DARWIN TRUST OF EDINBURGH

Selection Criteria and Conditions for Darwin Trust PhD Studentships tenable at the University of Edinburgh.

The purpose of the Darwin Trust's PhD studentship programme in Edinburgh is to award PhD studentships to individuals who are not UK nationals 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 Edinburgh.

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 to the Trust. 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 only be awarded to an individual who has been accepted as a postgraduate student by the University of Edinburgh.

6. A student who has already started a PhD at the University of Edinburgh, no matter how this has been funded, may not be awarded a Darwin Trust studentship.

7. Studentships will normally be awarded to students working within the School of Biological Sciences but one studentship *per* year may be awarded to a student working in basic biomedical science within the College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine.

8. Normally at least one studentship will be awarded each year to a candidate from Africa, provided that they meet the Trust's selection criteria.

9. Each studentship is for up to four years and includes a stipend and the University tuition fee. No stipend payments will be made after a student has been notified by the University that they have satisfied the requirements of a PhD

10 Continuation of the studentship through the second, third and fourth years is contingent upon satisfactory performance in the University's annual assessment of progress. A studentship cannot be extended beyond four years unless a student is granted a formal interruption of studies in which case the studentship will be extended until the end of the revised Period of Study. The conditions for maternity or paternity 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 in the

"UK Research and Innovation Training Grants Standard Terms and Conditions of Training Grant" section of the UKRI web site.

11. The Darwin Trust will make a contribution to the cost of accredited childcare for one or more children living in Edinburgh with a student. There are no other dependent's allowances.

12. 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 currently a resident of the UK the Trust will also make a contribution towards the cost of travel to Edinburgh 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 paid directly to the student by the Darwin Trust.

13. 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 total amount that will be awarded is currently £2,500.

14. The Darwin Trust expects that the host School will ensure that each student is provided with strong supervision and with the resources necessary to carry out their research project successfully.

15. The Darwin Trust should be informed promptly should a student be granted an interruption to their studies or withdraw.

16. No one may be Principal Supervisor to more than one Darwin Trust student who is in their first year.

17. The arrangements for exploitation of Intellectual Property generated by the holder of a Darwin Trust studentship are the same as those for holders of a UKRI studentship.

18. Studentships normally start on 1 October. An alternative start date will allowed only in exceptional circumstances and with prior agreement of the Trust.

19. Recipients of Darwin Trust of Edinburgh Studentships are neither employees nor agents of the Darwin Trust of Edinburgh nor of the institution in which they are studying.

20. 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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