

Introduction

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Thank you for applying to BBSRC EB4BM Centre for Doctoral Training (CDT).

This form will guide you through providing the data we need to process your application. An overview of the questions and information required is available on our [apply now page](#). We recommend you gather all the information needed before completing the form. Our [apply now page](#) also has information on the programme, eligibility requirements and the application process.

To ensure equality of opportunity in the shortlisting process EB4BM operates anonymised shortlisting. To enable us to do so this form has three sections:

- **Section 1: Personal Details & Eligibility** – The information in this section will be used to process your application, but will not be shared with panel members while they review your application for shortlisting.
- **Section 2: Diversity Monitoring** – This information will not be included with your application and no one associated with shortlisting or selection of candidates will have access to it. We will use this information to assess the effectiveness of our initiatives to enable access to this doctoral training programme. Anonymised statistics of all applicant responses will be shared with the UKRI and individual responses of those who are offered and accept a UKRI-funded PhD studentship will be shared with UKRI.

- **Section 3: Education & Research Experience** –

Information provided in this section will be included in your application and assessed by the reviewers for shortlisting. You should not include any personal identifying details such as your name, age or gender. We will be unable to accept your application if you include identifying details in this section of your application.

For full details of how your data is used please see the [EB4BM CDT Privacy Notice](#), [Qualtrics Privacy Policy](#) and [King's College London Data Protection Policy](#)

We actively welcome applicants from diverse racial and ethnic groups and those under-represented within academia and research. If you require any adjustments to the recruitment process please email eb4bm@kcl.ac.uk.

Application Deadline: **Monday 9 March 2026 23:59 GMT**

Using the form

It is recommended that you use a laptop or desktop computer rather than a mobile device to complete the application. [Click here to view a list of compatible browsers](#). You can pause and return to the form at a later date as long as you use the same browser and device. You can move back and forth between questions in the application by clicking on the left and right arrows. Once you click Submit application you can no longer change your responses. If you have any questions, please view our [Apply now](#) page first. If your question is not answered here, please email eb4bm@kcl.ac.uk.

Personal Details

Section 1: Personal Details & Eligibility

The information in this section will be used to process your application, but will not be shared with panel members while they review your application for shortlisting.

Personal Details

Name

First

Last

Email address

Make sure you use an email address you will have access to for the duration of the admission process.

Reasonable Adjustments

Reasonable Adjustments for Applicants

We are committed to ensuring that our PhD studentship

recruitment process is fair, accessible, and inclusive for all applicants. If you face barriers to fully participating in the selection process we are happy to provide reasonable adjustments.

Information on the interview process will be provided to shortlisted candidates before interviews take place and you will have the opportunity to request specific adjustments at that time, however candidates are welcome to request adjustments at any stage of the application process by contacting eb4bm@kcl.ac.uk. All requests will be handled confidentially and will not negatively affect your application.

I require adjustments to the recruitment process

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

English Language

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If you need an [English language test](#), but you don't have a recent one, don't worry - this can be provided later if we make you an offer.

Is English your first language?

- Yes
 No

Have you been educated at degree level in English?

- Yes
 No

Successful candidates will be assessed by the relevant university admissions office to confirm if an English language certificate is required.

Funding

Funding

EB4BM is funded by UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) and offers [fully funded studentships](#) to both home and international students. The standard studentship includes a Stipend, Tuition Fees and Research Training Support Grant (RTSG) in line with UKRI rates. In addition to the standard studentship, additional funding is available to students depending on their fee status.

Home Fee Status Applicants

In addition to the standard UKRI stipend students who qualify for home fee status will be eligible for the TechExpert Pilot which grants a £10,000 per year uplift to the stipend.

International Fee Status Applicants

EB4BM offers a limited number of studentships to applicants

with international fee status. Successful candidates will be offered a standard UKRI studentship, providing a stipend, tuition fees and RTSG, and also a fee waiver covering international fees for the duration of the studentship. International students are not be eligible for the TechExpert pilot funding subsidy.

