**EASTBIO APPLICATION FORM for entry in autumn 2023**

**Deadline for application: 5 December 2022**

**Please read carefully. If you have any queries, please contact** [**recruitment@eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk**](mailto:recruitment@eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk)

**\* Before you complete this form, you must complete our online Equality, Diversion & Inclusion Form on the link below:** [EASTBIO Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Form 2023 (onlinesurveys.ac.uk)](https://edinburgh.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/eastbio-equality-diversity-inclusion-form-2023)

If you are applying for more than one EASTBIO projects, please note that **you must only complete this survey *once***. Make sure you copy the unique ID number that you will automatically receive after completing the survey and copy it on each application form you submit to the institution(s) hosting the project(s) of your choice.

**To be considered for the EASTBIO programme, you must ensure that your application includes the following:**

* this form, fully completed; if you are applying for more than one projects, you should submit a separate application form;
* transcripts of your degrees to date (including interim transcripts if available); these should be in a pdf format, *not* provided as a link;
* 2 academic or professional references (*details of how to submit on the FindAPhD and the EASTBIO Reference Form*).

**To submit your application, please follow the instructions on the FindAPhD advert for your listed project(s). *Do not submit your application directly to EASTBIO*.**

The EASTBIO review committee understands that our applicants may have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in a variety of ways and are prepared to take such effects into consideration during our recruitment. Please also note that our recruitment process – shortlisting and interviewing – is conducted by six panels of academics from across the partnership who have received training in unconscious bias. Our shortlisting is in line with the EASTBIO Equality, Diversity and Inclusion policy and our aim is to recruit students from as broad a range of backgrounds as possible.

We will only use your data to process your application and for reporting purposes to the EASTBIO funder, UKRI BBSRC. For more information on how we use student data, please read our [privacy statement](http://www.eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk/eastbio_dev/sites/sbsweb2.bio.ed.ac.uk.eastbio_dev/files/EASTBIO_Privacy%20Statement.pdf) (also on our [homepage](http://www.eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk/equality-diversity-and-inclusion)).

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| **A. Personal Details** | | |
| Last name: |  | |
| First name: |  | |
| E-mail address |  | |
| Current location (country/time-zone): |  | |
| \*Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Form Unique ID:  *This is the number that you will receive* automatically *from the Online Survey after you will have completed the EDI survey, as specified above*.  *Please do* ***not*** *complete the EDI survey more than once; if you apply for more than one projects, simply paste the same Unique ID number on each application.* | |  |

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| **B. EASTBIO DTP (UKRI) Funding Eligibility** Regardless of their fees-status, graduate students are eligible to apply for a UKRI-funded PhD programme in the UK. However, the funding body has established a cap on the proportion of international students we can recruit. It is, therefore, important for us to know your fees status.  For more details, see the UKRI Guidance on Eligibility Criteria at <https://www.ukri.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/UKRI-170321-InternationalEligibilityImplementationGuidance.pdf> and <https://www.ukri.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/UKRI-291020-guidance-to-training-grant-terms-and-conditions.pdf> (especially Annex B International Eligibility Criteria for UKRI-funded studentships). |
| Please read carefully and tick the relevant box corresponding to your situation:  ☐ I am a UK national AND will have been living in the UK/EEA/Gibraltar/Switzerland for at least the last 3 years before starting the course in the UK (October 2023).  ☐ I am an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen living in the UK who has obtained a settled or a pre-settled status under the EU settlement scheme, AND will have been living in the UK/EEA/Gibraltar/Switzerland for at least the last 3 years before starting the course in the UK (October 2023).  *Please provide us with a share code and your DOB for us to double check your immigration status by visiting* [*https://www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status*](https://www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status)  **Share code**:                                       **Date of Birth**:  ☐ I am a non-EU citizen and have settled status in UK (indefinite leave to remain or indefinite leave to enter) and I will have been ordinarily resident in the UK/EEA/Gibraltar/Switzerland for at least the last 3 years before starting the course in the UK (October 2023).  *Please provide a proof of your ILR or ILE status (copy of card e.g.).*  ☐ I am not in any of the above categories.  Please provide any additional comments or information below: |

