

# Introduction

This funding data base is part of the activities by the Asia Link programme. Its purpose is to provide a pool of quick links to relevant funding opportunities for potential students in higher education. To make the links more user-friendly, the funding opportunities are summarized using several indicators, such as the nature of program; eligibility; beneficiaries; application deadlines and duration. It includes summaries of international funding opportunities and opportunities in the states participating as partners in the Asia Link project. It is expected that more information on national funding opportunities will be provided at a later stage.

It should be noted that the data that follows was accurate at the time the database was first compiled (in March 2009 for the international opportunities and April 2009 for the national material). For more up-to-date and detailed information, readers are referred to relevant website by following the links provided in the summaries below.

## International

1. [http://ec.europa.eu/education/external-relation-programmes/doc72\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/external-relation-programmes/doc72_en.htm)

### **The Erasmus Mundus program**

The Erasmus Mundus program is a co-operation and mobility program in the field of higher education. It aims to enhance quality in European higher education and to promote intercultural understanding through co-operation with third countries. This program comprises four actions: Erasmus Mundus Master Programs (masters and doctoral), Erasmus Mundus Partnerships (between EU and third-country higher education institutions) and Promotion of European Higher Education.

**Nature of program:** international (European and third-country), cooperative and research, scholarships,

**Beneficiaries:** higher education institutions, students in higher education (at all levels, including doctoral candidates), post-doctoral researchers, academics, higher education staff, public and private bodies active in higher education under national law and practice, enterprises and research centers.

**Deadline and duration:** 2009-2013 for the whole program

Action 1: with a five-year period, deadline April n-1, selection September n-1, start academic year n/n+1

Action 2: with a three-year period, deadlines set by Masters Courses, selection May n, start academic year n/n+1

Action 3: deadline October n-1, selection January n, start academic year n/n+1 (1-3 years, renewable)

2. <http://erc.europa.eu/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.overView&topicID=118>

### **The European Research Council (ERC) Grants**

There are two grants offered by the ERC: the ERC Starting Independent Researcher Grant (ERC Starting Grant) and the ERC Advanced Investigators Grant (ERC Advanced Grant), both of

which are provided by the ERC under the “Idea” programme of the Seventh Framework Programme of the European Community for Research and Technology Development (FP7 of 2007-2013). They are for pioneering frontier research in any field of science, engineering and scholarship and will be awarded through open competition to projects headed by young and established researchers, irrespective of their origins, who are working in Europe - the sole criterion for selection is excellence.

**Nature:** international, cooperative and research

**Beneficiaries:** individual research teams (national or trans-national) headed by a single Principal Investigator (PI) of any nationality and the host institution that hosts the PI.

**Eligibility:** 1. The PI must have obtained their PhD (or equivalent degree) more than three years but less than eight years prior to the opening date of the relevant call for proposals.

2. The host organization must be legally recognised public or private research organisation situated in an EU Member State or an Associated Country.

**Duration:** up to 5 years for both Grants

**Deadlines:** annually in summer (normally late July each year) with deadlines in autumn for the ERC Starting Grant and annually in autumn for the ERC Advanced Grant

3. <http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/>

### **The SP7 Marie Curie Actions**

This program is part of the “People” program under the FP7. It aims at supporting opportunities to develop beneficiaries’ research skills and training capacity by building on industrial and academic expertise. Mobility of people is the key feature. There are five Marie Curie activity lines, each implemented through at least one Marie Curie Action. They are the initial training of researchers, the life-long training and career development of experienced researchers, industry-academia partnership and pathways, the international dimension, and specific actions.

#### **Activity Line 1: The Marie Curie Networks**

This action will support the initial training of researchers, directed at the first five years of researchers’ careers. It will be implemented through support to competitively selected networks (Initial Training Networks - ITNs) of complementary organisations from different countries engaged in research training.

**Nature:** international but mainly regional and European (member states, associated countries and third countries), research and collaborative

**Beneficiaries:** early stage researchers (those with less than 4 years full-time research experience after their first degree) and experienced researchers (those with a PhD or more than 4 years full-time research experience.), organization (such as universities, research centres, companies and SMEs)

**Eligibility:** 1. the ITNs must consist of three or more participants from different member states or associated countries, where at least two must be from EU member states.

