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Scholarships for Doctoral Research

Seven new Birmingham Business School Doctoral Scholarships

Who is eligible?

The scholarships are available to candidates of the highest academic aptitude who wish to conduct doctoral level study on a topic within the remit of the Business School. Six Scholarships are the equivalent of an ESRC studentship and cover home/EU fees (£4,000 p.a.) plus a living allowance of £13,000 p.a. The seventh Scholarship is funded by the Midlands Excellence Organisational Improvement programme and is specifically aimed at supporting research on the commoditisation of professional service industries and new business models. This studentship covers home/EU fees and carries a living allowance of £15,000 p.a. (see Midlands Excellence Scholarship document below for details).

A successful applicant will typically have a very good undergraduate degree. They should have, or be in the process of completing, a Masters degree in a Business subject or Economics. Applications on topics in the field of Business and Management are also welcome from candidates with Masters qualifications in the wider Social Sciences. Their references will attest to qualities of academic achievement and research potential that make the candidate stand out above their peers. They may have won prizes within their institution, or even international prizes.

Applications will be assessed on the quality of the student's academic achievements and preparedness for doctoral level study; the quality of the research proposal; its potential to contribute to cutting edge research; and the match of the proposal to areas of research strength within the School. Guidance on preparing a research proposal is attached. You are strongly advised to contact potential supervisors and to discuss your proposal with them, since we are particularly keen to build on existing areas of research strength.

How to apply

Applications for the 2013/14 scholarships are now closed.

Potential candidates for the Birmingham Business School Doctoral Scholarships must have an offer of a place to study for a PhD.

If you do not already have an offer, you must apply by July 5th noting in your electronic application that you are applying for a **Birmingham Business School Scholarship** or the **Midlands Excellence Scholarship**. At the same time, you should send a separate Birmingham Business School Scholarship application form, which can be downloaded, below, along with your research proposal, to Professor Helen Rainbird, Director of the Doctoral Programme (**h.rainbird@bham.ac.uk (mailto:h.rainbird@bham.ac.uk)** and mark your email 'Birmingham Business School Scholarships' or 'Midlands Excellence Scholarship').

If you already have a place to start the doctoral programme in September 2013 and are interested in being considered for these awards, please contact your supervisor to discuss the opportunity and submit a completed Scholarship application and your research proposal to Professor Rainbird, as explained above. If you are currently a Masters student, an offer of a Scholarship will be conditional on the successful completion of your studies.

The induction programme will begin on 30th September, 2013.

For more information about this doctoral programme, please see:

www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/business/courses/research-degrees/index.aspx (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/business/courses/research-degrees/index.aspx)

To apply to the doctoral programme, please go to this page.

- Accounting & Finance: **https://pga.bham.ac.uk/lpages/COS002.htm (https://pga.bham.ac.uk/lpages/COS002.htm)**
- Economics: **https://pga.bham.ac.uk/lpages/COS022.htm (https://pga.bham.ac.uk/lpages/COS022.htm)**
- Management: **https://pga.bham.ac.uk/lpages/COS117.htm (https://pga.bham.ac.uk/lpages/COS117.htm)**
- Marketing: **https://pga.bham.ac.uk/lpages/COS116.htm (https://pga.bham.ac.uk/lpages/COS116.htm)**

A summary of our priority areas for doctoral research can be found at the following web address:

http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/business/courses/research-degrees/courses/priority-areas.aspx (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/business/courses/research-degrees/courses/priority-areas.aspx)

The School is currently developing a new strategy around key of research expertise. We are particularly interested in encouraging applications in the following areas:

- Global value chains, stakeholders, social institutions and processes of social and economic upgrading. Interdisciplinary perspectives on sustainable economic growth, innovation and high-value engineering.
- The Chinese economy and finance, including international economics, financial reforms, corporate finance and entrepreneurship, corporate governance, growth and innovation.
- Entrepreneurship and diversity, integrating entrepreneurship and small business research with a wider social science perspective.
- A multidisciplinary approach to decision-making under uncertainty, including behavioural economics, and human decision-making.

Further information:

- **Guidance on writing a proposal (/Documents/college-social-sciences/business/degrees/guidelines-for-phd-proposal.pdf)**
- **Application form for Birmingham Business School Scholarship (/Documents/college-social-sciences/business/degrees/scholarship-application-form.docx)**
- **Information about Midlands Excellence Scholarship (/Documents/college-social-sciences/business/degrees/MidEx-PhD.pdf)**

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