Fee Status Assessment

To be treated as a home student, candidates must meet one of these criteria:

- be a UK national (meeting residency requirements)
- have settled status
- have pre-settled status (meeting residency requirements)
- have indefinite leave to remain or enter.

If a candidate does not meet one of these criteria, they are treated as an international student.

Please select your status

- To the best of my knowledge I classify as a home student
- To the best of my knowledge I classify as an international student

Successful candidates will be assessed by the relevant university admissions office to confirm their fee status.

Referees

Referees

You need two different referees; they can be from education or employment. If your application is successful at the shortlisting stage we will contact your referees to provide a reference. References from your friends and family are not permitted.

Referee 1

Referee 1: Name

First

Last

Referee 1: Position

Position

Referee 1: Contact Details

Email

Referee 1: Address

Street Address

Address Line 2

City

County / State / Region

Postal Code

Country

Referee 2

Referee 2: Name

First

Last

Referee 2: Position

Position

Referee 2: Contact Details

Email

Referee 2: Address

Street Address

Address Line 2

City

County / State / Region

Postal Code

Country

Transcripts

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Please upload a transcript from at least one university level degree qualification. Transcripts will not be shared with the panel during shortlisting stage, however if you are selected for interview they will be shared with the interview panel and final selection committee.

- If you have more than two qualifications, then you should upload the two most recent.
- In section 3 of this form you will be asked to enter your

anonymised module results for the panel to review when shortlisting. Please ensure you upload corresponding transcripts for the module results you enter.

Degree Qualification 1 - Transcript upload

Degree Qualification 2 - Transcript upload

Diversity

Section 2: Diversity Monitoring

As part of our work to improve access to doctoral research and training and increase diversity of our cohorts we ask for your help in collecting the following information. We will use this information to assess the effectiveness of our initiatives to enable access to this doctoral training programme. This information will not be associated with your application, we only examine metrics related to this information. It does not form any part of our shortlisting or selection of candidates.

Personal information including ethnic background, religion, disability status, date of birth, sex, gender identity and socio-economic background provided by applicants in this form is handled in accordance with the [King's College London Data](#)

[Protection Policy.](#)

The EB4BM CDT and UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) are committed to equality of opportunity in their studentship selection processes. To monitor progress toward this commitment, we collect personal data from applicants. The information you provide in this section will be kept confidential and stored separately from your application. This monitoring form is not shared with:

- Anyone involved in deciding which applicants are invited to interview
- Anyone involved in interviewing applicants
- Anyone involved in deciding which applicants are offered places

The information you provide will not affect the outcome of your application. Please note that each diversity-related question includes an option to select “prefer not to say.” Anonymised statistics of all applicant responses will be shared with the UKRI and individual responses of those who are offered and accept a UKRI-funded PhD studentship will be shared with UKRI by entering personal data of registered EB4B students on the UKRI Studentship Data System (SDS). UKRI SDS is a web-based data collection system, which Universities must use to return details of the UKRI Students and Student research projects funded from the UKRI Training Grant Data protection at UKRI is governed by the UKRI Privacy Notice. Further information about how UKRI may use your data is available in:

- The [UKRI Training Grant Terms and Conditions](#)
- The [UKRI Privacy Notice](#)

Why are we collecting this data?

As a BBSRC CDT, we are expected to ensure that equality, diversity, and inclusion is considered and supported at all stages throughout the performance of the Training Grant, in

alignment with UKRI and [BBSRC policies and principles for equality, diversity and inclusion](#).

What will we do with this data?

Driven by these policies, King's College London and University of Leeds EDI initiatives, this form is designed to collect data on the diversity of our applicant pool. This data is analysed by the Operations & Delivery team at the application, shortlisting, interviewing, offering, and accepting stages in the recruitment process. Our aim is to ensure a diverse student community, and if we find that we do not, we will take positive action to try to change it.

