



# EPSRC Doctoral Prize Scheme 2021 - call for nominations

## PURPOSE

The EPSRC Doctoral Prize scheme is intended to help universities retain and recruit the best PhD students receiving EPSRC support, to increase the impact of their PhD and to improve retention of the very best students in research careers.

Awards can comprise between three and 24 months salary (at the first point on grade 07S of the University salary scale) and research support costs for an EPSRC-funded student following the submission of their DPhil thesis.

## DEADLINES

The deadline for submission of applications is midday on Tuesday 4 May.

## ELIGIBILITY

Nominated candidates:

- must be EPSRC funded students (that is, they must have received fees and/or stipend from an EPSRC training grant, such as EPSRC DTP, I-CASE, DTP-CASE, CDT or have been funded on an EPSRC research grant);
- should meet the EPSRC's expectation that they are 'academically in the top 10-15% of their cohort';
- must have either already submitted their DPhil thesis or be reasonably expected to do so in advance of the proposed start date of funding (consideration might also be given to starting the award after the candidate has completed his or her viva).

Departments:

- should ensure that the nominee's project is a viable one, will further the aim of increasing the impact of the student's doctoral research in terms of publications, KT and outreach, and will be helpful in retaining the student in a research career (EPSRC will ask the University to report at the end of the award period on the use of the awards and the outputs obtained, in terms of these objectives);
- should ensure that appropriate support/space etc. is available;
- and that an induction procedure will be followed at the time the awardee commences employment.

Funding may be requested to cover three to 24 months salary, research support costs and other specific costs, with the majority of awards expected to be of six months duration.

Salary will be at Grade 07S.01 with employer costs of pension and National Insurance allowed for. The panel reserves the right to make awards at a lower level and/or for a shorter time period than that applied for.

Please direct any enquiries to [graduate.studies@mpls.ox.ac.uk](mailto:graduate.studies@mpls.ox.ac.uk)  
(<mailto:graduate.studies@mpls.ox.ac.uk>).

\* Required

\* This form will record your name, please fill your name.

1. Department \*

- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Doctoral Training Centre
- Earth Sciences
- Engineering
- Materials
- Mathematical Institute
- Physics
- Plant Sciences
- Statistics
- Zoology

 

Other

2. Student's full name \*

3. Student number \*

4. Student's email address \*

5. Name of supervisor \*

6. Supervisor's email address \*

7. Departmental administrator \*

8. Departmental administrator email address \*

## ABOUT THE STUDENT

9. The candidate is an EPSRC funded research student \*

Yes

No

10. Type of grant the student receives (e.g. DTP/CDT/ICASE) \*

11. Grant reference number \*

12. Is appropriate support/space available for the proposed work? (please briefly describe) \*

13. Will a mentor, who is not be the awardee's supervisor or line-manager, be provided for the awardee? \*

Yes - mentor provisionally agreed

Yes - TBC

No

14. Has the candidate submitted their DPhil? \*

Yes

No

15. Is the candidate reasonably expected to submit their DPhil thesis in time to take up this funding? \*

Yes

No

16. Please provide the actual or expected submission date

*This date must be prior to the proposed start date of funding and some latitude should be allowed between the two dates. If a student who is offered an award does not submit his or her DPhil thesis by the expected submission date, the offer of the award will be reviewed by the Chair of the Doctoral Prize panel. The award may be withdrawn if there is no prospect of a timely submission.*



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## CASE FOR SUPPORT

This should outline how the award would contribute to EPSRC's objectives for the scheme: developing a nominee's research beyond their Doctoral topic; increasing the impact of the PhD in terms of publications, knowledge transfer and outreach etc.; improving retention of the very best students in research careers. It should present the objectives of the candidate and expected outcomes of the Doctoral Prize award, and comment on the benefits of the award to the student and how the department and supervisor will support the student during the award and help the candidate to develop a career in research.

### 17. Project title \*

### 18. Please indicate the proposed start date of funding \*

*Awards may start at any time from 1 October 2021, but funding cannot extend beyond 30 September 2025.*



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### 19. Please indicate the proposed duration of the award (in months) \*

*Applications may be for a period of three to 24 months. The average length of awards is six months. A strong supporting case will be needed for applications for awards for periods of between six and 24 months.*

20. Please indicate what EPSRC theme the research comes under \*

- ICT
- Digital Economy
- Energy
- Manufacturing
- Healthcare technologies
- Maths
- Engineering
- Living With Environmental Change
- Global Uncertainties
- Physical Sciences
- Research Infrastructure
- Quantum technologies

21. Please upload the case for support \*

*Akin to the format of a grant application, from the candidate's supervisor - maximum of two sides of A4 (minimum font size 10).*

*Please include the student's full name in the file name.*

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22. Please upload the candidate's academic CV \*

*This should outline his/her publications, results and achievements.*

*Please include the student's full name in the file name.*

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## BUDGET SUMMARY

This should include salary, research support costs, and any other specific costs. The average value of awards in previous years had been around £25K. Budgets should be in line with the project duration. Salary should be set at the first point on the salary scale of grade 07S with employer costs of pension and National Insurance allowed for. It is not intended that the funds will cover the research on a Full Economic Cost basis.

### 23. Salary (including employer costs and NI) \*

### 24. Research support costs

### 25. Travel costs

### 26. Other costs (please specify)

### 27. Please upload a detailed budget. \*

*Please include the student's full name in the file name.*

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## DECLARATION

In putting forward this nomination for an EPSRC Doctoral Prize award, the department, nominating supervisor and nominee agree to comply with the terms of the grant, including the obligation of reporting on the use of the funds and the outputs obtained in terms of publications, knowledge transfer, and outreach, and whether the nominee is continuing in a research career. The department also confirms that it regards the student as being amongst the top 10–15% of its EPSRC funded students.

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28. Please confirm the nominee, supervisor and Head of Department agree to the above declaration \*

Yes

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