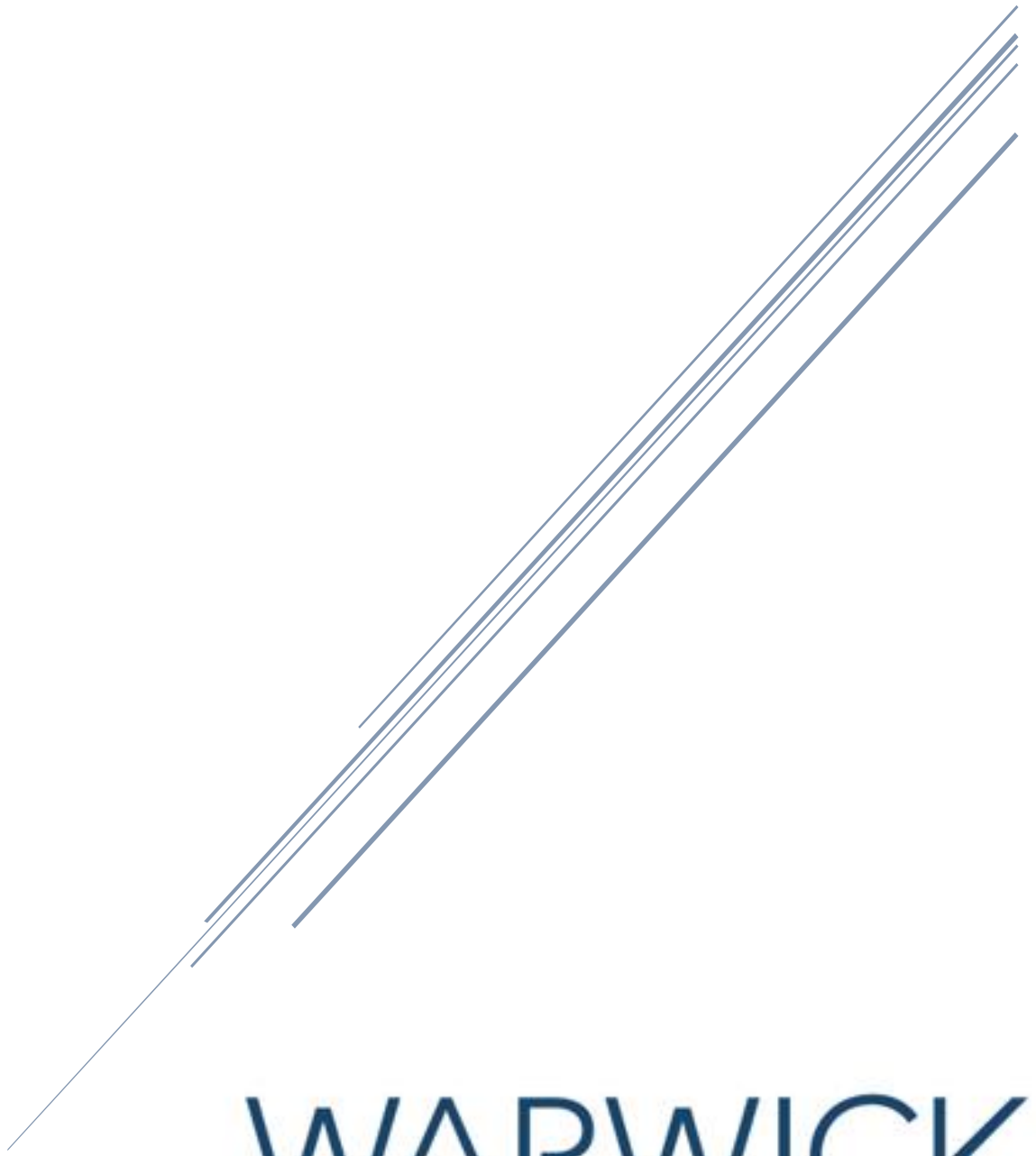


Monash Warwick Alliance Joint PhD Scholarship

Guidance Notes for Applicants



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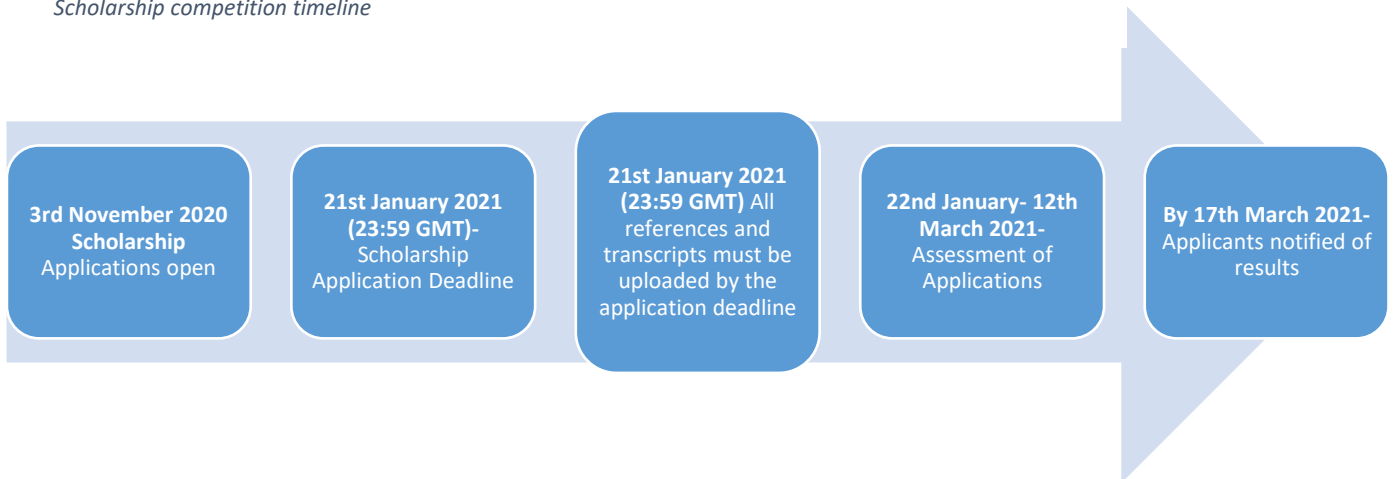
Scholarship details and eligibility

Monash Warwick Alliance Joint PhD Scholarship		
Number of awards	Value/Length	Who can apply?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ For 2021/22 we will award up to 3 Monash Warwick Alliance Joint PhD Scholarships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Full