

Sources of Finance 2012

Birmingham equips its doctoral researcher community to do the highest quality research; helping them find sources of financial support and develop the skills needed to have successful careers when they graduate.

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This guide is intended to help you think about financing your postgraduate degree. It is not a fully comprehensive document but it does provide you with some basic material. You will find additional information in the University's Postgraduate Prospectus 2012 (visit the University website at www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/pg) and on page 16 of this document there is a list of other useful contacts and available sources of advice for you to explore. You can also access further information online at:

www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/fees/postgraduate/index.aspx

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More than 7,500 postgraduates from 150 countries around the world choose the University of Birmingham.

Information on postgraduate funding

Postgraduate programmes are not funded in the same way as undergraduate study. You cannot, for example, apply to the Student Loans Company (SLC). Finding the money to pay fees and living costs can be complicated and therefore students need to be prepared to investigate the types of funding available thoroughly and to meet application deadlines.

Students are also encouraged to complete a budgeting template to know exactly how much money needs to be secured. We have provided a basic one for you in the pullout section of this guide or you can access an online budget planner in spreadsheet format, which calculates the figures for you, at www.guildofstudents.com/balanceyourbooks

Student Funding Office

The Student Funding Office provides information and advice on both University and external funding. Visit their website at www.as.bham.ac.uk/funding

The main sources of funding for postgraduate students are listed below.

Postgraduate Loans

Loans are an increasingly important component for postgraduate students when they are putting their funding package together.

Professional and Career Development Loans (PCDLs)

A Professional and Career Development Loan is a deferred repayment bank loan set at a competitive fixed interest rate that can be used to support learning or training that enhances your job or career prospects. The loan is provided by one of two high street banks (Barclays and the Cooperative), in association with the Learning and Skills Council. The loan offers between £300 and £10,000, to help fund tuition and living expenses for up to two years. Repayments usually start within a month of graduation. For further information visit:

www.direct.gov.uk/pcdl

The University's code for PCDLs is 8802.

Other high street banks may offer specialist loans to students, especially those wishing to study an MBA or Law. Personal loans, borrowing from family and friends as well as extending overdraft limits should also be considered. Borrowing money is a recognised option in terms of funding postgraduate study but it does come with conditions. Always seek advice and think hard before taking out any loan.

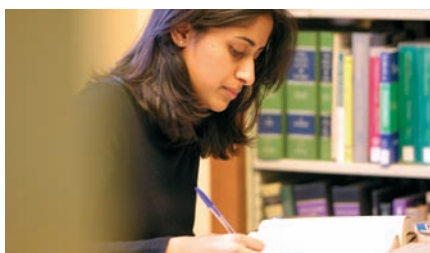
Postgraduate Scholarships and Grants

Postgraduates can apply for scholarships and grants from a number of sources. Awards are offered by the University and through external organisations such as Research Councils, trusts or charities.

For further information visit the University website at www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/fees/postgraduate/scholarships.aspx

Charities, Foundations and Trusts

An alternative to loans is to seek non-repayable support. There are a number of charities, foundations and trusts that offer a variety of awards to postgraduates. These range from large medical societies and charities down to very small organisations. These awards range in value and eligibility criteria, which may include academic, sport, hobbies, parental occupation and residency.



Various publications and reference books are available to help you in your search; including –

- The Grants Register
 - Directory of Grant Making Trusts
 - The Educational Grants Directory
 - Charities Digest
- www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/fees/dr/loans-charities.aspx

Alternatively, you can use the internet to research this information; websites include:

- studentmoney – www.studentmoney.org.uk
- hotcourses – www.scholarship-search.org.uk
- grad funding – www.gradfunding.co.uk

Scholarships from the University

The University offers a number of scholarships; some are centrally managed and others are offered directly through individual schools and departments. The majority of these scholarships offer help towards fees; however, some may also contribute towards living costs. Competition for these scholarships is mainly based around academic performance, and the number of scholarships offered varies from year to year. You should review the University's website and speak to academic departments for more information.

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Postgraduate funding for overseas study

There are a number of scholarships available for postgraduate students thinking about studying overseas. These are offered by universities overseas to British citizens who are about to graduate, or have recently graduated. For further information visit www.as.bham.ac.uk/studentlife/finance/funding/postgraduate/overseas.shtml and www.graduateschool.bham.ac.uk

Other means of support

Paid Work

The reality for most postgraduate students is that they need to seek part-time employment to fund their studies. The type of work undertaken and work patterns are extremely varied.

Paid teaching and other University work

If you are a postgraduate research student, you may apply for a teaching assistantship, which would enable you to undertake a certain amount of teaching on an undergraduate programme. This provides an additional source of income and may broaden your academic horizons. You should get in touch with your department for more information.

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Additional income can also be generated by acting as a demonstrator, or by engaging in tutorial or marking work. Your programme tutor or research supervisor will be able to provide further details on these opportunities.