2. At the time of appointment, all researchers must have less than 5 years full-time equivalent experience in research.

**Duration:** between 3 months to 36 months for early stage researchers training (the main focus of an ITN) and between 2 months and 24 months for experienced researchers training. The

maximum duration of the programme to be supported will normally be four years from the date of commencement specified in the contract.

**Deadline:** Opened on 8 September 2009 and closed on 22 December 2009

## **Activity Line 2: The Life-long Training and Career Development of Experienced Researchers**

This action will target ERs at different stages of their careers, by enhancing their individual competence diversification in terms of acquisition of multi- or interdisciplinary skills or the undertaking of inter-sectoral experiences.

This action will be implemented through:

- \* Support for individual trans-national Intra-European fellowships awarded directly at Community level (Intra-European Fellowship for Career Development);

- \* European Re-integration Grants to support re-integration of researchers who have already benefited from a Marie Curie Action;

- \* Co-funding of regional, national or international programmes in the field of research training and career development.

### **2.1 The Intra-European Fellowship for Career Development (IEF)**

This action is to support the career development of experienced researchers at different stages of their careers, and seeks to enhance their individual competence diversification in terms of skill acquisition at multi- or interdisciplinary level and/or by undertaking intersectoral experiences. The aim is to support researchers in attaining and/or strengthening a leading independent position, in education or enterprise. The action may also assist researchers to resume a career in research after a break.

**Nature:** regional and European, research and exchange

**Beneficiaries:** individual, trans-national, intra-European experienced researchers from member states and associated countries, host organisations

**Duration:** 12 to 24 months (full-time equivalent)

**Deadline:** will be opened on 17 March 2010 and closed on 17 August 2010 at 17:00 Brussels time

### **2.2 The European Reintegration Grants (ERG)**

This action aims to support re-integration of researchers who have already benefited from a Marie Curie Actions. This action will be implemented by two sub-actions, the European Reintegration Grants (ERG) and the International Reintegration Grants (IRG).

**Nature:** international

**Beneficiaries:** experienced researchers

**Eligibility:** 1. on the relevant cur-off date, researchers addressed under this action are those based on the definition of experienced researchers, and

2. must be nationals, or assimilated nationals, of a member state or associated country, benefiting at the time of application or having previously benefited from a training and mobility action under the 7<sup>th</sup> or one of the previous Framework Programme of at least 18 months full time equivalent.

**Duration:** a period of 2 up to 3 years for ERG and 2 or 4 years for IRG

**Deadline:** Already opened on 9 October 2009 and the 1<sup>st</sup> bid will be closed on 9 March 2009 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> on 7 September 2010

### **2.3 The Co-funding of Regional, National and International Programs (COFUND)**

This action aims at increasing the European-wide mobility possibility for training and career development of experienced researchers. It targets programs that support the trans-national mobility of experienced researchers at different stages of their careers.

**Nature:** international (the EU member states, associated countries and third countries)

**Beneficiaries:** experienced researchers and such organizations as public bodies, research organizations and international organizations

**Eligibility:** 1. organizational participants in the co-funding modality must be established in member states or associated countries and falling under the categories of Article 2.13, 2.7, 2.11 and 2.10 of Rules for Participation.

2. researchers supported under the programs co-funded in the frame of this action must comply with the definition of experienced researchers and of trans-national mobility mentioned above.

3. trans-national mobility of programs be taken into account 3 types: 1) outgoing mobility of member states or associated country nationals under taking research in a different member state, associated or third country, 2) incoming mobility for fellowships or grants to non-national/non-residents from member states, associated or third countries, 3) re-integration of member states or associated country nationals having carried out research in a third country for at least 3 years.

