
UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK
POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS
FOR ENTRY IN THE 2014-15 ACADEMIC YEAR

GUIDANCE NOTES FOR APPLICANTS

AN INTRODUCTION TO WARWICK'S POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

Each year the University of Warwick administers over £17 million of scholarships for PhD students, with over £3 million of this allocated via the postgraduate research scholarship competition. The Warwick Graduate School offers around 50 scholarships each year for outstanding students who wish to pursue a PhD via a single competition. This annual postgraduate research scholarship competition allocates the following awards:

- Chancellor's Scholarships
- Chancellor's International Scholarships
- Wolfson Postgraduate Scholarships

Students and applicants who are eligible to apply for any of the awards listed above should apply to the postgraduate research scholarships competition and will automatically be considered for all the competitions for which they are eligible.

Competition for the awards is extremely intense with awards only being made to the most outstanding applicants.

We strongly recommend all applicants to read all of the information listed in these guidelines.

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AWARD DETAILS

This postgraduate research scholarship competition, unlike most postgraduate funding, is open to Home, EU, and Overseas students from all disciplines at Warwick.

The competition consists of the following awards:

Chancellor's Scholarships

For 2014-15 entry the Warwick Graduate School expects to award 25 Chancellor's Scholarships.

Awards made for entry in October 2014 will include the following:

- The payment of academic fees at the Home/EU rate (*provisional £3,936* for full-time students in 2014-15*)
- A maintenance grant in line with the UK Research Council stipend (*provisional £13,863* for full-time award holders in 2014-15*)

Length of Award

- Awards will be made on an annual basis for up to 3.5 years for full-time students subject to satisfactory progress. Current first-year PhD students who are successful will be allocated the scholarship for a maximum of 2.5 years funding. No funding is retrospective.
- It is not possible for the award to be renewed past the end of your registration or past 3.5 years, whichever expires first.

**Please note this is provisional predicated figure and is subject to change.*

Chancellor's International Scholarships

For 2014-15 entry the Warwick Graduate School expects to award 25 Chancellor's International Scholarships.

Awards made for entry in October 2014 will include the following:

- The payment of academic fees at the Overseas rate (*worth up to £17,130 for full-time students in 2013-14, this figure is likely to be increased in line with inflation for 2014/15 entry*)
- A maintenance grant in line with the UK Research Council stipend (*provisional £13,863* for full-time award holders in 2014-15*)

Length of Award

- Awards will be made on an annual basis for up to 3.5 years for full-time students subject to satisfactory progress. Current first-year PhD students who are successful will be allocated the scholarship for a maximum of 2.5 years funding. No funding is retrospective.
- It is not possible for the award to be renewed past the end of your registration or past 3.5 years, whichever expires first.

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Wolfson Postgraduate Scholarships

The University has been selected as one of the few institutions in the UK to be awarded to Wolfson Postgraduate Scholarships in Humanities. For 2014-15 entry the Warwick Graduate School expects to award three Wolfson Postgraduate Scholarships in the areas of History, Literature and Languages.

Wolfson Postgraduate Scholarships are of £27,000 per annum. Awards made for entry in October 2014 will include the following:

- The payment of academic fees at the Home/ EU rate (*(provisional £3,936* for full-time students in 2014-15)*)
- A generous maintenance grant (*provisional £23,863* for full-time award holders in 2014-15*) for use towards living expenses and research and training costs.

Length of Award

- Awards will be made on an annual basis for up to 3 years for full-time students subject to satisfactory progress.

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Part Time Study

Chancellor's, Chancellor's International and Wolfson Postgraduate Award Scholarship recipients are expected to study full-time. Requests to receive the scholarship whilst studying part-time can be submitted, but will only be approved if a strong reason for this arrangement is presented to the Chair of the Graduate School. For such part-time students the scholarship would normally cover the academic fee at the Home/EU rate and a reduced maintenance stipend.

