



DOCTORAL TRAINING PARTNERSHIP
**ENVIRONMENTAL
RESEARCH**



The Application Process Step by Step

Step 1 – Finding your funded PhD

Ask yourself what you want. Ready-made project or Freedom to design?

- Research Council websites www.ukri.org Apply for Funding > How we fund studentships
- University Department Websites
- FindaPhD <https://www.findaphd.com/>
- YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/@findphd>
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/FindAPhD/>
Twitter @FindAPhD



Step 2 – Preparing to apply

- Visit the Course page on the Main University website
- <https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/courses/courses-a-z-listing>
- Visit department websites for how-to-apply information
- <https://envres.web.ox.ac.uk/how-apply>
- Spend time reading through information carefully
- Start application well in advance



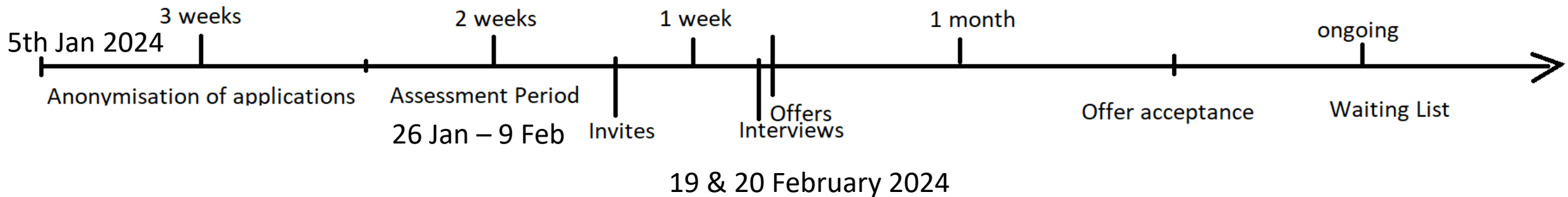
Step Three – Supporting documentation (DTC)

- CV (now part of the application form)
- Statement of Purpose
- Socio-economic data
- Contextual Statement
- ~~Written work~~
- References

First name	
Surname	
Date of birth	
Which graduate programme(s) are you applying for?	
A-Levels and grades	
GCSEs and grades	
Do you, or will you have by the start of the course, an undergraduate degree(s)?	
If yes, please state the start and end dates and	
The university(s)/institution(s) at which you did, or are still doing, this/these degree(s)	
What type was/is this/these degree(s) (e.g. BA, BSc, MPhys, MChem)?	
What was/is the main subject(s) of the undergraduate degree(s) and your final (or predicted final) result? Please list the grades for completed components of the degree course to date.	
Do you, or will you have by the start of the course, a postgraduate degree(s)?	
If yes, please state the start and end dates and	
The university(s)/institution(s) at which you did, or are still doing, this/these degree(s)	
What type was/is this/these degree(s) (e.g. MSc, MRes, MPhil)?	
What was/is the main subject(s) of the postgraduate degree(s) and your final (or predicted final) result? Please list the grades for completed components of the degree course to date.	
Please list any further academic or professional qualifications you hold	
Work experience	
Research experience	
Please enter any academic prizes or awards you have received since the age of 16.	
Please detail any publications and preprints that you might have. Please do not include your own name here, instead replace it with, 'Applicant'.	
Skills, Hobbies and interests	
Membership of societies	
Is there anything else you'd like to add?	



Step Four – The assessment process (NERC DTP)



DTP Applications are considered together, after the deadline in a “gathered field”

NERC interviews over 2 days 20 mins each online

Assessment Process in a Department

Application Received

Sent to Supervisor for Review

Invited to interview/no interview

Interview panel specific to that applicant

Offer/No offer



«student_id» «first_name» «last_name»

«email»

Dear «first_name»

Thank you for your recent application to the DTP in Environmental Research. We would like to invite you for an interview next week, on «Date» at «Time» GMT. Your interview will take place by video conference on Teams, and you will be sent a joining link separately after you have confirmed attendance. You are going to be interviewed by the «stream» panel: «Panel» (please note, last minute changes in panel membership sometimes occur). Please read the following carefully and then confirm your attendance at the interview, as soon as possible.

Please familiarise yourself with Microsoft Teams in advance of the interview, download the desktop application and ensure you are in a location with an adequate data connection for video calling where you will be free from interruptions. We recommend testing this in advance with family, friends or colleagues (DTP staff are available to test if absolutely necessary). *Please also provide us with a phone number at which you can be reached in the event of any issues with the video connection.*

The interview will take around 20 minutes, and there may be a discussion based around the written work you submitted with your application. You will not be required to make a presentation.

The aim of the interviewers will be to assess your potential for graduate study. Thus, you will be asked questions designed to assess your aptitude for doctoral research, including:

- Previous research you have undertaken and your critical assessment of the methods used, results obtained and directions for future work. You may be asked specific questions to test your mathematical or statistical knowledge and skills.
- Your research interests and your motivation for and preparation for undertaking doctoral research as a student enrolled in the Environmental Research DTP.
- How you work, including your approach to problem-solving, team skills and your potential to thrive in a diverse, interdisciplinary community.

We welcome applications from people with disabilities and are committed to making reasonable adjustments to enable students to participate fully in student life. This extends to the interview process. If you wish to request reasonable adjustments at interview in order to be able to fully demonstrate your potential, please let us know. Please note that information about any declared disabilities or other protected characteristics provided as part of the “About you” section of the online application form will not be available to the assessors unless you have chosen to disclose it, and will not form part of the academic assessment process.

Please confirm your attendance at the interview as soon as possible by return email to victoria.forth@env-res.ox.ac.uk, including a phone number at which you can be reached at the time your interview is scheduled, your preferred name and pronoun (he/she/they) and, if applicable, details of any disabilities you wish to disclose and the adjustment you would like to request.

To help you prepare, you are invited to attend an interview information session with Q&A at 5pm today. This will be run by David Marshall our Academic Director.

<p>Wednesday 15th February at 9am GMT</p> <p>Microsoft Teams meeting</p> <p>Join on your computer, mobile app or room device</p> <p>Click here to join the meeting</p> <p>Meeting ID: 361 214 713 727</p> <p>Passcode: 7dwTcj</p> <p>Download Teams Join on the web</p> <p>Learn more Meeting options</p>	<p>Friday 17th February at 5pm GMT</p> <p>Microsoft Teams meeting</p> <p>Join on your computer, mobile app or room device</p> <p>Click here to join the meeting</p> <p>Meeting ID: 341 428 896 224</p> <p>Passcode: qd6Gfj</p> <p>Download Teams Join on the web</p> <p>Learn more Meeting options</p>
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