**Deadline:** already opened on 18 November 2009 and will be closed on 18 February 2010

### **Activity Line 3: The Industry-Academia Partnerships and Pathways (IAPP)**

This action seeks to open and foster dynamic pathways between public research organizations and private commercial enterprises, in particular SMEs, including traditional manufacturing industries based on longer term co-operation programs. It will be implemented through targeted and flexible support for human resources interactions within co-operation programs between at least two organizations, one from each sector and from at least two different member states or associated countries.

**Nature:** international and cooperative, staff exchange/secondment

**Beneficiaries:** non-commercial research institutions (universities/research centers) and enterprises that propose a project based on a joint cooperation program; early-stage or experienced researchers and technical and research managerial staff.

**Eligibility:** 1. different participants be from at least two different member or associated countries,

2. researchers be early-stage or experienced, including technical and research managerial staff.

3. researchers must have been active continuously for at least 1 year (full time equivalent) at the participant institution.

4. newly recruited staff from outside of the partnership must be experienced researchers and must be nationals of a member state, associated country or third country other than the country of the premises of the host organization where they will carry out their project.

**Duration:** the duration of the program to be supported will normally be between 3 and 4 years.

**Deadline:** bid for 2009 was already closed on 27 July 2009 and no new bid for 2010 yet.

#### **Activity Line 4: The International Dimension—World Fellowships**

##### **4.1 The International Outgoing Fellowships for Career Development**

This action aims to reinforce the international dimension of the career of European researchers by giving them the opportunity to be trained and acquire new knowledge in a third country, high-level research organization.

**Nature:** regional and European, research

**Beneficiaries:** experienced researchers and host organizations

**Eligibility:** 1. the host organizations be in the member states or associated countries to a third country,

2. an initial outgoing phase of between 1 and 2 years is to be spent in a distinct legal entity in a third country (“partner organisation”) and a mandatory re/integration phase of 1 year within the contracting organization (“return host organisation”) in a member state or associated country.

3. researchers be nationals of a member state or associated country.

**Duration:** totally up to 3 years

**Deadline:** call date 17 March 2010 and closing date 17 August 2010 at 17:00 Brussels time

##### **4.2 The Marie Curie International Incoming Fellowships**

This action aims to reinforce the scientific excellence of the member states and the associated countries through knowledge sharing with incoming top-class researchers from third countries to work on research project in Europe, with the view of developing mutually-beneficial research co-operation between Europe and third countries.

**Nature:** regional in Europe and third countries, cooperative and research

**Beneficiaries:** experienced researchers and organizations

**Eligibility:** researchers be third country nationals except those with assimilated nationals at the relevant deadline for submission

**Duration:** totally between 1 and 2 years with an incoming phase and an possible return phase

**Deadline:** call date 17 March 2010 and closing date 17 August 2010 at 17:00 Brussels time

##### **4.3 The International Research Staff Exchange Scheme (IRSES)**

This is a new implementation modality aiming at strengthening researching research partnerships through staff exchanges and networking activities between European research organizations and organizations from countries with which the Community has an S&T agreement or are in the process of negotiating one, and countries covered by the European Neighbourhood policy.

**Nature:** international, research, cooperative and exchange

**Beneficiaries:** researchers, research organizations

**Eligibility:** 1. staff can be research staff, technical staff and management staff.

2. staff to be exchanged should be “seconded” (maintain their salary in their

institution of origin, and have the right to return).

3. research organizations in this action should be a member of the partnership which contributes directly to the implementation of the joint exchange programme by seconding and/or hosting eligible researchers.

4. for member states and associated countries organizations, the mobility must be towards the Third Country partners and vice-versa.

**Duration:** 24 – 48 months for a joint program but no more than 12 months for each researcher

**Deadline:** 25 November 2009 to 25 March 2010 at 17:00, Brussels local time

### **Activity Line 5: Specific Actions**

In support of the creation of a genuine European labor market for researchers, a coherent set of accompanying actions, including Marie Curie Awards, will be implemented, with a view to removing obstacles to mobility and to improve the public awareness of Marie Curie actions.

#### **5.1 Marie Curie Action: Researchers' Night (NIGHT)**

This action aims to bring the researchers closer to the public at large, to enhancing their role in the mainstream of society.

