UKRI-BBSRC Doctoral Training Partnerships (DTP) Frequently Asked Questions

Overview

What are Doctoral Training Partnerships?

UKRI-BBSRC Doctoral Training Partnerships (DTPs) are partnerships between Research Organisations (ROs) and UKRI-BBSRC for the provision of excellent doctoral training in areas of bioscience research relevant to UKRI-BBSRC’s remit and strategic research priorities. UKRI-BBSRC will make funding available to DTPs through provision of a block award (Training Grant) to a RO or a consortium of ROs. DTPs will take a strategic overview of their bioscience doctoral training, and provide an innovative, inclusive and outcomes-focused programme of doctoral training to build and maintain the capacity of core bioscience disciplines, and deliver skills for impact across the UK economy. The DTPs will recruit and train doctoral candidates in areas aligning with UKRI-BBSRC’s priority research areas, providing a rich and balanced portfolio of research training, and will benefit from enhanced engagement with UKRI-BBSRC.

What are the objectives of the DTP scheme?

- To build and maintain the capacity of core disciplines in biotechnology and biological science to advance the frontiers of bioscience and to respond to strategic challenges.
- To develop highly-skilled people with the specialist understanding and technical capability to produce, manage, interpret, disseminate and use new knowledge and technologies relevant to cutting edge bioscience.
- To produce a cohort of researchers with the capability, awareness and openness to work collaboratively across disciplines, sectors and internationally to understand and address academic, economic and societal challenges. Partnerships will provide opportunities and encouragement for doctoral candidates to see out these experiences.
- To create an inclusive and supportive training environment for doctoral candidates.
- To deliver evidence-based impact from its public investment.

What are the key features of Doctoral Training Partnerships?

- Competitive assessment of training strategy and environment.
- Concentration of doctoral training into up to 15 DTPs
- Institution-level or multi-institution bids only, with a minimum £20M in UKRI-BBSRC research grant spend over three years required for eligibility
- Institutions will work to a Portfolio Agreement
- Capacity building across core bioscience disciplines
- Professional Internships for PhD doctoral candidates and CASE
- Significant role for UKRI-BBSRC in strategic engagement / post-award monitoring
- Flexible Supplement Fund to be distributed across successful applicants
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Plan
- Partnerships to provide administrative support
What are the key features of the third DTP call and how do they compare to the previous calls?

The 10 key features of the third DTP call are outlined above (FAQ 1.2). The main changes compared to the second DTP competition are:

- **Capacity Building across Core Bioscience Disciplines**
  - DTPs will be expected to enable an appropriate balance of support for frontier bioscience, strategic priorities and areas of skills shortages through the DTP model, and set their own targets.

- **Separate allocation of CASE awards**
  - DTPs will be assessed on the strength of their industrial collaborations and plans for the development of new collaborations, and co-creation of projects especially with SMEs.

- **Flexible Supplement Fund**
  - DTP3 will include a £500,000 p.a. Flexible Supplement Fund (FSF), similar to that provided by MRC, to be distributed across successful applicants.

- **Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Plan**
  - DTPs are expected to provide a dedicated two page equality, diversity and inclusion plan detailing their strategy for the wide participation of doctoral candidates from all backgrounds, as well as the support systems in place to protect their physical and mental health and wellbeing.

In addition to DTPs, what other funding does UKRI-BBSRC provide to support studentships?

UKRI-BBSRC intends to continue funding four-year PhD studentships through:

- **Block awards to key industry partners (Collaborative Training Partnerships (CTPs))** (approx. 75 p.a.);

- **On occasion we will deliver additional studentship funds from Government initiatives such as the National Productivity Investment Fund studentships and DTPs will be UKRI-BBSRC’s delivery partners of choice for these.**

For further details, see [https://bbsrc.ukri.org/skills/](https://bbsrc.ukri.org/skills/)

How many studentships does UKRI-BBSRC expect to make available through the DTP competition?

Funding is available for up to 340 four-year studentships per annum, including at least 90 CASE studentships, for five consecutive intakes, the first being 2020-2021 and the final cohort commencing in 2024-2025.

Partnerships will be able to apply for an allocation of standard and collaborative studentships, fully justifying how these studentships will be utilised. Partnerships are advised to consider how many studentships they can realistically accommodate.
However, as usual, the figure given is for guidance only and normal Training Grant flexibility will apply to allow institutions to seek part-funding with other sponsors, or draw down higher levels of consumables costs for specific high-cost PhD projects.