Student Mentor Scheme

A very limited number of places are available for postgraduates to provide help and support to other students resident in the University's self-catered accommodation. As a student mentor you would live in one of the residences, thus providing you with accommodation, and you would be paid for your work. Further information is available from the Student Mentor Scheme Office at the Guild of Students, by visiting the Student Mentor Scheme website (www.guildofstudents.com), or by emailing mentors@guild.bham.ac.uk

Access to Learning Fund (ALF)

Rather than let money problems interfere with a student's studies, the Student Funding Office administers a number of schemes designed to help alleviate the financial burden some students may experience. The Access to Learning Fund (ALF) is the most prominent of these schemes. ALF is a non-repayable discretionary fund that is provided by the Government in order to assist students that are experiencing financial difficulty. The minimum award from ALF is £100; the maximum is £3,500.

All applications are means-tested and not all applications will be successful. Postgraduate students have to demonstrate that they have made 'realistic provision' through loans, scholarships, sponsorship, etc, before commencing their course.

For further information visit

www.birmingham.ac.uk/student/support/moneyadvice/alf.aspx

Disabled Students' Allowances (DSA)

DSA is available to assist both part-time and full-time students with a disability, mental health condition or specific learning difficulty. For further information visit www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/support/disability/index.aspx

Further financial information

Further information about funding postgraduate study can be accessed from the following –

- **Prospects**

UK's official graduate careers website
www.prospects.ac.uk/funding

- **Hotcourses**

UK's largest course finder
www.hotcourses.com

Home/EU research councils

There are seven government-funded UK research councils; together they support excellence in postgraduate training across all subject areas.

Research council training encompasses those activities that develop the careers of all researchers; part of this includes funding and support for training in postgraduate study at doctoral and in some cases masters level.

All seven of the UK research councils support academic excellence in their own specific field. As a result of this, research council awards for postgraduate study are regarded as some of the most prestigious postgraduate awards available in academia, and as such are highly sought after; competition is extremely fierce.

Research council awards for postgraduate study are available to home and EU residents, those with EU Migrant Worker status, and individuals who are deemed to have normal residence in the UK. Some research councils may also fund overseas students in exceptional circumstances. Full research council awards will cover the cost of tuitions fees and also provide a maintenance grant to support you during your study. Depending on your residency status and the research council you apply to, some EU students may be eligible for a fees only award. The value of fees and maintenance grant support that you receive is defined by Research Councils UK, the governing body for all seven of the UK research councils. For 2011–2012 this is set at a fee rate of £3,732 and a standard annual maintenance grant of £13,590.

A standard research council award will provide you with three years of funding for a PhD, and one year's funding for an MA, MPhil, or MRes. Research council awards are available on a full or part-time basis.

In addition to the basic maintenance grant and fees support, some research councils also provide other opportunities for training for funded students, such as a research training support grant, overseas institutional visits, overseas fieldwork, collaborative awards with industry and public sector partners, difficult language training, conference attendance, and work and research placements.

Each of the research councils are managed in a slightly different way. This is reflected in the different way that each research council requires its new award holders to be recruited each year. To make this easier for you, the University of Birmingham has a dedicated member of staff who acts as the nominated contact between students, the University of Birmingham and the research councils. If you have any questions on potential funding, or your current funding, you can contact The Research Student Administration Officer in the University Graduate School via graduateschool@contacts.bham.ac.uk

The seven UK research councils, their websites addresses, the subject areas they support, and the means by which you can be considered for these awards at the University of Birmingham, are detailed overleaf.



Should you be successful in your application for a research council studentship, you may have queries on how your studentship is administered, or want to know how to apply for a research training allowance, disability allowance or difficult language training.

For more information please contact the University Graduate School
Tel: 0121 414 6376
Email: graduateschool@contacts.ac.uk
www.graduateschool.bham.ac.uk/index.shtml

UK research councils support excellence in postgraduate training across all subject areas.

