**E5 DTP STUDENTSHIP**

**Application Form (2026 entry)**

**Deadline for application: Sunday 14th December 2025, Midnight GMT**

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| This application form is one of the documents **you must submit via our online application portal** by the deadline above. You can apply for **one** project only.  |

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| EducationInternational applicants: please check the [Postgraduate Entry Requirements by country](https://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/international/postgraduate-entry) directory for PhD eligibility. |
| University/College attended | Dates attended | Principal subjects studied | Title of Qualification | Overall grade & date obtained/ expected |
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| Honours, scholarships, prizes received (if applicable):  |
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| English Proficiency *To meet UKRI and University of Edinburgh requirements, we need to confirm your English Language proficiency* | **Are you a Native English speaker**: \* Yes/ No *\*Please delete as appropriate**By ‘native English speaker’ we mean someone who has spoken English as their first language from early childhood and who uses English naturally and fluently. This may not apply to all citizens of countries where English is an official language (e.g. Canada, India etc)* If you selected **NO,** please note that an offer of admission will be **conditional** on you providing acceptable evidence of English language proficiency. Please check the list of accepted tests and required scores here: [English language entry requirements](https://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/postgraduate/applying/your-application/entry-requirements/english-requirements) |
| If you are **NOT** a native English speaker:**Do you hold a degree taught and assessed entirely in English that will be no more than 3.5 years old on the official start date of the programme?** \**(please select the appropriate box)*\*Yes[ ] No[ ]  *Note: Your degree must be awarded in the UK, in a majority English speaking country, as defined by the* [*UK visas and immigration*](https://www.gov.uk/student-visa/knowledge-of-english) *or from an* [*approved institution in a non-majority English speaking country.*](https://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/postgraduate/applying/your-application/entry-requirements/english-requirements/approved-universities) *If you do not meet this criterion, you must provide an acceptable English language qualification.*  |
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| Fees Status Pre-AssessmentAll applicants, regardless of nationality, are eligible to apply for a UKRI-funded PhD in the UK. However, there is a cap on the number of international students the DTP can recruit. To help us assess your likely fee status, please tick the box that best describes your circumstances as of 1st August in the year of entry. If you have questions about your immigration status or fees classification, please consult the University of Edinburgh’s official guidance here: [Work out your fee status](https://registryservices.ed.ac.uk/tuition-fees/fee-status/work-out)**Please tick one box only:** |
| (1) [ ] I am a UK national, **and** I will have been ordinarily resident in the UK/EEA/Gibraltar/Switzerland for at least the last 3 years prior to 1 August in the year of entry. (2) [ ]  I am an Irish citizen, **and** I will have been ordinarily resident in the UK or Ireland for at least the last 3 years before 1 August in the year of entry. .(3) [ ]  I am an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen with a **valid settled or a pre-settled status** under the EU settlement scheme, **and** I will have been ordinarily resident in the UK, EEA, Gibraltar or Switzerland for at least the last 3 years prior to 1 August in the year of entry.*Please upload a screenshot of your online UKVI status, which is accessible from this link:* [*View or prove your immigration status*](https://www.gov.uk/evisa/view-evisa-get-share-code-prove-immigration-status)(4) [ ]  I am a non-EU citizen with **settled status in the UK** (Indefinite Leave to Remain or Indefinite Leave to Enter or No Time Limit on Stay), **and** I will have been ordinarily resident in the UK for at least the last 3 years prior to 1 August in the year of entry. *Please upload a scan of your Biometric Residence permit (BRP) card.* (5)[ ]  I do not fall into any of the above categories. |
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| **RESEARCH PROJECT DETAILS:(You can apply for one project only)** |
| **Project title:** |
| **Main Supervisor:** |
| Mode of study: Full-time[ ] Part-time\*[ ]   *\*Part-time study is only available to students who* ***do not require a UK visa****. Please discuss part time options with your project supervisor before applying, as their full approval is required.*  |
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| Scientific statement Explain the key knowledge gaps your chosen project aims to address and why they interest you. Reflect on their significance and relevance to your scientific interests, and highlight your personal insights, perspectives or motivations that inform your interest. You may refer to relevant background, literature, or personal motivations, but do not repeat the project proposal. *Maximum 300 words. Please do not attach a separate cover letter as this will not be evaluated.* |
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| Research experience Provide a brief narrative describing any research projects that you have been involved with, both within and outside of academic study. Focus on what you found useful, the skills gained, and how this experience has prepared you for your PhD. Explain how your background makes you suitable for this project, why the project interests you, and what knowledge gaps it could help you address. You may provide up to two examples. *Maximum 300 words.*  |
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| Scientific Outputs**:** List any scientific outputs you have contributed to, including publications, preprints, conference abstracts, or datasets. Briefly describe your role in each. *Maximum 100 words* |
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| Professional / Other relevant experienceDescribe any professional, voluntary or other relevant experience and achievements that will support your success in a PhD. We value skills and aptitudes and skills gained both within and beyond formal academic study. *Maximum 200 words.*  |
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| Special circumstances or contextual information (optional)If you would like prospective supervisors and the selection panel to be aware of any setbacks, challenges, or disadvantages you may have faced during your studies- which may help explain any gaps in your studies, lower grades, or limited extra-curricular opportunities, please briefly describe them here (max 100 words)***Note****: This information will be seen by your prospective supervisors and selection panel. If you prefer to disclose circumstances only to the independent Widening Participation panel, please complete the Widening Participation form instead and do* ***not*** *include that information here*  |
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| RefereesYou will be asked to provide the names and professional email addresses of two referees when you submit your application via the online portal. Please ensure that you contact prospective referees in advance to check that they are happy to provide you with a reference by the application deadline. Referees will automatically receive an email from the application system with a secure link to complete and upload their reference. While they are waiting for the automated email, referees can access the E5 Reference Form from the Recruitment section of the E5 DTP website. **Important:** * **References must be submitted using the official E5 DTP Reference Form only**
* **We cannot accept general reference letters**
* **Referee email addresses must be professional / institutional; we cannot accept Gmail, Yahoo, or other personal addresses.**
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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 |[ ]
| Other website (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 to review and assess your application. Your email address will be used to contact you about your application. Personal data will be securely held for a maximum of 1 year after the application cycle ends if your application is unsuccessful. If you have any questions about your personal data and how it is managed, please email 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.