

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 8th January 2024 at 17:00 GMT. All applications must be submitted including both references by this deadline.

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.

IMPORTANT

- **FIRST** complete and submit a University of Southampton application and wait until you receive your application ID before starting the SoCoBio funding application. (Confirmation ID will be emailed to candidates once the application has been submitted but could take up to 48hrs. Check junk mail folder if no confirmation email received before emailing fels-pgr-apply@soton.ac.uk to query this.)
- 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:
 - Evidence of prior academic qualifications – these will be certificates or transcripts to show that you meet or expect to meet the entry requirements.
 - Evidence of your English proficiency if English is not your first language. Refer to ‘step 2’ on the DTP website [Apply](#) page.
 - Two references with at least one being an academic reference. The system will automatically notify your referees for a reference, or you can upload their reference with your application on to the application portal.

SoCoBio DTP Funding Application Questions

Section 1

Question 1. Student ID: insert your University of Southampton application ID number (This is the 8-digit application reference number emailed to candidates after they have submitted



their University of Southampton application. *IMPORTANT: it can take up to 48hrs to receive this ID number, so plan for this when making your application so that both application forms are received before the deadline).*

Section 2 - SoCoBio DTP application preferences

Question 2. Research Themes: I am applying for a studentship in the following themes (select 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

Question 3. First Project preference: Enter project reference number that can be found on our website (this is a four-digit number starting with the digits 24, e.g. 2445)

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

Question 4. Second Project preference: Enter project reference number that can be found on our website (this is a four digit number starting with the digits 24, e.g. 2445)

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

Question 5. Third Project preference: Enter project reference number that can be found on our website (this is a four digit number starting with the digits 24, e.g. 2445)

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

- University of Kent
- NIAB East Malling
- University of Portsmouth
- University of Southampton
- University of Sussex

Question 7. Fee classification: I consider myself for BBSRC funding purposes to be? (*Refer to SoCoBio website [Apply](#) page step 3 for further information.*)

Home student

International student

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

- be a UK national (meeting residency requirements)
- have settled status
- have pre-settled status (meeting residency requirements)
- 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.

Question 8. University attended (e.g. University of Southampton)

Question 9. Location of institution – town and country (e.g. Southampton, UK)

Question 10. Start year, Please input date (dd/MM/yyyy)

Question 11. End year, Please input date (dd/MM/yyyy)

Question 12. Industrial Placement

yes

No

Question 13. Degree subject (e.g. Biomedical Sciences, Biology etc)

Question 14. Degree classification (e.g. MSc, MRes, BSc)

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

Yes

No

You can add one further qualification only (Questions 16 – 22) – if you want to inform the DTP of other previous qualifications you can do so in your personal statement in Section 6 of the application.

Section 4 – Education

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

Question 23. Institution - enter Name, Town, Country (e.g. Shirley High School, Southampton, UK)

Question 24. Awards/Subjects/classifications (A-Level Biology grade A.....)

Section 5 - Employment History

Details and dates of relevant employment

Question 25. Employer/Organisation

Question 26. Position held

Question 27. Start date

Please input date (dd/MM/yyyy)

Question 28. End date

Please input date (dd/MM/yyyy)

Question 29. Responsibilities

Question 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 in Section 6 of the application.

Section 6 - Personal Statement

Question 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 and must not include any personal details (e.g. your name)

Use our [Writing Your Personal Statement Guidance](#) to help you structure your personal statement

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.