

## Application guidance for Great Western Four + Doctoral Training Partnership NERC (PhD)

To apply for this programme, you must select the related PhD from the School in which the project is advertised. That means if you are wanting to apply for a Great Western Four plus Doctoral Training Partnership (NERC)(PhD) also called NERC GW4+ DTP you need to do the following:

For a project offered in the:

School of Biological Sciences	select Biological Sciences PhD
School of Chemistry	select Chemistry PhD
School of Earth Sciences	select Geology PhD
School of Geographical Sciences	select Geographical Sciences (Physical Geography) PhD

To start your application for the Great Western Four Plus Doctoral Training Partnership in one of these programmes you need to select a **Start Date of September 2022**

### How to complete the application form:

#### Personal Details

Fill in your personal details as requested.

#### Contact Details

Fill in your contact details as requested.

#### Other Information

You do not need to upload any documents here.

You can select how you would like to study this programme – usually full time except by special arrangement.

#### Qualifications

Fill in all your qualifications and upload your certificates, transcripts etc as required  
Providing the information on this page is mandatory.

#### Experience

Provide details of work and other relevant experience.

#### Personal Statement

You **must** provide a personal statement.

Personal statements should highlight the motivation for applying for the course, and any relevant experience and/or skills.

Applicants should make it clear in the personal statement to which project their application refers. Preferably your Personal Statement should not exceed two sides of A4 paper.

#### Research Statement

Please note that the Project and Contact details for the supervisor are in the two-page project descriptions you can find on these pages, for the NERC GW4+ DTP:

- [Biological Sciences](#)
- [Chemistry](#)
- [Earth Sciences \(Geology PhD\)](#)
- [Geographical Sciences \(Geographical Sciences \(Physical Geography\) PhD\)](#)

You must provide the name of the Project Supervisor and the Project title you are applying for.

The document you need to upload to this page is the two-page pdf of the project you are applying for which you can download from the relevant School webpage

#### Passport and Visa

Answer the questions on this page.

## **Referees**

If you do not have references to upload when you select “no” you must fill in your referee details and they University will contact them direct for a reference. Alternatively, you can save your application and obtain the reference and upload it.

## **Funding**

To ensure your application is considered under the NERC GW4+ DTP funding you must complete the **Funding** page in your online PhD application as follows:

1. Select **Studentship** for **What is your likely source of funding?**
2. Enter **NERC GW4+ DTP** in the free text **Please give the name of your scholarship or Studentship** field.
3. Set **Percentage from this source** to **100%**
4. Set **Is this funding already secured?** to **No**

This programme has no Other Funding opportunities, so leave the next question unchecked.

## **Submission**

The marketing question is mandatory, you will need to answer it before you submit your application.

## **Checklist**

The left-hand side of the application form has a checklist. If any of the pages do not have a green tick against them you will not be able to submit your application until you have answered all the required questions and/or uploaded the requested documents.

For general queries, candidates can contact the Bristol NERC GW4+ DTP Administrator by email: [bristol-nercgw4plusdtp-admin@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:bristol-nercgw4plusdtp-admin@bristol.ac.uk)