**Nature:** European and regional

**Beneficiaries:** any legal entity in the Member States and Associated countries, and/or if relevant, constituting a partnership at regional, national or international level.

**Duration:** a period of up to 7 months

**Deadline:** Opened on 13 October 2009 and closed on 13 January 2010 at 17:00 Brussels time

#### **5.2 Support for "EURAXESS-Services" Network**

##### **Trans-national Operation of the "EURAXESS-Services" Network**

The objective of the action is to reinforce the EURAXESS Services Network, by promoting trans-national cooperation. With a view to the quality and coherence of the services provided by the network, the action will focus on enhancing the overall performance of the Network and stimulating cooperation between the members on operational and strategic issues. This entails activities such as training sessions, joint workshops and promotion activities at European level, events for the benefit of trans-national audiences, follow up activities linked to the 'Charter and Code promoters' network, as well as activities to ensure a more full and systematic use of the European EURAXESS Jobs Portal and national Portals to enhance effectively open recruitment practices for researchers across Europe.

**Nature:** trans-national

**Beneficiaries:** one single proposal will be financed under this call, in principle involving one Bridgehead Organization by participating country officially appointed by the relevant national authority.

**Duration:** a period up to 18 months

**Deadline:**

- EURAXESS Services and EURAXESS cross-cutting activities implemented under framework contracts for projects of one year duration; procedures normally to be conducted in both the first and second half of 2010.

- EURAXESS Jobs activities for maintenance and infrastructure developments

implemented under framework contracts for projects of one year duration; procedures normally to be conducted in the first half of 2010.

- Continuation of the EURAXESS Links activities already launched in the USA, Japan and China and to enlarge the geographical coverage. to be, implemented through framework contracts for projects of a duration of one year and a public tender; procedures normally to be conducted in the first half of 2010.

4. <http://www.euchinastf.eu/>

The Science and Technology Fellowship Programmeme in China (STF China)

This is a programmeme designed by the EC Delegation to establish bridges between the EU and China in the Science and Technology domain. This programmeme is open to all the disciplines under the FP7, including social-economic sciences and the humanities.

**Nature:** European, research

**Beneficiaries:** researchers from EU member states

**Eligibility:** 1. Have either a post-graduate university degree (M.A., MSc or equivalent) and minimum two years of practical research experience or hold a doctoral degree, and

2. Have prepared a research project that he/she intends to carry out in China during the practical research period, and

3. Be supported by a sending EU organisation, and

4. Have identified a Chinese host institution for their practical research.

**Durations:** 1. to participate in a 6-month Chinese research culture and language training in Beijing and

2. to conduct an 18-month practical research program at a Chinese host institution.

**Deadline:** call for 2010 already closed on 04 January 2010 at 16:00 Beijing Time

## *China*

5. <http://www.npopss-cn.gov.cn/index.html>

**The National Funding for Philosophy and Social Science**

This is an annual research funding by the Chinese central government and the funding comes from the central fiscal funds. There are types of projects: key project, ordinary project and youth project. The subjects of these projects are collected every year according to the five-year plannings of national philosophy and social science development and the annual guidelines for subjects by the National Planning Office of Philosophy and Social Science. Proposals from some departments will be considered before the subjects are published.

**Nature:** National and research

**Beneficiaries:** Chinese researchers

**Eligibilities:**

1. be a Chinese citizen;

2. be really responsible for the organization and compliment of the subject; applicants who can not do subjective research work are excluded;

3. apply only one project annually and have finished past projects applied before;

4. be at least on a vice senior position to apply for key projects and ordinary projects;

applicants applying for key projects should be responsible leaders of finished ministerial or provincial projects; and

5. not be older than 39 for both the applicants and research members until the deadline of application. Applicants without vice senior position should be recommended by two experts in the same field who are on advanced position.

**Deadline:** the application should be carried out from late December every year to late March the next year. Law is within the subject of this funding. Application of 2010 was opened on December 30, 2009 and will be closed on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2010.

