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Hi all,

A few things to draw to your attention on the PGR front.

1. PGR Scholarships

A reminder that many of the PGR scholarship pathways (ESRC, AHRC etc) are now accepting applications.

Please note that this year (unlike last year) *the Law School Scholarship will be open to existing students*. Any award to an existing student will cover prospective years of study only; the award will not retrospectively apply to any years of study already completed. Please also note that the Chancellors International Scholarship is *not* any longer open to existing students, *only new students can apply*.

More information about the scholarships (including relevant deadlines and application processes) can be found [here](#). If you'd like to discuss any of these pathways, just let me know.

2. Extension requests

The Doctoral College has issued some guidance for students and supervisors who are considering applying for an extension. Please make sure you familiarise yourself with the [criteria for approval and process](#).

- Students are being refused extensions, or are being given shorter periods than requested, because they do not present and evidence acceptable mitigating circumstances.
- Note that Covid (on its own) is unlikely to be a sufficient reason to approve an extension.
- Applications will be returned if there is not a statement of support from the supervisor and a plan for completion to the requested extended submission date.

3. Midlands Innovation Fellowship 2024

The Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology is launching two new fellowships. The fellowships are funded by Midlands Innovation and the scheme is open to PhD students studying a subject related to biology, life sciences and social sciences within certain institutions. Applicants must be registered, or have recently completed their PhD, at one of the following universities:

- Aston University
- University of Birmingham
- Cranfield University
- University of Keele
- University of Leicester

- Loughborough University
- University of Warwick

The two successful applicants will be based in UK Parliament for 13 weeks from April 2025, supporting its use of research evidence in scrutiny and decision making. This will typically involve producing a POSTnote policy briefing which will be published on the UK Parliament website. Fellows can delve into novel and exciting areas of research, develop a unique understanding of how research informs policy in the UK Parliament, and forge relationships with key stakeholders.

Hybrid, remote working, and part-time options are available.

The successful fellows will be awarded a stipend of £7,922.50 (or a stipend-matched payment for clinical PhD fellows if higher).

To find out more details and how to apply, [please click here](#).

We will hold an online information session about the fellowships on 11 Nov 3-4pm. Please email postfellowships@parliament.uk if you would like to attend.

The deadline for applications is 27 November 2024, 23:55.

Interviews will be held on 15 and 16 January 2025

4. Updates from the Doctoral College

For PGR students:

- The Doctoral College meets with SSLC Chairs every term to discuss the PGR experience. The first meeting of the year is on Wednesday 30th October. Could **SSLC Chairs please register [here](#), if you haven't already.**
- The Doctoral College is looking for **postgraduate researchers to sit on a number of committees**, to give their views on issues related to supervision, EDI, scholarships and PGR training. More information about each committee can be found [here](#). **If you are interested, please register [here](#).**
- The Doctoral College would like to invite **all PGRs to an event** on 21st November. The event will include welcome activities for new PGRs and an opportunity for returning PGRs to connect and find out more about PhD life at Warwick. Lunch included. Please register [here](#).

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For supervisors:

- These online events, beginning on 13th November, aim to **assist supervisors** to find practical solutions to challenges facing them and their PGRs. Topics include Funding, Mediation, PhD students struggling to make progress, and Disability. Please register [here](#).

Hope all is well!

Best wishes,

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