

EPSRC and SFI CDT in Sustainable Chemistry Scholarship Application Guide

1. Before you apply

Residency

Our fully funded scholarships are open to UK and international students. In line with [UKRI guidance](#), we are able to recruit a limited number of international students.

Qualifications and experience

- A minimum of an upper second-class honours degree from a 4-year undergraduate course, or equivalent in Chemistry, Biochemistry, Physics, Material Science, Natural Sciences, Biotechnology, Pharmacy, Chemical Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Pharmacy, Synthetic Biology, Computational Biology/Chemistry or a related subject
- A 3-year undergraduate course in one of the above disciplines plus a PG Master's degree and/or at least one year's experience in industry.

If English is not your first language

If English isn't your first language, you will also need to meet the relevant English language requirements. An IELTS score of 6.5 (no less than 6.0 in any element) is required, although we also accept [alternative qualifications](#).

2. Application process

Our application process has two steps:

Step 1 - Complete official University of Nottingham application

To complete University of Nottingham Form, please visit: mynottingham.nottingham.ac.uk

During the application, you will be asked to select a programme of study, please make sure that you select: Doctor of Philosophy – Sustainable Chemistry.

Please note that you are not required to provide research details, personal statement, topic description or supervisor information in your University of Nottingham application. Please enter 'Not required for CDT in Sustainable Chemistry' as a response to the questions related to the above.

Step 2 - Complete CDT Application Form and additional information

- CDT Application Form (Part B must be fully anonymised)
- CV (must be fully anonymised)
- Marks transcript (to date) and previous degree certificate (if available)
- Two references (must be submitted by referees directly using the email address on the form)

CDT Form

The CDT Application form has two parts: Part A (personal information and choice of Research Theme) and Part B (information related to skills, abilities, experience, and research potential)

Our CDT practices a 'blind' shortlisting process, and we are asking all applicants to ensure Part B of the form is fully anonymised. The shortlisting panel will receive the CDT Application Form Part B and CV only and their

decision will be made based on the information provided in these two documents.

How to anonymise your CDT application form and CV

Fully anonymised **Part B** of the CDT application form and CV should exclude the following information:

- Applicant's personal information including name, gender, age, disability, nationality, ethnicity, country of origin, sexual orientation, religion, address, email address
- Names of previous higher education institutions and high school, names of previous supervisors or research groups, information on publications, and previous degree grades/classification

What you should include

Part B of the CDT Application Form and CV should include the following information:

- Degree title and discipline of study
- Details of your research project, internship, and relevant work experience
- Training courses attended, technical and professional skills
- Any other relevant experience

Marks Transcript

Please include marks transcript of undergraduate and/or Master's degree with your application documents.

References

We would ask all applicants to email the reference documents to their referees, who will then email the reference directly to us.

CDT Application and reference Form are available on our website:

<https://suschem-nottingham-cdt.ac.uk/index.php/apply>

3. What happens next

After the application deadline has passed, our panel will consider all applications and we will communicate the outcome of the shortlisting process to all applicants within 4-5 weeks.

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to attend an interview and we will confirm the format of the interview (face-to-face or online) in our interview invitation email.

Full information on UKRI funding terms and conditions can be found [here](#).