# **MultiSci Application Template**

Please read this document carefully and thoroughly. It will guide you through each of the MultiSci online application form questions and provides a template to help you prepare your responses for the online application form.

There are 9 sections in the application form. Questions marked with an asterisk (\*) are mandatory.

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| **Personal Details** Where possible, information from this section will **not** be shared with reviewers or scorers. | |
| **1.1 About you** | |
| **Title (Mr, Ms, Dr etc) \*** |  |
| **First name \*** |  |
| **Surname \*** |  |
| **Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY) \*** |  |
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| **1.2 Gender \*** |  |
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| **1.3 Preferred pronouns** |  |
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| **1.4 Contact details \*** |  |
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| **1.5 Have you previously studied or worked at Imperial College London? \*** |  |
| **If ‘Yes’ enter College ID (CID) number (if known)** |  |
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| **1.6 Ethnicity \*** | Select from drop down options. |
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| **1.7 Disabilities \*** | Select from drop down options. |
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| **1.8 If you consider yourself to have a disability or long-term condition, please use the box below to provide further details. Please do not include any identifying information.** |  |

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| **Fee Status** This information will be shared with reviewers as there are eligibility criteria associated with the MultiSci MRC DTP studentship. Please see the [eligibility criteria](https://www.imperial.ac.uk/multisci-mrc-dtp/eligibility-criteria/) for more information. | |
| **2.1 What is your Fee Status? \*** |  |
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| **2.2 Do you require a visa to study in the United Kingdom? \*** |  |

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| **Socio-Economic Background** Responses to these questions will only be reviewed by an admissions tutor with responsibility for widening participation. | |
| **3.1 Are you the first person in your immediate family to go to university? [not including siblings] \*** |  |
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| **3.2 Have you ever been in care? \*** |  |
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| **3.3 Were you eligible for free school meals or meal vouchers at any time? \*** |  |
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| **3.4 Did you attend secondary school in the UK? \*** |  |
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| **3.5 If you answered 'Yes' to 3.4, please provide your UK school details** | |
| **School name** |  |
| **Address** |  |
| **Postcode** |  |

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| 1. **MultiSci Studentships**   Responses to questions in this section will help us review our marketing strategy and understand if we need to widen it. | |
| **4.1 How did you find out about the MRC MultiSci studentships at Imperial?** |  |
| **If you chose 'Other', please enter more details.** |  |
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| **4.2 Please list any other institutions to which you are applying.** |  |
| In the next section, please indicate your current preferential interest in the [MultiSci research themes](https://www.imperial.ac.uk/multisci-mrc-dtp/research-themes/). You will not be restricted to working within these areas if you are made an offer – your research interests may evolve or change as you carry out project rotations in year 1 of your studentship. Your responses to the Research Themes questions/key phrases will be shared with reviewers/scorers. | |
| **4.3 Please rank how each of the MultiSci research themes aligns with your current research interests (1 is the most relevant): \*** |  |
| **The Battle Against Infections** |  |
| **Understanding Disease Mechanisms in Humans** |  |
| **Realising the Power of Big Data** |  |
| Providing us with three key words or phrases to describe your current research interests will help us clarify the fit with MultiSci’s research themes. | |
| **4.4 With regards your first theme preference, please list three key phrases which describe your current research interests: \*** |  |
| **First Key Phrase** |  |
| **Second key phrase** |  |
| **Third key phrase** |  |