**How many DTPs does UKRI-BBSRC expect to support?**

Based on the funding available, UKRI-BBSRC expects to award up to 15 DTPs.

**Do I still have to create only 3-year or 4-year studentships?**

UKRI-BBSRC believes that doctoral candidates require a full 4-year period to complete a challenging project alongside their broader training and skills development, including a Professional Internship (see below) and to protect their physical and mental well-being. 3-year studentships are permissible provided there is a strong justification for this shorter period. Such studentships will still be required to complete a Professional Internship and the wider training associated with the studentship. If a doctoral candidate does complete within 4 years, the ‘remaining’ funding earmarked for that studentship is available in the Training Grant to support other doctoral candidates.

**Can I part-fund a doctoral candidate, i.e. part from the DTP and part from another source?**

Yes, the normal part-funding flexibility applies to Training Grants awarded under the DTP scheme – but there are limits to the part-funding arrangements. See the Research Council Training Grant Guide¹ for further information.

**Can I part-fund a studentship from the Training Grant of another Research Council?**

Yes – again the normal 50:50 funding arrangement from the Training Grants of different Research Councils applies, and the Research Council Training Grant Guide provides further details of this.

The DTP scheme will award Training Grants at institutional or multi-institutional level and it is hoped that this will help institutions coordinate part-funding arrangements in interdisciplinary areas using their Training Grants from different Research Councils. Where a UKRI-BBSRC studentship is part-funded with the Training Grant of another Research Council, the DTP must satisfy itself that sufficient research within the project is within UKRI-BBSRC’s remit in order to justify the joint arrangement.

**Can I part-fund a studentship from two different UKRI-BBSRC Training Grants, e.g. from a Collaborative Training Partnership?**

Yes. Institutions in receipt of a DTP award may well secure additional studentship funding through one of UKRI-BBSRC’s other studentship schemes, and may find it useful to maximise the number of studentships it can advertise by joint funding studentships from their DTP awards. The institution will clearly need to ensure that it has suitable mechanisms in place to accurately record the funding drawn from each grant.

If my institution is part of one Partnership, does that mean I can’t collaborate with a colleague in a different Partnership?

If you wish to develop a joint studentship proposal with a colleague in a RO in a different Partnership, that is fine and you should seek support from your DTP coordinator as part of the normal internal process agreed in the Partnership for being allocated UKRI-BBSRC studentship funding. If your colleague does the same, then it is possible for the studentship to be jointly funded from the separate Training Grants held by the respective DTPs – i.e. normal Training Grant flexibility to jointly fund studentships applies.

Ultimately, however, it is a question for the appropriate management or training board of the DTP to decide on whether to support your proposed PhD doctoral candidate project.

Can I request funding for administrative resource?

UKRI-BBSRC expects the Partnership to cover the cost of administrative resource for the number of studentships for which the Partnership is bidding.

It is possible to resource this cost from the UKRI-BBSRC award however the fee level would need to be increased to cover this cost and the number of studentships funded would be less than awarded. Should Partnerships decide to increase the fee level they must ensure that this is fully justified within the Portfolio Agreement along with the agreement that the level of fees charged will be institutional wide and not just applied to UKRI-BBSRC studentships.

Can my Partnership pool the RTSG and PIPS funding?

Yes. The £5,000 RTSG and £1,000 PIPS funding per student can be pooled to balance the cost of expensive vs less expensive projects.

Who can apply

Can any institution apply?

No, only ROs which are eligible to apply for Research Council funding, and have the infrastructure in place to deliver doctoral training and meet the UKRI-BBSRC research income threshold, will be eligible to submit a proposal to the DTP scheme. Only eligible ROs will be able to receive Research Council funding. Details on the eligibility of institutions can be found at www.ukri.org/funding/how-to-apply/eligibility/.

However, non-eligible institutions/organisations, companies, charities and public sector research establishments may be included as Full and Associate Partners on a Doctoral Training Partnership application, providing the Partnership can demonstrate that there is significant added value/benefit to their inclusion. UKRI-BBSRC research grant spend from non-eligible institutions / Associate Partners will not count towards the minimum threshold of £20M UKRI-BBSRC grant funding over three years (see FAQ 3.2 below).