6. <http://www.csc.edu.cn/Chuguo/>

The State-sponsored Scholarship Program includes the State-sponsored Scholarship Program for Visiting Scholars (Including Postdoctoral), the State-sponsored Scholarship Program for Graduate Students, the State-sponsored Scholarship Program for “985 Project”, the State-sponsored Scholarship Program for Special Needs and the Exchange Scholarship Program with Foreign Countries.

**Nature:** National, research and exchange programs

**Beneficiaries:** researchers, visiting scholars, current students in Chinese universities and people who are interesting in applying a master or doctoral degree in universities in the targeted countries.

**Eligibility:**

1. to be nationals of China, and
2. of specific ages in terms of different programs.

**Deadlines:** application should be submitted between middle of February and middle of March each year. Application of 2010 will be opened on February 20 and closed on March 20.

**Durations:** 36-48 months for Ph. D students, 6-24 months for joint Ph. D students and 12-24 months for postgraduate students; 3-6 months for advanced research scholars and 3-12 months for visiting scholars (including postdoctoral).

7. <http://en.csc.edu.cn/Laihua/?cid=476>

The Chinese Government Scholarship Scheme

This scheme was established by the Ministry of China in accordance with educational exchange agreements or understandings reached between the Chinese government and the governments of other countries. It includes following programs as:

**The Chinese Government Scholarship Program (EU Window):** 100 full scholarships provided every academic year during 2008 to 2011.

**Nature:** regional and European, exchange program

**Beneficiaries:** European youth

**Eligibility:** 1. be a citizen of a member state of the European Union, and  
2. be at least high school graduates or undergraduates under the age of 35.

**Duration:** 1 year

**Deadline:** from January to April 20<sup>th</sup> every year.

**The Chinese Government Scholarship Program:**

**Nature:** international

**Beneficiaries:** international students and scholars

**Eligibility and Duration:**

1. be non-Chinese nationals in good health, and
2. education background and age limit:
  - Applicants for undergraduate studies must have completed senior high school with good grade and be under the age of 25, 4-7 years.
  - Applicants for master degree studies must have bachelor's degree and be under the age of 35, 2-5 years.
  - Applicants for Doctoral degree studies must have master's degree and be under the age of 40, 3-6 years.
  - Chinese language students must have finished senior high school and be under the age of 35, will pursue the major of Chinese language in China, up to 2 years.
  - General scholar candidates must have completed at least two years of undergraduate studies and be under the age of 45, may pursue all majors besides Chinese language, up to 2 years.
  - Senior scholar candidates must have master or higher degree or hold academic titles of associate professor or higher, and be under the age of 50, up to 2 years.

**Deadline:** to apply to Chinese diplomatic missions or the competent authorities in their home country between January and April every year.

#### **The Study in Asia Scholarship:**

This scholarship aims at stimulating the mobility of Asian students and scholars in Asian area, strengthening mutual understanding among people from Asian countries, developing cooperation and exchange in the field of education and promoting Asian education quality.

**Nature:** regional for Asia, exchange

**Beneficiaries:** Asian scholars

**Eligibilities:** 1. be non-Chinese nationals in good health, and

2. education background and age limit:

- Applicants for general scholars must have completed at least two years of undergraduate studies and be under the age of 45.
- Applicants for senior scholars must have master or higher degree or hold academic title of associate professor or higher and be under the age of 50.

**Duration:** 1-2 academic years

**Deadline:** between January and April every year.

#### **The Great Wall Fellowship Scheme**

This fellowship scheme is a full scholarship scheme set up for the candidates recommended by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).

**Nature:** international

**Beneficiaries:** general scholars and senior scholars

**Eligibility:** 1. be non-Chinese nationals in good health, and

2. educational background and age limit:

- applicants for general scholars must have completed at least two years of undergraduate studies and be under the age of 45.

- applicants for senior scholars must have master or higher degree or hold academic title of associate professor or higher and be under the age of 50.

**Deadline:** between January and April every year to apply to the National Commission for UNESCO in host countries.

### **The Distinguished International Students Scholarship**

This scholarship was set up to sponsor outstanding international students who have finished their bachelor's or master's education in China and have been enrolled by designated Chinese institutions as Master's or Doctoral candidates or are now carrying out their Master's or Doctoral studies in those institutions.

