pillars:

- training needs analyses
- core professional skills
- advanced research training
- peer learning (e.g. Coding Club)



E4 Stipend and funding extension schemes

Professional Internship Programme (PIP)

3-month stipend extension while embedded in an external organization
(usually during years 2 or 3)

Professional Development Scheme (PDS)

2-month stipend extension for students who have submitted two first-author publications
within 3.5 years

Overseas Research Visit and Conference Fund (ORVCF)

To support extra opportunities for international conferences and research visits abroad (2 calls
per year)

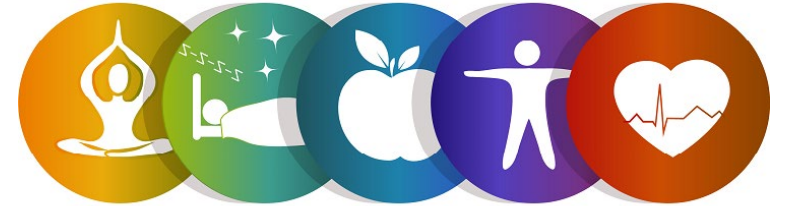


Student Support Services

University Student Support Services:

- Health
- Wellbeing and mental health
- Counselling
- Sport and Exercise
- Disability and Learning and Support
- Student Immigration
- Careers
- Institute for Academic Development
- Accommodation
- Student Finance
- Childcare

The Advice Place by EUSA (Edinburgh University Student Association)



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Where have our students gone on to?



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Highlights from DTP alumni

The PIP
(Professional
Internship)

Presenting at
International
conferences

Publications

Training
workshops,
summer
schools

Tutoring and
Demonstrating

Independent
fieldwork

Winning /
being
nominated
for awards

Research visit
and
collaborations

Laboratory
work

Participating in
Public engagement
activities (Science
Festivals e.g.)

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/e4-dtp/people/dtp-alumni>



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We wish you the best of luck with your application and look forward to welcoming you on board of the E4 DTP next year.

Any questions, please email e4dtp.info@ed.ac.uk

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