

E4 DTP STUDENT-LED PROJECT PROPOSAL SUBMISSION GUIDANCE

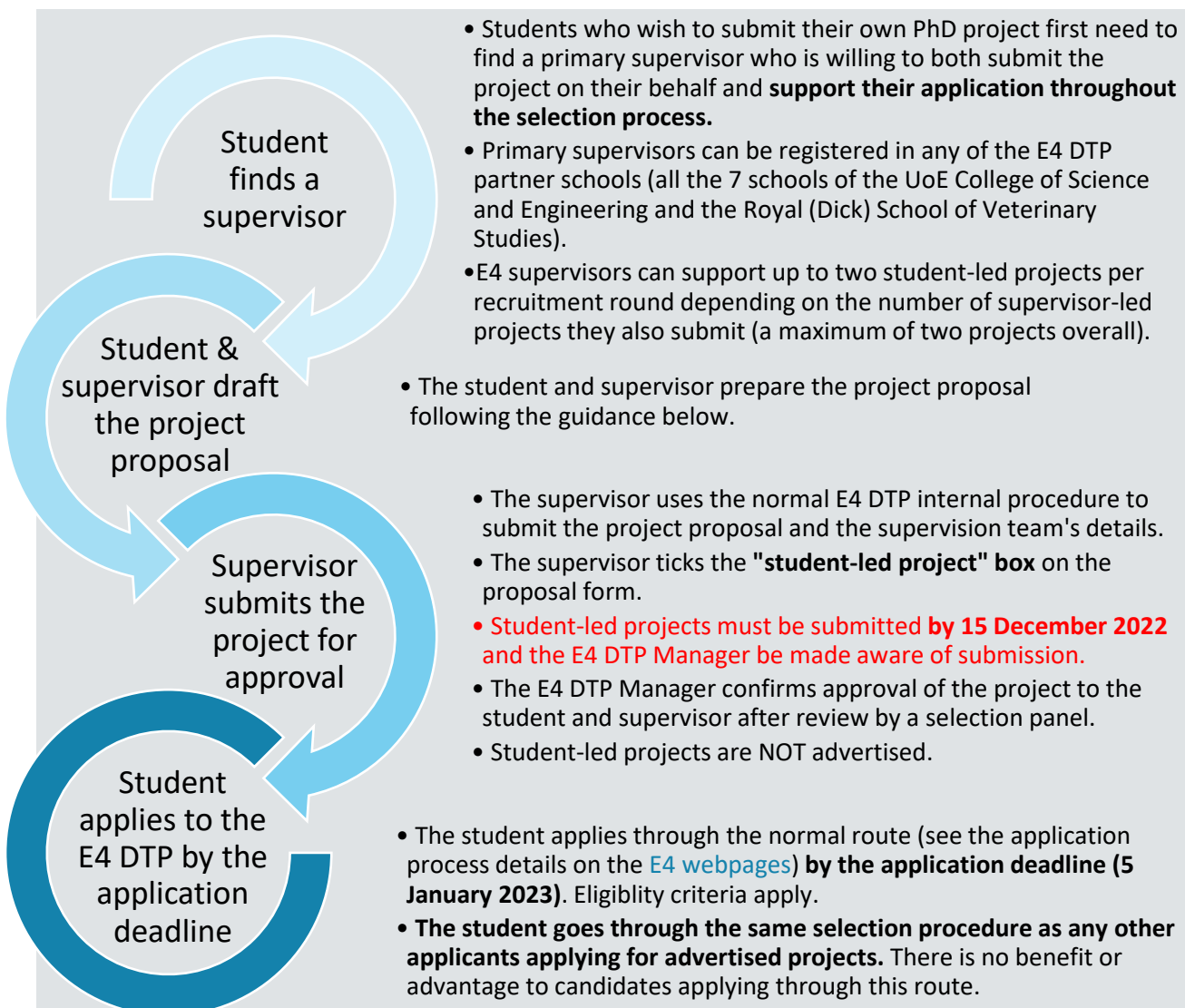
The E4 DTP offers 2 different routes for students to apply for a PhD position:

- 1. Supervisor-led projects:** Students can apply for one project chosen from the list of projects advertised by E4 DTP supervisors (projects can be viewed on the [E4 DTP webpages](#) during the application period, from early November to early January)
- 2. Student-led projects:** Students can come up with their own project based on their previous research, own ideas and/or strengths.

In both cases, projects will need to be submitted in advance of the application deadline (both routes have their own deadline for submitting projects) to be reviewed and approved by the E4 DTP selection panels.

The below chart describes the steps for student-led projects to be submitted.

Students are advised to check that they are [eligible to apply for the E4 DTP](#) before they start the process below.



GUIDANCE ON WRITING AN E4 DTP STUDENT-LED PROJECT PROPOSAL

Students can use the guidance below to draft their project proposal.

There are additional fields that will need completed at the time of submitting the project through the online form but these should be completed by the supervisor (who has access to separate guidance for the online submission of the project).

Title: project title

CASE Partner: If there is a CASE partner attached to the project. Only the name is needed at that stage. *(More information and guidance is available on CASE studentships, please contact the supervisor).*

Summary: [Max 200 characters]

Project Background: The rationale for the proposed project. [Max 2000 characters]

Key Research Questions: [Up to 5 questions]

Methodology: Including a **3-year** timetable for the programme of research.

Training: Any specific training that the student would be expected to undertake within the project in addition to the generic DTP training. [Max 100 words]

Further reading or any references referred to in the proposal: [Max 6 references]

Supervisors: [Min 2 supervisors /Max 4 supervisors]

Resources and budget, facilities and equipment: A statement of any facilities (including UoE facilities), software, high performance computing, etc. required for the research and how these will be accessed.

Resources and budget: research costs: State the budget needed for the project (E.g. fieldwork, analyses, specialist training, software licences, data storage and computer costs etc.). All DTP students get standard RTSG of £3,450 total. If the project requires more than that, please state. You can also include external contributions (from CASE partners or external collaborators).

For partner schools that do not supply computers to students you must include computer purchase in these costs.

Partner institution hosts - if you envisage that a significant proportion of the project will be located at a partner institution away from Edinburgh, please indicate this here with an indication of the time to be spent away from Edinburgh.

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Supervisors can email the E4 DTP Manager, Stephanie Robin, at stephanie.robin@ed.ac.uk if they need more information or help on how to submit a project and supervisors' details through the online form.