Research councils table

Research Council	Discipline Area	Type of Award	Type of Competition	Timetable
Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) www.ahrc.ac.uk	Potentially all subject areas in Arts and Law and Social Sciences, and selected areas within Life and Environmental Sciences and Medical and Dental Sciences.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Doctoral Award ■ Research Preparation Masters ■ Professional Preparation Masters ■ Collaborative Doctoral Awards 	Competition by application	December – February each year, for study starting in following October
Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) www.bbsrc.ac.uk	Biosciences, Chemical Engineering, Medical Education, Psychology, Neurophysiology, Sport and Exercise Sciences.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Doctoral ■ Masters Training Grants 	Nomination of Candidates by Schools and Colleges	Nomination between January and June of each year for study starting in October of same year
Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) www.epsrc.ac.uk	Biosciences, Chemical Engineering, Chemistry, Civil Engineering, Computer Sciences, Dentistry, Electronic and Electrical Engineering, Geography and Environmental Sciences, Mechanical Engineering, Mathematics, Medical Education, Metallurgy and Materials, Physics and Astronomy, Psychology, Sport and Exercise Sciences.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Doctoral Research 	Nomination of Candidates by Schools and Colleges	Nomination between January and June of each year for study starting in October of same year
Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) www.esrc.ac.uk	Applied Linguistics, Area and Development Studies, Computer Science, Economic and Social History, Economics, Education, Geography and Environmental Studies, Health and Wellbeing, Human and Environmental Geography, International Development, Mathematics, Politics and International Studies, Business and Management, Psychology, Social Policy/Social Work, Sociology, Statistics, Town and Country Planning, West African Studies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Masters and Doctoral (1+3) ■ Doctoral (3) ■ PhD with Integrated Studies (4) (where available) 	Nomination by Schools and Colleges – for more information visit: www.graduateschool.bham.ac.uk/index.shtml	November–March each year for study starting in October – for more information visit: www.graduateschool.bham.ac.uk/index.shtml
Medical Research Council (MRC) www.mrc.ac.uk	Medical Education, Chemistry, Psychology, Biosciences.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Doctoral ■ Some Masters Training potentially available 	Nomination of Candidates by Schools and Colleges	Nomination between January and June of each year for study starting in October of same year
Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) www.nerc.ac.uk	Biosciences, Computer Science, Earth Sciences, Environmental Health and Risk Management, Geography and Environmental Sciences, Medical Education.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Doctoral ■ Some Masters Training potentially available 	Nomination of Candidates by Schools and Colleges	Nomination between January and June of each year for study starting in October of same year
Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) www.scitech.ac.uk	Physics and Astronomy – Particle Physics, Astronomy, Nuclear Physics and Facility Development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Doctoral 	Nomination of Candidates by Schools and Colleges	Nomination between January and June of each year for study starting in October of same year

Preparation

Postgraduate tuition fees 2011–12*

Home and EU students	
Taught Masters programmes (180 credits)	
Full-time	£4,650
Part-time	£2,325
Taught programmes (120 credits) such as Postgraduate Diploma	
Full-time	£3,100
Part-time	£1,550
Taught programmes (60 credits) such as Postgraduate Certificate	
Full-time	£1,550
Part-time (only appropriate if taken over longer than a 12-month period)	£775
Research*	
Full-time	£3,732
Part-time	£1,730

*Research fees also apply to combined research and taught programmes unless otherwise indicated. Research fees are yet to be confirmed by Research Council UK, and may change.

Overseas students*	
Research – undergraduate and postgraduate	
Band A – Clinical	£26,590
Band B – Laboratory	£14,650
Band C – Higher Intermediate	£13,000
Band D – Lower Intermediate	£12,000
Band E – Classroom	£11,340
Taught postgraduate programmes	
Band A – Clinical	Not applicable
Band B – Laboratory	£15,660
Band C – Higher Intermediate	£14,010
Band D – Lower Intermediate	£14,010
Band E – Classroom	£12,330

*At the time of going to print, the tuition fee figures for 2012–2013 were not available.

The annual tuition fee is set for a 12-month session, which usually runs from October to the end of September the following year. When a programme begins and/or ends mid-session, fees are normally charged on a pro rata basis according to the number of months studied within a session. Information on payment methods can be found at: www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/fees/postgraduate/index.aspx

Living costs

Costs of living vary throughout Britain. Students living in Birmingham enjoy lower costs than many other cities in the UK, but the actual amount you will spend will depend upon your lifestyle. We can only give you an approximate indication of how much you will need.

As a guide, the University of Birmingham estimates that the cost of living for a single student in University accommodation over a 42-week academic session is £250 a week or £10,500 in total. For students who rent a room in a private shared house, this decreases to £229 or £9,618 over 42 weeks.

Learn more

www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/support/moneyadvice/living.aspx

Hints and tips

- Shop around for the best graduate account
- Avoid exceeding your overdraft limit
- Take advantage of student discounts
- Write to absolutely everyone to see if you can gain funding; it is also an invaluable skill
- Understand financial products such as credit cards to take full advantage of their benefits
- Do not make impulse purchases: consider all you buy and shop around to find the best deal

To do list

- Research the funding that might be available, such as –**
 - The University website/postgraduate prospectus
 - Relevant departmental website or visit www.studentmoney.org.uk
 - Look at The Grants Register (A copy is available in the University library)
- Make a note of any application deadlines**
- Apply for funding**
 - Scholarships and Grants
 - Loans
- Prepare a budget**

Budgeting is a life skill and will help you to plan how much money you will have to spend each week. A template is available overleaf. Also check out www.studentmoneysaver.com/budgetapp/calculator
- Pay your tuition fees**

When you accept a place at the University, you also accept responsibility for the payment of your tuition fees. A range of payment options are available to you.