**Nature:** international and research

**Beneficiaries:** international students

**Eligibility:** 1. currently studying in the designated Chinese institutions and in good health.

2. have a good academic record and merits in the duration of their academic year, also they must be those who have been enrolled by the designated Chinese institutions as Master's or Doctoral candidates in the year of their graduation or are now carrying out their Master's or Doctoral studies in those Chinese institutions.

3. applicants for master degree studies must be under the age of 35, and applicants for doctoral degree studies must be under the age of 40, and

4. do not enjoy any other kind of sponsorship.

**Duration:** Master degree students: 1-3 academic years

Doctoral degree students: 1-4 academic years

**Deadline:** deadline for application is by the end of May, 2010

### **The Chinese Culture Research Fellowship**

This fellowship sponsors international experts in field of Chinese culture to carry out short-term research in China.

**Nature:** international

**Beneficiaries:** international experts on Chinese culture

**Eligibility:** 1. be non-Chinese nationals, in good health and under the age of 55.

2. have obtained doctoral degree or hold academic title of associate professor or higher.

3. hold fixed profession engaging or mainly engaging in Chinese culture research, with works or papers published in the above fields, and

4. be engaged in the fields including Chinese language, literature, history, philosophy, education, economics, ancient architecture, history of art and traditional Chinese medicine and acupuncture.

**Duration:** not exist 5 months. The fellowship could be extended once and the duration of extension shall not exceed 1 month. 30 scholarships are available in 2009 and all the application materials have to come the CSC 3 months prior to the time applicants plan to come to China.

### **The Short-term Scholarship Scheme for the Teachers of Chinese Language from Abroad**

This scheme sponsors overseas full time teachers of Chinese language, with a view to improve their Chinese language teaching skills and to facilitate the cooperation and exchange in the field of

Chinese language teaching among scholars from different nations.

**Nature:** international

**Beneficiaries:** overseas full time teachers of Chinese language

**Eligibility:** 1. be non-Chinese national, be in good health and under the age of 50.  
2. be engaged in teaching Chinese for at least three consecutive years and hold the teaching post at the present, and  
3. have obtained Bachelor's degree or above.

**Deadline:** April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

### **China/Shanghai Cooperation Organization Scholarship Scheme**

China/Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) scholarship scheme is a full scholarship provided for SCO member countries by the MOE. MOE entrusts CSC to handle the enrollment of international students and carry out the routine management of this scholarship program. 100 scholarships are available for the academic year 2009/2010.

**Nature:** Regional

**Eligibility:** 1. Applicants must be citizens of SCO member countries in good health. Applicants should not be Chinese nationalities.

2. The educational background and age limit:

- Applicants for undergraduate studies must have senior high school diploma with good academic performance and be under the age of 25.

- Applicants for master degree studies must have bachelor's degree and be under the age of 35.

- Applicants for Doctoral degree studies must have master's degree and be under the age of 40.

- Chinese language students must have senior high school diploma and be under the age of 35, will study the major of Chinese language in China.

- General scholar candidates must have completed at least two years of undergraduate studies and be under the age of 45, may study all majors besides Chinese language.

- Senior scholar candidates must have master's degree or higher or hold academic titles of associate professor or above, and be under the age of 50.

**Duration:** undergraduates for 4-5 academic years, master's degree students for 2-3 academic years, doctor's degree students for 3-4 academic years, scholars for 1-2 academic years.

**Deadline:** between January and April every year

## UK

<http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundingOpportunities/Pages/BGP.aspx>

### **AHRC Postgraduate Studentships**

#### **Block Grant Partnerships (BGP)**

Block Grant Partnerships (BGPs) are awards held by certain UK Research Organisations (ROs) for a period of 5 years, starting with students commencing their studies in October 2009. Each BGP will include a number of studentship awards and these will be advertised by the individual ROs. Under the BGPs, ROs will apply for and be awarded studentships under three schemes, which enable arts and humanities students to undertake Master's-level study or doctoral study with the ROs. The AHRC does not accept applications directly from students and they must apply through the ROs at which they are intending to study.