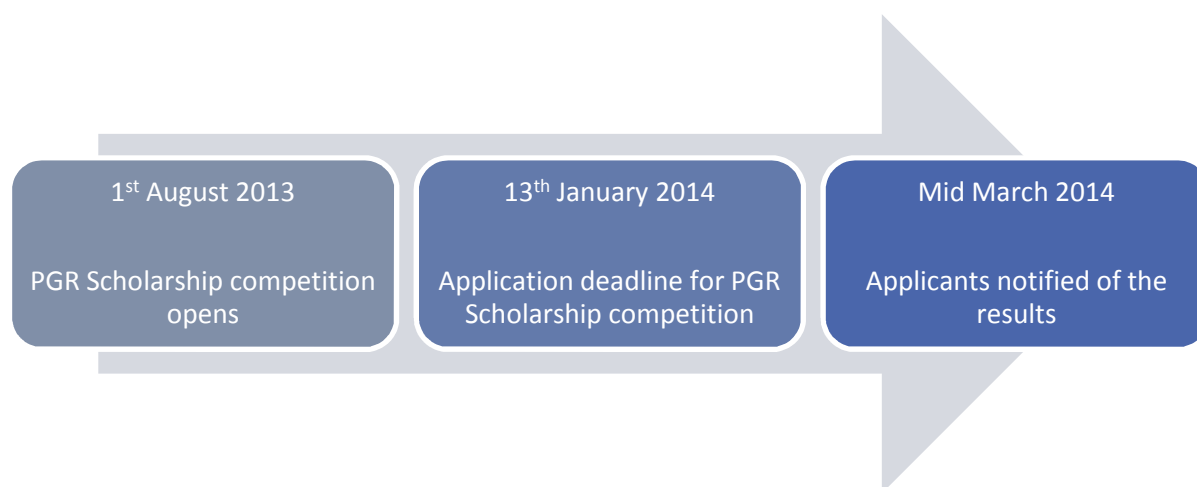
DEADLINES AND NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS

The deadline for applications is 13th January 2014 (11:59 pm GMT).

No late applications will be accepted.

Please see [‘The Application and Supporting Documents’](#) for further information about deadlines for the submission of transcripts and references.

Timeline



All applicants* will be informed of the results of their application by Mid-March 2014 at the latest.

**A scholarship application must have been submitted by the deadline in order to receive notification of results.*

SELECTION CRITERIA

Competition for the awards is very high and awards will only be made to those who are able to demonstrate academic excellence and the potential to be an outstanding researcher. When considering applications the committee will pay particular attention to your degree results, research proposal, reference letters and supporting statements from departments, plus evidence of relevant professional or extracurricular experience.

Scoring Criteria

Warwick operates a transparent, rigorous system of assessment, for Chancellor's, Chancellor's International and Wolfson Postgraduate Scholarship the process is managed via one online application form and all applications are assessed purely against a set Scoring Criteria, which can be found at:

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/academicoffice/gsp/scholarship/typesoffunding/phd/chancellorsscholarships>

You are strongly advised to self-assess before applying using the 'PGR Scoring Criteria' (<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/academicoffice/gsp/scholarship/typesoffunding/phd/chancellorsscholarships>) noting that only those who have scored very highly on these criteria have been successful in recent years. Scholarship applications are discouraged from those who do not self-assess as scoring very highly.

Applications are scored on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the best possible mark.

Please note: The relative weightings given to each area of the scoring criteria are as follows:

- Academic Records 50%
- Supporting Evidence 30%
- Academic Achievements 20%

Selection

Departments are asked to nominate applicants and provide statements of support. Please note that you are not required to submit the statement of support from the academic department with your application – if your department wish to nominate you they will submit this directly to the Graduate School. The nominated applications are graded by a sub-committee of the Board of Graduate Studies. Each of the four faculties at Warwick is

normally represented on this Committee. The committee scores and ranks all nominated applications. Awards are then allocated based on their overall ranking.

When PGR Scholarships are allocated by the committee, we will allocate Wolfson Postgraduate Scholarships to the top ranked eligible students in the relevant subject areas (History, Literature and Languages) to recognise the prestige of holding one of these awards.

Please note: If you are in receipt of other funding, you are required to disclose such information on the scholarship application. Failure to disclose such information will constitute an act of fraud.

Please note: The final decision will be made by a sub-committee of the Board of Graduate Studies. Due to the volume of applications received the Graduate School is unable to provide a preliminary assessment of chances of success, or detailed feedback on the outcome of applications.