Further information is available at www.payments.bham.ac.uk

Budget planner

INCOME – money coming in Source of income	Weekly £	Monthly £	Yearly £
Research Council award			
Department award			
Scholarship			
Professional Career Development Loan (PCDL)			
Loan			
Earnings (wages)			
Savings			
Family contribution			
Other income			
Total income			

Learn more about managing your money, and financial products, at www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/support/moneyadvice/resources.aspx

EXPENDITURE – money going out Source of expenditure	Weekly £	Monthly £	Yearly £
Accommodation			
Leisure activities			
Travel			
Credit card / loan repayments			
Regular savings			
Clothing			
Health and beauty			
Education/courses			
Holidays			
Other costs			
Total expenditure			
Total income minus expenditure			

The Guild of Students at the University of Birmingham has an online budget planner that calculates the figures for you. You can access it from their website 'Balance your books' pages at www.guildofstudents.com/balanceyourbooks



You are encouraged to complete a budgeting template to know exactly how much money needs to be secured. You need to investigate the types of funding available thoroughly and meet application deadlines. The competition for scholarships and research council funding can be fierce. Be prepared.

Postgraduate scholarships and studentships

The University of Birmingham offers a wide range of scholarships that are available to support postgraduate study. Some of these scholarships are subject-specific and are covered in the school section of this guide, but there are also a number of centrally-administered awards available.



The eligibility criteria and the level of support provided can vary between scholarships, so please read the information carefully.

Please note: Applications cannot be made directly for these awards; candidates need to be nominated by their school or department. If you are interested and fit the eligibility criteria, please speak to the postgraduate administrator within your school, or your admissions tutor. Nominations are open from mid-March prior to the start of the academic term and close at the end of May. For further information please visit www.bham.ac.uk/studentlife/finance/funding/postgraduate

University (centrally-administered scholarships)

All scholarships listed below are open to both EU and international students, unless otherwise stated. Each scholarship, subject to available funding, will cover the home rate of postgraduate tuition fee and provide a maintenance stipend set at research council levels. Each scholarship will be tenable for one year only.

A E Hills PG Scholarship

Open to any full-time postgraduate. The award covers the home rate of postgraduate tuition fee and will provide a maintenance stipend set at research council rates (dependent on funds).

Alumni PG Scholarship

Open to any postgraduate student who is either an alumnus or the child of an alumnus of the University of Birmingham. The award covers the home rate of postgraduate tuition fee and will provide a maintenance stipend set at research council rates (dependent on funds). Preference will be given to students reading for a research degree.

Francis Corder Clayton PG Scholarship

Open to any full-time postgraduate undertaking a programme in an Arts subject. The award covers the home rate of postgraduate tuition fee and will provide a maintenance stipend set at research council rates (dependent on funds).

George Henry Marshall PG Scholarship

Open to students undertaking a history-based programme in the College of Arts and Law. The award covers the home rate of postgraduate tuition fee and will provide a maintenance stipend set at research council rates (dependent on funds). Preference will be given to candidates from the West Midlands.

Joseph Chamberlain PG Scholarship

Open to students undertaking a programme in the College of Social Sciences (except Education) or in the Engineering Schools. The award covers the home rate of postgraduate tuition fee and will provide a maintenance stipend set at research council rates (dependent on funds). The award is limited to students whose parents/guardians have been *bona fide* residents in the former West Midlands County for four years prior to the start of the course, or who fulfil the residency criteria themselves.

Kirkcaldy PG Scholarship

Open to students undertaking a programme in the College of Social Sciences (except Education). The award covers the home rate of postgraduate tuition fee and will provide a maintenance stipend set at research council rates (dependent on funds).

Neville Chamberlain PG Scholarship

Open to students undertaking a programme in the College of Arts and Law (except Law). The award covers the home rate of postgraduate tuition fee and will provide a maintenance stipend set at research council rates (dependent on funds).

Richard Fenwick PG Scholarship

Open to any full-time postgraduate with the exception of those studying in the College of Medical and Dental Sciences. The award covers the home rate of postgraduate tuition fee and will provide a maintenance stipend set at research council rates (dependent on funds).

Birmingham offers a range of scholarships to support postgraduate study.

Postgraduate Elite Scholarships

The University of Birmingham has recently introduced a high profile set of scholarship schemes designed to support the most academically outstanding overseas students seeking to undertake research at the University.



University Graduate School Doctoral Researcher Elite Scholarships

Ten scholarships are available to high achieving overseas candidates within the Colleges of Arts and Law, Medical and Dental Sciences, Life and Environmental Sciences, Engineering and Physical Sciences, and Social Sciences.

For more information visit www.graduateschool.bham.ac.uk/

College of Engineering and Physical Science Postgraduate Elite Scholarships

Up to ten scholarships are available to high achieving overseas candidates within the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences.

Both of these schemes offer fully-funded scholarships covering the full rate of overseas tuition fee and a maintenance stipend set at research council levels. The College of Engineering and Physical Sciences PG Elite Scholarship will also provide a single £5,000 research grant, which can be spent on research related costs (travel, conferences, books, computing equipment, etc).

Eligibility

Candidates for these scholarships should hold an offer of a place to study a PhD at the University of Birmingham and are usually expected to begin in September of the first year of the award.

