

NRPDTP Personal & Research Statement Proforma Guidance

Candidates wishing to apply for a funded studentship with the Norwich Research Park (NRP) Biosciences Doctoral Training Partnership (DTP) Programme are required to complete the provided Personal Statement and Research Statement proformas and upload it to the University of East Anglia's online application portal along with the other required documentation in support of your application (see [Application Guidance](#)).

The NRPDTP recognises that previous academic performance does not necessarily reflect a candidate's PhD potential. Therefore, the Personal and Research Statement Proformas are intended to provide a standardised approach which can be contextualised to best reflect your enthusiasm for undertaking a PhD, your motivation for applying to the NRPDTP, evidence of creativity/innovation, your dedication to scientific research, and your commitment to the NRPDTP training programme.

We understand that not everyone will have had access to the same opportunities and resources, so your responses will be assessed alongside any evidence of previous research productivity and/or life experience, which will enable prospective project supervisors to evaluate your scientific and career aspirations and your potential talent.

Please respond to every question provided and, when doing so, we encourage you to be honest about any challenges or barriers you have had to overcome to get to this point today.

If you need support with your Statements, then we strongly recommend that you approach your current University's Careers Service. If such a service is not available to you locally, then we will be happy to put you in touch with [Careers Central](#) here at the UEA.

We understand that you may use Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools to help you complete this section of your application. If you do use AI, please ensure all the information you provide about yourself is factually accurate and truthful and that you will be able to expand on your responses if questioned at an interview.

Once you have completed each question, please upload your Personal and Research Statements to your online application.