payment of academic fees ➤ A maintenance stipend in line with UKRI rates (provisional £15,285* for full time holders) ➤ Travel allowance of £2,000 during lifetime of award ➤ Length of funding: 3 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Home, EU and Overseas students ➤ There are no restrictions on nationality or discipline ➤ First year PhD students are not eligible

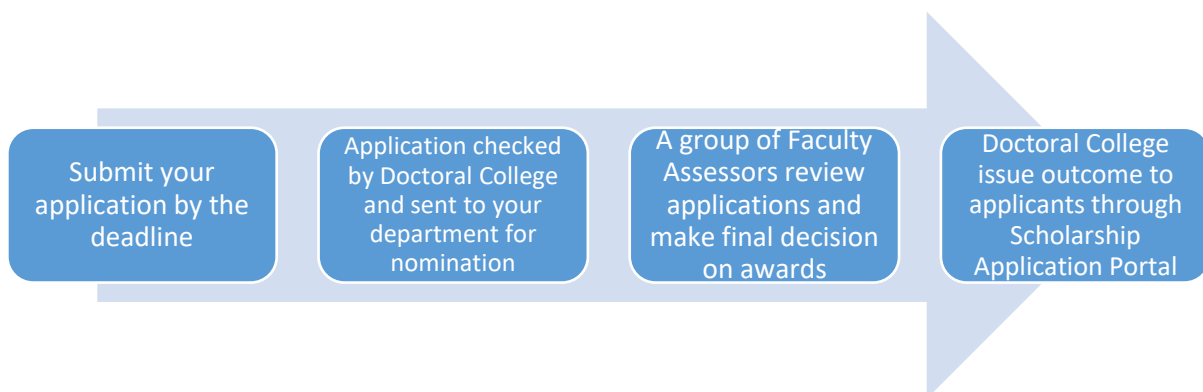
**Please note this is a UKRI provisional predicted figure and is subject to change*

