**NERC E5 DTP Studentships 2025-2026**

**Application Form for entry in September/October 2025  
Deadline for application: Monday 6th January 2025, 12 noon GMT**

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| This application form is one of the several documents that **you must submit online via our application platform** by the above deadline. Please refer to our application process described on this webpage: [Application Process | The University of Edinburgh](https://www.ed.ac.uk/e4-dtp/how-to-apply/application-process) |

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| EducationInternational applicants should refer to the [Postgraduate Entry Requirements by country](https://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/international/postgraduate-entry) directory to find out about entry requirements for a PhD. | | | | | | | |
| University/College attended | | Dates attended | | | Principal subjects studied | Title of Qualification | Overall class/grade & date obtained (or expected) |
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| Honours, scholarships, prizes: | | | | | | | |
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| English Proficiency  *Please delete as appropriate* | | | | Native speaker: Yes/ No  If you replied **NO** to the above question, we will need to see evidence of your English language proficiency before the interview stage (i.e. end of February 2025).  For details of language tests accepted and minimum score levels required, please see [our website](https://www.ed.ac.uk/e4-dtp/how-to-apply/entry-and-eligibility-criteria). | | | |
| **If you are NOT an English native speaker, do you hold a degree taught and assessed in English that will be no more than 3.5 years old when the PhD starts\*?**  YesNo  *\*Your degree must have been obtained either in the UK of in a majority English speaking country* [*as listed by the UK government*](https://www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa/knowledge-of-english) *or in one of the* [*approved universities in non-majority English speaking countries.*](https://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/postgraduate/applying/your-application/entry-requirements/english-requirements/approved-universities) | | | | | | | |
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| Fees Status Pre-AssessmentAll applicants, regardless of nationality, are now eligible to apply for a UKRI-funded PhD programme in the UK. However, there is a cap on the number of international students the DTP can recruit. It is therefore important for us to know which fees status applicants will fall under when formally applying for entry to our university. See more details on fees statuses and the international applicants cap on our [Entry and Eligibility Criteria webpage](https://www.ed.ac.uk/e4-dtp/how-to-apply/entry-and-eligibility-criteria).  Please read carefully and tick the relevant box. We will use this information to estimate your fees status category. | | | | | | | |
| (1) I am a UK national, AND I will have been ordinarily living in the UK/EEA/Gibraltar/Switzerland for at least the last 3 years before 1 August 2025.  (2)  I am an Irish citizen, AND I will have been ordinarily living in the UK or Ireland for at least the last 3 years before 1 August 2025.  (3)  I am an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen who has a valid settled OR a pre-settled status under the EU settlement scheme, AND I will have been living in the UK/EEA/Gibraltar/Switzerland for at least the last 3 years before 1 August 2025.  *Please provide us with a screenshot of your online UKVI account, accessible via this link:* [*https://www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status*](https://www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status)  (4)  I am a non-EU citizen and have settled status in the UK (Indefinite Leave to Remain or Indefinite Leave to Enter or No Time Limit), AND I will have been ordinarily resident in the UK for at least the last 3 years before 1 August 2025.  *Please provide us with a scan of your BRP card.*  (5) I am not in any of the above categories. | | | | | | | |
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| Which research project are you applying for? *You can only apply for only 1 project.* | | | | | | | |
| **Project title:** | | | | | | | |
| **Main Supervisor:** | | | | | | | |

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| Mode of study: Full-timePart-time\*    *\*Part-time study is only available for students who* ***do not*** *need a visa to study in the UK. Students who would like to consider part-time studies are encouraged to discuss this with the supervisor of the project(s) they are applying for as this will require their full approval.* |
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| Scientific statement  Describe your scientific interest in the research area of your chosen project and describe, in your own words, why you are interested in the key knowledge gaps the project will address going forward. (Note this should not be a repeat of the project proposal).  *No more than 300 words, the below box will expand.* *Please do not attach a separate cover letter, it will not be evaluated.* |
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| Research experience  Please give the title and a short description of any research project(s) you have carried out in the past both within and out with your academic study and highlight the scientific skills you have gained in these projects and during your studies  *No more than 200 words, the below box will expand.*  *Please do not attach a separate cover letter, it will not be evaluated.* |
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| **List any publications you have been involved with and your contribution to these.** |
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| Professional / Other experience out with academia Please describe professional experience or other experience and achievements which you think will be relevant to a PhD. We recognise that aptitudes and skills required for a successful PhD project come from many sources both within and out with your academic study - *No more than 200 words, the below box will expand.*  *Please do not attach a separate cover letter, it will not be evaluated.* |
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| Special circumstances and barriers If you would like the prospective supervisors and the selection panel to know information about any setbacks, challenges and/or disadvantages faced during your studies to maybe help understanding gaps in studies, lower grades and/or lack of extra-curricular opportunities that could come through your application, please briefly explain these below - *No more than 100 words, the below box will expand.*  ***Please note that this information will be seen by the supervisor and the selection panel. If you would like to disclose this information only to our independent Widening Participation panel, please complete the Widening Participation form instead and do not include this information here.*** | |
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| Referees  Two required. **Please note that it is your responsibility to ensure that your referees upload their reference form via the application portal by the application deadline.  The referees should not be members of the project’s supervision team.**  The E5 DTP reference form is available to download from our [application webpage](https://www.ed.ac.uk/e4-dtp/how-to-apply/application-process). We do not accept reference letters. | |
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| Referee 2 | |
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| Where did you hear about the programme? Please tick all applicable | |
| Via the supervisor of the project |  |
| Word of mouth (friends, colleagues) |  |
| Via a DTP partner |  |
| E5 DTP website |  |
| BBStem.co.uk |  |
| Jobs.ac.co.uk |  |
| Findaphd.com |  |
| Other (please specify: |  |

PRIVACY NOTICE- The information you provide will be used by the University to process your application. We will only share this information with the prospective supervisors of the project you apply for and members of the selection panels in order to review and assess your application. We will use your email address to get in touch with you with regards to your application. We will securely hold the personal data you provided us for a maximum of 1 year following the end of the applications cycle in case you were not successful with your application. If you have any questions about your personal data and how it is managed, please email [e5dtp.info@ed.ac.uk](mailto:e5dtp.info@ed.ac.uk) or refer to the University of Edinburgh [Continued privacy notice](https://www.ed.ac.uk/records-management/notice) for more information.