**University of Strathclyde EPSRC Doctoral Prize 2025  
Application Form**

**Faculties will confirm their individual internal submission deadlines**

Please read the guidance notes at the end of this application form before completing your application.

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| **Applicant Details** | |
| **Surname/Family Name:** |  |
| **Other Names:** |  |
| **PhD/EngD Registration Number:** |  |
| **University Email Address:** |  |

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| **PhD/EngD Details** | |
| **PhD/EngD Thesis Title:** |  |
| **Department:** |  |
| **Name of Supervisor(s):** |  |
| **PhD/EngD Start Date:** |  |
| **PhD/EngD First Thesis Submission Date:** |  |
| **PhD/EngD Award Date:** |  |
| **Source of PhD/EngD Funding:** *(e.g., EPSRC DTP, EPSRC Industrial CASE, EPSRC CDT, EPSRC project studentship, EPSRC NPIF or Mathematical Sciences award)* |  |
| **EPSRC Grant Reference Number:** |  |

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| **EPSRC Doctoral Prize: Project Summary** | | |
| **Title of Proposed Project:** |  | |
| **Proposed Department:** |  | |
| **Name of Project Sponsor:** *(PI in whose lab you will be based)* |  | |
| **Requested Start Date:** *(normally up to 1st October 2025)* |  | |
| **EPSRC Theme** *(Please list at least one)****:*** *(Digital Economy, Energy, Engineering, Global Uncertainties, Healthcare Technologies, Information and Communication Technologies (ICT), Living with Environmental Change (LWEC), Manufacturing the Future, Mathematical Sciences, Physical Sciences, Quantum Technologies, Research Infrastructure)* | **Primary Theme** (one required) | **Secondary Theme(s)** (optional) |
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| **Project Proposal Details** | |
| **Please make your case for support in the space below, and include:**   * Your main objectives and workplan for the year * Key publications that could result from your work * The potential value of the research, e.g., academic significance, impact, commercialisation, and international context * **How this research is substantively new and different from your PhD/EngD work** * Details of any anticipated knowledge transfer activities   **Maximum of 750 words** | |
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| **Ethical Information** |
| **Has consideration been given to any ethical matters raised? Please provide details.** |
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| **Career Development Statement** | |
| **Please give details of your aspirations in the long term, outline how you believe your career will benefit from the EPSRC Doctoral Prize, and give a clear timeline for your career plans. This should include detail of future applications for prestigious fellowships or for postdoctoral positions in leading research groups.**  **Maximum of 750 words** | |
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| **Other Expenses & Outreach Activities** |
| **In addition to a salary, you are eligible to apply for up to £2k to support travel and consumables costs. Importantly, the applicant should also detail how outreach activities could be delivered through any Doctoral Prize award, and how these additional available funds could contribute to the support of these endeavours. Please provide detail below on how much you would require and how it would be used.** |
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| **Referee Details** | |
| **Please complete the contact details for your referee, who should be your principal PhD supervisor:** | |
| **Referee Title and Name:** |  |
| **Position:** |  |
| **Contact Email Address:** |  |

*Please ensure that you provide your named referee with a copy of your completed application form.*

**EPSRC Doctoral Prize Guidance Notes**

***Applying***

**Prospective candidates should, alongside their chosen Project Sponsor, submit the following documents electronically as determined by their Faculty. Please send all documents, excluding the equality monitoring form, as one PDF. The equality monitoring form should be submitted separately.**

* A completed application form.
* A brief CV (2 page maximum: Arial font, size 11 or equivalent).
* List of publications, if any, including the title, journal and full author list. Include volume number, article number and year of publication.
* Letter of support from the Head of the Department where the candidate intends to conduct their research. This must be signed, dated, and headed.
* Letter of support from the proposed Project Sponsor. This must be signed, dated, and headed.
* A reference from the primary PhD/EngD Supervisor. This must be signed, dated, and headed.
* Optional: Letters of support from proposed industry partners, or other relevant references. These should be signed, dated, and headed.

