

GW4 BioMed MRC Doctoral Training Partnership: Student Application Form (2021/22)

Page 1: Before you begin

Thank you for your interest in the GW4 BioMed MRC Doctoral Training Partnership.

Please ensure that you read the guidance materials [on our website](#) for information regarding the application process before you apply.

You will need to keep a copy of your answers as it is not possible to save or edit your applications and the DTP will not be able to retrieve any lost information from the server. You can find a copy of the survey questions in the guidance materials [on our website](#) to help you prepare your responses.

The deadline for applications is **5 pm on Monday, 23rd November 2020**.

We wish you luck with your application!

Data Protection

For the purposes of this survey, Cardiff University is the data controller. All data collected in this survey will be held securely by the survey software provider (Jisc) under contract and then retained by the GW4 BioMed DTP in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (2018). Data from the survey, including answers to questions where personal details are requested, will only be used by the GW4 BioMed Doctoral Training Partnership to monitor student progress.

Cookies, personal data stored by your Web browser, are not used in this survey.

Page 2: Contact Details

Please note that this information will be removed from your application during the shortlisting process. This information will solely be retained in order for the GW4 BioMed MRC DTP to contact you regarding your application.

1. Title

2. First Name: * Required

3. Preferred Name: * Required

4. Last Name: * Required

5. Email Address: * Required

6. Phone Number: * Required

7. Correspondence address (including postcode): * Required

Page 3: Nationality & Residency

Please note that this information is collected solely for the purpose of monitoring the eligibility of applicants to the GW4 BioMed MRC DTP and will be removed from your application during the shortlisting process.

If English is not your first language, you will need to have achieved at least 6.5 in IELTS (and no less than 6.0 ([Bath](#)) or 6.5 ([Bristol](#), [Cardiff](#) and [Exeter](#)) in any section) by the start of the programme. Please refer to the relevant university for further information.

8. Please select the nationality classification that best describes your situation. * *Required*

9. If you need to provide additional clarification to your response above, please do so here.

Page 4: Mode of Study

This section will be used by administrators to monitor the demand for part-time study and will be removed during the shortlisting process.

10. Do you plan to study full-time (3.5 years) or part-time (50% minimum attendance for up to 7 years)? * *Required*

Page 5: Project Information

The GW4 BioMed MRC DTP are advertising **68** projects and will award up to **17** studentships.

This page lists all of the projects that are available. Please read [the project information on our website](#) to find out more about what these projects entail.

We encourage applicants to apply for up to three projects that are relevant to their experience. However, this is not compulsory.

11. Please select up to three projects, ranked in order of your preference. * *Required*

Please don't select more than 3 answer(s) per row.

Please select between 1 and 3 answers.

Please don't select more than 1 answer(s) in any single column.

	First choice	Second choice	Third choice
MRC21IIRBa Brown	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRC21IIRBa Di Lorenzo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRC21IIRBa Gebhard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRC21IIRBa Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRC21IIRBa Jungwirth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRC21IIRBa Laabei	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRC21IIRBa Murrell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRC21IIRBa Nützmann	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRC21IIRBa Sheppard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRC21IIRBa Turner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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MRC21IIRCa Dayan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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MRC21IIRCa Godkin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRC21IIRCa McLaren	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRC21IIRCa Paisey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRC21IIRCa Parker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRC21IIRCa Peters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRC21IIRCa Stanton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRC21IIRCa Toleman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRC21IIRCa Wang	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRC21IIREx Coelho	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRC21IIREx Oram	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRC21IIREx Richards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRC21IIREx Scotton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRC21NMHBa Button	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRC21NMHBa Husbands	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRC21NMHBa Lancaster	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRC21NMHBa Mason	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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MRC21NMHEx Witton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRC21PHBa Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRC21PHBa Shah	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRC21PHBr Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRC21PHBr de Vocht	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRC21PHBr Howe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRC21PHBr Lawson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRC21PHBr Mitchell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRC21PHBr Stergiakouli	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRC21PHBr Vickerman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRC21PHBr Zuccolo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRC21PHCa Beltrachini	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRC21PHCa Daniel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRC21PHCa Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRC21PHCa Langley	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRC21PHEx Henley	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRC21PHEx Thirlwell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Academic Quality

12. Select the situation that best matches your qualifications below: Note: If you hold a non-UK degree, please indicate its equivalent UK degree classification. For a conversion table, please click [here](#). * Required

[+ More info](#)

- Bachelors first + Masters distinction
- Bachelors first + Masters
- Bachelors first only
- Bachelors 2.1 + Masters distinction
- Bachelors 2.1 + Masters
- Bachelors 2.1 only
- Bachelors 2.2 + Masters distinction
- Bachelors 2.2 + Masters
- Bachelors 2.2 only
- Bachelors + Masters distinction
- Bachelors + Masters
- Bachelors only

13. Please fill in the table to provide details about your degree qualifications. Note: If you hold a non-UK degree, please indicate its equivalent UK degree classification. For a conversion table, please click [here](#).

