

Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Scholarships

Level of Study: Doctoral research, Postgraduate research masters

Subject area:

African Studies, English Language and Linguistics, History, Law, Modern Languages and Cultures, Geography, Psychology, Sport and Exercise Sciences, Business, Economic Development and Regeneration, Economics, Education, European Studies, International Development, International Relations, Local Government Studies, Marketing and Communications, Political Science, Russian and East European Studies, Social Studies, Social Work, Urban and Regional Studies

Nationality: EU, UK

Type of Award: Research Council

Deadline for applying: 31/01/2015

Website:

<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/dr-fees/ESRC-research-council.aspx> (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/dr-fees/ESRC-research-council.aspx>)

Award Description

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).

We are able to offer 25 ESRC scholarships to fund postgraduate training and doctoral research. Outstanding applicants will be considered for ESRC scholarships in the following subject areas:

- Applied Linguistics
- Russian and East European Studies
- International Development
- African Studies
- Business and Management
- Finance
- Economic and Social History
- Economics and Econometrics
- Education
- Urban and Regional Studies
- Health and Well-Being
- Human Geography
- Political Science and International Studies
- European Studies
- Local Government Studies
- Public Policy
- Psychology
- Sport and Exercise Science
- Social Policy
- Social Work
- Socio-Legal Studies

Awards available:

- PhD (+3)
- Masters + PhD (1+3)

Value of Award

A full ESRC scholarship comprises research fees, relevant bench fees, and an annual Research Council stipend (£13,863 in 2014/15).

Eligibility Criteria

Awards are available to UK and EU students only, with the exception of Economics, for which international candidates may be considered.

Full eligibility details can be found on the ESRC webpage: <http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/dr-fees/ESRC-research-council.aspx> (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/dr-fees/ESRC-research-council.aspx>)

How to Apply

The ESRC scholarships are offered through an open competition. Candidates interested in being considered for an ESRC award should complete the application form (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/Documents/students/ESRC-2014-comp-application-form.docx>) and return it by the deadline. Candidates should also apply for and hold a place to study at the University of Birmingham by the application 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.

The deadline for applications is 30 January 2015, 4pm.

We intend to inform all applicants of the outcome of the competition by 31 March 2015.

The application form, application form guidance, information of ESRC approved pathways, the ESRC DTC guide to applicants and the ESRC quality benchmark can be found here: <http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/dr-fees/ESRC-research-council.aspx> (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/dr-fees/ESRC-research-council.aspx>)

College guidance is available on the [University Graduate School website](https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/student-services/graduateschool/funding/competitions/esrc.aspx) (<https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/student-services/graduateschool/funding/competitions/esrc.aspx>)

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