ELIGIBILITY

Applications are welcomed from:

- Applicants for a full-time PhD (or MPhil/PhD) course at the University of Warwick, expecting to begin in Autumn 2014;
- Students currently enrolled on a PhD or MPhil/PhD at the University of Warwick may apply in the first year of their registration only;
- There are no restrictions on nationality, and applications are welcomed from all disciplines offered at the University of Warwick.
- You must be a PhD student at, or applicant to, the University of Warwick. No Scholarships offered via the postgraduate research scholarship completion are available to support Master's degrees, either taught or by research, nor for any other category of degree course;
- Current students may apply in the first year of PhD study only in order to fund the second and third years (the award will not offer any retrospective funding.)
- PhD applicants must be applying, or have already applied, for a place at the University in order to make a scholarship application. A single, combined application form is used for the application for both admission and the scholarship;
- Applicants must have obtained or be expected to obtain at least an upper second class honours degree (or equivalent) from a recognised institution of higher education before 31 July 2014. Please contact your prospective department for further details about the qualifications expected, and look at the 'scoring criteria' for information about how qualifications are scored;
- All conditions, if any, of your offer of admission must be met in order for you to take up a Chancellor's, Chancellor's International or Wolfson Postgraduate Scholarship.

Further information about Eligibility is available for:

- Current Warwick Master's student on a 1+3 course in a Doctoral Training Centre (See [Appendix 1](#) for further details)
- Applicants OR current students on the 2+2 MPhil in Philosophy (See [Appendix 2](#) for further details)
- Applicants OR current students 2+4 MRes> PhD research programme in Economics (See [Appendix 3](#) for further details)
- Applicants OR current students in Complexity Science (both PhD applicants and 1+3 Complexity Science MSc Students) (See [Appendix 4](#) for further details)

Please note: Only one application per applicant is permitted, i.e. it is not possible to apply for a PhD in more than one department and seek a Chancellor's, Chancellor's International or Wolfson Postgraduate Scholarship) for both.

Please note: Applicants who wish to defer their admission to another academic year are unable to defer their scholarship offer. Applicants who defer their admission may choose to apply again in the next year's postgraduate research scholarship competition. All scholarship offers will be made for funding to begin at the start of the next academic year.

HOW TO APPLY

There are two application routes and it is important that you identify the right application route for you from the list below.

New applicants applying for PhD admissions and a scholarship should apply via Route 1.

Route 1.

Category of Applicant	Potentially eligible for	How to Apply	How to submit supporting documents
New applicant applying for PhD admission and for a scholarship	Chancellor's, Chancellor's International and Wolfson Postgraduate Scholarships	Joint postgraduate admissions and scholarship application form	On PG Admissions upload page*

Route 2.

Category of Applicant	Potentially eligible for	How to apply	How to submit supporting documents
Applicant or offer-holder who has already applied for admission before 1 August 2013 but not for a scholarship	Chancellor's and Chancellor's International Scholarships	Single scholarship application form	On Scholarships upload page*
Current Warwick PhD student in their first year of study	Chancellor's and Chancellor's International Scholarships	Single scholarship application form	On Scholarships upload page*
Current Warwick Master's student on a 1+3 course in a Doctoral Training Centre (See Appendix 1 for further details)	Chancellor's and Chancellor's International Scholarships	Single scholarship application form	On Scholarships upload page*
2+2 MPhil in Philosophy (See Appendix 2 for further details)	Chancellor's and Chancellor's International Scholarships	Single scholarship application form	On Scholarships upload page*
2+4 MRes/ PhD research programme in Economics (See Appendix 3 for further details)	Chancellor's and Chancellor's International Scholarships	Single scholarship application form	On Scholarships upload page*
Complexity Science PhD Applicants and Current 1+3 Complexity Science MSc Students (<i>MSc applicants are not eligible</i>) (See Appendix 4 for further details)	Chancellor's and Chancellor's International Scholarships	Single scholarship application form	On Scholarships upload page*

*A link to these pages will be supplied during the application process.

How to Apply via Route 1.

All new applicants for PhD admission are asked to make their scholarship application at the same time as they apply for Admission via the combined Postgraduate Admissions and Scholarship application form during the open period (1st August 2013-13th January 2014). Please note you can work on this application form over time and consult with your prospective department for advice.

When completing the application in the 'Finance' section (Section 9) the form will ask 'Do you wish to apply for a postgraduate research scholarship at Warwick?'- You should select 'yes'. It is only by selecting 'yes' that a scholarship application will be created. You will then find an additional three further sections to complete will become visible:

- Details of your scholarships/ prizes
- Details of your research proposal
- Details of your publications

You should fill in this section carefully; consulting the academic department for advice if appropriate to your discipline (you can save and return to the form as often as you wish before submitting.)

