



Pre-Doctorate: how to apply

Your path to a doctoral degree

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Applying for a doctoral degree in Engineering can be complex, and often requires more information and time than applications for other levels of study. The Pre-Doctorate course includes step-by-step advice on how to make this application, so don't worry! In this guide, we will explain how to complete the application form for the Pre-Doctorate at the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Nottingham.

Your research area

It's very important to decide on your specific research area before you apply. Consult the University of Nottingham web site for a list of PhD supervisors and their research interests to help you identify a project supervisor whose expertise matches your own research interests:

nottingham.ac.uk/engineering/findaphdsupervisor

Consider the following:

- Will this research area sustain your interest over several years?
- Is it in an area in which there are currently gaps in knowledge or on-going debates?
- Does your research area complement the priority areas of the Faculty of Engineering?

Your application

As part of your application, you will need to submit a 500-to-1,000-word description of your proposed research area. This doesn't need to be a detailed piece of work, as we are looking just for your insight and understanding of your specific study interest.

Here are a few suggestions on what to include in this section:

- Why are you pursuing your research area?
- Are there certain aspects of this area that are important or of interest to you?
- Why do you wish to pursue this research area at the University of Nottingham?
- If you are proposing a specific research project, how would this contribute to the general area of study?
- What previous experience do you have in your proposed research area?
- What else would make you a suitable candidate for a doctoral degree and the Pre-Doctorate?

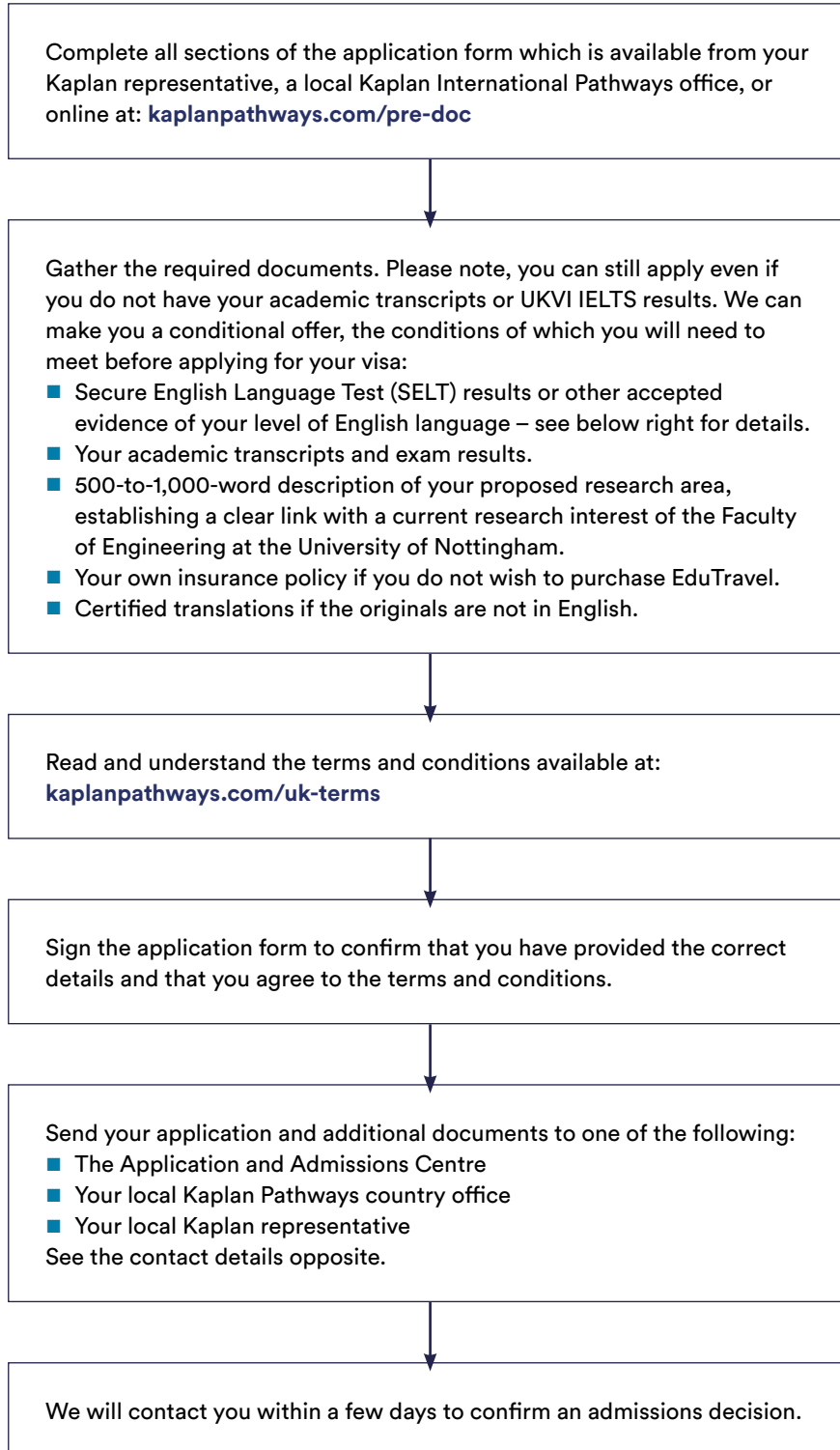
We also ask that you attach any previous research proposals you may have from earlier doctoral degree applications. This will help us clearly identify the type of support you will need during your Pre-Doctorate.

Once you have completed your Pre-Doctorate, we guarantee you an interview for a doctoral degree where your research area matches the priority areas of the Faculty of Engineering.



Pre-Doctorate application process

Step-by-step guide to applying to the Pre-Doctorate



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