

Funding Opportunities for Postgraduate Research Programmes

The following pages detail some of the potential funding opportunities available for postgraduate research degrees. For further details you should make direct contact with the funding organisation to check availability and eligibility criteria. In addition, a comprehensive list of funding opportunities can be found at:

<http://www.postgraduatestudentships.co.uk/organization>

African, Caribbean and Pacific Countries (ACP)

Awards from the European Community for the training of African, Caribbean and Pacific citizens. Applicants must be nominated by their own Government, which submits proposals to the local delegation of the European Commission. Further information is available from **Directorate-General VIII, Commission of the European Communities, Rue de la Loi 200, 1049 Brussels, Belgium**

Association of Commonwealth Universities

Please use the links below or contact awards@acu.ac.uk for more information.

- [The Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the UK](#)
- [Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission](#)
- [Commonwealth Universities Study Abroad Consortium \(CUSAC\)](#)
- [Other awards administered by the ACU](#)

You may also download a summary of [Scholarships, Fellowships and Bursaries administered by the ACU](#), in pdf format.

Through the provision of Scholarships and Fellowships, the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) demonstrates its commitment year on year to increasing staff and student mobility and institution building throughout the Commonwealth and beyond.

Working with government departments such as the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) and the Department for International Development (DFID) on prestigious and internationally renowned award schemes such as the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan and

the Marshall Scholarships, university staff and students from the Commonwealth and from the USA are able to study in the UK.

In addition, the ACU works on a variety of funding projects which assist pan-Commonwealth movement, using its own funds for schemes such as Commonwealth Universities Study Abroad Consortium (CUSAC) and also with monies provided by other agencies such as the Commonwealth Foundation, the Canada Memorial Foundation and the Royal Society.

Bermuda and the Cayman Islands

The British Government and the Governments of Bermuda and the Cayman Islands jointly fund a scheme for student from Bermuda and the Cayman Islands undertaking full-time higher education in the UK. Information may be obtained from the Governments of Bermuda and the Cayman Islands.

British Council Awards

Some awards and scholarships are organised through the British Council. Details of the award schemes should be obtained directly from the British Council's representative in the candidate's own country.

China

Sino-British Fellowship Scholarship Scheme

Awards available for advanced short-term studies of a practical nature in scientific, technological, medical and educational fields. Apply to **Sino-British Fellowship Trust, C/O Coutts and Co Bankers, 440 Strand, London, WC2R 0QS.**

Sino-British Friendship Scholarship Scheme

For postgraduate study either for PhD awards or research attachments in science, technology, medicine, humanities and social studies. The scholarship covers fees in UK for three years plus fares. Apply to **Cultural Section of the British Embassy in Beijing** or to the **British Council, 10 Spring Gardens, London, SW1.**

Colombo Plan Scholarships and Fellowships

Available in most fields of study relevant to the progress of developing countries. Open to nationals of countries participating in the Plan (includes Bangladesh, India, Malaysia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Burma, Pakistan,

Thailand, Indonesia, Iran, Korea, Philippines, UK). Request for an award usually made by a recipient developing country to a donor country; the UK is a major donor among member countries.

Details from the Colombo Plan administration in the candidates own country (normally located in Ministries of Economic Affairs, Development Planning etc). Candidates must be nominated by their governments for an award.

Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan (CSFP)

Assists students from Commonwealth Countries for research postgraduate degrees. Nomination of candidates is by local committees in the Commonwealth country concerned. Final selection is made in the UK by the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission. Applicants should apply through the Commonwealth Scholarship Agency in the Commonwealth countries involved. Applicants should be resident in their own country at the time of application.

Please use the CSFP website to find out more about their awards:

Website: <http://www.csfp-online.org/>

Department for International Development (DFID)

There are two sources of funding for international students wishing to study in the United Kingdom. Prospective applicants should go to:

<http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Working-with-DFID/Funding-Schemes/Funding-for-international-students-wishing-to-study-in-the-UK/> for further information.

Additional information

- [Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan \(CSFP\)](#)
- [Criteria and source of funding for international students](#)
- [Shared Scholarship Scheme: Questions and Answers](#)

FCO Chevening Scholarships

These scholarships, funded by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and administered by the British Council, are prestigious awards which enable overseas students to study in the United Kingdom. Scholarships are offered in over 150 countries and enable talented graduates and young professionals to become familiar with the UK and gain skills which will benefit their countries.

The Chevening programme currently provides around 2,300 new scholarships each year for postgraduate studies or research at UK Institutions of Higher Education.

For more information and guidelines about the scholarship programme, please look at the Chevening website: <http://www.chevening.com/home>

Foundation for Urban and Regional Studies (FURS)

Applications are invited for a number of studentships within the field of urban and regional studies.

Funding is only offered to those students who are within the field of urban and regional studies.

Eligibility: From 2005, only applicants from countries in Groups B and C of the World Bank classification will be eligible to apply. For details see <http://www.iser.essex.ac.uk/furs/> and http://www.isa-sociology.org/table_c.htm

The Foundation for Urban and Regional Studies is a Charitable Trust - **charity number 105149** - directly linked to the Company which produces the International Journal for Urban and Regional Research. The Trust is managed by a group of Trustees who are, in turn, responsible to the British Charities Commission for the appropriate use and allocation of its funds.

FURS is concerned to promote urban and regional research and within this broad field it is particularly keen to encourage an understanding of the interconnection between social, economic and political processes and of the broader causes and effects of these processes. This means for example that research which examines policies critically and focuses on their unintended as well as intended consequences is more likely to be supported than research on managerially defined questions. Conversely research which takes a 'technical' approach to urban and regional questions and does not place them within wider contexts of understanding is unlikely to be given priority. Although these concerns are likely to lead to social scientists such as sociologists, political scientists, geographers, economists and town planners predominating among applicants, others such as lawyers, cultural theorists, anthropologists and historians should not be discouraged from applying.