How will we store this data?

The EB4BM CDT Administrative Team will coordinate the process of collecting data. All data submitted in this section will be completely anonymised before processing. Data will be stored in a SharePoint Document Library that is only accessible by the Administrative Team.

Will this data affect my application?

No, completing this survey and providing your diversity data will not affect your application in any way. This survey is not a part of our selection process.

Diversity Monitoring: Personal Characteristics

Date of Birth

dd/yy/mmmm

What is your sex?

- Male
- Female
- Prefer not to say

Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

What is your ethnic group?

These options have been chosen to allow us to compare the diversity of our applicants. We appreciate that if you are applying from outside the UK, the options may not be a good fit for you. Choose one option that best describes your ethnic group or background.

- Asian – Bangladeshi or Bangladeshi British
- Asian – Chinese or Chinese British
- Asian – Filipino
- Asian – Indian or Indian British
- Asian – Pakistani or Pakistani British
- Any other Asian background
- Black – African or African British
- Black – Caribbean or Caribbean British
- Any other Black background
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups – White or White British and Asian or Asian British
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups – White or White British and Black African or Black African British
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups – White or White British and Black Caribbean or Black Caribbean British
- Any other Mixed or Multiple ethnic background
- White – English, Scottish, Welsh, Northern Irish or British
- White – English, Welsh, Northern Irish or British
- White – British, Irish, Northern Irish, English, Scottish or Welsh
- White – Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- White – Gypsy or Traveller
- White – Irish Traveller
- White – Irish
- White – Polish
- White – Roma
- White – Scottish
- White – Showman / Showwoman
- Any other White background
- Arab
- Any other ethnic background
- Not known
- Prefer not to say

What is your religion?

- No religion
- Buddhist
- Christian
- Hindu
- Jewish
- Muslim
- Pagan
- Sikh
- Any other religion or belief
- Prefer not to say

Do you have an impairment, health condition, or learning difference that has a substantial impact on your ability to carry out day-to-day activities and has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?

Please select all that apply

- No known impairment, health condition or learning difference
- Learning difference such as dyslexia, dyspraxia or AD(H)D
- Social/communication conditions such as a speech and language impairment or an autistic spectrum condition
- Long-term illness or health condition such as cancer, HIV, diabetes, chronic heart disease, or epilepsy
- Mental health condition, challenge or disorder, such as depression, schizophrenia or anxiety
- Physical impairment (a condition that substantially limits one or more basic physical activities such as walking, climbing stairs, lifting or carrying)
- D/deaf or have a hearing impairment
- Blind or have a visual impairment uncorrected by glasses
- Development condition that you have had since childhood which affects motor, cognitive, social and emotional skills, and speech and language
- An impairment, health condition or learning difference not listed above
- Prefer not to say

Diversity Monitoring: Socio-Economic Background

What type of school did you attend for MOST of your time between the ages of 11 – 16?

- A state-run or state-funded school – Non-selective
- A state-run or state-funded school – Selective on academic, faith or other ground
- Home school
- Attended a school outside the UK
- Independent or fee-paying school
- I don't know
- Prefer not to say

When you were 14, had any of your parents or guardians completed a university degree course or equivalent (e.g. BA, BSc or higher)?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know
- Prefer not to say

Did your household receive income support (or something similar) at any point during your school years?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know
- Prefer not to say

Did you receive free school meals at any point during your school years?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know
- Prefer not to say

Before the age of 18, were you ever in local authority care (for example, in foster care, a children's home, or under a care order)?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know
- Prefer not to say

Are you currently estranged from your parents or guardians?

This means you are not in contact and have no financial or emotional support from them.

- Yes
- No
- I don't know
- Prefer not to say

Do you currently hold, or have you previously held, any of the following statuses in the UK?

Select all that apply.

