



DARWIN TRUST OF EDINBURGH

Selection Criteria and Conditions for the Darwin Trust Jeff Schell PhD Studentship tenable at the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL).

1. Students must be of the highest calibre and normally hold a First or Upper Second Class honours degree or its equivalent.
2. 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 to the European Molecular Biology Laboratory. 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.
3. A Darwin Trust studentship will not be awarded to anyone who has already started a PhD at EMBL no matter how this has been funded.
4. Students must have a satisfactory command of spoken and written English.
5. Each studentship will provide a stipend for up to four years. No stipend payments will be made after a student has been notified that they have satisfied the requirements of a PhD.
6. Continuation of the studentship through the second, third and fourth years is contingent upon satisfactory performance in EMBL's annual assessment of progress. The studentship cannot be extended beyond four years except in the case of maternity, paternity or shared parental leave, or a formal interruption of studies for some other reason.
7. 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.
8. The Darwin Trust expects that EMBL will ensure that each student is provided with strong supervision and with the resources necessary to carry out their research project successfully.
9. The Darwin Trust should be informed promptly should a student withdraw or be granted an interruption of their studies.
10. No one may be Principal Supervisor to more than one Darwin Trust student who is in their first year.

11. The arrangements for exploitations of Intellectual Property generated by the holder of a Darwin Trust studentship will be those applicable to employees of EMBL.
12. 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.
13. Recipients of Darwin Trust of Edinburgh Studentships are neither employees nor agents of the Darwin Trust of Edinburgh.
14. 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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