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# Crocus DLA Cohort 01 BAME Scholarships 2025

Thank you so much for your interest in the CROCUS Doctoral Learning Alliance (DLA) Call for Projects.

We truly appreciate the time and effort you are putting into preparing your project proposals. We know you have many other commitments, and your willingness to support our doctoral candidates in this way means a lot to us.

Your ideas and projects play an important role in shaping a strong and meaningful learning experience for our candidates. They will help students build their skills, grow their knowledge, and make a real difference in their fields and in the wider community.

We are excited to read your proposals and to see the range of projects you bring forward. Your support is key to building a strong and vibrant learning alliance that benefits everyone involved.

Thank you again for your commitment and for sharing your expertise with us. We look forward to working with you in the coming months.

Please create your own reference number for your application.

How did you hear about Crocus PhD studentships?

- ☐ FindAPhd
- ☐ Crocus Website
- ☐ BlueSky
- ☐ Crocus Supervisor
- ☐ Current University
- ☐ My Jobs Online (MJO)
- ☐ LinkedIn
- ☐ Word Of Mouth
- ☐ Target Connect
- ☐ Other

Check as many are applicable

The Crocus DLA is committed to fostering continuous improvement in equality, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) within its cohorts and practices.

To enhance the representation of Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic (BAME) Home students, Crocus DLA is offering up to **two scholarships for BAME Home applicants as part of Cohort 01, commencing in Autumn 2025**

Guidance on our BAME Scholarships are available [here](#).

Eligibility criteria for the scholarships are as follows:

**Home Student Status:** Applicants must qualify as a Home student under UKRI guidelines, which include:

- UK nationals (subject to residency requirements)
- Individuals with settled status
- Individuals with pre-settled status (meeting residency requirements)
- Individuals with indefinite leave to remain or enter.
- None of the above (I am an international candidate). Please note that international candidates are not eligible for this scheme. You may complete your application but it will not be considered by the panel.

*Please note that international candidates are not eligible for this scheme. Please terminate your application and consider applying for one of the Crocus projects.*

**BAME Identification:** Applicants must identify as Black, Asian, or Minority Ethnic (BAME). While acknowledging the broad nature of the term BAME, we encourage individuals of mixed heritage and all eligible groups within this category to apply.

**Academic Performance and/or Relevant Experience:** Applicants must meet the academic and/or experiential criteria outlined here: [Crocus DLA Application Criteria](#).

These scholarships are designed to support the progression of underrepresented groups within our research community.

To apply for BAME scholarships, please ensure you meet the specified requirements. As part of the eligibility criteria, you are recognized as belonging to the BAME (Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic) group.

Please confirm whether you are eligible for a Home award

- ☐ I am a UK national
- ☐ I have a settled Status in the UK
- ☐ I have pre-settled status
- ☐ I have indefinite leave to remain in the UK (ILR)
- ☐ None of the above (I am an international candidate). Please note that international candidates are not eligible for this scheme. You may complete your application but it will not be considered by the panel.

To check whether you are eligible for a home award please see section 5.2 of the UKRI Training Grant Terms and Conditions <https://www.ukri.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/UKRI-020424-TrainingGrantTermsConditionsApril2024.pdf>

This is your opportunity to explain why you are interested in pursuing a PhD with CROCUS and to highlight the skills and experiences that make you a strong candidate for doctoral research.

The information you provide will be reviewed by the CROCUS Selection Board in their decision to interview and shortlist candidates.

CROCUS is committed to reducing unconscious bias in the selection process. Recognizing that traditional selection criteria—such as university affiliation, publications, or research placements can disadvantage students from underrepresented backgrounds, CROCUS aims to reduce unconscious bias by anonymizing parts of your application.

The Selection Board will base its decisions on the following:

1. Your degree title,
2. Your statement of interest in undertaking a PhD with CROCUS,
3. Your personal statement outlining skills and experiences relevant to a PhD.

Please note that we do not require a CV or resume. Therefore, include all relevant information in your statements to ensure a comprehensive application.

We also encourage you to share any circumstances that may have influenced your academic journey, such as (but not limited to) caregiving responsibilities, disabilities, or financial challenges.

While word limits are provided for each section, you are not required to use the full allowance. Prioritize clear and concise responses to present your application effectively.