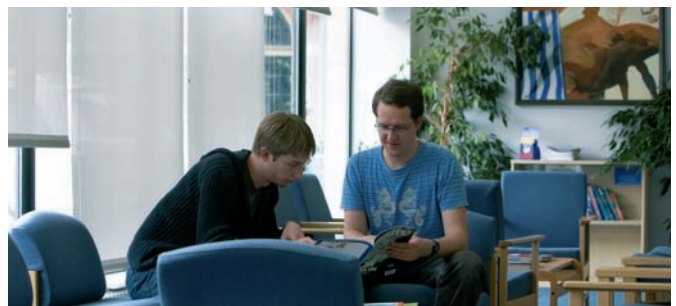
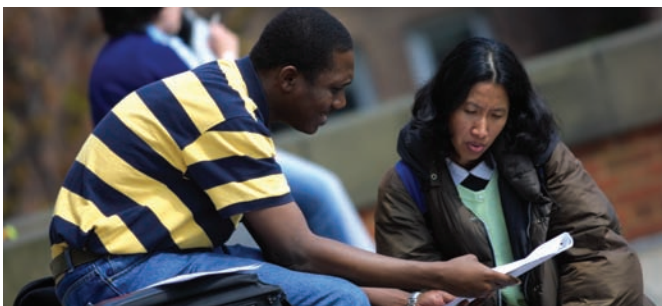
Successful candidates will typically graduate at or near the top of their cohort in internationally leading universities. Many will hold university level or even international prizes for their work as undergraduates, and

possess an exemplary profile of marks and references that will make the candidate stand out from their peers.

How to apply

For both University Graduate School and College of Engineering and Physical Sciences Scholarships, candidates will apply to their respective School for a PhD by following the standard admissions process and can either approach Schools directly to be considered for the scholarships or can be identified for a potential award by School or College staff.

Schools will then nominate suitable candidates for consideration at a College and, in the case of the Graduate School DR Elite Scholarships, University-level selection panel. Due to the profile of these schemes, competition is expected to be intense. School nominations for the Graduate School DR Elite Scholarships will be submitted in April. School nominations for the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences PG Elite Scholarships will be submitted by the end of December.



Arts and Law

The following research councils may be able to offer financial support for this study area:

- AHRC
- ESRC

For specific details please refer to page 6.

The College of Arts and Law offers a wide variety of scholarships and other funding to help you finance your studies. To be eligible for the awards, candidates must hold either an offer of a place to study or have submitted an application to study at the University.

Full details of all awards are available from late autumn onwards on the Funding and Scholarship page of the College of Arts and Law Graduate School website at: www.birmingham.ac.uk/calgs

College Doctoral Scholarships are available to full time research home/EU/overseas students, which cover tuition fees for up to three years of PhD research and provide a maintenance grant similar to Research Council rates, subject to an annual review of student progress.

MA/MPhil scholarships are available to home/EU/overseas students in the following schools

- English, Drama, and American & Canadian Studies (including the Shakespeare Institute and the Centre for English Language Studies) www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/edacs/index.aspx
- History and Cultures (including African Studies) www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/historycultures/index.aspx
- Institute for Archaeology and Antiquity (including Classics, Ancient History, Byzantine, Ottoman and Modern Greek Studies) www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/iaa/index.aspx
- Languages, Cultures, Art History and Music www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/lcahm/index.aspx
- Philosophy, Theology and Religion www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/ptr/index.aspx
- Birmingham Law School – LLM www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/law/index.aspx

A number of studentships are available for students on the LLM programme.

The following named awards may be available. The information on these awards, the criteria for eligibility and how to apply will be advertised on the College of Arts and Law funding page: www.birmingham.ac.uk/calgs

- Amphlett Scholarship** (for Chinese students, Theology and Religion)
- Charles Grant Robertson Scholarship** (English)
- Dinshaw Bursary** (Theology/Inter-Religious Studies)
- Edna Pearson Studentship** (History)
- Haywood Scholarship** (History of Art)
- Sir Henry Thomas Scholarship** (Hispanic Studies)
- Leventis Scholarships** (Modern Greek Studies)
- William Paton Fellowship** (World Christianity / Inter-Religious Studies)

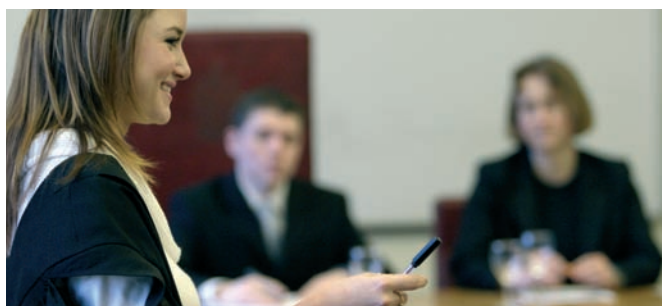
Research and conference expenses

Students may apply for funding from the Postgraduate Research Support Fund for research and conference expenses. There are two application rounds advertised each year.

For further information

College of Arts and Law Graduate School website: www.birmingham.ac.uk/calgs (This website is updated regularly as new funding opportunities become available.)