- Refugee status (granted leave to remain as a refugee)
- Asylum seeker (currently awaiting a decision)
- Humanitarian protection status
- Other leave to remain
- None of the above
- Prefer not to say

Have you ever received a Maintenance Grant, bursary, or other income-based financial support for your studies?

This could include support from a university, local authority, or government scheme based on household income.

- Yes
- No
- I don't know
- Prefer not to say

If you grew up in the UK, please state the postcode of the house you lived in (choose the one where you lived for the longest if you had multiple homes).

Please type: 'Don't remember' or 'Prefer not to say' if those are more appropriate answers. If you grew up outside the UK, please type 'Not applicable' or 'Prefer not to say'.

Unless you currently reside at your childhood home, please DO NOT enter your present postcode. We are specifically requesting the postcode of the residence where you grew up.

This completes the diversity monitoring section of the application form. None of the information you have entered in this section will be included with your application and will not be accessible to anyone involved in deciding which applicants are offered places on the programme.

Education

Section 3: Education & Research Experience

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Education

We request details of at least one university level degree qualification. If you have more than two qualifications, then you should enter the two most recent and list the others on your CV which you will attach later.

Degree Qualification 1

University Attended

University Location

Degree Subject

Qualification (e.g. BSc, MSc)

Duration (in years)

Degree Qualification 1: Overall Result

Enter either your predicted or obtained result

Degree Qualification 1: Overall Result - Other

If your result is not listed above type your result in as it appears on your transcript
e.g. in % or GPA

Degree Qualification 1: Result Type

Is this a predicted or obtained result?

- Predicted
- Obtained

Degree Qualification 1: Module Results

We request a breakdown of module results for each of the courses you have described. **IMPORTANT:** Make sure you have also uploaded the corresponding transcript document showing these grades. Do not enter details for degrees if you cannot supply a transcript of your results. In that case the qualification should be included on your CV clearly marked 'transcripts not available'.

- Module Level should indicate when in your degree the module was taken, e.g. 1st Year, 2nd Year etc.
- Do not include the calendar or academic year in which you took the module
- Always include the final total grade, score, or mark for the module or course taken.

You can add a maximum of 32 module results per qualification. If you have taken more than 32 modules as part of a single qualification list the most relevant modules.

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Degree Qualification 2

University Attended	<input type="text"/>
University Location	<input type="text"/>
Degree Subject	<input type="text"/>
Qualification (e.g. BSc, MSc)	<input type="text"/>
Duration (in years)	<input type="text"/>

Degree Qualification 2: Overall Result

Enter either your predicted or obtained result

Degree Qualification 2: Overall Result - Other

If your result is not listed above type your result in as it appears on your transcript
e.g. in % or GPA

Degree Qualification 2: Result Type

Is this a predicted or obtained result?

- Predicted
- Obtained

Degree Qualification 2: Module Results

We request a breakdown of module results for each of the courses you have described. **IMPORTANT:** Make sure you have also uploaded the corresponding transcript document showing these grades. Do not enter details for degrees if you cannot supply a transcript of your results. In that case the qualification should be included on your CV clearly marked 'transcripts not available'.

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Previous Research Experience

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Provide details of two research projects you have been involved in. Choose the research experience you consider most relevant for your application.

Research Project 1

Supervisor Name

First

Last

Institution

Institution name

Start Date

dd/mm/yyyy

Project duration (months)

Project details

max 500 characters

Research Project 2

Supervisor Name

First

Last

Institution

Institution name

Start Date

dd/mm/yyyy

Input the project duration in months

Project details

Max 500 characters

Research Outcome Summary

Describe what the most significant outcomes of your research are. These might have arisen from projects you already described in the previous sections, or other research you've been involved in. Try not to repeat information you've already given us; every section of the application is an opportunity to tell us something new about you and your experiences.