Scholarship competition timeline and process

Scholarship competition timeline



Scholarship process



How to apply

Navigating the Scholarship Application Form

In order to be able to apply for a scholarship, you should already have applied to study the course via the Universal Admissions application system. This is because the funding application takes information from your study application in order to save you from entering various details a second time.

Once your log-in has been generated for the study application, you will then be able to use this for your scholarship application.

To apply for the Monash Warwick Alliance Joint PhD you will need to click on the 'Apply Here' link on the [scholarship page](#).

Course

Life Sciences (PhD) (applying) ▼

You will be taken to the 'Select Scholarship' page where you can review your details and qualifications. The information here has been taken from your course application.

Select scholarship » Your application » Referees » Review and submit

Please select the course your scholarship application relates to.

Course Employment Research (Joint PhD with Monash)

Monash Warwick Alliance Joint PhD Scholarship 20/21

Eligibility In order to be eligible for the Monash Warwick Alliance Joint PhD applicants must have applied for a joint PhD with Monash University, to begin in Autumn 2020. There is no nationality criteria and students currently enrolled on a Joint PhD are not eligible.

Award For entry in 2020/21 the University of Warwick will offer up to 3 scholarships to students applying for a Joint PhD with Monash University. The award will consist of payment of full tuition fees at either the Home/EU or Overseas rate, a maintenance stipend in line with UKRI rates for the two years spent at Warwick (£15,280 for full time award holders in 2020/21), and in line with Australian government rates for the year spent at Monash, and a £2000 travel allowance during the lifetime of the PhD.

Deadline 2nd Sep 2019 at 11:14 (deadline passed)

Your details

Name ██████████
Nationality Namibian
Country of residence Tajikistan
Country of birth Tajikistan
Fee status EU Fees
Fee status query Not set

Your qualifications

Degree UK Bachelor's Degree: BA, BSc etc
Subject Psychology
Institution University of Nowhere
Start date 9th Aug 2017
End date 9th Aug 2018
Country UK

Degree UK Postgraduate Master's degree: MA, MSc etc
Institution Institute of Nowhere

Please Note: The above is an example application to show what the screen will look like and does not reflect a real person's application.

You will need to select the course you are applying with for your scholarship application. If you are applying for more than one course you will need to complete a separate scholarship application for each course application. **NB. You will not be able to submit an application unless you have applied for a Joint PhD with Monash University.**

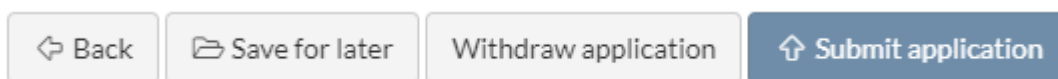
Start application

Click on the icon to begin your application.

At the top of the form you will see a progress bar. You can switch between sections before submitting your application.



At the bottom of the form you have the option to save your application and return to it later; withdraw your application; or submit your application. If you choose to withdraw your application you will not be able to create or submit a second one for the same course



Click on the 'Referees' tab. Here you can review your referee details. We will use the references submitted with your course application.



Request help

You may contact The Doctoral College within the application form if you require help.

Request help

To do this, click on the icon above your 'Application info' box. You will be able to send the Scholarship Team within The Doctoral College a direct message. You can indicate whether you would like the Scholarship Team to access your draft application.

The Scholarship Team will assist you with technical difficulties; they will not advise you how to answer the scholarship questions.

Application questions

There are six mandatory questions you will need to complete before submitting your application. Question one and two respond to the Postgraduate Research Ranking Criteria. See [Appendix 1](#) for Ranking Criteria.