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| **Higher Education Qualifications** Experiences are to be entered in chronological order, starting with your first programme of study – this would usually be your undergraduate degree. Information on higher education institute/location will be redacted prior to review and scoring of applications. | |
| **5.1 University where first degree was taken. \*** |  |
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| **5.2 country where university is located. \*** |  |
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| **5.3 Degree type. E.g. BSc, MSci, MEng, MBBS etc. \*** |  |
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| **5.4 Subject/title of your first degree programme. \*** |  |
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| **5.5 Have you completed your first degree? \*** |  |
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| **(5.6) Degree classification** |  |
| **Date of completion (DD/MM/YYY)** |  |
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| **(5.6) If you have not yet completed your first degree, add the expected date of completion (DD/MM/YYYY)** |  |
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| **5.7 Second qualification (if applicable)** | |
| **Institution** |  |
| **Degree type (BSc, MSc, MRes, PhD etc)** |  |
| **Degree subject/title** |  |
| **Date if completed or end date of qualification (DD/MM/YYYY)** |  |
| **Degree classification (leave blank if not yet awarded)** |  |
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| **Additional Information** Use this section to tell us about professional and/or non-professional work experiences that you think are **relevant** to your application. You should elaborate on the skills and expertise that you developed during these positions. If you are including summer internships, unpaid work, or degree-related placements, you should clearly state this in the “Duties and responsibilities” fields of subsections 6.5 and 6.6. Information provided here will be shared with those reviewing or scoring applications but don’t worry if you do not have any relevant employment, **it’s not** a requirement. | |
| **6.1 Do you have work experience relevant to your application (excluding summer internships, unpaid work, or degree-related placements)?\*** | |
| **6.2 Enter details of professional experience.** | |
| **Are you currently employed in this role (Yes/No)?** |  |
| **Name of employer** |  |
| **Is this an academic/research institution (Yes/No)?** |  |
| **Location of employment (city/country).** |  |
| **Date employment started (MM/YYYY)** |  |
| **Job title** |  |
| **Brief summary of duties and responsibilities** |  |
| **Would you like to add details of another professional experience?** | |
| **(6.3) Details of second professional experience** | |
| **Are you currently employed in this role (Yes/No)?** |  |
| **Name of employer** |  |
| **Is this an academic/research institution (Yes/No)?** |  |
| **Location of employment (city/country).** |  |
| **Date employment started (MM/YYYY)** |  |
| **Job title** |  |
| **Brief summary of duties and responsibilities** |  |
| **6.4 Do you have any non-professional experience relevant to your application (e.g. summer internships, unpaid work, or degree-related placements)?** | |
| **(6.5) Enter details of non-professional experience.** | |
| **Are you currently undertaking in this role (Yes/No)?** |  |
| **Name of employer/sponsor** |  |
| **Is this an academic/research institution (Yes/No)?** |  |
| **Location of role (city/country).** |  |
| **Date employment started (MM/YYYY)** |  |
| **Tile of role** |  |
| **Brief summary of duties and responsibilities** |  |
| **Would you like to add details of another non-professional experience?** | |
| **(6.6) Enter details of second non-professional experience.** | |
| **Are you currently undertaking in this role (Yes/No)?** |  |
| **Name of employer/sponsor** |  |
| **Is this an academic/research institution (Yes/No)?** |  |
| **Location of role (city/country).** |  |
| **Date employment started (MM/YYYY)** |  |
| **Tile of role** |  |
| **Brief summary of duties and responsibilities** |  |
| **6.7 If you have any professional qualifications or memberships, briefly summarise the details below.** |  |

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| **English Language Ability \*** Information about the accepted English language tests and qualifications can be found on the university [website](https://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/apply/english-language/). You do not need to prove your knowledge of English if you hold a degree from one of the countries listed in the university's [English Language exemption](https://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/apply/english-language/english-language-exemption/) information page.  University Admissions will verify English qualifications. Incorrect information may lead to an offer being withdrawn. | |
| **7.1 Do you meet the University's English Language Requirements (Y/N)?** |  |
| **7.2 Please provide further details on how you meet the university's English language requirements (name of qualification, date, result). If you have not met these requirements, please enter how you intend to meet them (details and date of a test you are planning to take).** |  |

