

OneZoo CDT: Student Applications for 2024/25

*** Please note, this is a pdf version of the application form to help with drafting the application. You still need to submit your application via the online application survey link available at www.onezoo.uk. Applications received in any other format will not be considered. ***

Page 1: Before you begin...

Thank you for your interest in studying for your PhD with the One Health for One Environment "OneZoo": an A - Z Approach for Tackling Zoonosis Centre for Doctoral Training (CDT).

The deadline for applications for Cohort 2 is **midnight on 25/03/2024**.

You can save this form and complete it in stages BUT after you submit you cannot go back to edit or change your answers. Please pay attention to word limits.

IMPORTANT - Download and save a copy of your application form directly after you submit your answers - you have only 15 minutes to do this.

Please note: There will be 2 parts to the application process. This application (Part 1) is for the studentship as part of the OneZoo CDT. If you are chosen for a project, you will then also need to apply for admission (Part 2) to the respective Institution by completing their institutional application process. Details of how to do this will be communicated to successful applicants.

After the application closing date, a panel will shortlist candidates on the basis of this application form against the following criteria:

- **Proven Academic Quality:** normally evidenced by an excellent performance at first degree and/or Master's level, but may also be demonstrated by a record of relevant professional practice;
- **Research Potential:** evidenced through application responses and supported by performance in research projects at first degree and/or Master's level, or another form of dedicated preparation for research;
- **Personal Motivation and Commitment:** evidenced through application responses, by enthusiasm for the subject area, and in relation to career goals.

All applicants will be informed of the shortlisting outcome by no later than mid-April 2024. Shortlisted applicants can expect contact from their chosen supervisor(s) to discuss your fit for the project in more detail.

If you are shortlisted, you will need to attend an **interview**. Details of this will be communicated to shortlisted applicants. **If you have any queries, please contact us at OneZoo@cardiff.ac.uk.**

Page 2: Contact Details

This information is being collected to enable CDT and University administrators to contact you.

1. First Name: *Required*
2. Preferred Name: *Required*
3. Last Name: *Required*
4. Email Address: *Required*

This will be the email address we use for contacting you, so should extend past July 2024 or the date you leave your current university if applicable.

5. Phone Number: *Required*
6. Current town/country of residence:

Page 3: Mode of Study

This section will be removed before the form is sent to the CDT panel for shortlisting.

It will be used by administrators to monitor the demand for part-time study.

7. Do you plan to study full-time (3.5 years) or part-time (up to 7 years)? *Required*

The minimum part-time study allowed is 50% of the full-time mode.

Page 4: Research Project

Please indicate your chosen project for the OneZoo CDT.

8. Who is the primary supervisor of the project?
9. What is the project title?

Page 5: Research project

10. If you are not selected for your chosen project, would you consider another OneZoo CDT Project?
Yes or No

Page 6: Contextual Questions

OneZoo CDT is committed to recruiting a diverse student cohort. We value the academic and non-academic experiences people bring to our community and appreciate that a standard scholarship application may not address the personal and professional progression routes of our applicants.

Please use this section to tell us more about yourself: your skills, professional and lived experience, personal attributes, motivation, and any other relevant information which makes you suitable for PhD study.

11. **PERSONAL STATEMENT** - We are interested in why you are applying for the OneZoo CDT programme, why you believe you are a strong candidate and that the programme represents a good fit for you. (500 words)
12. **INTERDISCIPLINARY EXPERIENCE** - Please highlight any previous academic achievement, skills or experience that demonstrates your aptitude for interdisciplinary study. (300 words)
13. **REMIT** - This CDT is funded by the Natural Environment, Biotechnology and Biological Sciences and Medical Research Councils (NERC, BBSRC and MRC). Can you describe your understanding of why cross-council working is essential to understand the environmental drivers of and solutions to zoonosis. (300 words).

Page 7: Qualifications

14. Please provide details of the course or degree which you **are currently undertaking**, if applicable.

Qualification and full degree title	
Institution attended (Name of country if non-UK)	
FROM month and year	
TO month and year	
Full-time or Part-time	
Due date of result	
Source of funding Self/grant, etc	

15. Please provide details of any study (undergraduate, postgraduate and professional) for which you **have already been awarded a degree**, starting with the most recent.

