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DARWIN TRUST OF EDINBURGH POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH STUDENTSHIPS

Closing Date for Application: Wednesday 7th January 2026

Thank you for your interest in applying for a Darwin Trust Postgraduate Studentship.

Before completing the Darwin Trust application form you should read the 'Selection Criteria for Darwin Trust PhD Studentships tenable at the University of Edinburgh' to ensure that you are eligible to apply and consult the School of Biological Sciences' website for information about potential supervisors ([Research | Biological Sciences | Biology](#)) and projects ([PhD projects | Biological Sciences | Biology](#))

You should then contact the supervisor(s) whose research interests you to ask if she/he would consider offering you a place in her/his lab.

Darwin Trust PhD Studentships can only be awarded to students who have received an offer of a place as a postgraduate student by the University of Edinburgh using its online system [Applying | Postgraduate study | The University of Edinburgh](#) You do not have to have had an offer from the University before you apply to the Darwin Trust, but you should apply to the University before you apply to the Trust to get a student number to put on the Trust's application form.

The University requires evidence of satisfactory English language proficiency for students whose first language is not English. Details of this requirement can be found at: <http://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/international/english/postgraduate>. Completion of an English language test is not required at the time that you apply to the University or the Darwin Trust.

Darwin Trust Postgraduate Studentships provide University tuition fees for each of four years and a stipend that is £22,700 per annum for 2025-2026. The studentships are competitive and are awarded based upon an applicant's academic record, referees' reports, and, if shortlisted, an interview. Evidence of the ability to carry out research successfully will be an advantage but does not have to be in the same area as the intended PhD project.

If you require any further information, please let us know.

Best wishes,



Kevin Hardwick

