

Guide to Funding Opportunities for Research Students

The greater proportion of research students in the School of Management are funded privately, either through personal funds or by private sponsorship. However, there are a limited number of sources of funded studentship positions, as well as several sources of partial funding.

Full Funding Opportunities

School of Management Studentships

The School of Management offers a limited number of funded studentships for research students in each academic year. These are primarily for UK/EU students. (Overseas students may apply but will be liable for a proportion of the higher overseas fees.) Studentships are for three years, and provide a personal stipend, payment for demonstration duties, and covers fees at the UK/EU rate. Topics will be pre-determined by us, but will be in at least one of our ten subject groups. Details will be advertised in the Current Vacancies section of the University website (<http://jobs.surrey.ac.uk/index.html>), or on www.jobs.ac.uk. Please contact the admissions team (admissions@mail.som.surrey.ac.uk) for general enquiries. If available, it is anticipated that these will be advertised in **February** of each year.

University of Surrey Research Scholarships

The University of Surrey offers a small number of prestigious Scholarships for both full time and part time research degrees. These are tenable for up to three years, cover fees at the UK/EU rate, and provide a maintenance allowance. The School of Management can apply on behalf of the candidate. As the aim of the award is to attract those with outstanding research potential, there will be an internal selection procedure such that only candidates of the highest calibre (hold a UK first degree with first class honours, or overseas equivalent) will be supported by the School. It is anticipated that these will be offered by the University in **March** of each year.

Research Studentships

The University is occasionally approached by external organisations who wish to sponsor research in specific areas. Please see the School web site for details of projects available for applicants wishing to study in the School of Management.

Dorothy Hodgkin Postgraduate Award Scheme

This UK Government scheme provides scholarships for applicants with outstanding research potential from India, China, Hong Kong, South Africa, Brazil, Russia, and any other developing country. Applications must be made through an ESRC recognised outlet. Applicants cannot simultaneously apply for this and a University Research Scholarship or an ORS award. It is anticipated that these will be offered by the University in **March** of each year.

Partial Funding Opportunities

Overseas Research Students (ORS) Awards – Overseas students only

These Awards are offered by Universities UK for partial remission of tuition fees. The value of each award amounts to the difference between fees charged at the UK/EU rate and those charged at the Overseas rate. Selection is made on the basis of outstanding potential. Both prospective and current students (except those in the final year of study) can apply but all applications must be supported by the School of Management. It is anticipated that the School will forward nominations to the University in **February** of each year. (NB: As of August 2005, the application procedure for ORS Awards is under review, which may affect the availability of awards.)

Villis Awards – Part time students only

This is a University scheme to provide a small amount (£150-£200) of financial assistance to current part time students, or those who have accepted offers. Applicants must be self-funded. Applications will need to be made through the School of Management, and it is anticipated that these awards will be offered in **June** of each year.

Split-site doctoral scholarships

The Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the UK is inviting applications for its split-site doctoral scholarships. The scholarships support those undertaking doctoral study at a developing country university, to spend one year at a UK university as part of their work. Conditions for the awards are as follows:

- nominations for awards are only accepted from certain developing country universities or from UK university departments which have an established link with a related department in a developing commonwealth university;
- applicants should be registered for a doctoral degree at their home university;
- the 12 months in the UK can be taken at any stage in the doctoral study and can be divided into two or more periods.

The commission expects to make 30 to 35 awards each year. The scholarship covers full tuition fees for one year at the UK host university, stipend for up to one year in the UK, return air fare and other allowances. The award does not support the period of study at the home country university.

<http://www.csfp-online.org/cgi-bin/schemes.pl?display=scheme&id=15>

Additional possible sources

Commonwealth Shared Scholarship Scheme

This is a Scholarship funded by the University and the Commonwealth Commission in the UK. It is available for overseas students who wish to study on a one-year full time advanced course. Applications should be made through the School of Management.

For more information: <http://www.acu.ac.uk/>

British Council Awards –Overseas students only

For details of these awards, please contact the British Council Representative, British Embassy, or British High Commission in your home country.

For more information: <http://www.britishcouncil.org/>

Carnegie/Caledonian Scholarships – Scottish applicants only

For more information: http://www.carnegie-trust.org/our_schemes.htm

British Chamber of Commerce in Germany Foundation – German applicants under 30 only

For more information: http://www.bccg.de/who/1_foundation_en.html

An Employer or Other Private Sponsor

It may be possible to interest your current employer or other institution associated with you in providing some private sponsorship for a research degree. This may be particularly true of the DBA degree, where the research topic can be more focused to a specific management-orientated problem within a particular organisation.

Please regularly check the University Registry Postgraduate Financial Support web page, which may contain other ideas:

http://portal.surrey.ac.uk/portal/page?_pageid=719,322918&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL

The following site allows applicants to complete a questionnaire and identifies possible funding opportunities available to you:

<http://www.studentfunds.co.uk/>

Sources for specific management areas:

Medical Ethics: <http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/funding/>

Socio-Economics issues in Agriculture: <http://www.perryfoundation.co.uk/>
(under Perry Research Awards)