College of Arts and Law Funding and Scholarship enquiries email: calpg-research@contacts.bham.ac.uk



Engineering and Physical Sciences

The following research councils may be able to offer financial support for this study area:

- EPSRC
- STFC

For specific details please refer to page 6.

In special cases other research councils (BBSRC, ESRC and MRC) might be appropriate: your research supervisor should be able to advise you further.

The College of Engineering and Physical Sciences (EPS), offer a number of Postgraduate Elite Scholarships each year to students from outside the European Union. The scholarships cover overseas tuition fees and maintenance, as well as some expenses for travel.

The following scholarships are offered on a competitive basis offering £1,000 towards maintenance across the schools of Engineering:

- Hufton Postgraduate Scholarship
- TI Group Postgraduate Scholarship
- Guest Keen and Nettlefolds Postgraduate Scholarship

Chemical Engineering www.eng.bham.ac.uk/chemical

The Bridon Postgraduate Award is granted to current and or new students who have made a significant contribution to the school, to assist with living expenses. Awards are made by nomination in the second semester.

Civil Engineering www.eng.bham.ac.uk/civil

The school offers a number of prestigious postgraduate teaching awards which are available to high calibre individuals who have accepted an offer of a place on the PhD programme. In addition, through the generosity of one of its alumnus, Mr William Lardner, the School is able to offer the William E Lardner award. This award is available to full-time students in Civil Engineering who are registered on one of the School's one-year Master of Research programmes.

Electronic, Electrical and Computer Engineering www.eece.bham.ac.uk

MRes or PhD students from the UK with a 2.1 or above are automatically considered for full funding (tuition plus maintenance). EU students will be assisted with tuition fees only. A number of partial awards are available to students undertaking MSc study, who demonstrate academic excellence. Students must state on their course application forms that they are seeking funding.

Mechanical Engineering

www.eng.bham.ac.uk/mechanical

In addition to standard college funding, the School offer around eight fully-funded scholarships each year (fees only scholarships for international applicants) for students nominated by their prospective supervisors. Students can supplement their awards by participating in laboratory and tutorial supervision.

Metallurgy and Materials

www.eng.bham.ac.uk/metallurgy

MRes awards offering tuition fees and maintenance are available to students of a high academic calibre by nomination only. Overseas students of a high academic standard may be considered for a Dorothy Hodgkin Postgraduate Award (DHPA).

Chemistry www.chem.bham.ac.uk

The Research School is divided into three themes: Materials Chemistry (MC); Molecular Processes and Theory (MPT); and Molecular Synthesis and Chemical Biology (MSCB); and offer PhD studentships available to UK or EU students in each area. See the website for more information.

The school also offers a number of scholarships and bursaries for international postgraduate students undertaking a PhD, including:

- International Students Postgraduate Elite Scholarships
- International Students Postgraduate Scholarships
- International Students Postgraduate Bursaries

Computer Science www.cs.bham.ac.uk

The School has approximately ten fully-funded scholarships for the PhD in Computer Science available each year. Applicants holding a conditional or unconditional offer are automatically considered for the awards.

PhD students from the UK or the rest of the European Union can apply for a Teaching Assistant (TA) position, which pays an enhanced studentship for up to four years. Applicants should indicate that they are interested in a Teaching Assistant position when making their application for a PhD place (on the application form under 'How do you intend to fund your studies').

Our alumnus Dr Paul Ramsay has generously provided funding towards a bursary for one PhD and two MSc students from the UK or European Union studying in the School. Applications are available from the Student Funding Office website or the School of Computer Science website from May and will consider financial need and previous academic performance.

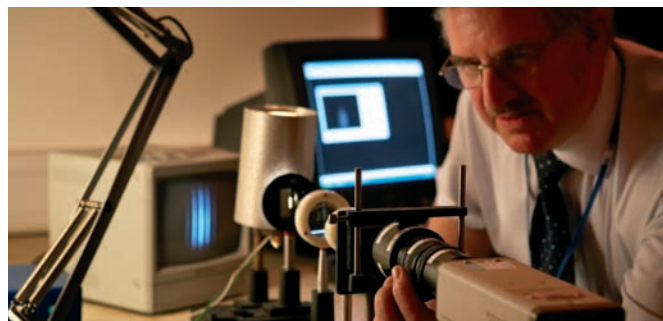
The School has a number of scholarships worth £3,000, which will be awarded to privately funded, full fee-paying international Master's students. Please indicate on your application form if you would like to be considered for one of these scholarships.

Mathematics www.mat.bham.ac.uk

The School has several full and partial scholarships available on an annual basis to students who have accepted an offer of a place on a graduate programme. Applicants are recommended to apply using the standard application form and to indicate in an attached letter that they wish to be considered for a scholarship. In addition, all students can supplement their grants and awards by participating in the teaching of our undergraduate students. For further details please write to the PG Office, School of Mathematics or email to pgoffice@maths.bham.ac.uk

Physics and Astronomy www.ph.bham.ac.uk

The School has a number of Graduate Teaching Assistantships available for suitably qualified candidates. Assistantships will be allocated on a competitive basis, awarding an EPSRC or STFC studentship plus the additional Teaching Assistantship Award for four years. Applicants are recommended to apply for a Research Studentship using the standard application form and to indicate in an attached letter that they wish to be considered for an Assistantship.



