

Privacy Notice

EASTBIO DTP is a partnership of four universities (Aberdeen, Dundee, [lead] Edinburgh CSE & CMVM, and St Andrews), funded by the BBSRC since 2012 to award full PhD studentships to approximately 30 bioscience students each year (excluding CASE and NPIF students) and provide them with training in accordance with the strategic priorities of the UK Research and Innovation BBSRC.

Under our remit, we hold information about all four cohorts of current UKRI BBSRC-funded PhD students and their supervisors at each of the four partner institutions, from application to graduation, as well as information about our alumni and their career destinations.

The information you provide will be used by EASTBIO so that we can administer our joint programme across the following axes.

Joint recruitment:

- to process PhD applications across the partnership, to nominate, interview, and notify prospective students, and make appropriate funding arrangements;
- to recruit appropriate candidates for specific recruitment rounds in response to UKRI calls, such as for instance the government's National Productivity Investment Fund studentships (as in 2017 and 2018);
- to collect and review applications for the BBSRC-funded undergraduate Research Experience Placement scheme, allocate awards and report annually on such allocation to BBSRC;
- to award the BBSRC-funded In Vivo Strategic Skills award.

Training programme:

- to design, deliver, assess and review EASTBIO-specific training;
- to deliver collaborative training with ad hoc partners in academia and industry, such as the Industrial Biotechnology Innovation Centre (IBioIC) and the EPSRC Data Science Centre for Doctoral Training;
- to monitor student attendance/progress through the EASTBIO training programme and student compliance with training requirements;
- to deliver the innovative Professional Internships for PhD students (PIPS) -- to monitor, review and report on it to BBSRC;
- to facilitate best practice by liaising with PIPS providers, and other HEIs or researcher development bodies, such as the BBSRC-funded VITAE;
- to communicate with students about training opportunities or other skills-related initiatives across the partnership;
- to provide students with support, guidance, and advice in relation to our training programme.

Reporting to funders & future development:

- for purposes of annual reporting to BBSRC;
- for purposes of forward planning in terms of DTP continuation.

EASTBIO publicity:

- to publicise student profiles, student research outputs, engagement and experiences primarily for the benefit of the partnership, funders, members, and stakeholders.

EASTBIO DTP uses the UoE-based Drupal server to host its website -- <http://www.eastscotbiotdp.ac.uk/> -- so as to record, maintain and update information relevant to the carrying out of our function -- including EASTBIO recruitment, training, PIPS, student profiles and research outputs and opportunities. The University remains responsible for the information and will ensure it is kept securely.

We are using information about you because it is necessary for the performance of the contract you have with us and your funding body, BBSRC, as UKRI BBSRC-funded PhD student, and because we have a legal obligation to do so as the DTP award holders (DTP1 & DTP2).

Information about you will be shared with the following:

- the EASTBIO funding body, UKRI BBSRC;
- EASTBIO DTP lead institution, University of Edinburgh, and partner institutions - University of Aberdeen, University of Dundee, University of St Andrews;
- associate partners -- The James Hutton Institute, Scotland's Rural College (SRUC); Scottish Universities Life Science Alliance (SULSA);
- the partner institutions' respective departments dealing with postgraduate admissions, finances, researcher development, student support and disability;
- the BBSRC-funded SysMIC course team;
- academics and training/career consultants, nominated by our partner institutions -- such as Vivomotion and the Scientific Editing Company -- to deliver specialised scientific and transferable skills training on our behalf;
- PIPS providers;
- the Industrial Biotechnology Innovation Centre (IBioIC);
- EPSRC Data Science Centre for Doctoral Training (*only NPIF students*).

We will hold the personal data you provided us for the duration of your PhD studies. After graduation, we will ask you to opt in to a request for updates regarding data about your career destination (employment, publications and any grants arising out of your PhD research) at specific points -- at years one, one and a half, three and six.

If you opt in, we will anonymise any data you will provide and we will notify you of any requests made to share the data with anyone other than our key partner institutions or BBSRC. The process, decided by the EASTBIO Management Group, is to comply with our funding body's request for long-term doctoral studentships impacts.

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