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| **C. Education** | | | | |
| University/College attended | Dates attended | | Title of Qualification | Overall class/grade & date obtained (or expected) |
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| **D and E - Biographical Sketch**  Guidance: Rather than asking you to submit your CV, we ask you to complete Sections D and E, below, which are based on the Biographical Sketch template. This is to ensure homogeneity in the way in which we collate personal information to review applications. Please provide a short paragraph under each Section (aim for a maximum of 2 x A4 pages in total; minimum font size 11). The purpose of the Biographical Sketch is to provide the selection committee with a clear sense of the overall trajectory of your academic progression, your ambition, resilience and potential for further development in a research or research-related career.  *Please insert your text in the boxes below, which should expand as needed.* |
| **D. Positions, Experience and Honours** (including specific dates, role, affiliation)  List in reverse chronological order any previous positions you have held (whether or not related to research) and any prizes, distinctions, or honours you have been awarded (e.g. when at school, university, or subsequently). We encourage you to include short-term positions, especially if they illustrate a specific skill or interest that would strengthen your application. |
| *[Type your response here*] |
| **E. Personal Statement**  Guidance: We will use your personal statement to assess your suitability for your chosen projects and the EASTBIO Training Programme. Briefly describe why you are well-suited for the EASTBIO programme and the project(s) you are applying for. We aim to recruit inclusively and so we are not prescriptive about what you will focus on. Relevant factors may include:   * scientific research experience & skillset relevant to your project(s); * numerical/computational skills; * collaborative or team skills; * interdisciplinary or international experience; * evidence of dedication to scientific research through a non-traditional route; * ability to deal with change or difficulty; * ability to present or share knowledge/skills; * professional aspirations; * non-academic experience (e.g. industry, policy, public outreach, knowledge exchange, activism). * Personal traits/values such as curiosity, innovation, blue-sky thinking, etc.   You might also want to highlight some aspect of the PhD project or projects you are applying for and the EASTBIO Training Programme that particularly motivated you to apply. |
| [*Type your response here*] |

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| **F. Additional information (*optional*)**  Guidance: If you wish to explain factors that have affected your recent productivity, such as family care responsibilities, illness, disability, military service, or other, please include a statement in the box below.    If you wish this information to *remain confidential to the EASTBIO Support team and the Panel Chairs (Management Group members only)*, please submit it as a separate document by emailing the DTP Manager at [Maria.Filippakopoulou@ed.ac.uk](mailto:Maria.Filippakopoulou@ed.ac.uk) (marked ‘Confidential’ on the Subject line). |
| [*Type your response here*] |

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| **G. Which research project are you interested in?**  Please provide below the details of the project you are applying for: the project title, the name of the project’s primary supervisor, and the institution hosting the project. If you will be nominated for more than one projects in more than one thematic areas, EASTBIO will email you to ask you to *rank the projects by order of preference*. No shortlisted candidate can be interviewed more than once. | | |
| **Project Title** |  | |
| **Project’s Primary Supervisor** |  | |
| **Project’s Host Institution** |  | |
| **Are you applying for another EASTBIO project?** | | **Yes** ☐ (Please submit a separate EASTBIO Application Form, following the details on the FindAPhD)  **No** ☐ |
| \*Preferred mode of study:  \**Please note, students requiring a visa to study in the UK must be registered full-time on their programme of studies.* | | Full-time☐  Part-time☐ |

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| **H. Referees**  Guidance: Two academic or professional references required. The referees should *not* be members of the supervisory team of the project you are applying for. The references should be submitted by your referees as requested by the institution(s) hosting the project or projects you are applying for - details of the process are provided on the FindAPhD page where the project has been advertised. When you contact your referees with a request to complete the EASTBIO Reference Form, please inform them of the relevant details. *It is your responsibility to ensure that references are provided no later than the application deadline (please note that some partner institutions may have earlier deadlines for references or use an online application system to request references)*. The **EASTBIO** **reference** **form** is downloadable on our ‘[How to Apply](http://www.eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk/how-apply-0)’ page and contains further guidance). | | |
| Please tick the box to confirm that your two referees have agreed to submit their reference by the deadline specified on the FindAPhD advert. | |  |
| **Referee 1** | | |
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| Address |  | |
| E-mail |  | |
| **Referee 2** | | |
| Name |  | |
| Address |  | |
| E-mail |  | |

*Thank you for your application to the EASTBIO DTP PhD Programme.*

*For more application details, check the* [*EASTBIO How to Apply webpage*](http://www.eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk/how-apply-0)*.*