

Application guidance notes

To be considered for a SoCoBio studentship applicants are asked to complete both a University of Southampton online application and a SoCoBio DTP funding application. These guidance notes refer to the SoCoBio DTP funding application.

Deadline for Applications is Monday 10th January 2022

Important:

Complete the University of Southampton online application first; however, to avoid writing two personal statements use the guidance given for the SoCoBio Funding application personal statement in this document for both applications.

The SoCoBio DTP funding application is a web-based form so you will need to be connected to the internet while completing the form.

The form cannot be saved for later or updated once submitted so here are the questions so you can prepare answers before starting the form.

Without all supporting documents your application cannot be considered.

Supporting documents required:

1. Evidence of prior academic qualifications – these will be certificates or transcripts to show that you meet, or expect to meet the entry requirements.
2. Evidence of your English proficiency if English is not your first language.
3. Two references with at least one being an academic reference.

SoCoBio DTP Funding Application Questions

Section 1

1. Student ID: insert your University of Southampton application ID number (first 8 digits of application reference number from your University of Southampton application form)

Section 2 - SoCoBio DTP application preferences

2. Research Themes: I am applying for a studentship in the following themes (check all that apply)

- Understanding the rules of life
- Bioscience for sustainable agriculture and food
- Bioscience for renewable resources and clean growth
- Bioscience for an integrated understanding of health

3. Project preference #1: Enter project reference number that can be found on our website <https://southcoastbiosciencesdtp.ac.uk/project/>

4. Project preference #2: Enter project reference number that can be found on our website

<https://southcoastbiosciencesdtp.ac.uk/project/>

5. Project preference #3: Enter project reference number that can be found on our website

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6. Partner location preference: I am applying for projects in the following SocoBio partner Institutions (check all that apply)

- University of Kent
- NIAB-EMR
- University of Portsmouth
- University of Southampton
- University of Sussex

7. Fee classification: I consider myself for BBSRC funding purposes to be?

Home student

International student

To be classed as a home student candidates must meet the following criteria

- Be a UK National (meeting residency requirements), or
- Have settled status, or
- Have pre-settled status (meeting residency requirements), or
- Have indefinite leave to remain or enter

Section 3 - Higher Education

Please provide details of your current study and academic qualifications. Enter your highest qualification first.

8. University attended

9. Location of institution

10. Start year

Please input date (dd/MM/yyyy)

11. End year

Please input date (dd/MM/yyyy)

12. Industrial Placement

yes

No

13. Degree subject

14. Degree classification

15. Do you wish to add another higher education qualification?

Yes

No

You can add one further qualification only (Q16 – 22) – if you want to inform the DTP of other previous qualifications you can do so in your personal statement (section 6)

Section 4 – Education

Provided details of education between ages 16-18 e.g. A-Levels or equivalent, subjects and grades

23. Institution

24. Awards/Subjects/classifications

Section 5 - Employment History

Details and dates of relevant employment

25. Employer/Organisation

26. Position held

27. Start date

Please input date (dd/MM/yyyy)

28. End date

Please input date (dd/MM/yyyy)

29. Responsibilities

30. Do you wish to add another employment?

Yes

No

You can add one further employment only (Questions 31 – 35) – if you wish to inform the DTP of other employments relevant to your application this can be included in your personal statement (section 6)

Section 6 - Personal Statement

36. Enter your personal statement here

We recommend you draft your statement then copy and paste it into the answer box in this section.

Statements must be no more than 500 words.

Do not include any personal details (e.g. name)

Include the following in your statement:

- Why you are applying for the SoCoBio programme
- How your previous experience, academic, professional or in other fields has equipped you for a biosciences research degree. We welcome students from a broad range of science-related backgrounds.

- The skills, interests and motivation that make you a strong candidate for a research degree.
- How SoCoBio research training would contribute to your career goals and long term ambitions.
- Why you would be a good addition to the research community at SoCoBio.

Section 7 – Diversity Monitoring Questionnaire

This is the final section. Please copy and paste the link into your browser and complete the questionnaire – BEFORE CLICKING SUBMIT BUTTON.

This form does not form part of your application and will be stored separately to all other application documents. The data is used for monitoring and for reporting to or funder, BBSRC.