

Postgraduate Research Scholarships
2018/19 entry

Guidance Notes for Applicants

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[1. Introduction](#)

The University of Warwick manages a central scholarship competition awarding over £3.5 million of scholarships for PhD students. The annual postgraduate scholarship competition consists of the following awards:

- **Chancellor’s International Scholarships (International fee paying students only)**
- **Centre for Arts Doctoral Research Excellence (CADRE) Scholarships (Home/EU fee paying students only)**
- **Warwick Medical School Scholarships (Home/EU fee paying students only)**

PhD applicants and first year PhD students who are eligible to apply for any of the awards listed above should apply to the postgraduate research scholarships competitions. When an application is submitted it 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 that all applicants read all of the information listed in these guidelines.

2. Funding Available and Value

Chancellor's International Scholarships

For 2018/19 we expect to award up to 25 Chancellor's International Scholarships available to be awarded to the most outstanding international PhD applicants. Awards made for entry in autumn 2018 will include the following:

- The full payment of overseas tuition fees (worth up to £20,730 at 2017/18 rates- *this figure is likely to increase with inflation for 2018/19*)
- A maintenance stipend in line with RCUK rates (provisional £14,800* for full time award holders in 2018/19)
- Length of funding: 3.5 years unless you are already in your first year of study when you apply then the length of funding will be reduced accordingly

** Please note this is a RCUK provisional predicted figure and is subject to change*

Centre for Arts Doctoral Research Excellence (CADRE) Scholarships

For 2018/19 entry there will be up to 13 CADRE Scholarships available to be awarded to the most outstanding PhD applicants. Awards made for entry in autumn 2018 will include the following:

- The full payment of Home/EU tuition fees (worth £4,195 at 2017/18 rates- *this figure is likely to increase with inflation*)
- A maintenance stipend in line with RCUK rates (provisional £14,800* for full time award holders in 2018/19)
- Length of funding: 3.5 years unless you are already in your first year of study when you apply then the length of funding will be reduced accordingly

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Warwick Medical School Scholarships

For 2018/19 entry there will be 2 WMS Scholarships available to be awarded to the most outstanding PhD applicants. Awards made for entry in autumn 2018 will include the following:

- The full payment of Home/EU tuition fees (worth £4,195 at 2017/18 rates- *this figure is likely to increase with inflation*)
- A maintenance stipend in line with RCUK rates (provisional £14,800* for full time award holders in 2018/19)
- Length of funding: 3.5 years unless you are already in your first year of study when you apply then the length of funding will be reduced accordingly

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3. Eligibility Criteria

Individual Scholarship Eligibility

- Chancellor's International Scholarships
Available to applicants considered 'Overseas' for fees purposes from all disciplines at Warwick.
- Centre for Arts Doctoral Research Excellence (CADRE) Scholarships
Available to applicants considered 'Home/EU' for fees purposes applying to any discipline within the Arts Faculty, Department of Philosophy, or Centre for Interdisciplinary Methodologies (CIM)
- Warwick Medical School Scholarships
Available to applicants considered 'Home/EU' for fees purposes applying to any discipline within Warwick Medical School.

Please note: Candidates not Eligible for an award through this process

If you are a Home/EU student in the Social Science or Science Faculties, or if you are applying for an ineligible course, you will not be able to apply for any of the scholarships administered through this process and you will not be given the option to apply for a scholarship through the joint admissions and scholarship applications form.

Applications are welcomed from:

1. Applicants for a full-time PhD (or MPhil/PhD) course at the University of Warwick, expecting to begin in Autumn 2018, and students currently enrolled on a PhD or MPhil/PhD at the University of Warwick in their first year of their registration only;
2. You must be a PhD student at, or applicant to, the University of Warwick. No Scholarships offered via the postgraduate research scholarship competition are available to support Master's degrees, either taught or by research, nor for any other category of degree course;
3. 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;
4. 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 2018. Please contact your prospective department for further details about the qualifications expected, and look at the 'ranking criteria' for information about how qualifications are scored;

Further information about Eligibility is available for:

