**Grand Union DTP ESRC Studentship Application Form**

For entry in 2023-24

Please ensure you have read all guidance available on the [Grand Union website](https://www.granduniondtp.ac.uk/how-apply) and provided by your chosen institution before completing this form.

**1. Applicant Details**

First Name: Click here to enter text.

Surname: Click here to enter text.

**2. Research Programme / Institution Details**

Host Institution: Click here to enter text.

DTP Pathway ([see list here](https://www.granduniondtp.ac.uk/pathways)): Click here to enter text.

Degree Programme (this must be an accredited programme available on the Pathway, [see eligible programmes here](https://www.granduniondtp.ac.uk/gudtp-course-options-summary)): Click here to enter text.

Please list any other Pathways for which you are submitting a separate application: Click here to enter text.

**3. Research Summary**

**Candidates for PhD and DPhil programmes:** summarise your proposed research in a way that is accessible to a non-expert reader, including its relevance and potential implications (**max 400 words**). The panel will also have access to the more extensive research proposal submitted with your University application.

**Candidates for Masters programmes:** provide a doctoral project statement outlining (a) your intention to undertake doctoral research, (b) your anticipated (general) area of research focus, and (c) how the Masters degree relates to your progression to a doctorate. The statement should be accessible to a non-expert reader, and include details on project relevance and potential implications. **(max 1000 words)**

If you are uncertain which type of statement you should provide, please contact the DTP.

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**4. Personal Statement**

Please provide a personal statement to support your application, commenting on your motivation and suitability for doctoral research and the proposed project. You should include relevant details of personal and career achievements, professional experience, and your personal circumstances.

The DTP is committed to ensuring that all candidates, regardless of academic and professional backgrounds, are considered fairly and equally for funding. This section can be used to note any personal /educational challenges you may have overcome, and in doing so, demonstrates your potential and capacity for postgraduate study. This might include periods away from study, caring responsibilities, or socioeconomic background. (**max 400 words**)

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**5. Impact and Collaboration with Non-academic Organisations**

Maximising the academic, societal and economic impact (or benefit) of social science research is a core principle for the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), and is an important component of an ESRC studentship. In support of this, the ESRC actively encourages students to collaborate with non-academic organisations to maximise the wider impact of their work.

1. Please describe how your proposed research has the potential to make a difference, either in society or academia (or both). You may wish to explain the potential benefits and why you feel the research matters, and/or how it might challenge perceived wisdom in your discipline.
2. Consider and outline potential opportunities for collaboration with non-academic organisations during your studentship. Examples might include collaborating with external partners to conduct your research, or completing a short-term project or internship with a relevant organisation.

(**max 400 words total**)

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**6. Prior Research Methods Training**

*Candidates for Masters programmes (eg. 1+3, 2+2 award structure) do* ***not*** *need to complete this section.*

The ESRC expects all DTP-funded researchers to develop a competent understanding of debates in their discipline; an overview of the philosophy of social research and how it informs design, methods and analysis and representation of findings, and an understanding of a range of research techniques

Please give full details of the prior research methods training you have (or will have) undertaken within your current/previous Masters training programme, listing the research design and qualitative and quantitative methods courses you have taken. Please include individual module or course titles and the weighting in the degree.

This section *must* be completed in full by all candidates applying for admission to PhD and DPhil programmes, including those who have completed an ESRC accredited Masters programme. Applications with blank or incomplete entries for this section will not be considered for ESRC funding.

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**Other relevant training**

Please provide details of any other relevant training or experience (for example, work-based training).

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**7. Advanced Quantitative Methods (AQM)**

The Grand Union DTP will aim to offer at least 4 awards to students using advanced quantitative methods in their research. The expectation is that the research design and analysis will deploy methods that extend beyond the standard expectations in your field.

Aspects of proposed AQM may include the following, depending upon the subject area and proposed research:

* Advanced methods of data collection and data analysis techniques
* Use of large and complex data sets (admin data, digital data, census data)
* Specific experimental, quasi-experimental or evaluation methods
* Advanced use of data and programming skills (including AI and e-Research tools)

If you wish to be considered for an AQM award, please explain how your research will use quantitative approaches, statistical skills, or methods that are regarded as advanced within your subject specialism (**max 300 words**).

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Please also describe the advanced quantitative methods training you intend to take during your award, and how that builds on your existing data skills and/or quantitative methods expertise (**max 300 words**)

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**8. Overseas Fieldwork and Language Training**

If you plan to undertake overseas fieldwork or difficult language training during your doctoral programme, please provide brief details. Please note that this should be mentioned at the point of application in order to be eligible to apply later for relevant financial support from the ESRC. (**max 150 words**)

Click here to enter text.

**9. Prior Research Council (UKRI) Funding**

Have you previously received funding from a UK Research Council for postgraduate study? (Yes or No)

Click here to enter text.

If yes, please list Research Council, programme and University below.

Click here to enter text.

Thank you for your application. Please note that the DTP Office will notify only successful studentship candidates, with the majority of studentships awarded in April and May.

If you do not receive an award offer and have questions about whether you are under consideration for funding for your course, please contact the relevant Department at your chosen institution.