



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science

Aesthetics MA by Research Bursary

Session 2016-2017 - Closing Date: 25 July 2016 (23:59 UK time)

Information for Applicants

Up to one Aesthetics MA by Research Bursary is available through the School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science (PRHS) for session 2016-2017 in support of study towards a full-time or part-time MA by Research in the subject area of Philosophical Aesthetics.

The proposed thesis title should clearly establish the applicant's intention to pursue a course of study in the subject area of Philosophical Aesthetics. We are especially interested in proposals that are linked to current research projects in the Centre for Aesthetics which focus on creativity, experimental aesthetics, or improvisation.

The Bursary is available to Home/EU and international rated applicants and will provide £2,000 towards fees. (The MA by Research fees for session 2016-2017 are £4,250 for Home/EU students and £14,500 for international rated students.)

Candidates liable to pay fees at the international rate will be expected to demonstrate their ability to pay the remainder of their international fees and living costs whilst in the UK. For the MA by Research programme this will be £12,500. Information on living costs can be found at: http://www.leeds.ac.uk/info/130112/fees_and_funding/151/your_finances.

Eligibility Criteria

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

- Applicants **MUST** first submit the relevant study application form and be in receipt of a Student ID Number¹ to be eligible for an Aesthetics MA by Research Bursary. **Applications without a valid Student ID Number will be rejected.** To apply for a place on the MA by Research programme 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 prior to commencing their chosen Masters programme at Leeds. 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. You should have a valid test result, which is no more than two years old by your

¹ Applicants will automatically receive their Student ID Number by email when they submit their application. Applicants who already have a Student ID Number must ensure that they apply for a postgraduate degree study place as soon as possible.

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;

- For candidates liable to pay fees at the international rate this is a partial scholarship. To be eligible for consideration, applicants will be expected to demonstrate their ability to pay the remainder of their international fees (£12,500 for the MA by Research programme). In addition to this, applicants must also demonstrate that they are able to pay living expenses whilst in the UK. Information on living costs can be found at:
http://www.leeds.ac.uk/info/130112/fees_and_funding/151/your_finances.
- These awards are not open to individuals who have already been awarded or are currently studying for a Doctoral degree or equivalent.

Regulations

- Up to 1 Aesthetics MA by Research Bursary will be available in Session 2016/17 and must be taken up in October 2016;
- The award is available for **new** MA by Research students commencing full-time or part-time study (international students can only apply for full-time study due to visa restrictions);
- The scholarship is open to applicants for the MA by Research programme in the subject area of Philosophical Aesthetics;
- The award provides £2,000 towards fees;
- The award provides academic fees for 12 months for full-time students and 24 months for part-time students.

Method of Application

- Applicants must complete all sections of the Aesthetics MA by Research Bursary Application Form for Session 2016-2017, with strict observation of any word limits;
- The completed form should be returned **in either Word or pdf format** by email to prhs_pgenquiries@leeds.ac.uk by no later than **23:59 UK time on 25 July 2016**.

Application Procedure and Result

Applicants will receive an automated email confirming receipt of application. Applications are logged by the PRHS Postgraduate Office and passed on to the members of the School's Scholarship Committee for consideration. This Committee will then meet to discuss the applications and select the successful and reserve candidates. Applicants can be expected to be notified of the outcome of their application via email by mid-August 2016.