



Arts & Humanities
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Arts and Humanities Research Council Postgraduate Scholarships Competition 2013-2014

Frequently Asked Questions

Which subjects are awards available in?

13 Doctoral awards will be available in the following areas:

Discipline Area
Classics and Ancient History
English Language and Literature
German Language and Culture
History
History of Art, Architecture and Design
Italian Language and Culture
Music
Philosophy
Religious Studies

A maximum of 5 Masters awards will be available across the following areas:

Discipline Area
Archaeology (RPM/PPM)
Dance, Drama and Performing Arts (PPM)
English Language and Literature (RPM)
Film, Digital and Media Production (PPM)
History of Art, Architecture and Design (RPM)
Music (RPM)
Philosophy (RPM)
Religious Studies (RPM)

How many awards are available?

It is expected that thirteen doctoral awards and five Masters awards will be made for studentships starting in October 2013. This is subject to revision by the AHRC.

What does an AHRC award include?

A full award includes full payment of your course fees and a stipend payment, which is currently £13590 a year. You will also have access to apply for funding from the AHRC Research Training Support Grant to support study visits and overseas conference attendance. Your award will be for three years.

Am I eligible for an AHRC award?

The following are eligible for AHRC funding:

- Home students (full award)
- EU students (fees only)
- EU students who have lived in the UK for at least three years directly preceding the start of the award (full award)
- Overseas students who have permanent leave to remain and have also lived in the UK for more than three years for purposes other than study (full award)

How likely am I to be successful in the AHRC funding competition?

Competition for AHRC funding is very fierce, with over 160 applications for 14 studentships in 2012.

What criteria are candidates for AHRC funding considered by?

The main criteria for consideration for an AHRC award is academic excellence. Your application will be considered according to the AHRC's 'Four Ps' – person, place (ie the University of Birmingham and its suitability for your studies), preparation and project. You should aim to demonstrate excellence in all four areas throughout your application.

Applications will be considered by subject panels in the appropriate College. These panels will select candidates to be shortlisted, and these candidates will be considered by the AHRC BGP Selection Panel, made up of academic staff from across the University.

When will I find out the outcome of the AHRC funding competition?

Shortlisted candidates will be notified of the outcome of their application in early to mid April 2013. Unsuccessful candidates in the AHRC competition who have applied to the College of Arts and Law will be considered for College Scholarships.