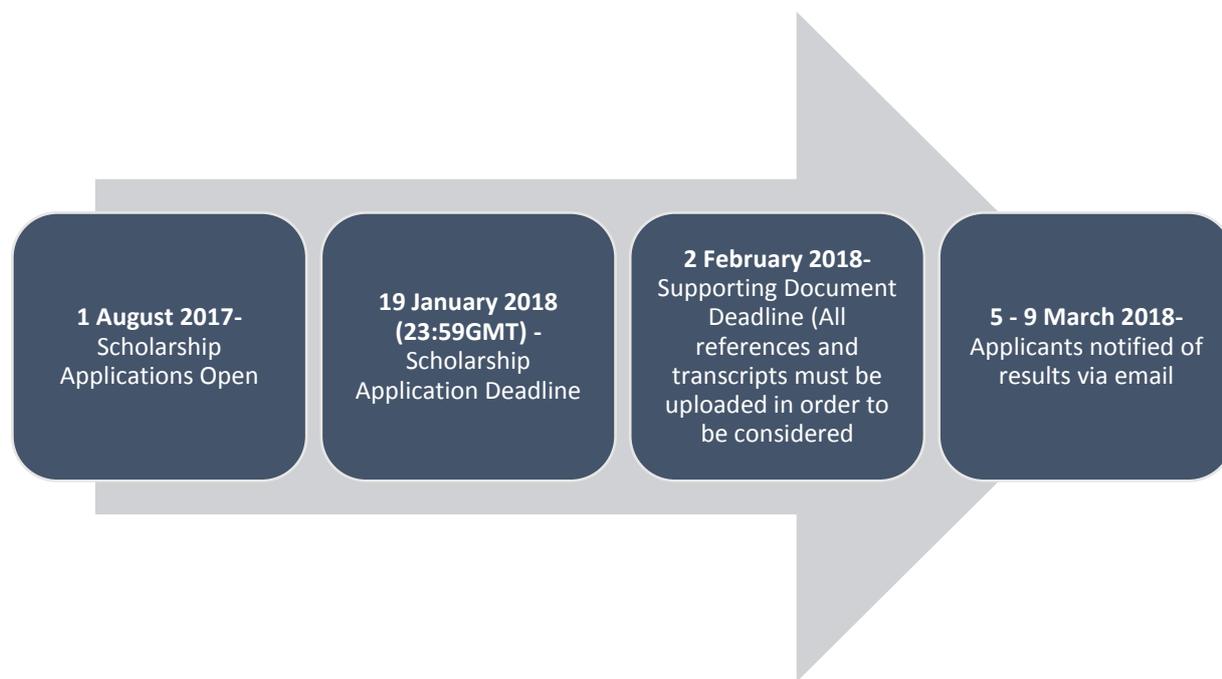
5. Applicants OR current students on the 2+2 MPhil in Philosophy ([See Appendix 2](#) for further details)

6. *Applicants OR current students 2+4 MRes> PhD research programme in Economics ([See Appendix 3](#) for further details)*
7. *Overseas Applicants or Current Overseas Warwick Master's student on a 1+3 course in a Centre for Doctoral Training (Home/EU applicants should apply to the CDT for funding) ([See Appendix 4](#) for further details)*

4. How to Apply and Deadlines

Timeline

The deadline for applications to be submitted is Friday 19 January 2018 (23:59GMT). No late applications will be accepted.



How to Apply

Applications for the central postgraduate scholarship competition must be submitted online. There are two scholarship application routes and you should ensure that you submit your application via the correct route.

Route 1. [Joint Postgraduate Admissions and Scholarship Application form](#)

1. New doctoral applicants applying for admission after 1 August 2017

Route 2. [Single Scholarship Application form](#)

2. New doctoral applicants who applied for admission before 1 August 2017
3. Current Warwick first-year doctoral students

Further information for Route 1 applicants

New applicants should apply for a Scholarship by completing the [Joint Postgraduate Admissions and Scholarship Application form](#). Applicants complete the admissions application as normal, but when you reach the 'finance' section of the form you will be asked 'do you wish to apply for a postgraduate research scholarship at Warwick?' You must select 'yes' in order to be considered for a scholarship. When 'yes' is selected a new section of the application form will appear with a further three questions to complete. These additional questions will form the main sections of the scholarship application.

Please note: if you cannot see the scholarship question on the finance screen then you will be ineligible for this scholarship competition.

Further information for Route 2 applicants

The [Single Scholarship Application form](#) is a standalone scholarship application. In order to apply via this method you will be asked a small number of questions that enables the system to link your scholarship application to your admissions record. This means that we will be able to view previously uploaded references and transcripts to support your scholarship application.

Please note: You can sign out and save progress on an application as often as you wish. However, once you 'submit' your application no further changes can be made (except uploading transcripts and references). You must ensure that your application is complete and you have proof read before you 'submit'.

Please [See Appendix 1](#) for further information about How to Apply.

5. The Application Form and Supporting Documents

Please see [Review and Selection Criteria](#) for further information on ranking criteria.

The application deadline is 19 January 2018 (23:59GMT). No late applications will be considered.

The Scholarship application consists of ONLY the following:

- **Scholarship application form (including your research proposal where submitted at admissions stage (if you are applying via route one then please ensure you upload your research proposal as part of your application))**
- **Details as to how you meet the assessment indicators of ‘Person and Preparedness’ and ‘Project and Place’**
- **All applicants should provide transcripts of your previous/current study**
- **Two references in support of your application**

Please note: Any information not listed above will not be viewed as part of the scholarship application process.

The scholarship application form questions and character limits are as follows:

1. Please provide details of how you meet the descriptors of ‘Person and Preparedness’ (Max 500 characters including spaces)
2. Please give details of how you meet the descriptor ‘Project and Place’ (Max 500 characters including spaces)

Guidance on descriptors:

- **‘Person and Preparedness’** - You should have an outstanding academic record. Expectations around qualifications already obtained may vary according to the discipline you are being recruited to but the University will look to award scholarships to those candidates who are able to demonstrate their ability to achieve throughout their previous studies. Your referees should also be able to enhance your application through their reflections on your ability to undertake further study at Warwick and your prior performance and achievements. It’s important to note to your referees the importance of the reference as part of the assessment process;
- **‘Project and Place’** – You should be able to demonstrate that your research will enhance both the department’s and university’s profile in your chosen field. You should have the ability to produce a clearly articulated and robustly justified research question. If you have been recruited to undertake research on a specific project then you should be able to articulate how you fit with the aims and objectives of the project.