Please note: You will have also been asked in the 'Employment' section of the PG Admissions application form (Section 8) to provide details of your research proposal. Only the research proposal information submitted in the scholarship application section of the form (Section 9) will be seen by the scholarship committee. You may choose to copy your earlier research proposal, or you may choose to tailor the research proposal to the scholarships scoring criteria, but please ensure you include information in this section and do not exceed the 4500 character limit.

Once you have submitted your application, which acts as application both for admission and for a scholarship, you will be asked to submit your supporting documents via the Postgraduate Admissions upload page to which you will be directed by automated email after your application form has been submitted. Please see ['The Application and Supporting Documents'](#) for full details.

Please note: you will normally only be considered for the scholarships listed in this competition by using this form; for other sources of funding a separate application is normally required unless you are advised otherwise.

How to Apply via Route 2.

You will apply using the separate scholarships application form. When applying via Route2 it is important that the information submitted (eg name, date of birth) matches that which was used for your admissions so that the two records can be linked. The system will not allow you to continue without linking your scholarship application to your admission.

After accessing this form, you will also be shown a link to a page for uploading supporting documents for your scholarship application. Please see [‘The Application and Supporting Documents’](#) for full details. However, any documents and references previously submitted with your initial application will remain on our database and available for scholarships scoring.

Please note: paper application forms will not be accepted.

THE APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Your scholarship application

Whether you submit your application via;

- Route 1 (Joint postgraduate admissions and scholarship application form) OR
- Route 2 (single Graduate School scholarship application form)

Only the following will be considered as part of your scholarship application:

- Scholarship application form (including your research proposal, scholarships and prizes, publications and previous education)
- Transcripts of your previous and/or current studies
- Two references in support of your application

Please note: you can sign out and save your progress on the application as often as you wish, and if it's appropriate for your discipline, you may wish to consult the academic department as you complete it. However, once you 'Submit' no further changes can be made to the application and only transcripts and references can be uploaded after this point, it is therefore essential that you proof read your application before submitting.

Supporting Documents

1. Submit your application form
2. We will email you with a link to upload supporting documents
3. Upload your supporting documents
4. We will email your referees with a link to upload the references
5. Please ask your referees to use this link or send the references in hard copy

Supporting documents are an important part of the scholarship scoring criteria and it is therefore essential that they are submitted on time. For all scholarships applicants, we require:

- A transcript of your previous and/or current studies
- Two references in support of your application

Applications which do not provide these documents will not be considered.

Once you have submitted your application, you will be sent an automated email acknowledging receipt. The automated email will remind you that further supporting documents may also be required for your application to be complete, and will give you a link to a secure page for you to upload electronic copies of your supporting documents.

The application deadline is 13th January 2014 and we strongly recommend that you upload documents by this deadline in order to allow sufficient time for departments to consider your application. However, Supporting Documents can however be uploaded until 27th January 2014 (11:59 GMT) at the very latest. Late uploads will not be considered.

The documents will be uploaded on to a combined system used for both admissions (administered by Postgraduate Admissions) and scholarships (administered by the Graduate School.) All documents uploaded will remain visible to both teams and staff cannot filter or remove documents on your behalf.

Transcripts

All applicants must provide a transcript of your current or previous degree-level study.

Please note: We cannot accept any supporting documents by email, please use the upload page.

References

There is a deadline of 27th January 2014 (11:59 GMT) for receipt of references. No late references will be accepted.

Once you have submitted an application, we will use the details you provided on your referees to email them directly to request a reference. This request will include a link to a parallel upload page for referees to submit references. This email request will refer to the fact that you have applied for a scholarship (as well as for admission if appropriate.)

If your referees prefer not to use the upload page, they are welcome to send hard copies to the Graduate School Office, University House, University of Warwick, Coventry, CV4 8UW.

References are a very important part of the scoring criteria, and applications without references will not be considered.

Please note: that reference requests are not sent until you have submitted your application, therefore applications submitted on the deadline (13th January 2014) will allow only 14 days for referees to respond. Please ensure that you allow enough time for referees to respond.

No late references will be accepted.

Please note: we cannot accept emailed documents from any category of applicant, nor documents emailed by academic departments on your behalf. The only exception is references from Warwick academic staff.

Additional Documents

You can sign out and save your progress on the application as often as you wish, but once you 'Submit' no further changes can be made to the application and only transcripts and references can be uploaded after this point.