**Nature of program:** national and research

**Beneficiaries:** UK and EU students and host organisations

#### **Eligibility:**

1. The host organisation must be a recognised and funded Higher Education Institution (HEI) in the UK, or an RO whose postgraduate courses are validated by a recognised HEI.
2. To be eligible for a full studentship award covering tuition fees and maintenance, students must show their connection with the UK. This is usually determined through residence. Normally students must have been ordinarily resident in the UK throughout the three-year period immediately preceding the start of the course.
3. Non-UK EU students who have not been ordinarily resident in the UK for the three years prior to the start of their course, may be eligible for a fees-only studentship award.
4. Students should have gained an undergraduate degree (usually an Honours degree), or be an undergraduate expecting to graduate before 31 July in the year in which the studentship is being taken up; those applying for a doctoral studentship should normally have, or be studying for, a Master's degree or similar postgraduate qualification.

**Deadlines:** variable depending on different ROs

**Durations:** a minimum of 9 months and a maximum of 12 months for full-time Master study and a minimum of 12 months and a maximum of 24 months for part-time Master study; a minimum of 1 year and a maximum of 3 years for full-time doctoral studentship and a minimum of 20 months and a maximum of 5 years for part-time doctoral studentship. The extended funding will be available provided that specified criteria are met.

<http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundingOpportunities/Pages/StudentshipCompetition.aspx>

### **AHRC Studentship Competition**

The Studentship Competition provides postgraduate students studying at Research Organisations (ROs) in the UK with the opportunity to submit an individual proposal for an award. It is of equal standing to the Block Grant Partnership (BGP) competition. Its purpose is to recognise that ROs with a historically smaller award profile with the AHRC still offer excellent postgraduate

provision, and to enable these organisations to build capacity. Only ROs that do not hold a BGP award are eligible to submit proposals to the Studentship Competition. Under the Studentship Competition, awards are available for arts and humanities students to undertake Master's-level study or doctoral study at a Research Organisation in the UK. To apply under the Studentship Competition, students need to make a joint application with the ROs at which they plan to study.

**Nature of program:** national and research

**Beneficiaries:** UK and EU students and host organisations

**Eligibility:**

1. The host organisation must be a recognised and funded Higher Education Institution (HEI) in the UK, or an RO whose postgraduate courses are validated by a recognised HEI.
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**Deadlines:** 4pm on 7th May 2009

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<http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundingOpportunities/Pages/CRTS-Student-LedInitiative.aspx>

#### **AHRC Collaborative Research Training Scheme - Student Led Initiative**

This route provides pump-priming funds to support the provision of specialised subject - or discipline - specific research training which will enable institutions to offer such training to groups of students where it is not possible or cost-effective to provide the training in just one department or institution. The aim of the Student-Led Initiative route is to support the establishment of innovative collaborative research training programmes, originated by and run for postgraduate doctoral students that have a subject – or discipline – specific focus. Training is welcome which has as broad or as narrow a subject focus as is appropriate for the particular field. The Student-Led Initiative provides awards of up to £2000 towards the costs of setting up a training project, activity or event.

**Nature of program:** national, collaborative and research

**Beneficiaries:** UK based doctoral students/researchers in arts and humanities

**Eligibility:**

1. Applications must be made by postgraduate students attending a Higher Education Institution (HEI) in the UK, directly funded by HEFCE, DEL, HEFCW or SHEFC.

2. Doctoral students from a range of institutions must be invited to participate.
3. Applications must be supported by the student's HEI, i.e. endorsed by the lead student's Head of Department and supervisor.
4. Only one application should be submitted for each proposed initiative. Applications covering different aspects of a single initiative or separate applications from the different partners involved in any collaborative bids will not be considered.