Studentships are intended to permit students, generally from low and middle income countries, to pursue postgraduate research degrees. In recent years studentships have been awarded to students from countries including

Argentina, Cameroons, Chile, Nepal, South Africa, Turkey, Uruguay and Zambia.

The value of the studentships will normally be up to £8,750 per annum and they will be for one or two years' duration (subject to satisfactory progress). The Trustees have the discretion to increase this in the light of special circumstances or hardship. No support can be given towards travel expenses. A third year extension may be granted subject to a further application. The studentship can be spent on living expenses or fees but is not intended to cover the full costs of being a student, and applicants will need to apply to other sources of funding.

Students who wish to apply for a one year grant only (e.g. because they have already completed part of their degree) are encouraged to do so.

FURS studentships may be held in any department where the Trustees are satisfied with supervisory arrangements for research on urban and regional subjects. In general, these will be departments with a tradition of supervision in these areas, but if you wish to study in a department where this is not the case, you will need to supply evidence regarding the appropriateness of the department.

All studentships are conditional on acceptance by the university department. If an offer of a place has been received by the time of application this should be included. Successful candidates will be asked to provide a copy of a letter of acceptance from their chosen institution before the award of a studentship can be confirmed and any monies dispensed.

The Trustees regret that no correspondence can be entered into in relation to their decision, which must be taken as final. However, unsuccessful candidates may apply one more time in a future year.

Once a studentship has been awarded, all correspondence in connection with it must be made with the Secretary at the address below from whom additional copies of the application forms and further particulars can be obtained.

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Applications must be received by **31 January** each year. Late applications will not be considered under any circumstances and no correspondence will

be entered into. Each application will be acknowledged and successful applicants will be informed by 1 May.

Website: <http://www.iser.essex.ac.uk/furs>

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Hong Kong / Croucher Foundation

Information on awards and scholarships can be found on the [Croucher Foundation website](#).

You can also contact the Croucher Foundation at:

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Hong Kong
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Fax: (852) 2730 0742
E: cfadmin@croucher.org.hk

The Croucher Foundation is a private trust set up by the late Noel Croucher, one of the founders of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and a British businessman in Hong Kong for over 70 years. It is a private, independent foundation based in Hong Kong without affiliation to any organisation, and derives direct income entirely from its own investments in different parts of the world.

The Foundation specialises in promoting the standard of natural science, technology and medicine in Hong Kong through awards and grants to scientists based in and serving Hong Kong. The work of the Foundation has been conducted with the support of panels of international experts invited to assess the scientific values of individual projects.

Latin America / Programme Alban

European Union programme of high level scholarships for Latin America

For further information, please visit ec.europa.eu/europeaid/

The Programme Alban aims at the reinforcement of the European Union – Latin America co-operation in the area of Higher Education and covers studies for postgraduates (in the context of Master and Doctorate degrees) as well as higher training for Latin America professionals/future decision-makers, in institutions or centres in the European Union.

According to the rules of the Programme, periods of education/training may range from 6 months to 3 years depending on the level and the education/training programme envisaged.

Participant countries are the Member States of the European Union and the following 18 countries of Latin America: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela.

This Scholarship is open to Latin American citizens living in one of the following 18 countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Columbia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela.

Technical Co-operation and Training Programme (TCTP)

Offers full scholarships to candidates from developing countries, who are already established in a career, usually in the public sector, and who are aged below 45. Preference is given to subjects in economics, social and technical areas. These schemes are not usually advertised, as candidates are nominated by their own government. Details are available in the UK from:

**Education Department, Overseas Development Administration (ODA),
Eland House, Stag Place, London SW1.**

Turkey

British Scholarships will be awarded to individuals wishing to pursue postgraduate studies in areas which contribute to the social, economic and scientific development of Turkey.

Applications are encouraged particularly for study in the following fields: Economics, Political Studies, Social Sciences with direct application to social problems, Applied Sciences, Engineering, Business Administration and Management, Computer Technology, Information Services, Agricultural Science.

The scheme is open to all Turkish nationals with a first degree. There is no age limit. Funding is available for courses ranging from three months to three years, with provision for up to three months of English Language training in the UK prior to taking a place on a course.

Requests for application forms should be sent to: **The Assistant Representative, Office of the Counsellor for Cultural and British Council Affairs, Kirlangic Sok 9, Gaziosmanpasa, Ankara, Turkey.** There are also opportunities for research assistantships: details from the Turkish Higher Education Ministry.

UK and EU Postgraduate Students - UK Research Councils

The UK Research Councils support postgraduate training and research. There are numerous Councils, all which support particular fields of study.

In general, Research Council scholarships provide UK candidates with tuition fees and a maintenance grant; the standard maintenance grant provided is around £13,000 (2007/2008).

EU residents (non-UK) can apply for with tuition fee only awards; non-EU residents are not eligible to apply. These awards are highly competitive.

Candidates must apply via the University and early application is encouraged; the University normally has internal deadlines which you must meet in order for forms to be submitted to the Research Councils for their deadlines which are usually 1 May.

- [Arts and Humanities Research Council](#)
- [Economic and Social Research Council](#)
- [Library of Congress Scholarship Scheme](#)
- [Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council](#)

- [Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council](#)
- [Medical Research Council](#)
- [Natural Environment Research Council](#)
- [Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council](#)

USA / The Fulbright Commission

The Fulbright Commission has available awards for US citizens who wish to undertake postgraduate study in the United Kingdom. Further information is available from the:

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Fulbright House
62 Doughty Street
London
WC1N 2LS
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E: education@fulbright.co.uk

Website: <http://www.fulbright.co.uk>