

## Supplement 2

### NRPDTP-ARIES BBSRC-NERC Joint Studentship Call

for commencement in October 2023

**NRPDTP Expression of Interest deadline midday 27 June 2022**

**NRPDTP-ARIES/Institutional sift deadline by 9 September 2022**

**Final ARIES (online) submission deadline midday 16 September 2022**

Prospective applicants should read this in conjunction with the ARIES Studentship application instructions available from <https://www.aries-dtp.ac.uk/supervisors/call-for-proposals/>

### Background

The BBSRC Norwich Research Park Biosciences DTP (NRPDTP) and the NERC Advanced Research and Innovation in Environmental Sciences (ARIES) DTP will sponsor one Joint Studentship per annum.

### Studentships

Studentships will be led and funded either by the NRPDTP or by the ARIES DTP on an annual rotation

2021 – ARIES-led

2022 – NRPDTP-led

**2023 – ARIES-led**

2024 – NRPDTP-led

### **THIS CALL IS FOR AN ARIES-LED JOINT STUDENTSHIP STARTING OCTOBER 2023**

- The ARIES project application process and online form should be used (online form link will open 01 August 2022)
- The collaborating NRPDTP Supervisor should submit an NRPDTP Supervisor Eligibility and Expression of Interest form
- Proposals will be considered for suitability as a Joint Studentship by representatives of both DTPs before confirmation by the ARIES Strategy Board.
- The merit of the project will be determined by the ARIES selection process.
- Projects should build on the strengths of both DTPs, be within the remit of both Research Councils, and fall within the research areas of both DTPs (see Appendix).
- The cross-DTP collaboration must be clearly defined and justified under the “Supplementary Project Description” section
- Primary Supervisors applying for a Joint Studentship may also submit **one additional** “standard” application to the lead DTP if they wish.

### Funding

The period of study, level of funding (including RTSG), and terms and conditions will be commensurate with those of ARIES.

## Supervisors

- For ARIES-led projects the Primary Supervisor may be from any ARIES host organisation (including UEA) and the collaborating Co-supervisor must be an NRPDTP eligible supervisor.
- Primary Supervisors must meet the eligibility requirements of ARIES.
- It is expected that the Supervisory team reflects the interdisciplinary nature of the research with the aim of building new, or strengthened, research networks.

## Advertising

- Following approval by the ARIES Strategic Board, Joint Studentships will be advertised under the banner of both DTPs (using appropriate logos from BBSRC, NERC and the DTPs).
- A maximum of three Joint Studentships will be advertised each year.
- Any relevant eligibility or funding information pertinent to the project as a Joint Studentship will be included in the adverts.

## Student application process

- Applications will be driven through ARIES.

## Interviews

- Candidates will be interviewed by the ARIES Interview Panel, with a representative of NRPDTP (not the supervisor/co-supervisor).

## Offers

- Offer letters will make clear that the Studentship is a joint Studentship and will have both Research Council/DTP logos.
- The length of the Studentship and the value (including RTSG) will be stated.

## Length of Studentship

- The ARIES period of funding will be 3.5 years.

## Training

- The student will follow the induction and training, learning and development programme of the ARIES.
- The supervisory team and training managers will be expected to ensure that the student has the relevant information for the training programmes of both DTPs and is guided to make appropriate training choices to enhance their skills and professional development.

## Cohort based training

- The student will undertake the cohort-based training of ARIES.
- The student will be expected to take part in **at least one cohort activity of NRPDTP**.

- The student will give at least one presentation to NRPDPT, in a cohort session, to make the joint nature of the Studentship meaningful and to cross-communicate with students from the other DTP.

### **Internship**

- Opportunities may exist to undertake an optional internship or placement; PIPS is not a mandatory requirement of NERC DTPs.

## **APPENDIX**

### **NRPDTP Themes**

#### 1. Advancing the Frontiers of Bioscience Discovery

- Understanding the rules of life
- Transformative technologies

#### 2. Tackling Strategic Challenges

- Bioscience for sustainable agriculture and food
- Bioscience for renewable resources and clean growth
- Bioscience for an integrated understanding of health

### **ARIES Themes**

#### 1. Ecology and Biodiversity

#### 2. Marine, Atmospheric and Climate Science

#### 3. Geosciences, Resources and Environmental Risk

#### 4. Environmental Genomics and Microbiology

#### 5. Agri-Environments and Water