Research outcomes

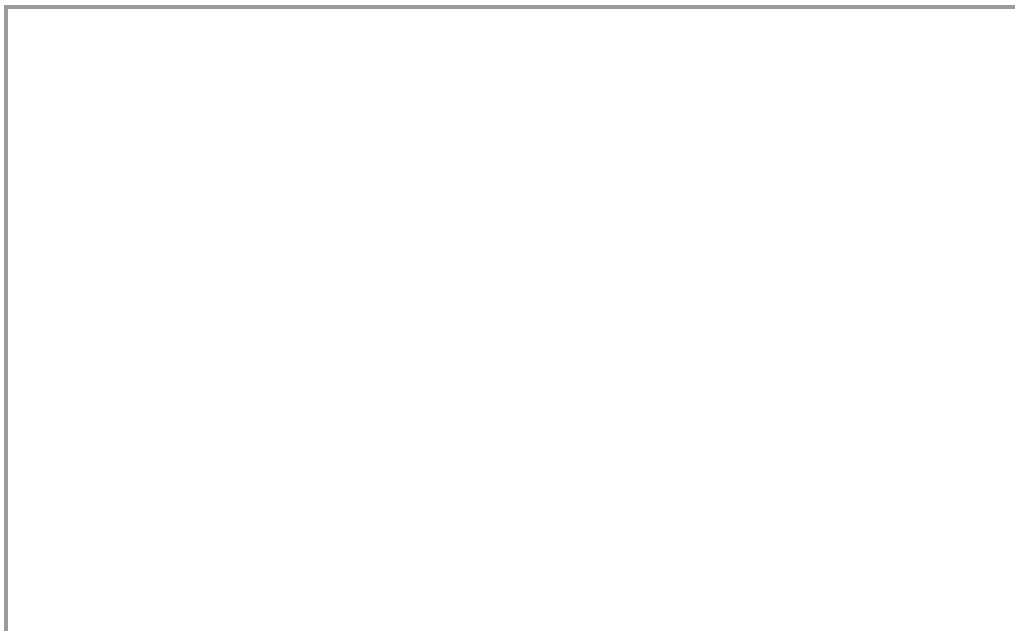
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Personal Statement

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This section is for your personal statement, it's your opportunity to tell us anything you haven't been able to in the previous sections. Remember give us new information, don't repeat what you've already said. What is your motivation for a PhD? Why have you made the choices you've made in your journey so far? What's next for you? What do you hope to achieve? What have you done so far that support these goals? Why is EB4BM the right next step for you? What about this programme is a good fit for you? How will being a EB4BM student support your ambitions? Don't forget, this is a blind anonymous shortlisting, don't include personal identifiers that will need to be redacted.

Max 2500 characters



CV upload

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Please upload a 2 page CV formatted as a pdf. Longer CVs are not permitted. Please ensure your CV does not contain

your name gender, age, sexuality, disability, hobbies and interest, marital status, date of birth, or any photos. Only CVs following these rules will be examined at shortlisting.

Accepted file types: pdf, Max. file size: 50 MB.

Upload your CV

Applicant's Declaration

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To the best of my knowledge, the information on this application is accurate and complete.

Please note that EB4BM reserves the right to refuse admission or to terminate a student's attendance should it be discovered that he/she has made a false statement or has omitted significant information. If you are offered a place, you will be required to provide evidence of your qualifications.

Data Protection Act 1998: I agree to EB4BM processing personal data contained on this form and any data which EB4BM may obtain from me or organisations while I am applying for admission to this programme. I agree to the processing and disclosure of such data for any purpose connected with my studies, or my health and safety while on the premisses of the consortium institutions, or any other legitimate purpose.

Digital Signature

Submit your Application

If you would like to review or edit your responses before submitting use the left and right arrows to move through the questions. You will not be able to change your responses once your application has been submitted.

Once your application is complete click submit application below. You will receive email confirmation that your application has been received and the option to download a PDF of your application once you have submitted it.