



PGR Scholarships – School of Informatics, Terms and Conditions

These terms and conditions apply to studentships awarded to Postgraduate Research applicants in the School of Informatics, the University of Edinburgh, including EDCS, IGS, EPSRC DTP.

1. Duration

The start and end dates of a studentship are indicated in the EUCLID offer of admission letter and subject to the award holder's satisfactory progression at annual review.

2. Termination

The award will be terminated when the thesis is submitted, if the programme of study is changed and the new programme is not eligible for the scholarship, if the student is excluded or withdraws or if they fail to engage with their studies.

3. Suspension

The award may be suspended if the student is on Authorised Interruption of Study (AIS). In some circumstances the stipend may be continued, see 7 and 8 below.

4. Level of stipend

The level of stipend awarded to eligible Students will be at least equal to the UKRI minimum rate for the relevant academic year (£19,237 for 2024-25).

5. Extensions

The period of a Student's support can be extended in line with the [UKRI Terms and Conditions for training funding](#), to offset a period of absence for parental or adoption leave, absences covered by a medical certificate and extended jury service. The total period of an agreed extension should not normally exceed 12 months during the lifetime of an award.

6. Early Submission

Students may submit their thesis prior to the end of their award in line with the [UKRI Terms and Conditions for training funding](#). Where the Student continues to undertake work that is directly linked to their thesis, it is permissible to continue their funding until the end of the quarter in which the thesis is first submitted. Where the Student submits on or after the original end date of their award, funding must cease on the original award end date.

7. Maternity and parental leave

[The University of Edinburgh Student Maternity and Parental Leave Policy](#) applies to scholarship holders and it means they are entitled to the same terms and conditions for maternity and parental leave and pay as those offered by UKRI as outlined in their [Terms and Conditions for training funding](#).

8. Sick Leave

Payment of a Studentship must continue for absences covered by a medical certificate for up to thirteen weeks within any 12-month period in line with the [UKRI Terms and Conditions for training funding](#). If the illness lasts for more than thirteen weeks the Studentship will be suspended for the period beyond the thirteen weeks.

9. Annual Leave

Research students are entitled to a maximum of eight weeks annual leave each calendar year. Students must seek approval for vacation leave from their supervisor. Visa restrictions may also apply in the case of International students.

10. Intellectual property

The default position is that the student will automatically own all intellectual property rights to work done and results created by them during their research project / studentship. The University Policy on [Student Intellectual Property Rights](#) applies. However for some studentships where an industry partner is involved there will be a separate agreement detailing the terms of the studentships, including those governing Intellectual Property.

11. Training

All students are expected to undertake training in both Equality, Diversity and Inclusion as well as Responsible Research.

12. Changes to Terms and Conditions

The University will uphold the Terms and Conditions that a student received on entry. Should changes be made to the Terms and Conditions of funding, information will be provided as to how those changes apply to existing studentship holders.

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