



Leeds Doctoral Scholarships are available for UK/EU students for Session 2017/18 for study in any Faculty at the University of Leeds.

APPLICATION CLOSING DATES

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

Biological Sciences; Environment; Education, Social Sciences & Law; Mathematics & Physical Sciences; Medicine & Health	17:00 (UK time) 10 March 2017
Arts, Humanities and Cultures; Business	17:00 (UK time) 1 June 2017
Engineering	Engineering is offering funded projects. For criteria, deadlines, application procedure and start dates, see the Faculty website.

SCHOLARSHIP VALUE

Academic Fees	The award will cover fees at the University of Leeds standard rate of fees. (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+ + 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

3* years in total full-time.

*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;

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 available to applicants who would be liable to pay academic fees at the UK/EU fee rate;
- Applicants must hold a First Degree at undergraduate level equivalent to at least a UK First Class[#] Honours degree. Applicants should either have graduated with the appropriate First Degree or be in their final year of study. [#] Candidates with a lower mark in their undergraduate degree will be considered if they have or are expected to receive a Distinction in a Masters programme relevant to their field of research, or if they can demonstrate relevant alternative experience (eg in industry or business, or - for a practice-based PhD - in the creative arts);
- UK/EU applicants whose first language is not English must meet the University's English Language requirements prior to or at registration. 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
- Applicants must not have already been awarded or be currently studying for a doctoral degree.

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 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.

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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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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. For the **Faculty of Engineering application process please visit the Faculty website** <https://engineering.leeds.ac.uk/>

You will receive an automated completion response message when you submit your application, which you should keep for your own record. The Scholarship application tracking system is available from mid-January 2017. Applications can be tracked two weeks after the Scholarship closing date 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.