

Grand Union DTP ESRC Studentship Application Form

For entry in 2020-21

Please ensure you have read all guidance available on the [Grand Union website](#) and provided by your chosen institution before completing this form.

1. Applicant Details

First Name: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Surname: [Click here to enter text.](#)

2. Research Programme / Institution Details

Host Institution: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Degree Programme/s (eg. PhD/DPhil Sociology): [Click here to enter text.](#)

DTP Pathway/s (name all DTP training pathways for which you are applying– [see list here](#)):

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3. Research Summary

Summarise your proposed **doctoral** research in a way that is accessible to a non-expert reader, including its relevance and potential implications. Applicants for Masters programmes should give a briefer indicative answer, and we recognise that this summary is likely to change over time. (max 400 words)

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4. Overseas Fieldwork and Language Training

If you plan to undertake overseas fieldwork or difficult language training during your doctoral programme, please provide brief details. Please note that this should be mentioned at the point of application in order to be eligible to apply later for relevant financial support from the ESRC. (max 150 words)

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5. Personal Statement

Please provide a personal statement to support your application, commenting on your motivation and suitability for doctoral research and the proposed project. You should include relevant details of personal and career achievements, professional experience, and your personal circumstances.

The DTP is committed to ensuring that all candidates, regardless of academic and professional backgrounds, are considered fairly and equally for funding. This section can be used to note any personal /educational challenges you may have overcome, and in doing so, demonstrates your potential and capacity for postgraduate study. This might include periods away from study, caring responsibilities, or socioeconomic background. (max 400 words)

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6. Collaboration with non-academic organisations

The ESRC actively encourages students to collaborate with non-academic organisations to maximise the wider impact of their work. Please indicate any potential plans for collaborative working through placements/internships or through research. (max 200 words)

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7. Prior Research Methods Training

*Only to be completed by candidates applying for direct admission to doctoral programmes who have not completed a research-training Masters on one of the Grand Union training pathways. Candidates for Masters to doctoral awards (eg. MSt/MPhil to DPhil/PhD) do **not** need to complete this section.*

The ESRC expects all DTP-funded researchers to develop a competent understanding of debates in their discipline; an overview of the philosophy of social research and how it informs design, methods and analysis and representation of findings, and an understanding of a range of research techniques

Please give full details of the prior research methods training you have (or will have) undertaken within your current/previous Masters training programme, listing the research design and qualitative and quantitative methods courses you have taken (precise titles very helpful). (min 100 words)

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Other relevant training

Please provide details of other relevant training or experience (for example, work-based training).

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8. Advanced Quantitative Methods and Data Skills (AQM)

The Grand Union DTP will offer at least 4 awards to students using advanced quantitative methods or data skills in their research. The expectation is that the research design and analysis will deploy methods or data skills that extend beyond the standard expectations in your field.

Aspects of proposed AQM may include the following, depending upon the subject area and proposed research:

- Advanced methods of data collection and data analysis techniques
- Use of large and complex data sets (admin data, digital data, census data)
- Specific experimental, quasi-experimental or evaluation methods
- Advanced use of data and programming skills (including AI and e-Research tools)

If you wish to be considered for an AQM award, please explain how your research will use quantitative approaches, statistical skills, or methods that are regarded as advanced within your subject specialism (max 200 words).

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Please also describe the advanced quantitative methods training you intend to take during your award, and how that builds on your existing data skills and/or quantitative methods expertise (max 300 words)

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9. Prior Research Council (UKRI) Funding

Have you previously received funding from a UK Research Council for postgraduate study? (Yes or No)

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If yes, please list Research Council, programme and University below.

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Where did you hear about Grand Union DTP studentships?
(eg. *University website, course page, job search website etc*)

[Click here to enter text.](#)

Thank you for your application. Please note that the DTP Office will notify only successful studentship candidates, with the majority of studentships awarded in late March and April.

If you do not receive an award offer and have questions about whether you are under consideration for funding for your course, please contact the relevant Department at your chosen institution.