

# Applying for a PhD in the School of Physics & Astronomy at The University of Edinburgh

## **Notes on the electronic 'Euclid' system.**

The electronic system asks applicants for a considerable amount of information, and may take up to 30 minutes to complete.

**Length of study:** Please note the application is always for 3 years, even though in practice a PhD may be funded for 3.5 or even 4 years.

**Documents not required:** If you have electronic or scanned copies of references, degree certificates, transcripts and English language certificates, please upload them with your application. If you don't have these to hand, don't worry, they are not absolutely necessary for us to proceed. If you do not have copies of references, you will be able to give email addresses of referees later in the process.

**Personal Statement:** This can be as brief as you like (however, you are obliged to enter something).

**Relevant Knowledge:** You can just put 'Physics degree' or similar, but expand if you wish.

**Research Topic:** You should indicate which Research Group (Astrophysics, Particle Physics, Nuclear Physics, Condensed Matter etc) you are interested in. Within each research group, an indication of the research area would be useful.

**Research Project:** Feel free to select one or more from the projects advertised on the School web pages, or leave blank, or put something like 'Any Nuclear Physics project'. You will be asked to choose later if you are interviewed.

**PLEASE NOTE: The system is apparently automatically bombarding applicants with emails asking you to upload various documents such as references, transcripts etc. You can safely ignore these emails, provided you have included email addresses of referees. Apologies about this – teething problems in Euclid.**

If you have any comments on the process or questions, please email the Graduate School Secretary  
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