

Black Leaders in Diabetes Schemes

FAQs

- **Can I apply if I am from an EU country?**

Applicants who qualify for home fees status can apply.

- **Can I apply if I am an international student?**

Unfortunately you cannot apply as this scheme is only open for permanent UK residents.

- **Can I defer my internship/studentship?**

Deferrals are not possible unless there are exceptional circumstances.

- **Can the internship/studentship be taken on a part-time basis?**

The sponsor would need to advise if the internship can be on a part-time basis over summer.

Studentships can be held on a full-time or a part-time basis (part-time awards will be made on a pro-rate basis). Students on this scheme are expected to register on campus-based PhD programmes (i.e. distance learning is not supported).

- **Can I apply to more than one internship/studentship scheme at the same time?**

Applicants (students and supervisors) can apply for other internship/studentship schemes whilst applying for this scheme however you would have to inform the outcome from the other schemes to the Diabetes UK research team and choose only one scheme if you are successful in both schemes.

- **Do I need to contact the sponsors of my preferred projects?**

You can approach the sponsor if you wish to learn more about the project or training opportunities provided at the University.

- **What will the interview involve?**

Shortlisted applicants who are invited for interview will receive information on the interview structure and format. There will be a mock interview and tips/advice will be given before being interviewed. For

Studentship applications, successful applicants will then be invited to visit the University and meet their supervisor.

- **When will I know that I am successful?**

For internships, we will notify outcomes to applicants in March/April 2025.

For studentships, we will invite shortlisted candidates for interview in February/March 2025 and notify outcomes in April 2025.

Internships

- **Do you have a minimum requirement on grades for the internship scheme?**

No there is no minimum requirement.

- **Can I undertake an internship in a different University to where I am studying for my undergraduate degree?**

Yes you can undertake an internship in a university where you are not doing your degree.

- **Can I apply for an internship if I have already graduated?**

We would need more information about your undergraduate degree and why you would want to apply? Please contact the office at research@diabetes.org.uk

Studentships

- **Will this PhD cost me money?**

No, tuition fees are fully covered and you will get a stipend that is enough to live on for the duration of the PhD.

- **Do I need a Masters degree?**

You would only need a Masters if you obtained a grade lower than 2:1 in your undergraduate degree.

- **Can I apply as a mature student or taken a GAP year out or have an intercalated undergraduate degree?**

Yes you can as long as you have a life science degree.

- **Can I also apply to your standard PhD studentship scheme?**

The standard PhD scheme is for only supervisors to apply. Supervisors who get the funding will then recruit the students. However if a student is interested in applying for a specific research project or their choice of University then we would encourage the student to contact the supervisor. Supervisors can apply to both the Black Leaders in Diabetes Studentship scheme and the standard PhD studentship scheme.

- **Do I need to contact the supervisors of my preferred projects?**

You can approach the supervisor if you wish to learn more about the project or training opportunities provided at the University.