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Applying for
PhD funding



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What funding is available?



"O.K, let's slowly lower in the grant money."

What Funding is Available?

- Many countries have their own schemes to allow study in the UK
- UKRI Councils (see next two slides)
- UK Charities (e.g. British Heart Foundation, Wellcome)
- Direct Industry Sponsorship
- Bequests (these are normally in very specialized areas)
- University scholarships
(In UoE, Edinburgh Doctoral College Scholarship or College/School scholarships)
- PhD loans in England

What Funding is Available?

- **UKRI DTP/DLA Studentships**
UK Research and Innovation Doctoral Training Partnerships/
Doctoral Landscape Awards
Cover all areas of study and may be structured
- **UKRI CDT/DFA Studentships**
Centres of Doctoral Training/Doctoral Focal Awards
Aimed at niche applicable areas to contribute to UK strategic priorities
in research and industry
- Both types may be up to 50% funded by industry or others.
- Industrial iDLA awards with industrial supplements.

What Funding is Available in UoE?

From UKRI:

- AHRC: Doctoral Landscape Awards
- BBSRC: EastBio DTP (east of Scotland)
- ESRC: Scottish Graduate School of Social Science
- EPSRC: DLA + 9 CDTs + iCASE
- MRC: Precision Medicine DTP (with Glasgow) + others
- NERC: E4 DTP (GeoScience)
- STFC: DTP (Physics, Astronomy, Mathematical Physics)

What Funding is Available in UoE?

Other sources:

- Edinburgh Doctoral College Scholarships – essentially one for each School
- College Research Awards (specific Schools only within CAHSS)
- School Scholarships (sometimes linked to endowments – around 150 each year)
- In total around £12m each year of new awards
- Charities and foundations such as CRUK, BHF, Leverhulme, Wellcome

What Funding is Available?

- Scholarships cover a (tax-free) stipend
(UKRI set basic rate currently £20,780 in 2025-26, rising annually with inflation)
and fee
(UKRI Home/EU rate is £5,006 and no additional cost for UKRI overseas award holders)
and research costs
- Details vary considerably by scheme:
Always read the fine print!

More information: [scholarships and student funding](#)
[Doctoral Training Centres](#)

What Funding is Available?

- Paid part time employment
 - Internships (can be full time too)
 - Tutoring & Demonstrating
 - Part time external employment
- Government loans (for those in England)
- Almost all schemes require that you have not yet started your studies.

What Funding is Available?

- Most scholarships are available to all (independent of nationality) ...
- ... but UKRI councils cap the volume of overseas awards to at most 30%.
- ... and some are targeted at under-represented groups.
- The standard fee will be at least £29,000 per annum for entry in 26/27 with reductions for home students.
- Some programmes (especially in STEM areas) have bench fees.

[Fees and funding | The University of Edinburgh](#)

How do I apply?

- ... it depends.
- For some there is a standalone application process (eg EDCS).
- For some you would be considered with your programme application (indicated on the application).
- Seek advice from the School to which you are applying.



Links to Further Information

- [Doctoral College webpages](#)
- [Scholarship and funding pages](#)
- [Institute for Academic Development Pages](#)
- [Student wellbeing pages](#)
- [Code of Practice for supervisors and research students](#)



Did you get the info you were looking for?

- We apologise if we did not get through all of your questions in the time allotted for this session.
- If you have further questions, please email:
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