



Fully-Funded International Research Scholarships (FIRS)

Session 2011-2012 - Closing Date: 24 January 2011

Fully funded University International Research Scholarships are available for high quality international students who will be commencing PhD research study in Session 2011-2012 for study in any Faculty at the University of Leeds.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA – Please read this information carefully, as your application form will be automatically rejected if you do not meet ALL of the eligibility criteria listed below

- Applicants MUST first submit a research degree study application form and be in receipt of a University BANNER ID Number to be eligible for a Fully-Funded International Research Scholarship. **Applications without a valid University ID Number will be rejected.** To apply for a place on a research degree programme, please visit: http://www.leeds.ac.uk/students/apply_research.htm
- These awards are only available to applicants who would be liable to pay academic fees at the full international fee rate;
- Applicants must normally hold a First Degree at undergraduate level equivalent to at least a UK First Class Honours degree and should be considered to be the 'best of the best' (eg, applicants should be demonstrably in the top 20% of their cohort). Applicants should either have graduated with the appropriate First Degree or be in their final year of study;
- Applicants whose first language is not English must have already met the University's English Language requirements¹. Some Schools require a standard of English higher than the University minimum;
- These awards are not open to individuals who have already been awarded a Doctoral degree or equivalent qualification;
- Applicants must not hold another Scholarship

REGULATIONS

These include the following (full information on the regulations will be sent to all successful applicants):

- Awards must be taken up on 1 October 2011;
- The awards are available for new research students undertaking full-time study leading to the degree of **PhD**. Students who are already registered for PhD research study are excluded from this competition;
- The award will cover full international fees and a maintenance grant of £13,895² per annum. 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, subject to satisfactory academic progress;
- Applicants must live within a reasonable distance of the University of Leeds whilst in receipt of this Scholarship.

METHOD OF APPLICATION

- Applicants must complete all sections of the application form, using the space provided on the form and with strict observation of any word limits. **Attachments are not permitted and all will be disregarded.**
- The completed form should be returned to the Postgraduate Scholarships Office, Marjorie & Arnold Ziff Building, University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT by no later than **24 January 2011** or by email to pg_scholarships@leeds.ac.uk
- **To track the progress of your application**, please visit <http://scholarships.leeds.ac.uk> and select the tab 'Application Tracking', then follow the instructions on screen. Please note that, due to the large volume of applications, the Postgraduate Scholarships Office will not enter into any correspondence regarding the progress of an application.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE & RESULT

Applications are logged by the Postgraduate Scholarships Office and passed on to the relevant Schools for initial consideration. Each School selects a shortlist of applicants who they wish to recommend for the award. The Group on Scholarships, Studentships and Prizes then meets to consider the shortlists and select the successful applicants. Applicants can expect to be notified of the outcome of their application by the end of March 2011. **The University will publish the names of the successful applicants within the University and externally on the University website.**

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¹ IELTS and TOEFL test results are normally only valid for 2 years from the date of the test

² Subject to final confirmation

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Declaration by Applicant - Important

Surname (Family Name)

First Name(s)

University Banner ID Number (9 digits)

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Undertaking by applicants

By submitting this application, applicants attest to the accuracy of the information given and to their compliance with the regulations of the Scholarship.

I confirm that I have met the following conditions:

- ☐ I hold a First Degree at undergraduate level equivalent to at least a UK First Class Honours Degree (please refer to examples below)
- ☐ I have met the University minimum English Language standard required for the programme of study being undertaken – IELTS band score 6.0 (with not less than 5.5 in Listening & Reading and 5.0 in Speaking & Writing Skills) or paper based TOEFL 550 (with 4.0 on the Test of Written English TWE) or or Internet Based TOEFL (iBT) 83 (with not less than 18 in Listening, 21 in Writing, 20 in Reading and 20 in Speaking). **Some Schools and programmes may require English language qualifications above the specified minimum.**

Date Submitted:

If you do not meet these requirements, your application will be rejected. You will be required to provide documentary evidence at a later date.