1. In 300 words or less, describe how best you meet the person and preparedness descriptors. You may wish to consider your academic history, skills and expertise, professional experience, and awards or publications.
2. In 300 words or less, describe how best you meet the project and place descriptors. You may wish to consider the significance of your project, engagement with relevant literature, and the project's fit with your proposed supervisor and department.
3. In 500 words or less, provide a summary of your research proposal as appropriate to your discipline and your ability to complete it. For very technical disciplines where advanced detailed might be beyond the current research of an undergraduate or postgraduate taught degree, candidates are encouraged to describe the general area and fundamental open problems that motivate you to pursue the topic, as well as commenting on your academic background and suitability to conduct the research.
4. What added value do you hope a joint PhD will bring to you as opposed to you pursuing a single degree at either University?
5. How do the two research groups you hope to work in complement each other in view of your project?
6. Please provide the names of your intended supervisors from Warwick and Monash University.

While your department may access your research proposal from your course application, the Faculty Assessors will use only your 500 word summary from your scholarship application. They will not have access to your research proposal.

Before you begin your application, contact your prospective departments to discuss your project and how it will fit with their research. You should be able to demonstrate in your answers that you have engaged with both the departments and ranking criteria. A strong application shows initiative and investment in the joint PhD.


The Ranking Criteria

Departments and Faculty Assessors responsible for the assessment of your application will follow the Postgraduate Research Ranking Criteria in their evaluation.

The Ranking Criteria consists of two descriptors:

- Person and Preparedness
- Project and Place

See [Appendix 1](#) for the Ranking Criteria.

You must review the Ranking Criteria before starting your application as you will be assessed by how you engage with these descriptors in your application. Click on the  icon next to question one and two for the criteria.

Supporting documents

You are not required to upload any supporting documents to your scholarship application. We will have access to your supporting documents uploaded with your course application.

What documents will be assessed with my application?

The department will have access to your supporting documents from your course application and will use these to write their nomination statement.

The Faculty Assessors will have access to your transcripts and references.

Can I upload new documents after I have submitted my scholarship application?

You may upload new supporting documents to your course application however only the department can access these. The Doctoral College will not upload documents on your behalf.

The scholarship application deadline is **Thursday 21st January 2021, 23:59 GMT** All references and transcripts must also be uploaded by this deadline.

The Assessment Process

What happens after your application is submitted?

Review and submit

Before you submit your application you will be able to review your application answers. The system will prevent you from submitting your application if you have not completed your application properly and will notify you of any issues.

You will not be able to amend your application once you have submitted.

You will be sent a confirmation of submission email containing a URL which will take you directly to your application. You may also bookmark the Scholarship Application Form page so you may visit it directly.

You can view unsubmitted, submitted, withdrawn, and rejected applications from the Homepage of the Scholarship Application Form.

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

Warwick operates a transparent ranking criteria that enables candidates to understand how their application will be assessed. Refer to [Appendix 1](#) for the Ranking Criteria.

Selection and Assessment

Departments are asked to nominate their strongest applications and provide a nomination statement. The nomination statement will contextualise your application and references, and will outline your strengths and fit within the department. Due to the limited number of awards available, departments are allocated a specific number of nominations.

Faculty Assessors will independently score applications then convene at the Graduate Awards Committee to discuss the ranked applications and approve the award allocations. It is the Graduate Awards Committee's responsibility to ensure that university processes and policies are free, fair, and transparent.

Notification of scholarship results

All applicants will be informed of the results by email by 17th March 2021.

Due to the volume of applications we receive each year, we are unable to provide any feedback to applicants.

Please be aware that an application must have been submitted by the scholarship deadline in order to receive a notification of results, and any late applications will not be considered for a scholarship.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Once I have submitted my application, can I make any changes?

No, once you have submitted your application you will not be able to make any changes, therefore you must double check your application in its entirety before submitting. The Doctoral College cannot make any changes to your application.

2. Can I receive a scholarship offer if I haven't received an admission offer?

No, you must have an offer of admission in place to receive a scholarship offer.