	Degree	Classification (or expected classification based on current average grades)	Institution (e.g. University of Sheffield)	Subject (e.g. Psychology, Animal Behaviour, Mathematics)	
Degree 1	<input type="text" value="Please select"/>	<input type="text" value="Please select"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Degree 2	<input type="text" value="Please select"/>	<input type="text" value="Please select"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Degree 3	<input type="text" value="Please select"/>	<input type="text" value="Please select"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Degree 4	<input type="text" value="Please select"/>	<input type="text" value="Please select"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Degree 5	<input type="text" value="Please select"/>	<input type="text" value="Please select"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

14. The Doctoral Training Partnership aims to bring together different academic disciplines. Please select the most appropriate discipline(s) for yourself based on your recent study/experience. * Required

Please select between 1 and 3 answers.

- Medicine & dentistry (clinical)
- Subjects allied to medicine
- Biological sciences
- Veterinary science
- Agriculture & related subjects
- Physical sciences

- Mathematical sciences
- Computer science
- Engineering & technology
- Architecture, building & planning
- Social studies
- Law
- Business & administrative studies
- Mass communications & documentation
- Languages
- Historical & philosophical studies
- Creative arts & design
- Education

15. The GW4 BioMed MRC DTP is keen to attract students from a range of backgrounds and will consider those demonstrating equivalent professional experience. Outline any other relevant **academic or professional training or experience** you have. Examples could include laboratory experiences or work placements in industry or any environment which may support transferable skills you think you would use in your PhD. **(maximum of 200 words).**

16. Please outline any relevant **prizes, awards or funding** that you have received **(maximum of 100 words).**

Page 7: Research Potential

17. Please outline up to 3 examples of your recent research experience and training. This can be from your academic studies, placements or employment. Please include a title, summary, grade/outcome (where applicable), relevance and reflection. In your answer, please address how these experiences have benefited you and demonstrate your research potential. **(maximum of 300 words)**.

18. Please list any of your published works, including the topic, journal, position in authorship and year. As applications will be assessed anonymously, avoid identifying information, such as authorship and title.

19. Please list any conferences you have presented at, including the presentation format, e.g. poster, paper, etc.

20. Please describe your attributes, skills and experiences that make you a good candidate for a PhD. **(maximum 150 words)** * *Required*

Page 8: Personal motivation and commitment

Please use this section to provide us with as much information as possible about your motivations for committing to a PhD.

21. a) Why have you applied to study for a PhD (**maximum of 300 words**)?

22. b) Why have you chosen to apply for these specific project(s) (**maximum of 300 words**)?

23. c) Why do you want to join us as a GW4 BioMed MRC DTP student (**maximum of 300 words**)?

24. Please outline any relevant periods of paid or unpaid employment (**maximum of 100 words**).

Page 9: Any further information

25. Please provide any additional relevant information to support your application (**maximum of 100 words**). Please note that completion of this section is not compulsory.

Page 10: Equality and Diversity Monitoring

We want to make sure that everyone is treated equally and fairly, which is why we're asking the following questions.

This information is collected anonymously and will be shared with the MRC in order to monitor the GW4 BioMed MRC DTP's recruitment process.

This information will not be shared with anyone else and will solely be used to improve our services.

26. What is your age? * Required

27. Do you have any disabilities? * Required

28. What is your ethnic group? * Required

29. How would you describe your national identity?

30. What is your gender? * Required

Page 11: Advertising

31. How did you find out about this PhD opportunity?

- Email from GW4 BioMed forwarded by my university
- Email from the project supervisor
- GW4 BioMed DTP Website
- Via link from another website
- Personal recommendation ie from friend or colleague
- FindaPhD.com
- General Postgrad event
- Social Media - Twitter/Facebook
- ResearchGate
- University Careers Service
- Other

Page 12: Data Protection

Data Protection:

If you are applying for a place on a collaborative programme of doctoral training provided by Cardiff University and other universities, research organisations and/or partners, please be aware that your personal data will be used and disclosed for the purposes set out below.

Your personal data will always be processed in accordance with the GDPR 2018. Cardiff University ("University") will remain a data controller for the personal data it holds, and other universities, research organisations and/or partners ("HEIs") may also become data controllers for the relevant personal data they receive as a result of their participation in the collaborative programme of doctoral training ("Programme").

Application Process

During the application process, the University may need to share some of your personal data with third parties to be able to administer your application, carry out interviews and select candidates. These are not limited to, but may include disclosures to:

- the selection panel and/or management board or equivalent of the relevant Programme, which is likely to include staff from one or more other HEIs;
- administrative staff at one or more other HEIs participating in the relevant Programme.

