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**BBSRC DTP**

**Welfare Support  
& Placements**

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# Welfare Support on the BBSRC DTP



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My role is to support you as post-graduate researchers while you are on the BBSRC DTP programme

I can provide 121 appointments to help with any issues or problems you may be experiencing and help to signpost to University support services, including a pre-arrival appointment with all new DTP students

This also includes supporting you if you need time off from your research due to illness, maternity or paternity leave, or if you need to get a disability support plan in place

We work on initiatives to support our diverse student groups in recognition of the additional challenges they may face while undertaking PhD research

# Support for Diverse Groups

## AMPLify Mentoring Programme



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One of our support initiatives is a mentoring programme for applicants to the DTP who identify as Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic. You will receive support from a current DTP student around the application and interview process.

If you are eligible and would like to apply for mentoring support, you can do so here: <https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/bbdtp/equality-diversity-and-inclusion/amplify.aspx>

Please note that you need to have UK Home Fees status for 2024 to apply for AMPLify, International students are not eligible for this programme.

There will be an information session for anyone interested in the AMPLify Programme at the end of today's presentations.

# Peer Mentoring



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We co-ordinate a Peer Mentoring programme for all new postgraduate researchers on the DTP

In your first year you will be matched with a current DTP student in their second year or above, and they will be happy to meet with you to discuss anything DTP or PhD-related

We also deliver the 'Adapt Together' Peer Mentoring programme which provides the opportunity to form peer support groups/activities across the University

[Adapt Together](#)



# PGR specific training



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- There are several training sessions that are designed especially for PGRs with a focus on wellbeing which you can attend.
- We explore making the transition into research and how to build up a good work / life balance to support wellbeing while doing a PhD
- We also run training for our BBSRC supervisors in mental health awareness and supporting PGRs from diverse backgrounds

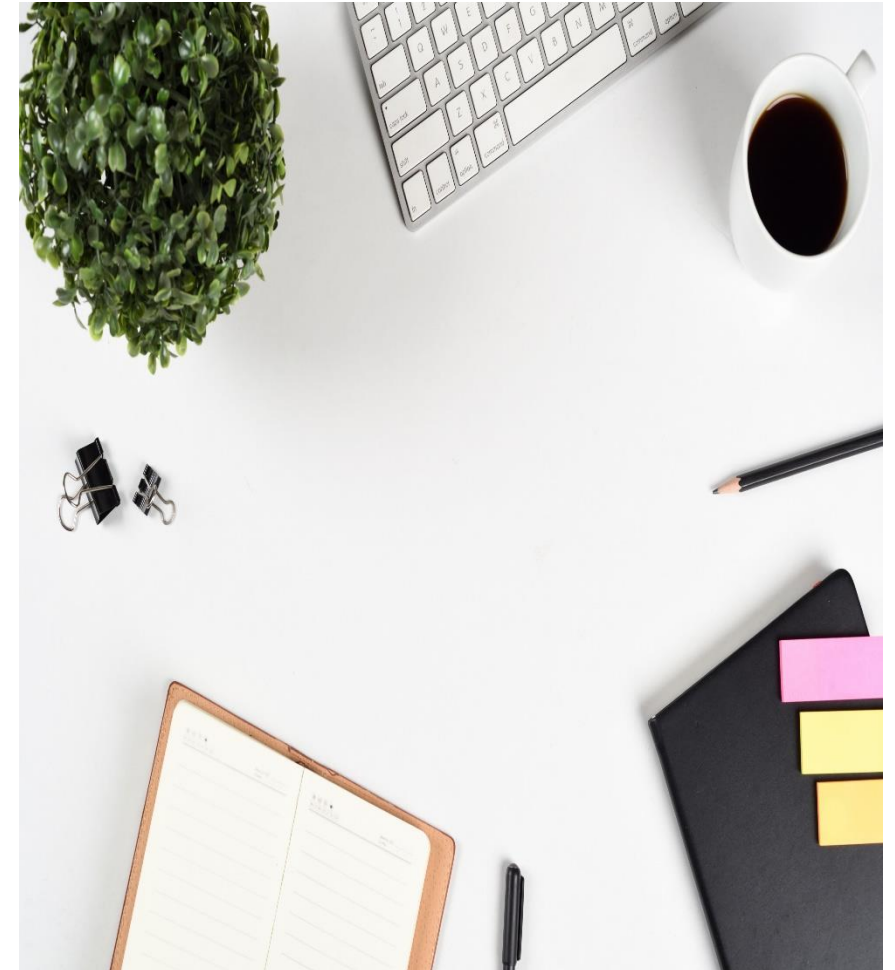


# Placements while on the DTP



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- As a DTP student on the standard programme you will undertake a placement in your 3<sup>rd</sup> year.
- This is called The Professional Internship for Postgraduate Students (PIPS)
- The placement is usually for 13 weeks and there is funding available to support with accommodation and travel costs





# Placements (PIPS)



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- Undertaking a placement is a great opportunity to experience a different environment and build additional skills
- It can give you an advantage in future career options as you can evidence experience in a work environment
- You can create new networks and increase your contacts
- CASE students will undertake a placement with their industrial partner and arrange this directly with them
- Students on the standard programme have the opportunity to source their own placement, with support from the DTP

# Placements (PIPS)



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We provide a range of support around the PIPS process including:

- Advice on how to find a placement
- Support to complete all the necessary paperwork
- An individual 121 meeting before you go on your placement





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# Q&A