Life and Environmental Sciences

The following research councils may be able to offer financial support for this study area:

- AHRC
- BBSRC
- EPSRC (Psych, SportEx, GEES)
- ESRC (Psych)
- MRC
- NERC

For specific details please refer to page 6.

Biosciences www.biosciences.bham.ac.uk

The School has a number of research council studentships available for home/EU students who wish to undertake a PhD; all awards are allocated on a competitive basis.

Darwin Scholarships may be offered to students undertaking PhD projects in the area of microbial (preferably bacterial) molecular genetics. £5,000 Scholarships are available to students on the MSc in Molecular Biotechnology; please contact the School for further information.



Geography, Earth and Environmental Sciences www.gees.bham.ac.uk

Funding is available to students following a PhD from a variety of sources including national research councils, the School and industry.

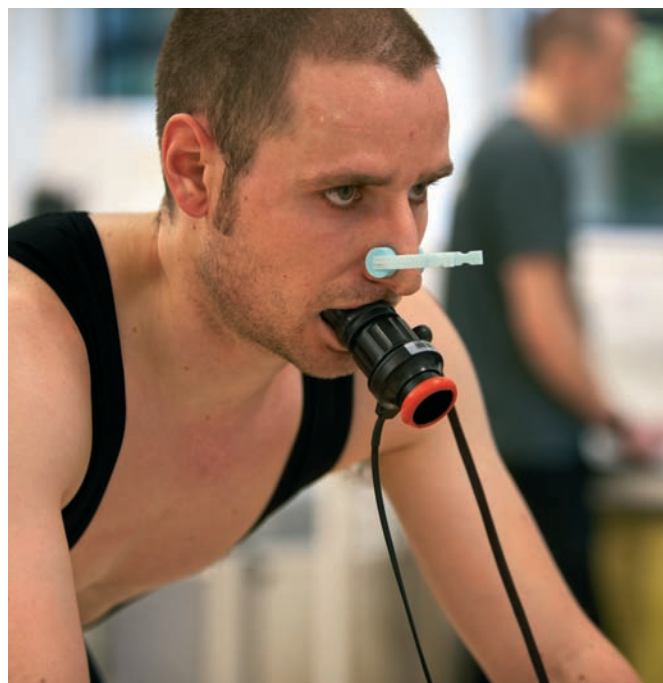
Psychology www.psychology.bham.ac.uk

Scholarships may be available for outstanding applicants; please contact the School directly for further information on 0121 414 2864/2752 or email: pg-psychology-admissions@contacts.bham.ac.uk

Sport and Exercise Sciences

www.sportex.bham.ac.uk

As part of the School's commitment to research excellence, PhD scholarships are available to European citizens holding a 2i or above.



Medical and Dental Sciences

The following research councils may be able to offer financial support for this study area:

- BBSRC
- MRC

For specific details, please refer to page 6.

The College of Medical and Dental Sciences recruits to a number of four-year (1+3) fully-funded studentships along with a number of fully-funded three year studentships each year across many key areas of its research. For further information visit www.mds.bham.ac.uk/research/index.shtml

The College holds studentship funding from major funding bodies such as the MRC, BBSRC, Wellcome Trust and Cancer Research UK. Studentships are fully-funded (stipend + tuition fees) for home/EU

students and applications are considered from those students holding, or expecting to obtain, a 2.1 degree or above.

Please visit www.medicine.bham.ac.uk/pg/grad for up-to-date information and latest studentship vacancies.

Health and Population Sciences

www.haps.bham.ac.uk

MSc Physiotherapy (pre-registration)

All successful applicants classified by the University against national criteria as home students are exempt from tuition fees for the MSc Physiotherapy (pre-registration) programme and may be eligible to apply for a NHS bursary. For further details on the bursary go to www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk and see 'Student Bursaries'.



Social Sciences

The following research councils may be able to offer financial support for this area:

- AHRC
- ESRC

For specific details, please refer to page 6.

Business www.business.bham.ac.uk

A small number of scholarships in recognition of outstanding academic achievement will provide financial support towards tuition fees. These awards are based on merit and will be selected by a panel of representatives from the Business School; awards include –

- MSc Business Scholarships
- Simon Evans Scholarship
- Economic Competitiveness and International Business / Economic Policy and International Business Scholarships

Education www.education.bham.ac.uk

The School of Education at Birmingham offers a range of scholarships, bursaries and other support for new and current postgraduate students. Research Council funding is available in addition to –

- School of Education Scholarships
- Educational Review Scholarship
- Florence Congleton Scholarship

Specific to research students, additional funding may be available from:

- U21 Research Student Travel Bursaries
- Library of Congress Scholarships
- Student Development Scholarships
- School of Education Conversion Bursaries

Government and Society www.govsoc.bham.ac.uk

Each year, the School of Government and Society offers a small number of bursaries on a competitive basis. These awards vary; they have usually been worth 50% of the fee payable, with the opportunity for renewal, subject to satisfactory performance.

