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The Economic and Social Research Council is the UK's largest funding agency for research and postgraduate training relating to social and economic issues.

The University of Leeds is part of the ESRC White Rose Doctoral Training Partnership (WRDTP), forming a collaboration between the Universities of Leeds, Sheffield, York, Bradford, Sheffield Hallam, Hull and Manchester Metropolitan and through this is able to offer a range of ESRC Postgraduate Studentships. These studentships are available in named Thematic Interdisciplinary Training Pathways on either a 1+3 or +3 basis, depending on the level of research training already achieved.

A full list of the Thematic Interdisciplinary Training Pathways can be found at:
http://scholarships.leeds.ac.uk/Documents/wrdtp-pathways.pdf

A description of the various schemes can be found at:
http://scholarships.leeds.ac.uk/Documents/wrdtp-schemes.pdf

1+3 Studentships – an integrated Research Training Masters – MA Social Research (Interdisciplinary) - (delivering the majority of the core training requirements) followed by a 3-year PhD programme.

+3 Studentships – 3-year PhD (assumes that an applicant has already met the majority of the core training requirements, usually through the attainment of a suitable Masters qualification, or that the PhD focus is largely on more advance training).

APPLICATION CLOSING DATES FOR THE VARIOUS SCHEMES ***Please refer to http://www.leeds.ac.uk/info/130500/faculties for the list of Schools within each Faculty***	
ESRC WRDTP Pathway Studentship	**17:00 (UK time) 24 January 2018**
ESRC WRDTP Advanced Quantitative Methods Studentship (AQM)	**17:00 (UK time) 24 January 2018**
ESRC WRDTP Interdisciplinary Research Studentship (projects which straddle other Research Council remits)	**17:00 (UK time) 24 January 2018**
ESRC WRDTP Collaborative Studentship	**TBC February 2018**
ESRC WRDTP Network Studentship	**TBC February 2018**
ESRC WRDTP Associated Studentship	**To be confirmed**

SCHOLARSHIP VALUE	
Academic Fees	The award will cover fees at standard Research Council rates. The School will pay any difference in fees, ensuring that your fees are met in full. Fees may rise during the course of your candidature: this will be by no more than the rate of inflation, calculated according to the Retail Price Index.
Maintenance	£14,553 in Session 2017/18+ for full-time study, part-time will be pro-rata. Advanced Quantitative Methods students receive an enhanced stipend of £3,000 per annum for full-time PhD study. UK applicants will be eligible for a full award (paying fees and maintenance at standard Research Council rates) if they meet the residency criteria. EU applicants are normally eligible for a fees only award, unless they have been resident in the UK for a full 3 years immediately preceding the start date of the award. + amount increases per annum in line with the Research Council UK rate which is announced on http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/skills/training/
Travel/Research Costs	Research Training Support Grant available in the PhD part of the award – Variable amount depending on the scheme plus other allowances where applicable.

DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIP
Full-time or part-time - 3* years in total for full-time; part-time 5** years in total (for a +3 studentship). *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;

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** the award is tenable for 24 months (two calendar years) in the first instance and is renewable annually for a maximum period of five years subject to satisfactory academic progress.

Eligibility Criteria – *Please read this information carefully, as your application will be automatically rejected if you do not meet ALL of the criteria listed below*

- Applicants applying on both a 1+3 and a +3 basis MUST in the first instance apply for a place on a research postgraduate programme and be in receipt of a Student ID Number[1] to be eligible for an ESRC White Rose DTP Studentship. Applications without a valid ID Number will be rejected.
  To apply for a place on a research postgraduate programme please visit http://www.leeds.ac.uk/info/130206/applying/91/applying_for_research_degrees;
- These awards are normally only available to nationals from the UK and EU and are not open to applicants who are liable to pay academic fees at the international fee rate[2].
- Applicants must hold a First Degree at undergraduate level equivalent to at least a UK Upper Second Class Honours degree or equivalent (a less than sufficient undergraduate degree may be enhanced, eg by a Master's degree). 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 meet the University's English Language requirements. Some Schools require a standard of English higher than the University minimum. You should have a valid test result, which is normally no more than two years old by your official start date at the University of Leeds. Examples of an acceptable English Language Standard can be found at:
  http://www.leeds.ac.uk/info/123100/admissions/143/entry_requirements
- Applicants applying for a +3 award must demonstrate that they have achieved a level of research training to allow them to proceed directly to PhD (usually through the attainment of a previous Master's qualification in the social sciences).

Regulations

Applicants should read the ESRC Postgraduate Funding Guidelines at http://www.esrc.ac.uk/skills-and-careers/studentships/esrc-students/ and be willing to abide by the conditions and regulations therein.

- +3 Awards must be taken up on 1 October 2018; 1+3 awards must be taken up in September 2018.
- Applicants must live within a reasonable distance of the University of Leeds whilst in receipt of this Studentship.

Selection of Award Holders

After a School selection process, applicants will be informed as to whether they are being nominated for an ESRC WRDTP Studentship. The White Rose Academic Quality Committee will review the nominations and decide on the final list of awards. The University will use the data provided in the application form for internal selection and statistical purposes and publish the names of the successful applicants within the University and externally on the University website. The final outcome is expected mid April 2018 for the Pathway/AQM Studentships and the end of April 2018 for Network and Collaborative Studentships.

How to Apply

Applicants applying on both a 1+3 and a +3 basis should first of all apply for the relevant research postgraduate programme, and once in receipt of a Student ID Number, should then complete the research online application form available at: https://leeds.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/esrc-wrdtp-scholarships-2018

It is important that you select the correct studentship type for which you wish to apply, as this will determine the fields you will be asked to complete.

After receipt of your studentship application, the relevant School will provide further advice on your suitability for either a 1+3 or +3 studentship and advise whether you are required to apply for a Masters study place for the MA Social Research (Interdisciplinary) programme. Please be aware that you may be required to provide 2 academic references to the relevant School in support of your studentship application.

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 until the outcome is known.

We welcome scholarship applications from all suitably-qualified candidates, but UK black and minority ethnic (BME) researchers are currently under-represented in our Postgraduate Research community, and we would therefore particularly encourage applications from UK BME candidates. All scholarships will be awarded on the basis of merit.

While the University endeavours to ensure that the information contained in this document is accurate at the date of publication, the University does not accept liability for any inaccuracies contained within it.

[1] New research applicants automatically receive their Student ID Number by email. Applicants who already have a Student ID Number must ensure they apply for a research degree study place for Session 2018/19 as soon as possible.

[2] Advanced Quantitative Methods studentships are open to international applicants.