University of Birmingham

Economic and Social Research Council Funding

The University of Birmingham ESRC Doctoral Training Centre (DTC) is one of 21 across the UK that has been accredited by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC).

The 2015 ESRC funding competition will be open for applications from Friday 31 October 2014.

Completed applications must be recieved by **16:00 (GMT) Friday 30 January 2015**.

About the scholarships

The Unversity of Birmingham is proud to offer 25 ESRC scholarships to fund postgraduate training and doctoral research, with both +3 (PhD) and 1+3 (Masters and PhD) funding available. A full ESRC scholarship comprises research fees, relevant bench fees, an annual Research Council stipend (£13,863 in 2014/15), and a research support grant.

Outstanding applicants will be considered for ESRC scholarships in the following subject areas:

Birmingham Business School

- Business and Management
- Economics and Econometrics
- Finance

Birmingham Law School

- Socio-legal Studies

School of Education

- Education

School of English, Drama and American & Canadian Studies

- Applied Linguistics

School of History and Cultures

- Economic and Social History
- African Studies

School of Geography, Earth, and Enviromental Sciences

- Urban and Regional Studies
- Human Geography
- Resilience & Urban Living

School of Government and Society

- European Studies
- International Development
- Local Government Studies and Public Policy
- Political Science and International Studies
- Russian and East European Studies

School of Languages, Cultures, Art History and Music

- Applied Linguistics

School of Psychology

- Psychology

School of Social Policy

- Social Policy
- Social Work
- Health and Wellbeing

School of Sport, Exercise and Rehabilitation Sciences

- Sport and Exercise Science

Awards are available to home and EU students only, with the exception of Economics, for which international candidates may be considered. Full details on eligibility for these awards can be found in the candidate guidelines below.

How to apply

ESRC scholarships are offered through an open competition. Candidates interested in being considered for an ESRC award should complete the application form below, returning this by the deadline.

This year a number of the scholarships will be awarded on a College basis, and so candidates are also advised to contact College, School or Pathway leads in the area where they are wanting to study, to find out more about any priorities here, and to explore potential supervision arrangements.

Candidates need to meet the quality benchmark criteria in order to be considered for an award, however meeting the benchmark is not a guarantee of success due to the

competitive nature of the competition.

Candidates should also apply for and hold a place to study at the University of Birmingham by the application deadline, and candidates are encouraged to contact the academic pathway lead for their subject area in advance of making an application.

The deadlines for the 2015 competition is **16:00 (GMT) on Friday 30 January 2015**.

Additional documents

- **ESRC 2015 comp application form (Word - 84KB) (/Documents/students/ESRC-funding/ESRC-2015-comp-application-form.docx)**
- **ESRC 2015 comp app form guidance (PDF - 335KB) (/Documents/students/ESRC-funding/ESRC-2015-comp-app-form-guidance.pdf)**
- **ESRC approved pathways 2015 (PDF - 186KB) (/Documents/students/ESRC-funding/ESRC-approved-pathways-2015.pdf)**
- **ESRC DTC guidance to applicants (PDF - 230 KB) (/Documents/students/ESRC-funding/ESRC-DTC-guidance-to-applicants.pdf)**
- **ESRC quality benchmark (PDF - 130KB) (/Documents/students/ESRC-quality-benchmark.pdf)**

College guidance is available on the **University Graduate School website (https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/studentservices/graduateschool/funding/competitions/esrc.aspx)**

Email: **studentships@contacts.bham.ac.uk (mailto:studentships@contacts.bham.ac.uk)**

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