Centre for Russian and East European Studies (CREES)

Very strong academic candidates will be nominated for research council funding. Students can also apply through the general open scholarships competition managed directly by the councils.

The Institute of Local Government Studies (INLOGOV)

INLOGOV offers occasional Teaching Assistantships for those enrolled on a full-time research degree. These provide bursaries to cover living costs, payment of the fee and the opportunity to gain additional income through a limited amount of tutorial work. These awards are allocated on a competitive basis, and if you wish to be considered you are encouraged to contact John Raine (j.w.raine@bham.ac.uk; +44 (0)121 414 8393) early in the year in which you wish to start your studies.

International Development Department

Departmental bursaries for research degrees and on-campus taught Masters programmes are also available each year. See the website for the latest information and application deadlines.

Political Science (POLSYS) www.polsis.bham.ac.uk

The POLSYS department offers multiple scholarship bursaries for students entering taught postgraduate programmes (MA/Diploma). Bursaries of £3,000 each are available to overseas students, and bursaries of £1,000 each are available to home students (United Kingdom/European Union). Those wishing to be considered should indicate that on their POLSYS MA degree application by the advertised deadline.

The Institute for German Studies (IGS)

www.igs.bham.ac.uk

IGS offers a full scholarship for doctoral students consisting of tuition fees at home/EU level, plus a maintenance component at funding council rates and will be advertised on an annual basis.

Sociology

www.sociology.bham.ac.uk

All MA and PhD students in the department will be automatically considered for a bursary. Funding varies on an annual basis but it is unlikely to cover more than fees at the home rate. The department also provides opportunities for postgraduates to be paid for undertaking some teaching duties. Again, this would be insufficient to be a major part of the funding of your studies.

Social Policy www.socialpolicy.bham.ac.uk

The Health Services Management Centre (HSMC)

School PhD Scholarships offering assistance with tuition fees to the value of the home rate and maintenance at research council rates may be offered depending on funds available.

The Institute of Applied Social Studies

Home students studying for the MA in Social Work may be eligible for a bursary from the NHS Business Services Authority. For more information please visit www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students



Sources of advice

For information on postgraduate study

www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate

For advice on student finance

Student Funding Office

0121 414 7391

www.studenthelp.bham.ac.uk

www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/support/moneyadvice

For general advice on welfare and financial matters

■ Advice and Representation Centre (ARC)

Guild of Students

0121 251 2400

thearc@guild.bham.ac.uk

www.guildofstudents.com

■ Counselling and Guidance

0121 414 5130

www.as.birmingham.ac.uk/students/support/health/counselling.aspx

For general scholarship enquiries log a call at:

www.studenthelp.bham.ac.uk

For details on external funding

(scholarships, charities and sponsors)

www.direct.gov.uk

www.gradfunding.co.uk

www.studentmoney.org.uk

www.scholarship-search.org.uk

For advice for international students

www.birmingham.ac.uk/international/students

www.international.bham.ac.uk

www.bham.ac.uk/pginternational

www.ukcisa.org.uk

www.educationuk.org

For advice on Disabled Students' Allowances

Disability and Learning Support Services

0121 414 5130

disability@bham.ac.uk

www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/support/disability

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For specific information on

research councils

www.graduateschool.bham.ac.uk

Research councils

■ Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC)

www.ahrc.ac.uk

■ Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC)

www.bbsrc.ac.uk

■ Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)

www.esrc.ac.uk

■ Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)

www.epsrc.ac.uk

■ Medical Research Council (MRC)

www.mrc.ac.uk

■ Natural Environment Research Council (NERC)

www.nerc.ac.uk

■ Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC)

www.scitech.ac.uk/home.aspx

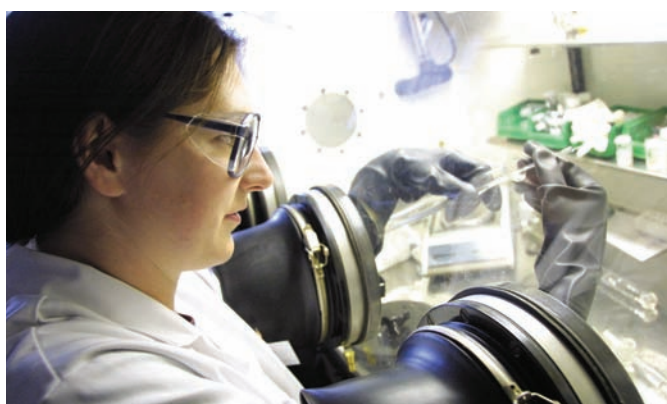
Other useful websites

■ The National Postgraduate Committee

www.npc.org.uk

■ The National Union of Students

www.nusonline.co.uk



Doctoral Researcher

Search for PhD opportunities at the University of Birmingham

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Visit our doctoral Researcher Enquiry Services pages at:

www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/enquiry.aspx

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