

E5 DTP Summer Research Internship Placements

Widening Participation Statement (optional)

PRIVACY NOTICE- Completing and submitting this form is entirely optional. The information provided will be reviewed only by the E5 DTP Admissions team and independent E5 DTP Widening Participation Panel. It will not be shared with prospective supervisors or the selection panel. We will treat your statement as confidential and store it securely for a maximum of one year after the recruitment cycle has ended. Anonymised data may be used for monitoring and reporting on Widening Participation. For questions about data handling, please contact e5dtp.info@ed.ac.uk or refer to the University of Edinburgh [Continued privacy notice](#) for more information.

Why we are asking:

The summer internship programme is committed to widening participation in environmental research and supporting students from a wide range of backgrounds to access research opportunities.

We recognise that students may have experienced different opportunities or barriers during their educational journey. This might include financial pressures, caring responsibilities, health conditions, limited access to research opportunities, or being from a group currently under represented in higher education or environmental research.

This form gives you the opportunity to provide additional context about your experiences and circumstances, and to reflect on how these may have shaped your interests, skills or motivation.

The information provided may be used by the selection panel to help ensure that applications are considered fairly and in context.

Completion of this form is entirely voluntary. Choosing not to complete it will not affect your application.

Applicant name (as entered on your main application form):	
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Widening Participation Statement (Max 200 words)

This form is optional and is intended to help us understand applicant's experiences and backgrounds. It will be considered as part of our commitment to widening participation and ensuring fair access to research opportunities.

Please use the space below to tell us about any personal circumstances, experiences, or challenges that may have influenced your educational journey or access to research opportunities. You may wish to reflect on:

- Any barriers or challenges you have experienced in accessing education or research opportunities (for example financial pressures, caring responsibilities, health conditions, or being from a group under-represented in higher education or research)
- Whether this would be your first opportunity to gain research experience and why this opportunity would be important for you.

- How your experiences have shaped your interest in environmental science or research more broadly.
- Any skills, perspectives, or strengths you have developed through your experiences (for example resilience, problem- solving, leadership, or community engagement).

You do not need to address all these points. Please include only what you feel comfortable sharing. We encourage applicants to focus on how their experiences have shaped their perspectives and potential, rather than providing detailed personal information.

Note: for further information please see the University of Edinburgh's guidance on [Equality, Diversity and Inclusion](#) and its pages on [Dignity and Respect](#).

To support the fair and consistent assessment of Widening Participation (WP) applications, we may consider information from your Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) form alongside your WP application. This information will only be used for the purpose of supporting fair assessment and ensuring equitable access to opportunities. Access to your EDI data will be limited to staff directly involved in the assessment of the WP process, and it will be handled in accordance with the University's data protection and confidentiality policies.

Please confirm below whether you consent to your EDI form being used for this purpose. Providing consent is entirely voluntary. If you chose not to consent, your WP form will be reviewed on its own, and this decision will not disadvantage your application in any way.

Consent

I consent to my EDI form being used alongside my WP form for assessment purposes

I do not consent to my EDI form being used for this purpose.