No revised or additional documents (besides transcripts and references) will be considered as part of the scholarship application process. Any documents uploaded in the 'additional document upload' facility such as revised research proposals and CV's will not be considered as part of the scholarship application.

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you have any questions relating to the Chancellor's Scholarships that have not been answered in the information given above, please email us at graduateschool@warwick.ac.uk or speak to your prospective department/ potential supervisor.

We would also recommend reading our ['Top Tips for a Strong Application'](#), which provides useful guidance to consider when submitting your scholarship application.

APPENDIX 1

NOTE ON ELIGIBILITY AND HOW TO APPLY FOR 'CURRENT WARWICK MASTER'S STUDENT ON A 1+3 COURSE IN A DOCTORAL TRAINING CENTRE'

Eligibility

Applicant Category	Eligible to apply for Chancellor's/ Chancellor's International Scholarship
Applicant for the '1+3 course in a Doctoral Training Centre	✗
Student in year 1 (Masters Year) of the '1+3'	✓
Student in year 1 of '+3' (PhD)	✓
Student in year 2 of '+3' (PhD)	✗
Student in year 3 of '+3' (PhD)	✗

How to Apply

To apply to the postgraduate research scholarship competition, students should apply via Route 2, the single scholarship application form.

We would advise all potential applicants to contact the relevant department for further advice about eligibility and how to apply.

APPENDIX 2

NOTE ON ELIGIBILITY AND HOW TO APPLY FOR '2+2 MPhil IN PHILOSOPHY' APPLICANTS AND CURRENT STUDENTS

Eligibility

Applicant Category	Eligible to apply for Chancellor's/ Chancellor's International Scholarship
Applicant for the '2+2' MPhil>PhD course	×
Student in year 1 of MPhil	✓
Student in year 2 of MPhil	✓
Student in year 1 of PhD	×
Student in year 2 of PhD	×

How to Apply

To apply to the postgraduate research scholarship competition, students should apply via [Route 2](#), the single scholarship application form.

We would advise all potential applicants to contact the Department of Philosophy for further advice about eligibility and how to apply.

Email: pgphilsec@warwick.ac.uk

APPENDIX 3

NOTE ON ELIGIBILITY AND HOW TO APPLY FOR '2+4 MRes/ PHD RESEARCH PROGRAMME IN ECONOMICS'

Eligibility

Applicant Category	Eligible to apply for Chancellor's/ Chancellor's International Scholarship
Applicant for the '2+4' MRes>PhD course	×
Applicant for Year 2 (Masters Level) '2+4' MRes>PhD course	×
Current student in year 1 (Masters Level) of the '2+4'	×
Current student year 2 (Masters Level) of the '2+4'	✓
Current student in year 1 of the '+4' (PhD Level)	✓
Current student in year 2 of the '+4' (PhD Level)	×
Current student in year 3 of the '+4' (PhD Level)	×
Current student in year 4 of the '+4' (PhD Level)	×

How to Apply

To apply to the postgraduate research scholarship competition current students who are eligible based on the information above should apply via Route 2, the single scholarship application form.

We would strongly advise all potential applicants to contact the Department of Economics for further advice about eligibility and how to apply.

Email: economics.pgoffice@warwick.ac.uk

Tel: +44 (0) 24 76523027

APPENDIX 4

NOTE ON ELIGIBILITY AND HOW TO APPLY FOR 'COMPLEXITY SCIENCE PHD APPLICANTS AND CURRENT 1+3 COMPLEXITY SCIENCE MSc STUDENTS'

Eligibility

Applicant Category	Eligible to apply for Chancellor's/ Chancellor's International Scholarship
Applicant for MSc Complexity Science	✗
Applicant for PhD Complexity Science	✓
Student in year 1 (Masters Year) of the '1+3'	✓
Student in year 1 of '+3' (PhD)	✓
Student in year 2 of '+3' (PhD)	✗
Student in year 3 of '+3' (PhD)	✗

How to Apply

Current students should apply to postgraduate research scholarship competition via Route 2, the single scholarship application form.

Applicants for the PhD (not currently enrolled) should apply to postgraduate research scholarship competition via Route 1, the joint admissions and scholarship application form.

We would strongly advise all potential applicants for Complexity Science to contact the Department for further advise about how to apply; complexity@warwick.ac.uk