Qualification and full degree title	
Institution attended (Name of country if non-UK)	
FROM month and year	
TO month and year	
Full-time or Part-time	
Due date of result	
Source of funding Self/grant, etc	

Page 8: Employment Record

16. Please provide details of your work history including all periods of employment and unemployment.

Name and country of employer	
Post held, with brief details of work and responsibilities	
Full-time or Part-Time	
FROM month and year	
TO month and year	

Page 9: Research Potential

Research Potential

Evidenced through application responses and supported by performance in research projects at first degree and/or Master's level, or another form of dedicated preparation for research.

17. Please outline up to 3 examples of relevant research experience and training. This can be from your academic studies, placements or employment. Please include a title, summary, grade/outcome (where applicable), relevance and reflection. (500 words)
18. Please list any published works, including the topic, journal, position in authorship and year.
19. Please list any conferences or events at which you have presented, including the presentation format, e.g. poster, paper.

Page 10: Any further information:

20. Please provide any relevant information not previously covered (completion of this section is not essential). (100 words)

Page 11: Eligibility

This section will be used by administrators to monitor the numbers of UK or Home fees Status applicants and the number of international applicants.

Studentships are open to UK Nationals and those with 'Home Fees Status' and International student applicants (including EU students) - however we are limited by UKRI rules on the numbers of international students we can admit per annum.

For applicants with overseas fee status and UK non-residents only:

Cardiff, Aberystwyth and Queens University Belfast will waive the fee difference between home and international studentships for non-UK applicants. In line with all other UKRI programmes, a maximum of 30% appointed students can be international.

Fee status assessment for UKRI doctoral training Awards is shared here:

- <https://www.ukri.org/what-we-offer/developing-people-and-skills/find-studentships-and-doctoral-training/get-a-studentship-to-fund-your-doctorate/>

- UKCISA provides comprehensive guidance on how fee status assessments must be assessed by UK Higher Education Institutions: <https://www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information-- Advice/Fees-and-Money/England-HE-fee-status>

Please read through these links and select the single option that applies to you below.

21. Please select the single option that applies to you; *Required*

22. Please indicate which fee status assessment;

- Home / UK
- International

23. Please use the text box below to *briefly* explain how you have reached the fee status decisions you have.

24. If English is not your first language, you will need to meet the English language requirements of the university by the start of the programme. This will be at least 6.5 in IELTS or an acceptable equivalent. **Do you meet the English language requirements?**

Required

If English is not your first language and you do not have the required IELTS test score (or equivalent) before the start date of the studentship, you will not be eligible to join the PhD programme.

Page 12: Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Monitoring

This section will be removed before the form is sent to the CDT panel for shortlisting.

The information shared on this form will only be used to monitor and improve our equal opportunities policies, and to assess and deliver appropriate support. Data will be collated by the administration team to provide anonymised cohort data to the OneZoo management board, partners and funding body (UKRI). It will only be used to assess our activities and determine whether we need to alter any policies or procedures to ensure equitable practice and provide better support to applicants and students. **A key aim of our CDT is to widen access to PhD programmes; for this reason, we aim to interview at least 20% of candidates who have a declared disability and/or are from disadvantaged backgrounds, including LMIC. To help us achieve this please complete the information below.**

This form will be kept separate from your application form and will not be available to those on interview panels. The anonymised data will be kept for the duration of the studentship scheme.

Please check the “Prefer not to say’ option if you do not wish to disclose specific information in each section. Any sections left uncompleted will be considered as ‘Prefer not to say’.

25. What is your age category? *Required*

- 24 or under
- 25 – 29
- 30 – 34
- 35 – 39
- 40 – 44
- 45 – 49
- 50 – 54
- 55 – 59
- 60 – 64
- 65 or over
- Prefer not to say

26. Do you have any disabilities? Please refer to 'more info' below for examples of disabilities. The exact nature of the disability will be collected by the university at the next stage of the application and will only be made known to us if we need to make reasonable adjustments to assist you. *Required*

More info:

- A specific learning difficulty, such as dyslexia, dyspraxia or AD(H)D
- A social/communication impairment such as Asperger's syndrome/other autistic spectrum disorder
- A disability, impairment or medical condition that is not listed above
- A mental health condition, such as depression, schizophrenia or anxiety disorder
- A longstanding illness or health condition, such as cancer, HIV, diabetes, chronic heart disease, or epilepsy

