**SWDTP Equal Opps Student Data for 2025 Entry**

**Why do we collect these data and how does it help others?**

The SWDTP is committed to being an inclusive partnership that does not discriminate on and is open to postgraduate study regardless of anyone’s age, gender, ethno-cultural heritage, sexuality, health conditions or impairments, socio-economic background or any other potential barriers to participation.

Across UK Higher Education it is generally suspected that access to postgraduate study is not as open as it should be and that more needs to be done to widen participation. However, the data needed to help make the system more equitable to all is not as complete or as reliable as it needs to be to most effectively support change.

Completing this form helps us and others to better understand issues of selection and under-representation in postgraduate study. We are grateful for you time in completing it.

**How are these data held?**

Your data will be held confidentially and separately from the rest of your application. Your individual information will not be passed on to your departments, university or to anyone else such as your supervisor. Your specific and personal data will not be disclosed in any way. It is used only in aggregated and anonymised forms for internal monitoring purposes and as part of our required reporting to our funder, the ESRC – for example, as counts or percentages of the numbers in each category.

**Does providing these data alter my prospect of receiving a studentship?**

No, the data are not used in any way in the process of scoring and shortlisting people for a studentship.

**Aren’t the categories used for this data collection overly simplistic and potentially stigmatising?**

Yes, they can be, and we are sorry if they cause unintended offense. The information we collect is guided by the reporting requirements of the ESRC and are typical of those used more widely for the purposes of equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI). We understand that you may not feel comfortable with all of them but hope that this does not deter you from completing the form.

**Do I have to complete the form?**

You have to send the form to us, including your name and details of the university and pathway to which you are applying. Without this, we will not be able to process your application. However, if you prefer not to answer other questions, then please leave them blank. For the reasons we have described, we request you to avoid that, and instead encourage you to complete the form as fully as you can, but we understand if you choose not to disclose some information.

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| **Name *(as recorded on your Passport)*** | | **Application number *(if you have one)*** | |
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| **Are you a Home or International Student? (delete as applicable)** | | | |
| **Home / International**  [Are you eligible for ESRC studentship funding? | SWDTP](https://www.swdtp.ac.uk/prospective-students-and-fellows/are-you-eligible-for-esrc-studentship-funding/) | | | |
| **University, School/Department and Pathway to which you are applying** | | | |
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| **Age (please put a X alongside one)** | **24 or under** | |  |
| **25 - 29** | |  |
| **30 - 34** | |  |
| **35 - 39** | |  |
| **40 - 44** | |  |
| **45 - 49** | |  |
| **50 - 59** | |  |
| **60 or over** | |  |
| **Ethnicity (please put a X alongside one)** | **Asian** | |  |
| **Black** | |  |
| **Mixed** | |  |
| **White** | |  |
| **Other** | |  |
| **Do you have what you or others might term a ‘disability’** | **Yes** | |  |
| **No** | |  |
| **How do you describe your gender identity? Identities include but are not limited to female, male, transgender, gender fluid, non-binary, and so forth.** | | | |
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| **How do you describe your sexual orientation? Identities include but are not limited to bisexual, gay and heterosexual.** | | | |
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| **What was the occupation of your main household earner when you were aged about 14?**  **(please answer YES to one or complete under Other)** | | | |
| Modern professional & traditional professional: YES/NO  Senior, middle or junior managers or administrators: YES/NO  Clerical and intermediate occupations: YES/NO  Technical and craft occupations: YES/NO  Routine, semi-routine manual and service occupations: YES/NO  Long-term unemployed: YES/NO  Small business owners: YES/NO  Other: please specify: | | | |
| **Which type of school did you attend for the most time between the ages of 11 and 16?**  **(please answer YES to one)** | | | |
| A state-run or state funded school: YES/NO  Independent or fee-paying school: YES/NO  Independent or fee-paying school (means tested bursary covering 90% or more): YES/NO | | | |
| **Did you attend a school outside of the UK?** | | | |
| Attended school outside of UK: YES/NO | | | |
| **If you finished school after 1980, were you eligible for free school meals at any point during your school years?**  **(please highlight as applicable)** | | | |
| Yes / No / Not applicable / I don’t know / I did not attend a school in the UK | | | |
| **Did either of your parents attend university and gain a degree (e.g. BA/BSc or equivalent) by the time you were 18?**  **(please highlight as applicable)** | | | |
| No, neither of my parents attended university  Yes, one or both of my parents attended university  Do not know / not sure | | | |

**Please send your completed form directly to the contacts below (as a separate document i.e. do not combine with Annex A)**

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| Bath | [doctoraladmissions@bath.ac.uk](mailto:doctoraladmissions@bath.ac.uk) |
| Bristol | Please send your completed Annex A to the school to which you are applying – contacts can be found on this page [Apply to the SWDTP | Faculty of Social Sciences and Law | University of Bristol](https://www.bristol.ac.uk/fssl/swdtp/apply/) |
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