



## Leeds International Research Scholarship (LIRS) - Round 1

Session 2014-2015 - Closing Date: 20 January 2014 (23:59 UK time)

Leeds International Research Scholarships are available for high quality international students who will be commencing PhD research study from Session 2014-2015 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 Student ID Number<sup>1</sup> to be eligible for a Leeds International Research Scholarship. **Applications without a valid Student 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](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, successful applicants are likely to be in the top 5% of their MSc/MA and BSc/BA cohorts and already in receipt of prizes at national or international level). Applicants should either have graduated with the appropriate First Degree or be in their final year of study. Examples of equivalent degrees to a UK First Class Honours Degree are given below – these are only given as a guideline and further guidance should be sought from the relevant School;
- Applicants whose first language is not English **must have already met** the University's English Language requirements by **20 January 2014** or be a current undergraduate student in their final year or a current postgraduate student at a University in an English speaking country. Some Schools require a standard of English higher than the University minimum. You should have a valid test result, which is 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/rsa/international/english\\_lang\\_requirements/english\\_language.html](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/rsa/international/english_lang_requirements/english_language.html)
- These awards are not open to individuals who have already been awarded a Doctoral degree or equivalent qualification;
- LIRS scholarships should not normally be held concurrently with other Scholarships which provide duplicate funding. Successful LIRS award holders may, if they are able to obtain additional funding, hold a bursary which pays travel/accommodation costs etc for UK/overseas fieldwork visits and attendance at conferences.

### 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 2014;
- 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 £10,000 per annum for the duration of the scholarship. 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 [University Postgraduate Research Scholarships application form](#) (click here), with strict observation of any word limits. **Please do not include any other documents with the form, such as transcripts or CVs, as they will be disregarded.**
- The completed form (**must be typed**) should be returned in **either Word or pdf format** to the Postgraduate Scholarships Office, Marjorie & Arnold Ziff Building, University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT by no later than **23:59 on 20 January 2014** or by email to [pg\\_scholarships@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:pg_scholarships@leeds.ac.uk).
- By submitting this application, applicants are attesting to the accuracy of the information given and to their compliance with the regulations of the Scholarship.

<sup>1</sup> On-line applicants automatically receive their Student ID Number by email; paper applicants should request their Student ID Number from [rp\\_applications@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:rp_applications@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 (this facility will not be available until late January 2014). 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**

Applicants will receive an automated email confirming receipt of the application. 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 2014. **The University will publish the names of the successful applicants within the University and externally on the University website.**

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#### **Examples of Equivalent Degrees to UK First Class Honours Degree**

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| <b>Canada</b>   | Bachelor Honours degree with a GPA of 3.7+   |
| <b>China</b>    | Bachelor's degree with 80% from a recognised institution.  |
| <b>Ghana</b>    | Bachelor degree from a public university with at least 70% overall.  |
| <b>India</b>    | BSc (Honours), BTech, BEng, BA (Honours) or Professional Bachelors with 70% or above from a Central University or recognised State University. |
| <b>Mexico</b>   | Licenciado of 4 years or more in length with grade 'excelent'.   |
| <b>Nigeria</b>  | Bachelor Honours degree with a GPA of 4.5/5.0 or First Class Honours.  |
| <b>Pakistan</b> | A 2-year Masters degree (taken following a 4-year Bachelor degree) with an overall score of 60%.   |

**The above list provides only a few examples and is subject to change – applicants should contact the relevant School in which they intend to study for further guidance as to whether they have achieved the equivalence of a UK First Class Honours degree or not.**