

BLACK LEADERS IN DIABETES PHD STUDENTSHIP SCHEME FAQS

GENERAL

Can I apply if I am from an EU country or an international student?

We will only accept applications from permanent UK nationals and who have 'home' fees status.

Can I apply if I have taken a gap year out, am a mature student or have an intercalated undergraduate degree?

Yes, you can apply for the scheme if you have a life science degree.

Do I need to contact the supervisor(s) of my preferred projects?

You can approach the supervisor(s) if you wish to learn more about the project or training opportunities provided at the University.

What will the interview involve?

Shortlisted applicants who are invited for interview will receive information on the interview structure and format. There will be a mock interview and tips/advice will be given before being interviewed.

Can I defer my studentship?

Deferrals are not possible.

Will this PhD cost me money?

The PhD is fully funded, meaning your stipend and 'home' tuition fees are covered, alongside project costs.

Do you have a minimum requirement on grades for the PhD studentship scheme?

You must have, or are expected to achieve, at least a 2.1 honours degree (or equivalent) in disciplines related to sciences.

Do I need a Masters degree?

You would only need a Masters if you obtained grade of 2:2 in your undergraduate degree.

Can I also apply to your existing PhD studentship scheme?

The existing [PhD studentship scheme](#) has a different process which is only open for applications made by supervisors. Successful supervisors are responsible for recruiting the PhD students through the University processes.

Can the studentship be taken on a part-time basis?

Studentships can be held on a full-time or a part-time basis (part-time awards will be made on a pro-rate basis). Students on this scheme are expected to register on campus-based PhD programmes (i.e. distance learning is not supported).

When will I know that I am successful?

We will invite shortlisted candidates for interview in March/April 2026 and notify outcomes in April 2026.

For queries, please contact the Research Team
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