NERC GW4+ DLTP 2026

Application Guidance for (NERC) Great Western Four Plus Doctoral Landscape Training Partnership

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 NERC GW4+ DLTP PhD, 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 Geography PhD
School of Anthropology and Archaeology	select Archaeology PhD

To start your application in one of these programmes you need to select a Start Date of **September 2026**. **Note that you can only apply for one project across all partner institutions.**

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 following the personal statement guidance document linked on the prospectus and on the School pages.

Research Statement

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

Biological Sciences http://www.bristol.ac.uk/biology/courses/postgraduate/
Chemistry http://www.bristol.ac.uk/chemistry/courses/postgraduate/
Earth Sciences (Geology PhD) http://www.bristol.ac.uk/earthsciences/courses/postgraduate/
Geographical Sciences (Geography PhD) http://www.bristol.ac.uk/geography/courses/postgraduate/

You must provide the name of the Project Supervisor and the Project title you are applying for and upload the relevant project description pdf file.

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 the 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+ DLTP 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+ DLTP** 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