



The University of Leeds is offering up to 4 White Rose Research Studentships, in collaboration with the Universities of Sheffield and York, for students commencing full-time PhD research study in October 2017.

APPLICATION CLOSING DATES

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

School and Project Title	Closing date
School of Molecular and Cellular Biology Project Title: Understanding the role of protein mechanical strength in biofilm formation and function	Extended to 17: 00 (UK time) 23 June 2017

SCHOLARSHIP VALUE

Academic Fees	The award will cover fees at the University of Leeds standard UK rate. (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/
Project Support Grant	Research expenses, travel and conference costs.

DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

4 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 three 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 of study please visit: http://www.leeds.ac.uk/info/130206/applying/91/applying_for_research_degrees
- 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.

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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** research students undertaking full-time research study leading to the degree of PhD. Students who are already registered for PhD research study are excluded from this competition;
- A Project Support Grant will be provided, which should be used at the discretion of the supervisors to support the research expenses, travel and conference costs of the student as well as the supervisor's expenses in attending supervisory meetings;
- The award holders will be registered as research degree students at the University of Leeds and will be bound by the regulations of this University;
- Each student project will be supervised by two members of academic staff, one from the University of Leeds and one from either the University of Sheffield or the University of York. The available projects are given above;
- In order to encourage collaboration, both supervisors and the research student are required to meet together at least 6 times in each session. The amount of time spent in each University will depend upon the specific demands of the project;
- The University of the second supervisor will provide full access to its facilities on the same basis as it would to its own research interests;
- The intellectual property right arising from the research will belong absolutely to the two Universities that are providing the supervision. The students must agree to take such action as may be required (at no cost to themselves) to vest the title and interest in all property rights in the two Universities. In turn, the Universities acknowledge that out of any sums derived by the exploitation of any invention or discovery they will make due recompense to the student for his/her contribution to the invention or discovery.
- Applicants must live within a reasonable distance of the University of Leeds whilst in receipt of this Scholarship.

Selection of Award Holders

Schools select their recommended applicant for the award which is then approved by the Chairman of the Group on Scholarships, Studentships and Prizes, based on academic merit. 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.