Such disclosures will always be kept to the minimum amount of personal data required for the specific purpose. Your sensitive personal data may need to be shared in certain circumstances, but only where strictly necessary. By applying for a place you hereby consent to your data being processed and shared in this way.

If you become a student on one of the Programmes

If your application is successful and you register on a Programme, the University may need to make further disclosures of your personal data throughout your time on the programme to ensure the effective management of your studies and comply with its obligations to funders. These disclosures may include, but are not limited to disclosures:

- within the group of HEIs to the Programme;
- to other collaborative parties to the relevant Programme, e.g. industrial sponsors and/or collaborators, supervisors from other HEIs, Research Councils (as funders of the Programme);
- to external examiners.

Other disclosures may be made where it is necessary for the administration of your studies.

Accessing your personal data

If you wish to have access to any of your personal data as held by the University, please contact InfoRequest@cardiff.ac.uk. There may be a fee of £10 associated with such requests.

Contact

If you have any queries or concerns about the use of your personal data during the application process or your time as a student, please contact PGR Quality and Operations (Registry) by emailing pgr@cardiff.ac.uk.

32. Please confirm you have read the data protection statement and are happy for your information to be collected and shared as specified in the application form. If you do not agree with the terms, please exit the survey without submitting. * *Required*

Yes, I have read and accept these terms

Page 13: Nearly Finished

At the bottom of this page, you are able to select a 'Finish Later' option and return to the survey.

Once you click 'Finish' on this page, your application will be submitted and **cannot be edited** by yourself or the DTP hub. Therefore, please ensure you have completed all sections before finishing.

Page 14: Thank You!

Thank you for your application!

We can confirm that it has been received. You will not be sent a confirmation email but please be assured that your application is now with the GW4 BioMed MRC DTP.

Your application will be considered by a panel of academics across the four GW4 institutions who represent the theme(s) in which your project choices sit.

All applicants will be informed of the shortlisting outcome by the **18th December 2020**, and further information about the interview process will be circulated following this date.

We wish you the very best of luck!

Key for selection options

8 - Please select the nationality classification that best describes your situation.

- UK citizen
- UK permanent resident
- EU/EEA citizen
- other International citizen

10 - Do you plan to study full-time (3.5 years) or part-time (50% minimum attendance for up to 7 years)?

- Full-time
- Part-time

13.1.a - Degree

- BA
- BSc
- BEd
- BEng
- LLB
- MA
- MSc
- MEd
- LLM
- MBA
- MRes
- MPhil
- PhD

13.1.b - Classification (or expected classification based on current average grades)

- 1st
- 2:1
- 2:2
- 3rd
- Pass
- Merit
- Distinction

13.2.a - Degree

- BA
- BSc
- BEd
- BEng
- LLB
- MA
- MSc
- MEd
- LLM

MBA
MRes
MPhil
PhD

13.2.b - Classification (or expected classification based on current average grades)

1st
2:1
2:2
3rd
Pass
Merit
Distinction

13.3.a - Degree

BA
BSc
BEd
BEng
LLB
MA
MSc
MEd
LLM
MBA
MRes
MPhil
PhD

13.3.b - Classification (or expected classification based on current average grades)

1st
2:1
2:2
3rd
Pass
Merit
Distinction

13.4.a - Degree

BA
BSc
BEd
BEng
LLB
MA
MSc
MEd
LLM
MBA
MRes
MPhil
PhD

13.4.b - Classification (or expected classification based on current average grades)

1st
2:1
2:2
3rd
Pass
Merit
Distinction

13.5.a - Degree

BA
BSc
BEd
BEng
LLB
MA
MSc
MEd
LLM
MBA
MRes
MPhil
PhD

13.5.b - Classification (or expected classification based on current average grades)

1st
2:1
2:2
3rd
Pass
Merit
Distinction

27 - Do you have any disabilities?

None
A specific learning difficulty, such as dyslexia, dyspraxia or AD(H)D
A social/communication impairment such as Asperger's syndrome/other autistic spectrum disorder
A longstanding illness or health condition, such as cancer, HIV, diabetes, chronic heart disease, or epilepsy
A mental health condition, such as depression, schizophrenia or anxiety disorder
A physical impairment or mobility issues, such as difficulty using arms or using a wheelchair or crutches
Deaf or a serious hearing impairment
Blind or a serious visual impairment uncorrected by glasses
A disability, impairment or medical condition that is not listed above
Prefer not to say

28 - What is your ethnic group?

White
Gypsy or Traveller
Other White background
Black or Black British - Caribbean
Black or Black British - African
Other Black background
Asian or Asian British - Indian
Asian or Asian British - Pakistani
Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi
Chinese
Other Asian background
Mixed - White and Black Caribbean
Mixed - White and Black African
Mixed - White and Asian
Other mixed background
Arab
Other ethnic background
Unknown
Prefer not to say

30 - What is your gender?

Male
Female
Other
Prefer not to say

