

Study Abroad Studentships Guidance for Applicants 2024

The Leverhulme Trust Board, through its Research Awards Advisory Committee, is offering approximately 25 Study Abroad Studentships for a period of advanced study or research at a centre of learning anywhere in the world except the UK or the US.

Eligible applicants

Applicants must:

- have been resident in the UK for at least three years at the time of application
- hold an undergraduate degree
- hold a degree from a UK institution (this may be either the undergraduate degree or a further degree held by the applicant). Those studying for a UK PhD who do not otherwise hold a degree from a UK institution may apply as long as they meet the other eligibility criteria
- either be a student at the time of application or have been registered as a student within the last eight years
- explain why their work requires residence overseas

Final year undergraduates are not eligible, nor are holders of a permanent academic post who wish to take leave of absence. Candidates may not apply for both a Study Abroad Studentship and an Early Career Fellowship in the same year and should consider carefully which of these two schemes best suit their requirements. Candidates who have previously held a Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship are not eligible to apply for a Study Abroad Studentship.

Eligible fields

Applications will be considered in all subject areas with the following exceptions:

- studies of disease, illness and disabilities in humans and animals, or research that is intended to inform clinical practice or the development of medical applications

There are two reasons for this: substantial funding is available from other sources for applied medical research; the Trust's priority is to support investigations of a fundamental nature.

These awards are not intended for those who wish only to improve their knowledge of modern languages.

Place of tenure

The awards are tenable at a centre of learning anywhere in the world except the UK and US.

Value

Studentships consist of:

- Maintenance allowance of £23,040 a year
- Return air fare to the country of tenure and a baggage allowance
- An allowance of £7,000 a year when a student is accompanied by a dependant partner
- Further allowances – for example, a contribution towards overseas fees, internal travel costs associated with the course of study or research and fieldwork expenses – are paid at the discretion of the Committee

Duration and timing

Studentships are tenable for between 12 and 24 months and must commence between 1 June 2024 and 1 May 2025.

Application procedure

Application materials will be available from 1 September 2023 from the Trust's website (www.leverhulme.ac.uk). Applications can only be made via the Trust's Grants Management System.

Closing date and interviews

The closing date for applications is 4pm on Tuesday 9 January 2024. Candidates will be informed of the result of their application by the end of April 2024.

Candidates must be available for interview on 24 and 25 April 2024.

Conditions

Studentships cannot be held at the same time as a stipendiary post-doctoral position or fellowship, or any other major award. However, UK registered PhD students who are in receipt of a PhD studentship which does not cover the cost of study abroad, may hold the Study Abroad Studentship provided that their existing UK studentship is in abeyance during their period overseas.

Please note that Study Abroad Students who use the award for postdoctoral research will be ineligible to apply to the Trust's Early Career Fellowship scheme at any point. Please think carefully about which of these two schemes best suit your requirements.

Students must provide a short report to the Committee at the end of each year detailing their progress.

Application queries

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