



DARWIN TRUST OF EDINBURGH

Selection Criteria and Conditions for Darwin Trust César Milstein PhD Studentship tenable at the UKRI - MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology, Cambridge.

The purpose of the Darwin Trust's PhD studentship programme in the United Kingdom Research and Innovation (UKRI) Medical Research Council (MRC) Laboratory of Molecular Biology (LMB) is to award PhD studentships to individuals who are nationals of Argentina, or another South American country, allowing them to pursue a PhD in the biological sciences.

1. Students must be of the highest calibre and normally hold a First or Upper Second Class honours degree or its equivalent.
2. A studentship may not be held by a student who is already a graduate of the University of Cambridge.
3. A studentship may not be awarded to an applicant who is eligible for the home/UK tuition fee.
4. Applicants will normally have obtained either their first (Bachelors) degree, or their first Masters degree, less than five years prior to the closing date for applications. This period may be extended, at the Trust's discretion, if an applicant's career has been interrupted by exceptional circumstances such as maternity or paternity leave or severe illness.
5. A studentship will not be awarded to anyone who has already started a PhD at the University of Cambridge no matter how this has been funded.
6. Each student must be a national of a country in South America but with preference given to Argentine nationals.
7. A studentship will only be awarded to an individual who has been accepted as a postgraduate student by the University of Cambridge
8. Each studentship is for up to four years and includes a stipend and the University tuition fee up to that charged by the University of Edinburgh each year. No stipend payments will be made after a student has been notified by the University that they have satisfied the requirements of a PhD.
9. Continuation of the studentship through the second, third and fourth years is contingent upon satisfactory performance in the annual assessment of progress. A studentship cannot be extended beyond four years except in the case of maternity, paternity or shared parental leave, or a formal interruption of studies because of ill health. The conditions for maternity, paternity or shared parental leave and for an interruption due to illness are the same as those for a student holding a UKRI/Research Council studentship. These can be found "UK Research and

Innovation Training Grants Standard Terms and Conditions of Training Grant” at <https://www.ukri.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/UKRI-020424-TrainingGrantTermsConditionsApril2024.pdf>.

10. The Darwin Trust will make a contribution to the cost of accredited childcare for one or more children living in Birmingham with a student. There is no other dependent’s allowance.
11. The Darwin Trust will reimburse the costs associated with obtaining a visa to enter the UK as a research student. If a student is not a resident of the UK the Trust will also make a contribution towards the cost of travel to Cambridge at the start of the studentship and for returning to the student’s home country at the end. The amount of these payments will be determined by the Trustees and will be included with the first and last payments of the stipend.
12. Students may apply to the Darwin Trust for funds to allow them to present their work at a conference, or to attend an advanced training course or workshop. A maximum of two awards will be made to a student during their PhD and the maximum amount that will be awarded is £2,000 in total.
13. The Darwin Trust expects that the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology will ensure that students are provided with strong supervision and with the resources necessary to carry out her/his research project successfully.
14. The Darwin Trust should be informed promptly should a student withdraw or be granted an interruption of their studies. If a student is granted an interruption to their studies by the University of Cambridge then their studentship will be extended to the new end date of their period of study.
15. The arrangements for exploitations of Intellectual Property generated by the holder of a Darwin Trust studentship will be the same as those for holders of a UKRI studentship.
16. Studentships will normally start on 1 October. Any other start date will be allowed only in exceptional circumstances and with prior agreement of the Trust.
16. Recipients of Darwin Trust of Edinburgh Studentships are neither employees nor agents of the Darwin Trust of Edinburgh.
17. The Darwin Trust’s support of students that it funds must be acknowledged in any output resulting from a student’s PhD research including posters, oral presentations, and publications.

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