Dear Offer Holder

Welcome to our May Newsletter. Many of you will soon be taking final year exams; good luck and don’t forget to let PG Admissions know your result so that offers can be made unconditional.

Over the coming months keep an eye on our offer holders web page where we’ll be posting useful information including pre-reading lists, course programmes and the induction week schedule.

Best wishes from the Taught Masters Team

Scholarships & Funding

Clyde Higgs Scholarships
Six scholarships worth £6400 for UK students applying for Food Security or Sustainable Crop Production. Deadline 30 June 2018.

Life Sciences (SLS) Excellence Scholarships
Up to five will be awarded as a 50% reduction of course fees. Students must complete an application and have an offer before the 20 May 2019 deadline.

GREAT Britain Scholarships - Malaysia
Jointly funded by Warwick and the British Council there will be one award of £15000 for offer holders on one of our two Biotech & Business courses. Students must complete an application and have an offer before the 20 May 2019 deadline.

Don’t forget the Postgraduate Loan Scheme

Join us on Twitter and Instagram
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Taught MSc Newsletter
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“For my Master’s project I chose to study the effects of climate change on weeds. Although I had undertaken some research during my undergraduate degree, this was my first foray into managing my own project. I loved learning about the world through experimentation, and particularly enjoyed that my research had a real-world application. After completing my MSc, I developed my research skills by taking a position as a research scientist at a private company specialising in helping the food industry ensure product safety and quality. After a couple of years, I found the perfect PhD opportunity at Rothamsted focusing on weed ecology. I have grown a lot since my time at Warwick, but it certainly shaped me as a researcher and fostered my love for applied research in the agricultural sector.”

Helen Metcalfe

New accommodation options for postgraduates

If you don’t fancy living on campus then Warwick Accommodation has reserved partnership accommodation rooms for new postgraduate students in the heart of Coventry close to the city centre.

New, overseas postgraduate students joining the University in September 2019 will be allocated to partnership accommodation between June and July 2019, if you apply before the deadline and make a partnership option your first preference.

You can find further information at https://warwick.ac.uk/services/accommodation/studentaccommodation/postgraduate/partnerships

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