

AHC FACULTY INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

(for students commencing PhD study in October 2018)

Basic Information

Two Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures Interdisciplinary Research Scholarships will be available for UK/EU/International students for doctoral study for take-up in October 2018 (**Deferment of take up of the scholarship is not possible**).

School Procedures and Advice for Schools

The Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures Interdisciplinary Research Scholarships have been created to meet a need for studentships for postgraduate research proposals that clearly cross two Schools within the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures.

Students submit applications for a Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures Interdisciplinary Research Scholarship to their Lead School.

Lead Schools confirm that the Partner Schools / Supervisors are supportive of the applications before they are considered for nomination.

Lead Schools nominate a maximum of TWO applicants for a Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures Interdisciplinary Research Scholarship based on their research proposals.

Lead Schools submit the documentation for their nominees to the AHC Faculty Graduate School Selection Committee for consideration.

Funding of Faculty of Arts Cross Disciplinary Research Scholarships

The value of each full-time Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures Interdisciplinary Research Scholarships for take up in 2018/19 is the cost of academic fees at the University of Leeds standard UK/EU rate and a maintenance grant (£14,553 in Session 2017/18) per annum. Schools may nominate International students, but Schools **must pay the difference between the UK/EU and international fee rate** (not the student). The level of funding for part-time awards will be pro-rata (50%). There are no other allowances.

The cost of these awards are met by the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures. Please note, Lead Schools will be responsible for arranging the payment of fees and maintenance grant by raising a Form 21 or 22.

Advertising of Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures Interdisciplinary Research Scholarships

The Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures Interdisciplinary Research Scholarships will be advertised on the Postgraduate Scholarships website. Application forms will be available on request from Schools.

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Regulations and Guidelines for the award and selection of applicants

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicants MUST have submitted a research degree study application form and be in receipt of a Student ID Number and an offer of PhD study prior to the submission of a Scholarship application.
- Applicants MUST have submitted an application for a Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures Interdisciplinary Research Scholarships to their Lead School.
- Applicants MUST have a named Supervisor in both their Lead and Partner Schools.
- Applicants must hold a First Degree at undergraduate level equivalent to at least a UK Upper Second Class Honours degree.
- Applicants whose first language is not English must meet the School's English Language requirements (*prior to or at registration*).
- These awards are not open to individuals who have already been awarded or are currently studying for a Doctoral degree.

REGULATIONS

- Awards must be taken up on 1 October 2018.
- The awards are available for **new** research students undertaking full-time (3 years) **or** part-time (5 years) study leading to the degree of **PhD**.
- The award will cover academic fees at the University of Leeds standard UK rate and a maintenance grant (£14,553 in Session 2017/18) for full-time study, part-time will be pro-rata. There are no additional allowances for travel or research costs.
- The award will be made for one year in the first instance and renewable for a further period of up to two years for full-time study (or up to four years for part-time study), subject to satisfactory academic progress.

COMPETITION

- Each School¹ will identify, and submit the appropriate paperwork, for a maximum of TWO suitable candidates for consideration by the AHC Faculty Graduate School Selection Committee.
- The Selection Committee will include:
 - The Director of Postgraduate Research Studies
 - The Pro-Dean for Research
 - Two Postgraduate Research Tutors (one with understanding of practice-led research)
 - One Postgraduate Research Tutor from another Faculty
- A decision on the awards and reserve candidates will be taken at a meeting of the AHC Faculty Graduate School Selection Committee meeting.

CRITERIA FOR AWARDS

- All decisions will be made on the basis of the academic quality of the application. When considering applications the AHC Faculty Graduate School Selection Committee will take into consideration the following criteria:
 - Degree level
 - Degree classification
 - Literacy level (and English language requirement where possible)
 - Dissertation marks if relevant
 - Grades for modules across years (such as upward projection)
 - Referee statements, especially those pertaining to the academic and potential achievement of the student
 - Student statement, in particular cohesiveness of the argument to support funding in terms of career progression
 - School Supporting Statement
 - Exhibitions, publications, compositions and prizes
 - Work Experience

¹ School Scholarship Selection Committee meetings to include the Director of Research, the Postgraduate Research Tutor and the Head of School (optional). Notes to be taken by the School's Graduate School Administrator.

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Procedures and Timetable for the 2018 Competition

The following timetable, will operate:

- The deadline for applications for a Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures Interdisciplinary Research Scholarship will be Friday 9th March 2018.
- Schools will identify a maximum of TWO suitable candidates for a Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures Interdisciplinary Research Scholarships and upload their documentation to the N:Drive by Friday 23rd March 2018.
- All applications will be considered by the AHC Faculty Graduate School Selection Committee and a decision on awards and reserves will be made at the Selection Committee meeting on Wednesday 28th April.
- The AHC Graduate School will produce letters for the awards.
- The AHC Graduate School will email all applicants to inform them of the decision of the AHC Faculty Graduate School Selection Committee.

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Documentation to Accompany School Nominations

Schools are asked to upload the following documents for each nominee onto the N:Drive.

- ***School Justification***
To be completed by the School's Director of Postgraduate Research¹ (max 300 words). The justification should address the cross disciplinary nature of the research proposal and include the names of Supervisors in the Lead and Partner Schools.
- ***Documentation***
Electronic copies of following documents for each nominated applicant.
 - ◆ *A Scholarship Application Form*
Please upload a copy of Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures Interdisciplinary Scholarships Application Form 2018-2019.
 - ◆ *Two Academic References*
Please upload copies of two academic references.
 - ◆ *Transcripts including Grading System*
Please upload full details of the marks obtained by the applicant for their undergraduate **and** postgraduate study together with a copy of the accompanying Grading Systems used. Where applicants have not yet graduated, Schools should provide details of marks to date for both undergraduate and postgraduate study. Where transcripts are in a foreign language, an English translation must be provided.
 - ◆ *NARIC Page*
Please upload a copy of the relevant NARIC pages providing information on the Qualification Equivalence and the Grading System (if non-UK).
 - ◆ *Application for Research Degree Study Form*
Please attach a copy of the Application for Research Degree Study form.
 - ◆ *Formal Acceptance Letter*
Please upload a copy of the formal University acceptance letter sent to the applicant to confirm they have been accepted on the programme of study they have selected.
 - ◆ *IELTS/TOEFL Certificate*
Please upload a copy of the original or certified copy of the IELTS/TOEFL Certificate if applicable.

¹ In conjunction with the proposed supervisory team where appropriate.