

UNIVERSITY RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP (URS) SESSION 2017-2018



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Up to 18 University Research Scholarships are available for UK and EU students for Session 2017/18 for study in any Faculty at the University of Leeds. Up to 2 awards are available in each Faculty. The Faculty strongly encourages non-UK EU students to apply for these prestigious awards as they provide academic fees and an annual maintenance grant.

APPLICATION CLOSING DATES

Please refer to <http://www.leeds.ac.uk/info/130500/faculties> for the list of Schools within each Faculty

Engineering; Mathematical & Physical Sciences; Medicine & Health	17:00 (UK time) 13 January 2017
Arts, Humanities and Cultures (Schools of English; History; Languages, Cultures and Societies; Medieval Studies; Philosophy, Religion & History of Science); Biological Sciences; Environment	17:00 (UK time) 10 March 2017
Arts, Humanities and Cultures (Schools of Design; Fine Art, History of Art & Cultural Studies; Media & Communications; Music; Performance & Cultural Industries); Business; Education, Social Sciences & Law	17:00 (UK time) 1 June 2017

SCHOLARSHIP VALUE

Academic Fees	The award will cover fees at the University of Leeds standard UK rate; pro-rata if part-time. Fees for 2017/18 will be £4,250. (Fees may rise during the course of your candidature: this will be by no more than the rate of inflation, calculated according to the Retail Price Index).
Maintenance	£14,296 in Session 2016/17 ⁺ for full-time study, part-time will be pro-rata. ⁺ amount increases per annum in line with the Research Council UK rate which is announced on http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/skills/training/
Travel/Research Costs	There are no additional allowances for travel or research costs

DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

Full-time or part-time - 3* years in total for full-time; part-time 5** years in total.

*The award will be made for one year in the first instance and renewable for a further period of up to two years, subject to satisfactory academic progress;

** the award is tenable for 24 months (two calendar years) in the first instance and is renewable annually for a maximum period of five years subject to satisfactory academic progress.

Eligibility Criteria – Please read this information carefully, as your application will be automatically rejected if you do not meet ALL of the criteria listed below

- Applicants MUST first submit a research degree study application form and be in receipt of a Student ID Number¹. Applicants without a valid Student ID Number will be rejected. To apply for a place please visit: http://www.leeds.ac.uk/info/130206/applying/91/applying_for_research_degrees
- These awards are only available to nationals from the UK and EU and are not open to applicants who are liable to pay academic fees at the international fee rate;
- Applicants must hold a First Degree at undergraduate level equivalent to at least a UK Upper Second Class Honours degree. Applicants should either have graduated with the appropriate First Degree or be in their final year of study;
- Applicants whose first language is not English must meet the University's English Language requirements. Some Schools require a standard of English higher than the University minimum. You should have a valid test result, which is normally no more than two years old by your official start date at the University of Leeds. Examples of an acceptable English Language Standard can be found at: http://www.leeds.ac.uk/info/123100/admissions/143/entry_requirements
- These awards are not open to individuals who have already been awarded or are currently studying for a Doctoral degree or equivalent.

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¹ New applicants automatically receive their Student ID Number by email. Applicants who already have a Student ID Number must ensure they apply for a research degree study place for Session 2017/18 as soon as possible.

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Regulations

These include the following (full information on the regulations will be sent to all successful applicants):

- Awards must be taken up by 1 October 2017;
- The awards are available for **new** Postgraduate Researchers undertaking full-time or part-time research study leading to the degree of PhD. Students who are already registered for PhD research study are excluded from applying;
- Applicants must live within a reasonable distance of the University of Leeds whilst in receipt of this Scholarship.

Selection of Award Holders

After a School selection process, recommendations for award are then made at Faculty level and final approval given by the Group on Scholarships, Studentships and Prizes. Selection is by academic merit and no other factors such as financial hardship are taken into account.

The University will publish the names of the successful applicants within the University and externally on the University website within 6 weeks of the relevant scholarship closing date.

How to Apply

Once you are in receipt of your student ID Number please click on the following link:

<https://leeds.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/centrally-funded-research-postgraduate-scholarships> which will take you to the online application form.

Scholarship applications can be tracked from mid January 2017 via <http://scholarships.leeds.ac.uk/tracking.aspx>. Further details are available at the end of the online application process. Please note that, due to the large volume of applications, the Postgraduate Scholarships Office will not enter into any correspondence regarding the progress of an application.

We welcome scholarship applications from all suitably-qualified candidates, but UK black and minority ethnic (BME) researchers are currently under-represented in our Postgraduate Research community, and we would therefore particularly encourage applications from UK BME candidates. All scholarships will be awarded on the basis of merit.