

## Study Abroad Studentships Guidance for Applicants 2020

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 USA.

### 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)
- 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 Early Career Fellowship in the same year.

### 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 USA.

## Value

Studentships consist of:

- Maintenance allowance of £21,000 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 2020 and 1 May 2021.

## Application procedure

Application materials will be available from 1 September 2019 from the Trust's website ([www.leverhulme.ac.uk](http://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 Monday 13 January 2020. Candidates will be informed of the result of their application by the end of April 2020.

Candidates must be available for interview in London on 29 and 30 April 2020. Travelling expenses within the UK only will be refunded.

## 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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