3. I'm updating my CV, where do I upload it?

The scholarship assessors will not review CV's as part of this competition.

4. Can I apply now for entry in 2022/23?

No, the application process is specifically for funding starting in October 2021, and subsequent funding schemes may be subject to change. Information on the next year's funding scheme will be on the Doctoral College's website in Autumn 2021.

5. My fee status is incorrect, how do I get this changed?

You should contact the Postgraduate Admissions team to challenge the decision on your fee status. They will ask you to complete a form and submit supporting evidence for them to make a decision. Any changes to your fee status should be reported to the Doctoral College before the department's nomination deadline.

6. Who do I contact if I have any queries not shown here?

You can email the Doctoral College at doctoralcollege@warwick.ac.uk.

Appendix 1

Ranking Criteria for competition applications

Applications are ranked in order of preference – 1 being the most highly ranked application. Judgment is made under two broad categories: Person and Preparedness and Project and Place. The following descriptors indicate the characteristics considered under each heading. It is important to note that the descriptors below should be used to guide assessors, but the University has consciously moved away from a defined scoring criteria in order to recognize areas such as professional experience.

Person and Preparedness descriptors ¹	
An applicant with an outstanding academic record, very well-equipped for doctoral study, usually evidenced by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a first class degree, or a distinction at Masters level, or equivalent professional experience• excellent references	Excellent
An applicant with a strong academic record, well-equipped for doctoral study, usually evidenced by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• an upper second class degree, or a merit at Masters level, or equivalent professional experience• good references	Good
An applicant that fulfils the academic requirements for entry to doctoral study but does not demonstrate that they are equipped to excel, usually evidenced by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a lower second class degree, or a pass at Masters level, or equivalent professional experience• acceptable references	Acceptable
An applicant with a weak academic record, ill-equipped for doctoral study, usually evidenced by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a third class degree or no degree level qualification• poor references	Poor

¹ * An applicant with substantial and relevant professional experience may be judged to have an outstanding, strong or solid academic record without having achieved the degree classification associated with that category. Applicants in some disciplines are often established and successful practitioners undertaking applied research in professional contexts. They typically have significant professional knowledge and experience that bears directly on their ability to undertake doctoral research. Furthermore, in light of recent grade inflation, the degree classifications of applicants who graduated many years ago may not be directly comparable with the degree classifications of recent graduates.

Project and Place descriptors^{2 1} In disciplines where the project is recruited to rather than designed by the applicant, greater reliance will be given to the departmental statement demonstrating the expected characteristics.	Assessment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A project with the potential to make a significant contribution to the field • A clearly articulated and robustly justified research question • Sophisticated critical engagement with relevant literature • An appropriate and well-developed research design • An excellent fit between the project and the expertise of the proposed supervisors, or in the case of a project the applicant is recruited to, an excellent fit between the candidate's prior knowledge/experience and the project. • An excellent fit between the project and the research strengths or priorities of the host department/University 	Excellent
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A project with the potential to make a strong impact within the student's field • A clearly articulated and justified research question • Critical engagement with relevant literature • An appropriate and partially-developed research design • A good fit between the project and the expertise of the proposed supervisors, or in the case of a project the applicant is recruited to, a good fit between the candidate's prior knowledge/experience and the project. • A good fit between the project and the research strengths or priorities of the host department 	Good
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A project with the potential to make an original contribution to the field • A clearly articulated research question • Engagement with relevant literature • An appropriate indicative research design • An acceptable fit between the project and the expertise of the proposed supervisors, or in the case of a project the applicant is recruited to, an acceptable fit between the candidate's prior knowledge/experience and the project. • An acceptable fit between the project and the research strengths or priorities of the host department 	Acceptable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A project without the potential to make an original contribution to the field • An unclear research question • Little or no engagement with relevant literature • An inappropriate research design • A poor fit between the project and the expertise of the proposed supervisors, or in the case of a project the applicant is recruited to, a poor fit between the candidate's prior knowledge/experience and the project. • A poor fit between the project and the research strengths or priorities of the host department 	Poor