Each application must include at least one eligible RO to lead the Partnership and receive UKRI-BBSRC funding. Non-eligible organisations are permitted to be either Full or Associate Partners within the Partnership. Please note that any eligible ROs listed as Associate Partners will not have their UKRI-BBSRC funding counted towards the minimum research income threshold.
Why has an eligibility threshold of £20M competitive grant funding over the last three years (2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18) been set?

The threshold of £20M combined grant spend over the financial years 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18 has been chosen in order to ensure that UKRI-BBSRC invests in research training environments with significant levels of excellent research. The threshold will also require the majority of institutions to form partnerships in order to apply, but not so high that some partnerships – for instance geographically-close ROs – would be excluded. The threshold enables UKRI-BBSRC to manage strategic relationships with a smaller number of Partnerships. By emphasising Partnerships, UKRI-BBSRC expects integrated strategies to deliver leading edge, frontier bioscience research training and address bioscience skills and capacity challenges outlined in the Forward Look for UK Biosciences2.

UKRI-BBSRC expects the majority of DTP bids to be multi-institutional in nature.

Can an existing Partnership apply for a DTP?

Yes. Where Partnerships already exist and operate well together to meet continued shared objectives, then they may apply for a DTP within this call. All applications to the DTP call will be assessed equally and existing Partnerships should not look on this as a renewal.

What is the definition of a Partnership: is the expectation that any proposals will be single-institution based?

There is no obligation to be multi-institutional however it is expected that the majority of DTP applications to be multi-institutional to meet the range of objectives.

The term ‘Partnership’ is intended to capture not only the potential for partnership between ROs, but also partnership with UKRI-BBSRC.

How many proposals can a RO lead on?

Only one.

How many proposals can a RO be involved in?

Research Organisations will normally only be involved in one DTP proposal, however, there may be circumstances where a Research Organisation wishes to make a case to be part of two or more Partnerships. Research Organisations considering being part of more than one Partnership should contact the UKRI-BBSRC office for advice.

If a Research Organisation does wish to be involved in more than one Partnership there must be no double counting of research grant spend: a group or department (and the staff and funding involved) cannot itself be included in more than one proposal. For example, the Research Organisation may decide that a particular department should be part of a DTP proposal based on a specific subject area, while the remainder of the Research Organisation is part of a second Partnership on a different research area. This is permissible, but Research Organisations are advised to consider carefully the implications of this approach.

Research Organisations intending to submit an individual proposal, not in partnership with others, should contact the UKRI-BBSRC office for advice.

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What is an Associate Partner and who can apply?

Eligible and non-eligible institutions/organisations, companies, charities and public sector research establishments and UKRI-BBSRC Collaborative Training Partnerships may be included as ‘Associate Partners’ on a DTP application. UKRI-BBSRC research grant spend from eligible institutions and non-eligible institutions/Associate Partners will not count towards the minimum threshold.

Where Associate Partners are named on a DTP application, the Partnership must demonstrate that there is significant added value/benefit to their inclusion. This may include (although is not limited to) financial commitments to underwrite a number of studentships or CASE conversions, and/or commitment to cover the costs of access to facilities or training that cannot be otherwise provided by a full partner, and/or strategic links to an important stakeholder or user.

Can a Partnership include an International organisation as a Partner?

Yes, however the Partnership must demonstrate that there is significant added value/benefit to their inclusion and show what the benefits will be to the student.

Can I apply as an Associate Partner if I am an eligible RO?

Yes.

Can funds from the Training Grant support research costs of Associate Partners?

No. In all instances of collaborative activity both applicants and collaborators/project partners must be aware that any costs incurred, direct or otherwise, by either collaborators or collaborators institutions (project partners) in connection with collaborations, cannot be met by UKRI-BBSRC.

Assessment

How will DTP proposals be assessed?

The assessment of proposals to become UKRI-BBSRC Doctoral Training Partnerships, which will include an interview with the management team of the proposed Partnership, will be scheduled for 10/11th July 2019.

