ESRC DTP scholarships at the School of GeoSciences

**Step 1**
- **Project Design Stage**
  - **Supervisor led**
    - Supervisor
    - Project Proposal
    - Student applies for project
  - **Student led**
    - Supervisor
    - Project Idea
    - Student
    - Project Proposal (student led)

**Step 2**
- **Application Stage**
  - Required components
    - Project Proposal (if student led)
    - Personal Statement
    - CV
    - Certificates
    - Language test (if required)
    - References

**Step 3**
- **Initial Assessment Stage**
  - Initial suitability assessment by supervisor
    - Supervisor
    - Discussion/Interview
    - Student
  - Supervisor: Principle approval of candidate
    - No: Rejection
    - Yes
  - Formal assessment (conducted by Postgraduate Office)
    - All components submitted?
      - No: Rejection
      - Yes

**Step 4**
- **Continued Assessment to Decision Stages**
  - **STAGE 1**
    - Assessment based on qualifications, research proposal and supporting documents. The ESRC has 24 pathways (across all participating institutions) to join this Scotland wide DTP. Initial assessment of applicants to be based in Edinburgh is conducted by UoE ESRC pathway committee. Pathway committees at other institutions carry out equivalent tasks.
    - Candidate passed?
      - No: Rejection
      - Yes
  - **STAGE 2**
    - All successful candidates pooled. Interviews conducted by representatives from pathways affiliated with institutions participating in the ESRC DTP (no supervisors attend)
      - Candidate passed?
        - No: Rejection
        - Yes
  - **STAGE 3**
    - ESRC DTP central award committee agrees cross pathway final ranking.