- A physical impairment or mobility issues, such as difficulty using arms or using a wheelchair or crutches
- Deaf or a serious hearing impairment

Further information about disability support at our institutions can be found here:

Cardiff: <https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/student-life/student-support/disability-and-dyslexia-service>

LSHTM: <https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/study/studentservices/disability>

Aberystwyth: <https://www.aber.ac.uk/en/studentservices/accessibility/disability-learning-support/>

Queens University Belfast: <https://www.qub.ac.uk/directorates/sgc/disability/>

27. What is your ethnic origin? *Required*

- Black or Black British - Caribbean
- Black or Black British - African
- Other Black background
- White - British
- Irish Traveller
- Gypsy / Roma/ Traveller
- Other White background
- Asian or Asian British - Indian
- Asian or Asian British - Pakistani
- Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi
- Other Asian Background
- Mixed - White and Black Caribbean
- Mixed - White and Black African
- Mixed - White and Asian
- Other Mixed background
- Arab
- Other Ethnic background
- Not known
- Prefer not to say

28. What is your nationality? *Required*

29. What is your gender identity? *Required*

- Female
- Male
- Other
- Prefer not to say

30. What is your sexual orientation? *Required*

- Prefer not to say
- Bisexual
- Gay Man
- Gay woman/lesbian
- Heterosexual
- Other

31. What is your religion?

- No religion
- Buddhist
- Christian
- Hindu J
- Jewish
- Muslim
- Sikh
- Spiritual
- Other
- Prefer not to say

32. Have one or more of your parents or legal guardians participated in Higher Education (and did they hold a degree before you were 18 years old)?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

33. Are you or have you been a carer? This covers anyone who is; - A parent or guardian and/or - Who cared, unpaid, for a friend or family member (who due to illness, disability, or a mental health problem or an addiction cannot cope without your support.)

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

34. Are you or have you been a refugee, asylum seeker, or granted humanitarian protection?

* If YES, are you resident in the UK?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

35. Did you receive funding or use a student loan for your undergraduate degree studies?

- Yes
- No

36. Did you receive funding or use a student loan for your Master's degree studies?

- Yes
- No

37. Have you ever been a looked after person (care experienced)?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

38. Have you even been in receipt of free school meals?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

39. Are you or were you estranged from your parents (normally not in contact with them for at least 12 months as a result of a permanent breakdown in your relationship)?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

40. Are you or have you ever experienced homelessness?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

41. What was your home postcode at first point of entry to Higher Education?

42. What was your home postcode at age 14?

43. How did you find out about this PhD opportunity? (tick all that apply)

More info

- Email from OneZoo CDT forwarded by a CDT partner institution (Cardiff, Aberystwyth, Queen's University Belfast, LSHTM)
- Email from OneZoo CDT forwarded by my University (non partner)
- OneZoo CDT Website
- FindaPhD.com
- Via link from another website
- From a leaflet or poster
- General Postgrad event
- Personal recommendation ie from friend or colleague
- Social Media - Twitter/Facebook
- ResearchGate
- University Careers Service
- From a current OneZoo CDT PhD Student
- From an academic involved in the CDT partnership
- Other

Page 14: Feedback

44. If you are able to, please would you provide us with some feedback on the applicant information we provide on our web pages. This will help inform what we offer to support applicants in future years. Was the OneZoo applicant information on the web pages useful to you?

- Yes
- No

45. Which elements were useful?

46. What was not as useful or good, or could be improved?

47. What else should we add to our web pages to support applicants?

Page 15: Data Protection:

Data Protection:

If you are applying for a place on a collaborative programme of doctoral training provided by Cardiff University and other universities, research organisations and/or partners, please be aware that your personal data will be used and disclosed for the purposes set out below.

Your personal data will always be processed in accordance with the GDPR 2018. Cardiff University (“University”) will remain a data controller for the personal data it holds, and other universities, research organisations and/or partners (“HEIs”) may also become data controllers for the relevant personal data they receive as a result of their participation in the collaborative programme of doctoral training (“Programme”).