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| **8 Your Application Case** Use this section to share your motivations for applying to MultiSci and to tell us about your research interests. You should demonstrate your potential to successfully complete a PhD (not just list your academic or professional achievements to-date), as well as how doing this alongside cohort-based training will benefit you. An excellent resource to help you do this by reflecting on your experiences is available [here](https://www.imperial.ac.uk/careers/plan-your-career/self-reflection/).  There are no right answers to any question, just like no PhD programme is right for everyone. You should avoid generic statements or explanations that tell us nothing about you. For example, we already know Imperial’s rankings, the facilities we have, and how [insert disease name] develops!  Use the space below the guidance to each question to draft your responses. While a maximum character length is given for each question (do not exceed this!), it’s ok if you write less. |
| **8.1 Why have you chosen to apply to the MultiSci MRC DTP? (Max. 1,500 characters including spaces).** |
| All PhD programmes are different, and you should consider how MultiSci’s offering aligns with your expectations for doctoral study. What does MultiSci offer that appeals to you, and why? While we want to recruit the best students, it’s also important to us that our students are on the right programme for them. You can find out why some of our current MultiSci students applied here: <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/multisci-mrc-dtp/student-profiles/> |
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| **8.2 Tell us about your research interests, and your motivation for doing a PhD in these areas. (Max. 1,500 characters including spaces).** |
| While some applicants to MultiSci already have a specific topic in mind for their PhD, this is not a requirement. In fact, most applicants have broad interests, often spanning multiple fields. It’s also OK if you don’t have a specific plan for a post-PhD career yet – the PhD journey itself helps many people figure this out! Whatever your position, what is important is that you articulate your interests, and demonstrate your enthusiasm by linking what you’ve done or learned in the past to what you think you would like to do during your PhD. Although PhD projects must align with MultiSci’s research themes, you would not be restricted to only working within those you express interest in at application stage. You should avoid name dropping of labs and researchers (either at Imperial or previous institutions you’ve worked/studied at), and explanations of scientific concepts or fields, which tell us nothing about you. |
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| **8.3 Tell us about any relevant technical skills and abilities you have, and how they would help you in pursuing a PhD in your identified research area(s). (Max. 1000, characters including spaces).** |
| You are not expected to have expertise in all techniques or methods you might use during a PhD. On the other hand, an exhaustive list of all techniques or methods you’ve ever attempted tells us nothing about your abilities or current skill level. Instead, consider using examples from your experience, either as a student or in the workplace, to demonstrate your capability to carry out experimental work during a PhD. |
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| **8.4 Tell us about your academic achievements, and how your journey to attaining them has prepared you to undertake a PhD. (Max. 1,000 characters including spaces).** |
| Academic achievements come in all shapes and sizes, from completing a degree programme, to producing a figure for a publication. What are you proud of, and why?  How did you reach your goals, and what have you learned from the process that you can  build on when undertaking a PhD? Avoid giving us your academic CV here and focus on  telling us about 1-2 past experiences you think will help you with future successes. |
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| **8.5 Outside of your degree programme(s) or employment, what have you done that shows your interest in science and/or has prepared you for doing a PhD? (Max. 1,000 characters including spaces).** |
| There is no requirement for you to have been involved in any activities, science-related or otherwise, outside of your studies or workplace. If you have, we’d be interested to hear about them, and how they have prepared you to undertake a PhD. For example, have you developed any relevant skills through your involvement with clubs, by participating in outreach activities, or teaching others? Have you attended any extracurricular training or seminars that is relevant? Avoid giving us your extracurricular CV here, and instead focus on using 1-2 examples to evidence your claims. |
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| **8.6 Tell us 3 personal attributes that will make you a successful PhD student and how you have demonstrated. (Max. 1,000 characters including spaces).** |
| In addition to technical and academic skills (e.g., writing, data analysis), PhD students and researchers draw on a wide variety of personal attributes and skills during their work. A small example of such attributes are resilience, creativity, patience, curiosity, integrity, and adaptability – but there are many more! What do you consider important for undertaking a PhD? How have you demonstrated this? Draw on your own experiences to provide us with examples and evidence of your claims. A helpful starting point for doing this is the STAR (scenario-task-action-results) framework which you can read about [here](https://www.imperial.ac.uk/careers/plan-your-career/self-reflection/skills/). |
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| **8.7 Is there anything else you would like to tell us about yourself? (Max. 1,000 characters including spaces).** |
| You do not need to provide us with any additional information. If there is anything else  you would like us to know, please do so here, and where appropriate linking to your  potential to be a successful PhD student. For example, if you took an interruption during  your studies, what did you learn during this that you can apply to PhD studies? Have  personal circumstances, for example caring responsibilities, required you to overcome barriers or obstacles when balancing your studies or work commitments? |
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| **9 Referee Details** You must provide contact details of two referees, who will be asked to submit their references directly to us. If you have substantial research experience within an employment setting then one of your referees can be an employer who can attest to your research skills, but the other  referee should be academic. Please seek permission before entering referee details and make sure all information is entered correctly. | |
| **Referee 1\*** | |
| **Title** |  |
| **Full name** |  |
| **Job title** |  |
| **Organisation** |  |
| **Email address** |  |
| **How do you know this referee?** |  |
| **Referee 2 \*** | |
| **Title** |  |
| **Full name** |  |
| **Job title** |  |
| **Organisation** |  |
| **Email address** |  |
| **How do you know this referee?** |  |

This is the end of the application form questions.