The DTP Assessment Panel will be composed of high-profile academic and industrial researchers and doctoral training specialists drawn from the bioscience community. The Panel will assess the information submitted by institutions, but will also draw on data provided by UKRI-BBSRC on the current research grant portfolio and training grant income for each Research Organisation involved in a Partnership between 2015/16 and 2017/18. UKRI-BBSRC will be drawing data from the Je-S Student Details (SD) on 1 May 2019, and institutions are strongly recommended to ensure that their doctoral candidate data returns are complete and accurate by this date.

What are the main elements which will be assessed?

UKRI-BBSRC Doctoral Training Partnerships will be assessed competitively against the objectives of the call and the Partnerships ability to deliver against them. Detailed assessment criteria for the competition is provided at Annex 3³.

There are also elements which must be met in order for a proposal to be funded. These are also specified in the assessment criteria and include the commitment to provide a Professional Internships for PhD Students scheme.

**How will the Assessment Panel decide how many studentships to allocate to each DTP?**

UKRI-BBSRC will be seeking to support research training across its remit, with an appropriate balance of funding across different strategic research priorities. In addition, UKRI-BBSRC will expect the Partnerships to provide an innovative, inclusive and outcomes-focused programme of doctoral training to build and maintain the capacity of core bioscience disciplines, and deliver skills for impact across the UK economy.

The Assessment Panel will assess the applications against the objectives of the scheme. This will include an interview process. At the end of this process a rank ordered list will be produced and UKRI-BBSRC will seek to support the best applications as fully as it can. The allocation of CASE studentships will be considered based on the strength of the collaborative training section of the Portfolio Agreement. The Assessment Panel will also be asked to consider the balance of studentships across UKRI-BBSRC priority areas.

**Are there any restrictions on the areas of science in which studentships can be supported?**

Yes. All studentships funded wholly from the DTP Training Grant must be clearly in UKRI-BBSRC’s remit, and partnerships are expected to have clear processes in place for confirming that doctoral candidate projects are in remit. This is particularly important at the research area boundaries with other Research Councils, where a joint-funding arrangement may be required if there is significant overlap in a project between the remits of different Councils. Partnerships are advised to pay careful attention to the boundaries between UKRI-BBSRC and UKRI-MRC, and the clarification of the Councils’ remits published as a BBSRC/MRC interfaces: joint statement⁴.

UKRI-BBSRC will also expect DTPs to support studentships in the areas outlined in their Portfolio Agreement. Institutions which do not adequately control the areas in which UKRI-BBSRC studentships are being created are at risk of being judged by UKRI-BBSRC to be failing in the commitments made in the Portfolio Agreement. In an extreme case, a Partnership may be terminated.

**Does each DTP need to bid for an allocation of the Flexible Supplement Fund?**

No. Funding for the Flexible Supplement Fund (FSF) will not automatically be assigned to successful DTP3 applicants and therefore applicants are invited to bid for an allocation of this funding in their proposals if they so wish.

The Assessment Panel will be given the discretion to award a FSF to the proposals that they consider provide the best case for support at a level commensurate with the quality of the plan. The Panel may assess areas within the Partnerships bid that they consider need to prioritised.

Partnerships should include details of the suite of activities, along with any collaborations proposed together with an approximate costing.

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⁴ [https://bbsrc.ukri.org/research/science-remit/interfaces/](https://bbsrc.ukri.org/research/science-remit/interfaces/)
Does each DTP need to address core bioscience skills and generic and professional skills?

Yes. Cross-cutting core bioscience and generic and professional skills that are increasingly expected of today’s bioscience researchers (e.g. mathematics, bioinformatics, statistics and experimental design, multidisciplinary working etc.) should be included as part of DTP training programmes.

How should Performance Indicators be demonstrated?

As a public body UKRI-BBSRC’s performance is subject to government scrutiny. One of the performance measures is the number of funded doctoral candidates who complete their PhD within four years. This helps indicate whether the candidate’s doctoral training has been satisfactorily completed.

DTPs should describe their policies and processes for monitoring and ensuring PhD theses are successfully submitted within the four years. This will give the Assessment Panel a sense of the organisational culture for ensuring the timely completion of the doctoral degree.

Portfolio Agreement

What exactly is a Portfolio Agreement?