Tell us about any circumstances that have affected your academic career to date

500 words

Why do you want to do a PhD in an environmental science within the Crocus DLA?

500 words

Use this space to tell us about your research interests and what you enjoy about carrying out research. You may also consider the career opportunities and transferable skills a PhD would provide you with. You have the opportunity to state your interest in specific projects on the "Project" tabs

What skills and experience do you have that would make you a good PhD researcher in an environmental science?

500 words

Use this space to tell us what broader skills and experience you already possess that will help you carry out a PhD. Provide specific examples rather than just listing the skills. For instance, examples of academic writing skills could be your final-year project dissertation, or your contributions to a report or publication. Examples of presentation skills could be from a student committee, a poster award, or teaching experience. You have the opportunity to highlight skills for specific projects on the "Project" tabs

Please only list undergraduate and post-graduate level qualifications. Degree certificates and transcripts must be uploaded on the "Supporting Material" tab.

Where your final grade is not yet known, please provide a predicted grade.

If you gained your qualification at a non-UK institution, please include both the local grade and the UK equivalent. To find the UK equivalent, please check the following resources:

<https://www.grb.uk.com/recruiter-research/international-degree-equivalents>

Please contact us [crocus-dla@reading.ac.uk](mailto:crocus-dla@reading.ac.uk) if you have any questions.

Qualification

Start Date

End Date

University

Name of the awarding institution

Country

Degree Title

e.g. BSc (Hons) Physics, MSc Mathematics etc

Associate Degrees (Undergraduate, 2-Year Programs)

Bachelor's Degrees

Master's Degrees

Doctoral Degrees (Postgraduate, Advanced Study and Research)

Specialized or Professional Degrees

Grade

UK Equivalent Grade

Achieved or predicted?

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Achieved	
Predicted	

Qualification 2

Start Date (optional)

End Date (optional)

University (optional)

Name of the awarding institution

Country (optional)

Degree Title (optional)

e.g. BSc (Hons) Physics, MSc Mathematics etc

Associate Degrees (Undergraduate, 2-Year Programs)

Bachelor's Degrees

Master's Degrees

Doctoral Degrees (Postgraduate, Advanced Study and Research)

Specialized or Professional Degrees

Grade (optional)

UK Equivalent Grade (optional)

Achieved or predicted? (optional)

Achieved

Predicted

Qualification 3

Start Date (optional)

End Date (optional)

University (optional)

Name of the awarding institution

Country (optional)

Degree Title (optional)

e.g. BSc (Hons) Physics, MSc Mathematics etc

Associate Degrees (Undergraduate, 2-Year Programs)

Bachelor's Degrees

Master's Degrees

Doctoral Degrees (Postgraduate, Advanced Study and Research)

Specialized or Professional Degrees

Grade (optional)

UK Equivalent Grade (optional)

Achieved or predicted? (optional)

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Achieved	
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### **CROCUS DLA Commitment to Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI)**

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Please note that we do not require a CV or resume. Be sure to include any information you consider important within your statements.

### **Monitoring Our Progress**

To help us track progress in line with UKRI and Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) guidelines, we ask you to complete a brief survey. Your responses are for monitoring purposes only and will not influence your application for a CROCUS placement.

We understand that some ethnic backgrounds, gender identities, or sexual orientations may not be fully represented in the options provided. While we aim to offer inclusive self-identification options, the terminology aligns with NERC and UKRI Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion reporting requirements. Please select the option that best aligns with your identity.

[UKRI Equality, Diversity and Inclusion policy](#).

CROCUS values and supports students from all backgrounds, regardless of age, disability, ethnicity, religion, gender identity, or sexuality.

What is your age?

	▼
24 or under	
25-29	
30-39	
40-49	
50-59	
60 or over	
I would prefer not to say	

Do you have a disability?

▼

Yes

No

I would prefer not to say

What best describes your ethnicity?

▼

Asian or Asian British

Black, Black British, Caribbean, or African

Mixed or Multiple Ethnic Groups

White

Other Ethnic Group

I would prefer not to say

What best describes your sex?

▼

Female

Male

I use another term

I would prefer not to say

What best describes your sexual orientation?

▼

Bisexual

Gay / Lesbian

Heterosexual / straight

I use another term

I would prefer not to say