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The Melville Trust for the Care and Cure of Cancer
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PhD Studentships - 2021 competition

The trustees invite applications for Melville Trust PhD Studentships. These awards provide three years support for promising cancer researchers, with the aim that some will consider a career in research, leading to submission of a PhD thesis. The track record of applicants is a major consideration in deciding outcome, and the process is competitive. The trust supports work in the fields of research into care or cure of cancer. Whilst not taking a view on animal experimentation, the trust does not support research using animals for research.

Studentships are available for three years and include home rate fees, stipend and consumables capped at £8,000 per annum if fully justified. Clinical salaries are not supported.

The sponsoring university must be in Lothian, Fife, Tayside or Borders and the work must be conducted in one or more of these institutions. The applicant must have a substantive position and be available throughout the period of the award, the start date is expected to be in September of the academic year following the offer of a Studentship award. Applications bridging disciplines and institutions are encouraged.

Only one application is permitted per potential Project Supervisor. Please note that throughout, the term 'Supervisor' should be taken to mean intended grantholder. Successful applicants then advertise and appoint a suitable student. No advertising costs are allowable. Prospective students should not contact the trust.

Up to three studentships may be awarded. All applications are firstly reviewed by a Scientific Advisory Committee which comprises of representatives from the Royal College of Surgeons, the Royal College of Physicians and the University of Edinburgh. Their opinions on the applications are passed to the trustees for their consideration and final decision. Whilst some feedback *may be* provided if deemed helpful, there is no further discussion about unsuccessful applications.

Application forms will be made available upon request by contacting the Trust Secretary at Shepherd and Wedderburn LLP at melvilletrust@shepwedd.com.

Duly completed application forms, including all the necessary signatures and clear photocopies of all required licences/approvals, should be submitted no later than **12 February 2021** by email to melvilletrust@shepwedd.com.