

### Studentship assessment criteria

If you are applying for a University studentship, the following selection criteria will be used by academic schools to help them make a decision on your application.

Assessment criteria	How this will be assessed
<p><b>Qualifications and Experience</b></p> <p>Degree level, grade and subject/relevance Relevant work experience/research experience Previous published work</p>	<p>Application form Application form, Interview Application form, Interview</p>
<p><b>Strength of Research Proposal and/or Personal statement</b></p> <p>Does the personal statement show a genuine interest to do a PhD? Does the candidate have an understanding of what a PhD is? Does the candidate have the motivation to do a PhD? Has the candidate shown a keen interest in the specific project applied for? Is there a reasonable attempt to understand key literature in the proposed area of research? Is the proposed project sensible, demonstrating knowledge around the proposed area? Does the proposal offer novelty or have the potential for high impact?</p>	<p>Application form, Interview</p>
<p><b>Potential to perform well</b></p> <p>Are the references supportive of a candidate able and motivated to conduct academic research? Was the candidate able to perform well in the interview?</p>	<p>References, Interview</p>

Candidates should note that the criteria above is intended to provide some indication on how their applications will be assessed. They are not intended to be used as a strict mark scheme but to enable academic colleagues to make a sensible and balanced assessment of the application as a whole.

**Note:** additional assessment criteria may be in place for some Centres for Doctoral Programmes or Doctoral Training Partnerships which are part funded by the UKRI.