Application Process

During the application process, the University may need to share some of your personal data with third parties to be able to administer your application, carry out interviews and select candidates. These are not limited to, but may include disclosures to:

- the selection panel and/or management board or equivalent of the relevant Programme, which is likely to include staff from one or more other HEIs or research organisation;
- administrative staff at one or more other HEIs or research organisation participating in this Programme.

Such disclosures will always be kept to the minimum amount of personal data required for the specific purpose. Your sensitive personal data may need to be shared in certain circumstances, but only where strictly necessary. By submitting an application, you hereby consent to your data being processed and shared in this way.

If you become a student on one of the programmes

If your application is successful and you register on a Programme, the University may need to make further disclosures of your personal data throughout your time on the programme to ensure the effective management of your studies and comply with its obligations to funders.

These disclosures may include, but are not limited to disclosures:

- within the group of HEIs to the programme;
- to other collaborative parties to the relevant Programme, e.g. industrial sponsors and/or collaborators, supervisors from other HEIs, Research Councils (as funders of the Programme);
- to external examiners.

Other disclosures may be made where it is necessary for the administration of your studies.

Accessing your personal data

If you wish to have access to any of your personal data as held by the University, please contact InfoRequest@cardiff.ac.uk. There may be a fee of £10 associated with such requests.

Contact

If you have any queries or concerns about the use of your personal data during the application process or your time as a student, please contact PGR Quality and Operations (Registry) by emailing pgr@cardiff.ac.uk.

48. Please confirm you have read the data protection statement and are happy for your information to be collected and shared as specified in the application form. If you do not agree with the terms, exit the survey without submitting. *Required*

Yes, I have read and accept these terms

Page 16: Declaration

By submitting an application, you are making the following declarations:

1. If required, I will be emailing any further documents required to the OneZoo Management Team at **OneZoo@cardiff.ac.uk**
2. **If I am selected for a project and receive an "Offer of Funding" from OneZoo**, I will make a formal application through standard channels to the institution of your project:
 - Cardiff: <https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/research/programmes/programme/biosciences-phd-mphil-md>
 - Aberystwyth: <https://www.aber.ac.uk/en/study-with-us/pg-studies/apply/>
 - Queens University Belfast: https://dap.qub.ac.uk/portal/user/u_login.php
 - LSHTM: [LSHTM Applicant Portal](#)
3. I wish to apply for a OneZoo award for postgraduate research training award. In the event of a OneZoo studentship being awarded to me:
 - a) *for full-time study: I undertake to commit myself on a full-time basis to this training under the direction of my supervisors,*or
 - b) *for part-time study: I undertake to devote the full amount of time deemed necessary and appropriate for part-time study by the primary institution under the direction of my supervisors (minimum 50%).*
4. I declare that to the best of my knowledge the information provided on this form is true and accurate. (Applicants should be aware that any kind of misrepresentation by candidates would amount to withdrawal of the scholarship award and may result in initiation of disciplinary proceedings after the commencement of the programme of study.)
5. I will inform the OneZoo CDT immediately of any change in the information I have given in this application form.
6. I understand that I will only make a formal application for a programme of study at one of the partner institutions if my OneZoo funding application is successful.
7. I agree to abide by the conditions set out by UKRI for studentship awardees.
8. I have advised my referees that I have named them in this application and asked them to supply a reference (when requested by OneZoo CDT) if I am short-listed for interview.

49. I declare that I understand the Terms and Conditions of the OneZoo CDT.

Yes

No

Page 17: Nearly Finished!

At the bottom of this page, you are able to select a 'Finish Later' option and return to the survey.

Once you click 'Finish' on this page your application will be submitted and cannot be edited by yourself or the OneZoo CDT team. Therefore, please ensure you have completed all sections before finishing.

You will be able to DOWNLOAD A COPY OF YOUR FORM and the receipt number. You have only 15 minutes to do this once you submit your application. If you discover you have made a mistake you will need to submit a whole new form and let us know so we can delete the original.

Page 18: Thank You!

Your application has now been received. You will NOT receive a follow-up email or any other confirmation of submission, but please be assured that if you are seeing this page, that we have it.

Your application will be forwarded to and considered by the shortlisting panel, and if successful, by the interview panel. All applicants will be informed of the shortlisting outcome by mid-April **2024**.

If you are shortlisted for an interview, you will need to attend an **interview** by zoom. Further details will be included in the shortlisting letter.

Thank you for submitting your application!