A Portfolio Agreement is a document that institutions are required to submit as part of their proposals through Je-S. The template for this document is on the website5, and it essentially asks the Partnership to set out a number of commitments to research training in UKRI-BBSRC’s remit. The information given by institutions in the Portfolio Agreement will form part of the assessment by the Assessment Panel, but will also form the basis for ongoing engagement with UKRI-BBSRC after awards are made. For example, Partnerships will be asked to report annually to UKRI-BBSRC on their progress in meeting the commitments made in the Portfolio Agreement.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

Why is an Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Plan needed?

Inclusivity is a core feature of DTP3 and UKRI-BBSRC expects Partnerships to provide a detailed strategy and actions for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) in a dedicated EDI plan as a two page additional document submitted as part of the proposal.

The plan should enable the wide participation of doctoral candidates from all backgrounds, and the support systems in place to protect their physical and mental health and wellbeing. UKRI-BBSRC expect the plan to include the embedding of EDI principles at all levels and in all aspects of research and training within the DTP. This includes the selection and management of doctoral candidates and cohorts.

UKRI-BBSRC expects DTPs to take a wider leadership role in driving improved EDI within relevant areas.

Governance

What governance structure should there be for the Partnership?

UKRI-BBSRC expects a DTP to establish governance arrangements which will enable effective decision-making and engagement will all relevant stakeholders to deliver the objectives, the arrangements for sharing best practice amongst the Partners and with other DTPs, and how the Partnership will ensure UKRI-BBSRC receives value for money in the delivery of PhD training.

UKRI-BBSRC expects to see a clear commitment from the institutions involved to ensure robust management and monitoring arrangements are in place, for example, by ensuring that administrative support for the governance arrangements are provided as necessary. As part of the assessment process, the Assessment Panel will wish to be assured that robust and transparent governance arrangements are in place.

Research Grant Threshold

What information should be supplied?

UKRI-BBSRC will use data on the current UKRI-BBSRC research grant portfolio of the ROs involved in each Partnership to determine the research grant income between 2015/16 and 2017/18.

UKRI-BBSRC expects to see evidence of other key resources of bioscience research and innovation income over the three year period of relevance to the application. Partnerships are encouraged to illustrate the quality of research being conducted, any investments being made to the research environments in which the students will study. This also includes details of any ISPG investment although this will not count towards the threshold.

Professional Internships and CASE

What is the PIPS programme and why is it important?

Professional Internships for PhD Students (PIPS) aim to provide UKRI-BBSRC funded PhD doctoral candidates with the opportunity to carry out a non-academic work experience placement during their PhD. Such experience is important to help early career researchers understand the context of their research and transferability of their PhD training to a different environment, developing new professional skills and competencies and to expose them to the range of opportunities available to them after they graduate.

Who can/should carry out an internship?

UKRI-BBSRC expects all doctoral candidates on a DTP programme to undertake a minimum three month placement, either through the Professional Internships for PhD students (PIPS) component or through a CASE studentship. UKRI-BBSRC would welcome research institutions extending the scheme to other PhD doctoral candidates, but the costs cannot be covered from the DTP Training Grant.

CASE doctoral candidates funded by a DTP may also carry out a PIPS placement although this is not compulsory as CASE doctoral candidates gain an understanding of working in a non-academic environment. However, UKRI-BBSRC recommends that DTP CASE doctoral candidates are encouraged to consider taking an internship to further broaden their experience, for example in a school or policy setting.
Doctoral candidates awarded a Policy Internship can count this as their PIPS experience.

Will CASE studentships automatically be assigned to a DTP?

No. A new feature of DTP3 will be the separate allocation of CASE\(^6\) awards. DTPs will be assessed on the strength of their industrial collaborations and plans for the development of new collaborations, particularly with small and medium-sized enterprises. This will replace the previous method of CASE allocation from DTP2, in which CASE studentships were allocated algorithmically in proportion to the number of standard studentships awarded. There is no requirement for DTPs to convert a proportion of studentships to CASE studentships.

Can DTP studentships be converted to CASE?

Yes, although there is no requirement for this to be done. Under normal circumstances we would expect that any CASE conversions be instigated at the start of the four-year DTP studentship, however recognising the different models that exists for training doctoral candidates a more flexible approach is taken for DTP studentships. To be a CASE studentship there has to be a genuine mutually-beneficial partnership between the academic lab and non-academic partner over the duration of the PhD project.

How will the internships be funded?