***Eligibility***

* The University is committed to diversity and inclusion. Applications are welcome from all candidates who fulfil the EPSRC requirements.
* Candidates must have passed their PhD/EngD *viva voce* and submitted the final (corrected and bound) version of their thesis prior to the start of the Doctoral Prize project.
* The award is intended to allow promising researchers to develop in new directions. Consequently, the gap between the end of the PhD/EngD project and the start of the Doctoral Prize project should not normally be more than 9 months.
* Candidates must have been funded for their doctoral studies by the EPSRC in the form of stipend and/or fees in order to be eligible for an EPSRC Doctoral Prize. This includes students funded from the following sources: EPSRC DTP, EPSRC Industrial CASE, EPSRC CDT, EPSRC Project Studentships, and EPSRC NPIF or Mathematical Sciences Awards. EPSRC CDT Incorporated Students are also eligible to apply for the Doctoral Prize. Any questions about eligibility should be directed to the relevant Faculty prior to an application being submitted. Each Faculty is responsible for determining the eligibility of applicants, and can consult with the [PGR Funding Team](mailto:rkes-pgrfunding@strath.ac.uk) where necessary.
* Candidates must be able to demonstrate a clear commitment to remaining in academia.
* The Doctoral Prize project will normally be expected to begin between 1st May and 1st October 2025 and no later than 6th January 2026 with good reason. Start dates must be agreed with the Project Sponsor and Head of Department and will be subject to approval by the EPSRC Doctoral Prize assessment panel at Strathclyde.

***Project***

* Projects are welcomed in any area of research under the [EPSRC remit](https://www.ukri.org/councils/epsrc/guidance-for-applicants/epsrc-remit/).
* The EPSRC Doctoral Prize recipient must have a Project Sponsor: a PI who will support and, where relevant host, the Fellow’s research. The EPSRC Doctoral Prize recipient is encouraged to choose a Project Sponsor other than their PhD/EngD Supervisor.
  + If there are reasons why a candidate intends to choose their PhD/EngD supervisor as Project Sponsor they ***must*** provide a clear justification for this and demonstrate how they will deliver research outputs which are new and substantially different from the PhD/EngD research programme and at an appreciably more enhanced level.
* Proposals should explain how the candidate will manage the project and how this will be facilitated by the Project Sponsor with whom they are working.

***Assessment procedure***

* Faculties will assess applications and hold interviews to select up to two candidates to nominate to the main University competition.
* Faculties should submit their two nominated candidates to [rkes-pgrfunding@strath.ac.uk](mailto:rkes-pgrfunding@strath.ac.uk) by **5pm, Wednesday, 12th March 2025**.
* Faculty-submitted nominations will be assessed by a central panel consisting of the relevant Deputy Associate Principal (Research and Knowledge Exchange) and the relevant Vice Deans (Research), or appropriate deputies.
* Successful candidates will be contacted by the middle of April 2025.

***Award***

* The award is for up to 12 months (or part-time equivalent).
* The post will be funded at Grade 7 ([spinal point 29](https://www.strath.ac.uk/professionalservices/hr/careerpathways/payscales/)).
* Successful applicants will be contacted to confirm their start date.
* Once the PGR Funding Team has received confirmation that the final copy of the thesis has been submitted to Student Business, an EPSRC Doctoral Prize Award letter will be issued.
* Project Sponsors are responsible for raising an ATA for the successful candidate. The appropriate budget code for the Award will be provided by the PGR Funding Team. The Project Sponsor must make HR aware of the [terms and conditions](https://www.ukri.org/publications/terms-and-conditions-for-training-funding/) of the EPSRC grant through which the Doctoral Prize is funded.
* A report on the Doctoral Prize project and associated outputs will be required within 2 months of the completion of the project. Awardees may be contacted earlier than this for information to report through the EPSRC Annual Monitoring process.

*Optional completed Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (E,D&I) forms should be returned by the student applicant directly to the PGR Funding Team at* [*rkes-pgrfunding@strath.ac.uk*](mailto:rkes-pgrfunding@strath.ac.uk)*, and not submitted with the application materials to their faculty. Academic applicants must not have access to completed forms. It is not mandatory for student applicants to complete an E,D&I form; however, it would be appreciated if they could inform the PGR Funding Team if they do not wish to do so for data collection purposes. Whether a student applicant chooses to complete an E,D&I form or not will have no impact on their application. Assessors of applications will have no access to E,D&I forms. All data is collected, stored and processed in accordance with relevant data protection legislation. For further information on how the University processes personal data, please see the University’s* [*privacy notices*](https://www.strath.ac.uk/whystrathclyde/universitygovernance/accesstoinformation/dataprotection/privacynotices/)*. E,D&I data is aggregated and anonymised for the purpose of reporting. The E,D&I form is available on the EPSRC Doctoral Prize RKES Portal pages under* [*Reporting*](https://strath.sharepoint.com/sites/rkes/SitePages/EPSRC-Doctoral-Prize.aspx#reporting) *or can be requested from the* [*PGR Funding Team*](mailto:rkes-pgrfunding@strath.ac.uk)*.*

If you have any questions regarding the EPSRC Doctoral Prize scheme, please do not hesitate to contact the PGR Funding Team: [rkes-pgrfunding@strath.ac.uk](mailto:rkes-pgrfunding@strath.ac.uk)