Route 1 applicants will have also been asked to upload a research proposal in support of their admissions application.

Supporting Documents

The deadline for uploading your supporting documents (transcripts and references) is 2 February 2018. We will not consider any documents uploaded after this date.

Applicants **must** upload supporting documents at least one day before this date to allow the upload system to process them for consideration.

The central scholarship competition shares an upload system with Postgraduate (PG) Admissions, so there is no need to upload two versions of transcripts or references. Please be aware that the Graduate School and PG Admissions cannot filter or remove documents uploaded on your behalf.

References

When you submit your application, the University will use the details provided in your application form to email a reference request to referees directly. The reference request will include a link to an upload page for referees to submit references.

Please be aware that reference requests will not be sent until you submit your application form and so you should ensure you allow for sufficient time for referees to respond, noting that no exceptions can be made.

Transcripts

All applicants must provide a transcript of your current and/or previous study.

Your academic qualifications form an important part of the [Selection Criteria](#).

6. Review and Ranking Criteria

Competition for awards is very high and scholarship offers will only be made to those who are able to demonstrate academic excellence and the potential to be an outstanding researcher.

Rankings Criteria

Warwick operates a transparent ranking criteria that enables candidates for Chancellor's International Scholarships to understand how their applications will be assessed. Applications will be assessed against two core descriptors – those of 'Person and Preparedness' and those relating to 'Project and Place'. It is your responsibility to ensure that your application is as strong as possible and aligns to the descriptors. It's also important that your department knows your strengths so that they can contextualise applications in their nominations statement. Copies of the rankings criteria can be found [here](#).

All applicants are strongly advised to self-assess before applying, noting that only those who rank very highly on these criteria have been awarded scholarships in recent years.

Selection

Departments are asked to nominate their strongest applicants and provide statements of support, contextualising the application further and supporting assessors in understanding the strengths of the application being submitted. Nominated applications will then be ranked by independent scorers within the faculty. Faculty committees will look to discuss the rankings of all candidates submitted for consideration and will make a number of awards accordingly. The Faculty Graduate Awards Committee ultimately has responsibility for ensuring that university processes and policies are free, fair and transparent and for reviewing the competitions' outcomes.

Please note: Due to the volume of applications the Graduate School is unable to provide any assessment of chances of success or detailed feedback on applications.

7. Notification of Scholarship Results

All applicants will be informed of the results of their application via email between 5 and 9 March 2018. Results will not be communicated any earlier.

Please note: A scholarship application must have been submitted by the deadline in order to receive notification of results. Any late applications will not be considered for a scholarship.

APPENDIX 1

Further Information on '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 admission 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 International, CADRE Scholarships and WMS 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 2017 but not for a scholarship	Chancellor's International Scholarships, CADRE Scholarships and WMS Scholarships	Single scholarship application form	On Scholarships upload page*
Current Warwick PhD student in their first year of study	Chancellor's International Scholarships, CADRE Scholarships and WMS Scholarships	Single scholarship application form	On Scholarships upload page*
Current Overseas Warwick Master's student on a 1+3 course in a Centre for Doctoral Training (Home/EU applicants should apply to the CDT for funding)	Chancellor's International Scholarships	Single scholarship application form	On Scholarships upload page*
2+2 MPhil in Philosophy (See Appendix 1 for further details)	Chancellor's International Scholarships and CADRE Scholarships	Single scholarship application form	On Scholarships upload page*
Current Overseas students on 2+4 MRes/PhD research programme in Economics (See Appendix 2 for further details)	Chancellor's International Scholarships	Single scholarship application form	On Scholarships upload page*

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

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 International Scholarship / CADRE Scholarship
Applicant for the '2+2' MPhil>PhD course	x
Student in year 1 of MPhil	√
Student in year 2 of MPhil	√
Student in year 1 of PhD	x
Student in year 2 of PhD	x

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 OVERSEAS* STUDENTS ON THE '2+4 MRES/ PHD RESEARCH PROGRAMME IN ECONOMICS

Eligibility

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

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 OVERSEAS* STUDENTS IN A CENTRE FOR DOCTORAL TRAINING (CDT) PHD APPLICANTS AND CURRENT 1+3 CDT STUDENTS

Eligibility

Applicant Category	Eligible to apply for Chancellor's International Scholarship
Applicant for 1+3 in a CDT	x
Applicant for PhD in a CDT	✓
Student in year 1 (Masters Year) of the '1+3'	✓
Student in year 1 of '+3' (PhD)	✓
Student in year 2 of '+3' (PhD)	x
Student in year 3 of '+3' (PhD)	x

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 CDTs to contact the relevant Department for further advice about how to apply.

* Home/EU students can apply for funding through the CDTs directly.