



ESRC White Rose Doctoral Training Centre (WR DTC) Studentships Session 2014/15

[The Economic & Social Research Council](#) is the main provider of postgraduate awards in the areas of economic and social sciences.

The University of Leeds has been allocated a number of studentships as part of the White Rose Doctoral Training Centre (WR DTC), a major collaboration between the Universities of Leeds, Sheffield and York with a minimum of 48 ESRC studentships per year over 5 years commencing October 2011. The ESRC WR DTC is one of the largest consortia in the country and offers a wealth of supervisory expertise across the social sciences as well as numerous training opportunities, particularly focused upon maximising the social and economic benefits of research. These studentships are held in certain clusters/pathways and may be available on either a 1+3 or +3 basis (or a 2+2 or 2+5 basis in a more limited number of cases), depending on the chosen pathway.

1+3 Studentships

An integrated Masters (delivering the majority of the core training requirements) followed by a 3-year PhD programme.

+3 Studentships

3-year PhD study for applicants who have already achieved the required level of research training, usually through the attainment of a previous Masters qualification.

The following funding opportunities are available at the University of Leeds for Session 2014/15 (interested applicants should direct their queries on the available areas of study to the relevant School):

ESRC WR DTC Discipline Studentships

Closing Date – 3 February 2014

A number of Discipline Studentships (available on a 1+3 or +3 basis) have been allocated to the University of Leeds

Pathway	School	Minimum No of Studentships Available
Communication and Media Studies	Communications Studies	1
Education	Education	1
Environment and Sustainability	Earth and Environment	1
Human Geography	Geography	1
Language-based Area Studies	East Asian Studies	1
Management and Business, Accounting and Finance and Work Psychology	Leeds University Business School	2
Planning	Transport Studies	1
Psychology	Psychological Sciences	1
Socio-Legal Studies	Law	1
Sociology	Sociology & Social Policy	2

ESRC WR DTC Advanced Quantitative Methods (AQM) Studentships

Closing Date – 3 February 2014

Schools will be invited to nominate candidates for up to 4 AQM Studentships (across entire DTC via Open Competition), which are available to applicants who intend to use Advanced Quantitative Methods in their project (in particular using large-scale datasets), with appropriate training in relevant pathways. The above Schools, together with the Schools of Politics and International Studies; Health Sciences; Healthcare; History and Philosophy are able to nominate applicants for this award.

ESRC WR DTC Pathway Development Studentships

Closing Date – 3 February 2014

Schools will be invited to nominate candidates for up to 3 Pathway Development Studentships (across entire DTC via Open Competition), which are available to applicants in Schools that are not allocated a Discipline Award in Session 2014/15.

ESRC WR DTC Network Studentships

Available Topics

School of Sociology and Social Policy

[Imagining Work: Disabled Young People, Narratives on the Boundaries of Work and Welfare](#)

Closing Date – 14 February 2014

Available on a 1+3 basis

School of Politics and International Studies

[Moral Progress and its Political Limits. Liberal responsibilities in an age of shifting international power balances.](#)

Closing Date – 14 February 2014

Available on a +3 basis

ESRC WR DTC Collaborative Studentships

Closing Date – Contact relevant School

Schools will be invited to nominate candidates for up to 6 Collaborative Studentships (across entire DTC via Open Competition), which are available in partnership with non-academic organisations. Further details of the topics and Schools where the studentships will be held will be available in late January 2014.

Value of Award

A full standard studentship consists of academic fees (£3,900 in Session 2012/13), together with a maintenance grant (£13,726 in Session 2013/14) paid at standard Research Council rates and a Research Training Support Grant. Advanced Quantitative Methods and eligible Economics award holders will receive an additional £3,000 on top of the standard ESRC stipend.

Generally, UK students will be eligible for a full award and other European Union applicants will be eligible for an award paying academic fees only, except in cases where residency in the UK has been established for more than 3 years prior to the start of the programme of study.

How to Apply for an ESRC WR DTC Award at Leeds

Applicants should not apply directly to the ESRC WR DTC. Applicants must complete the University's [ESRC WR DTC Studentship Application Form](#) (click here for application form). 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 or by email to pg_scholarships@leeds.ac.uk by the relevant deadline.

Applications are logged by the Postgraduate Scholarships Office and passed on to the relevant Schools for initial consideration. Each School will nominate applicants for consideration by an Academic Quality Committee, which will make decisions on the final awards (expected to be known by early April 2014 for Discipline/AQM and Pathway Development Studentships and the end of April 2014 for Network and Collaborative Studentships).

Please note that applicants **MUST** apply for a study place at Leeds as soon as possible – if applying on a +3 basis, applicants should apply for a place on a research degree programme commencing 1 October 2014. If applying on a 1+3 basis, applicants should apply for a place on a taught postgraduate degree programme commencing September 2014 **AND** a place on a research degree programme commencing 1 October 2015.

How to Apply for a Place of Study at Leeds

If you would like to apply for a place on a research degree programme, please see: [I want to Apply](#)

If you would like to apply for a place on a taught postgraduate degree programme, you may [apply online](#) or download an [application to complete](#).

Other Scholarships at the University of Leeds

Details about other Postgraduate Scholarships at the University of Leeds may be found on the [Postgraduate Scholarships Website](#).