Internships should be funded as part of the PhD using the UKRI-BBSRC Training Grant. UKRI-BBSRC funds all studentships as full 4-year awards.

Doctoral candidate stipends should continue as normal throughout the internship and reasonable travel and subsistence costs should be covered either from the Training Grant, through other university resources, or through contributions from the host organisation. Normally all costs directly incurred by the host as part of the internship project should be met by the host organisation, but DTPs may wish to offer funding support from the Training Grant in specific cases (for example, to help with the cost of materials for a schools project). All Training Grant terms and conditions will continue to apply whilst the doctoral candidate is taking their internship.

What administration support costs will be provided?

UKRI-BBSRC recognises that the administration required to organise internships will place an additional burden on the institutions providing them. Institutions should consider how this can best be managed; for example, building on existing placement schemes for undergraduates.

A contribution of £1000 per doctoral candidate will be added to the Training Grant specifically to cover the costs of the internship, such as any travel and accommodation costs resulting from doctoral candidate relocations.

Does this replace other generic or core skills training?

No, PIPS should be taken in addition to existing generic and core skills training (see FAQ 4.6 for further information). However, PIPS could be used to develop certain core skills further; for example, all doctoral candidates are expected to develop public engagement skills and an internship within a school would help to further develop this.

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\(^6\) [https://bbsrc.ukri.org/skills/investing-doctoral-training/case-studentships/](https://bbsrc.ukri.org/skills/investing-doctoral-training/case-studentships/)
Do internships have to be for 3 months?

Yes, internships must be three months. However, the internship may be taken either in one three-month block or in a number of shorter blocks. This will depend on the preferences of the doctoral candidate and host organisation, as well as the type of internship. Internships could be hosted by more than one host organisation if this is considered appropriate. For example, a doctoral candidate may wish to work for a month in each of three different schools.

When should the internships take place?

Some doctoral candidates may feel that their internship should be taken at a certain time of the year or at a particular stage of their PhD, in order to avoid disruption to their project. For example, fieldwork or seasonal variations should be taken into account. Therefore, flexibility will be important and the timing of the internship should be considered on an individual doctoral candidate basis.

Will PIPS affect my institution’s submission rate?

No. PIPS should be taken within the four-year period for a full-time PhD programme, and doctoral candidates should be expected to submit within this period as normal.

What if a doctoral candidate is studying for a PhD on a part-time basis?

Internships should also be taken by part-time doctoral candidates and the duration should be calculated on a pro-rata basis.

What about doctoral candidates with disabilities?

The needs of doctoral candidates with disabilities should be considered during the organisation of internships within institutions. All doctoral candidates funded from the DTP Training Grant are expected to carry out an internship at some point during their PhD.

Can internships be carried out abroad?

PIPS can be taken abroad but any extra costs associated with this should be met by the research institution and/or host organisation. It is likely that most doctoral candidates will be able to carry out good quality internships locally/nationally.

How will UKRI-BBSRC monitor PIPS?

UKRI-BBSRC will monitor PIPS through liaison with DTP institutions as part of the ongoing monitoring of DTP awards, and will request reports from doctoral candidates.

Competition process and timelines

When will the call be open in Je-S?

The call will be live in Je-S from 14 January 2019. Full guidelines for submission and template documents that need to be uploaded as part of the application are available on the UKRI-BBSRC Funding webpage7.

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Are EU doctoral candidates eligible for DTP funding?

The Research Councils are discussing the doctoral candidate eligibility requirements for PhD funding, but at the current time the standard requirements still apply. These broadly allow EU nationals with three years residence in the UK to receive full stipend awards, and other EU nationals to be supported with fees only awards.

What is the timeline for funding decisions?

The DTP application deadline is 1 May 2019 at 4pm. Assessment will take place on 10/11th July 2019, including interviews with up to four individuals from the Partnership. Formal announcement of the awards will be made by October 2019.

Post award monitoring and strategic engagement

What reports will be required and when?

DTPs will be required to report annually on progress against their Portfolio Agreements, and also to host formal and informal visits from UKRI-BBSRC.

Doctoral candidates will also be required to use our nominated online system to provide an annual update of information relating to the outputs, outcomes and impacts arising from their UKRI funded research and training. These updates must be provided during the life of the studentship and for at least three years after the funding has finished. Further information on reporting requirements can be found on the UKRI website.

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