Examples of Equivalent Degrees to UK First Class Honours Degree

Canada	Bachelor Honours degree with a GPA of 3.7+
China	Bachelor's degree with 90% from a recognised institution (85% from a prestigious institution).
Ghana	Bachelor degree from a public university with at least 70% overall.
India	BSc (Honours), BTech, BEng, BA (Honours) or Professional Bachelors with 80% or above from a Central University or recognised State University.
Mexico	Licenciado of 4 years or more in length with grade 'excelent'.
Nigeria	In order to be equivalent to a UK 1 st Class Honours Degree, the Masters qualification would have to be taken into account, as no Bachelors degree from Nigeria is recognised by NARIC as British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard.
Pakistan	In order to be equivalent to a UK 1 st Class Honours Degree, the Masters qualification

	would have to be taken into account, as no Bachelors degree from Pakistan is recognised by NARIC as British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard.
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Application for a **Fully-Funded International Research Scholarship (FIRS)**

For new applicants commencing full-time PhD research study

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The Fully-Funded University International Research Scholarships are available for international students commencing full-time PhD research study in any Faculty at the University of Leeds.

Completed forms must be returned to the Postgraduate Scholarships Office, Marjorie & Arnold Ziff Building, University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT or by **email to pg_scholarships@leeds.ac.uk** by **24 January 2011**. Please ensure that you use the space provided on the form - **attachments are not permitted and all will be disregarded**. In order to be eligible to apply for one of the above University Postgraduate Research Scholarships, applicants MUST first submit a research degree study application form and be in receipt of a University BANNER ID number. **Applications without a valid University BANNER ID number will be rejected**. To apply for a place on a research degree programme, please visit: http://www.leeds.ac.uk/students/apply_research.htm

University Banner ID Number (9 digits)

Please tick if an offer of an academic place for PhD study has already been received

[illegible]**Title (Miss/Ms/Mrs/Mr)**

Surname (Family Name)

First Name(s)

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Country of Birth

Nationality

Gender (M/F)

Date of Birth

			Day	Month	Year

Day Month Year

Permanent Home Address

Tel No:
E-Mail:

Correspondence Address (with dates)

Tel No:
E-Mail:

School in which you intend to study:

Academic Qualifications (including any for which you are currently aiming):

Name & Country of University/Institution	Dates		Qualification Obtained (eg BA/BSc) and Main Subject Area	Degree Classification (eg 1 st Class Honours)	Grade (GPA) or Percentage Mark eg 3.5/4.0	Position in Class (eg 2/30)
	Start	Finish				
Name: Country:					/	/
Name: Country:					/	/
Name: Country:					/	/

English Language Qualifications:

Is English your first/native language: Yes ☐ No ☐

If English is NOT your first Language, please indicate your qualifications:

IELTS Score and Test Date	TOEFL Score and Test Date	Other Qualification (give details)
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Score:	Score:	
Test Date:	Test Date:	

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Professional or Other Qualifications:

Dates of Course	Title of Course	Qualifications obtained or to be taken (give dates and grades)

Employment History (including any industrial experience or other relevant practical experience):

Name and Address of Employer	Job Title	Dates From To

Please indicate your **proposed career**:

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Publication Details/Events Organised/Prizes or Awards:

Please provide details of any published peer reviewed papers, journal papers or conference papers at national or international level, together with details of any performances, compositions, exhibitions organised and details of any prizes or awards received.

Total No of Publications:		Details of up to 5 Publications most relevant to application:	
(i)			
(ii)			
(iii)			
(iv)			
(v)			
No of Performances/Compositions/Exhibitions:		Details of up to 3 Events most relevant to application:	
(i)			
(ii)			
(iii)			
Total Number of Prizes/Awards:		Details of up to 2 Prizes/Awards most relevant to application:	
(i)			
(ii)			

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Residency Details:

Please state the country in which you are normally resident:

On what date did you take up residence there?

How long have you resided there?

Please give below details and the exact dates of any non-holiday periods spent away from your country of normal residence.

Date From	Date To	Location	Purpose of Residence (eg education, employment etc)

Are there any unusual circumstances regarding your application that you would like to draw to the attention of the University of Leeds Scholarships Committee, eg unusual education path, change of study direction
(awards are based on academic merit, financial circumstances are not taken into account)

Word Count: **(Maximum of 150 words)**

Have you applied for any other Scholarship? Please specify:

Where did you hear about this Scholarship?

Postgraduate Scholarships Website ☐ Jobs.ac.uk ☐ International Noticeboard ☐

Guardian Prospects ☐ School/Supervisor ☐ University of Leeds Website ☐

University of Leeds Campusweb (Internal) ☐ Other ☐ - Please specify:

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Please outline how your previous academic and professional achievements demonstrate your potential and your ability to complete your proposed project successfully. Please include any information about previous research experience.

Word Count: (Maximum of 300 words)

Describe in your own words in language accessible to a lay reader, your proposed research field or project **in the space provided below**: Your summary might cover context; objectives; significance; method (how the work would be done).

Word Count: **(Maximum of 500 words)**

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