

EastBio Project Call August 2026

* Required

Project Supervisors

1. Name of Principal Supervisor (including title) *

2. Institution *

- ☐ University of Aberdeen
- ☐ University of Edinburgh CMVM
- ☐ University of Edinburgh CSE
- ☐ University of Dundee
- ☐ University of St Andrews
- ☐ University of Stirling
- ☐ SRUC
- ☐ James Hutton Institute
- ☐ Moredun Research Institute
- ☐ IBioIC
- ☐ Other

3. Department

e.g. School of Life Sciences, Centre for Discovery Brain Sciences

4. Principal Supervisor email address *

5. Current number of PhD students you have - as primary supervisor - and year of study *

Lead supervisors who will have more than three PhD students as Lead supervisor in October 2026 (not counting students who are yet to be recruited) are not eligible to submit a project for this recruitment round. This does not apply to those submitting a CASE project.

6. Current EastBio students you have as primary supervisor and year of study. *

Lead supervisors who currently have EastBio-funded students (i.e. those with thesis submission up to September 2027) are not eligible to submit a standard PhD project. This does not apply to those submitting a CASE project.

7. Lab website/online profile URL

8. Please provide the project co-supervisor's full name, institution, and email address (list all co-supervisors for this project) *

9. Please describe briefly the expertise of project co-supervisor(s) (100 words max) *

10. Please confirm that you have completed at least one of the following local training courses according to your Institutional requirements: PGR supervisor training, unconscious bias, equality and diversity *

If other please provide information about when you will complete this training.

☐ Completed

☐ Other

11. Please confirm that you are aware of the EastBio EDI policy *

For details, see <https://www.ed.ac.uk/biology/eastbio/equality-diversity-inclusion>

☐ Yes, I am

12. Please complete the Equality, Diversity & Inclusion survey via <https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/edinburgh/eastbio-recruitment-2026-supervisor-edi-survey>. After you complete the survey, please enter below your survey unique ID (e.g. cm3d1z0ua02gjrdxbapcpzbbq). *

PhD Project Details

13. PhD Project Title *

This title will be used to advertise the project to students.

14. Project description for Find-A-PhD advert *

Please provide a description of the PhD project and the research training it will provide. This will be the text advertised to prospective students. Max 400 words.

15. Could this project be a part-time PhD if requested by the student? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

16. Please briefly explain why this project cannot be part-time. *

17. BBSRC Remit Area *

- ☐ Bioscience for Renewable Resources and Clean Growth
- ☐ Crops and Soil (within Bioscience for Sustainable Agriculture & Food)
- ☐ Bioscience for an Integrated Understanding of Health
- ☐ Livestock & Aquaculture (within Bioscience for Sustainable Agriculture & Food)
- ☐ Understanding the Rules of Life (within Advancing the Frontiers of Bioscience Discovery)
- ☐ Transformative Technologies (within Advancing the Frontiers of Bioscience Discovery)

18. If you selected Transformative Technologies, please select which of the BBSRC Transformative Technologies will be covered by your project.

- ☐ New tools and facilities
- ☐ Data-driven biology
- ☐ Integrative and systems biology
- ☐ Synthetic biology

19. Please select the BBSRC classification that is closest to your project *

- ☐ Animal Systems, Health and Wellbeing
- ☐ Plants, Microbes, Food and Sustainability
- ☐ Technologies and Methodological Development
- ☐ Molecules, Cells and Industrial Biotechnology

20. Would the project involve the use of vertebrate animals or other organisms covered by the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act and do you have sufficient funds to cover the animal costs? *

The project RTSG is £5,000 per year for 3.25 years.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

21. Select between 1 and 10 relevant subject areas for Find-A-PhD to help searchers find your project. *

Please select at most 10 options.

- ☐ Agricultural Sciences
- ☐ Biochemistry
- ☐ Bioinformatics
- ☐ Biomedical Engineering
- ☐ Biophysics
- ☐ Biotechnology
- ☐ Botany/Plant Science
- ☐ Cancer/Oncology
- ☐ Cell Biology/Development
- ☐ Dentistry
- ☐ Ecology & Conservation
- ☐ Endocrinology
- ☐ Evolution
- ☐ Food Science/Nutrition
- ☐ Genetics
- ☐ Immunology
- ☐ Marine Biology
- ☐ Medical/Biomedical Physics
- ☐ Medical/Clinical Science
- ☐ Medical Imaging
- ☐ Microbiology
- ☐ Molecular Biology
- ☐ Neuroscience/Neurology
- ☐ Obstetrics, Gynaecology & Reproduction
- ☐ Palaeobiology
- ☐ Parasitology
- ☐ Pathology
- ☐ Pharmacology/Toxicology
- ☐ Pharmacy/Pharmaceutics

- ☐ Physiology & Sports Science
- ☐ Psychology & Psychiatry
- ☐ Public Health & Epidemiology
- ☐ Structural Biology
- ☐ Veterinary Medicine
- ☐ Virology
- ☐ Zoology/Animal Science

CASE Studentships

CASE Studentships are collaborative with an industrial/non-academic partner. Please read the Project Call guidance closely before completing this section.

22. Is this a Collaborative Studentship Project? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No [You have now completed your project submission]

23. Is this a Standard or 50% Match Funded Collaborative Studentship? *

Please indicate whether this will be a Standard CASE project or a CASE project where the industrial partner offers 50% of the total studentship costs (companies with 50 or more staff).

- ☐ Standard
- ☐ 50% Match Funded

24. Company/Non-Academic Partner Name *

25. Company Registration Number *

If you are unable to provide, this, please confirm that you are discussing specific arrangements with the local Business Development/Industry Engagement team

26. Company Full Address *

27. Type of Organisation *

- ☐ SME (<50 employees)
- ☐ non-SME (>50 employees)

28. Company Website URL

29. Name of supervisor at partner *

30. Partner supervisor's primary expertise *

31. Partner supervisor's expected % time dedicated to the project *

32. Partner supervisor email address *

33. Will the partner supervisor be involved in the candidate nomination for this project? *

As a minimum, EastBio expects that both the academic and the non-academic supervisor will sign the mandatory Candidate Nomination Form. Please check with the CASE partner whether they would want to be involved in the selection process of candidates before nomination.

☐ Yes

☐ No

34. Please describe the industrial sector this project aligns to and the specific industrial challenge, or development opportunity, it is addressing. *

35. Please describe: (a) the expected outcomes or benefits of the project to the company, (b) benefits to the recruited student's professional development, and (c) the anticipated date and length of the mandatory student placement at the non-academic partner premises. *

Max 400 words

36. Please describe how the CASE partner will support the recruited student. *

Max 300 words.

e.g. arrangements for the student onboarding; access to the partner's knowledge basis, equipment, resources; frequency of meetings with the recruited student, reporting and feedback, progress monitoring, survey of parties satisfaction rates and follow-up, etc.

37. Please detail risks to successful completion of the project, as well as your proposed mitigations. *

Note that the EastBio Industry Engagement Committee that reviews Collaborative projects may ask you to provide further details.

38. Have you discussed this project with your local Business Development/Industry Engagement team? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

39. Please provide the name and contact details of the local Business Development/Industry Engagement officer you have discussed your CASE project with. *

40. Please confirm that you have submitted the EastBio Collaborative Partner Support Letter to recruitment@eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk and your partner institution academic lead. *

Proposals without a Support Letter completed and signed by the CASE partner will not be considered by EastBio.

☐ Submitted

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