**Deadlines:** The scheme operates on a rolling deadline with applications accepted throughout the year.

**Durations:** N/A

<http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundingOpportunities/Pages/KTFellowshipScheme.aspx>

#### **AHRC Knowledge Transfer Fellowship Scheme**

The Knowledge Transfer Fellowship Scheme is designed to support academics to undertake a programme of knowledge transfer activity in a flexible way. The knowledge transfer project should be planned around an existing piece of arts or humanities research which has the potential to make a significant difference beyond the world of academia. Fellows may work either on their own or as part of an academic team, to collaborate with, and bring tangible benefits to non-academic organisations through a process of knowledge exchange. These benefits may be economic, social or cultural in nature.

**Nature of program:** national, collaborative and research

**Beneficiaries:** the UK academics and non-academic organisations

#### **Eligibility:**

1. Applications must be submitted by an eligible academic member of staff who must work in partnership with non-academic organisations.
2. Non-academic partners must be based within the UK. Universities, colleges, related departments or spin-out companies may not participate as non-academic partners.
3. University partner should be UK Higher Education Institutions, organisations recognised as Independent Research Organisations (IRO) by the AHRC.

**Deadlines:** 4pm on the 14th May 2009

**Durations:** for between 4 months and 3 years.

<http://www.ktponline.org.uk/>

#### **Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (KTPs)**

The Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (KTP) scheme facilitates collaborative projects designed to address strategic issues in business or other non-academic organisations. KTP provides financial support for three-way partnerships between a Knowledge Base (FE colleges, HEIs, as well as other research organisations), a non-academic partner (including private sector companies, charities and public sector organisations) and a recent graduate who is employed to work on a specific project relevant to the business.

**Nature of program:** national, collaborative and research

**Beneficiaries:** the UK academics and non-academic organisations

#### **Eligibility:**

1. The Company Partner must be based within the UK and regarded as being financially viable following consideration of their latest Report and Accounts, or other financial information where appropriate.
2. There must be a clear need for knowledge/skills/technology input from the 'knowledge base' to the projects that make up the proposed Partnership.
3. There must be evidence of commitment to the proposed project by both the Knowledge Base and Company Partners, and this should be reflected in the proposed membership of the Local Management Committee.
4. The University Partner must be a UK Higher Education Institution directly funded by HEFCE, DEL, HEFCW or SFC, or an organisation recognised by the AHRC as an Academic Analogue. Further Education colleges are not eligible.

**Deadlines:** there are frequent deadlines for applications throughout the year.

**Durations:** N/A

<http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundingOpportunities/Pages/KnowledgeCatalystScheme.aspx>

#### **AHRC Knowledge Catalyst Scheme**

This scheme supports partnerships between universities and non-academic partners such as business, charities, not-for-profit organisations and some publicly funded bodies. The scheme aims to exploit the research base in the arts and humanities for commercial and/or cultural gain and to make such activities accessible to organisations for whom the KTP scheme is not appropriate. The scheme works by identifying a project that will significantly enhance the operations of the Enterprise Partner, and employing a recent graduate to work on the project, supported by an academic.

**Nature of program:** National, collaborative and research

**Beneficiaries:** academics and enterprise partners

#### **Eligibility:**

1. Each partnership must comprise of one Enterprise Partner and one University Partner. Successful partnerships will be required to appoint a recent graduate (normally to have graduated within the last three years) to work on the project.
2. The Enterprise Partner may be based within any non-academic field, and may be a commercial enterprise, a not-for-profit organisation, a charity or public body. Enterprise Partners must be based within the UK and should not usually have more than 50 employees at the time of applying.
3. The University Partner must be a UK Higher Education Institution directly funded by HEFCE, DEL, HEFCW or SFC, or an organisation recognised by the AHRC as an Academic Analogue. Further Education colleges are not eligible. The Academic must be based within and employed by the University Partner and have proven research interests in the arts or humanities that are relevant to the identified project.

**Deadlines:** open call

**Durations:** between 3 and 15 months

<http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundingOpportunities/Pages/LibraryofCongress.aspx>

### **Library of Congress Scholarship Scheme**

The Library of Congress Scholarship is a prestigious scheme run jointly between the AHRC and the ESRC. The scheme offers the chance for AHRC/ESRC funded doctoral students, postdoctoral fellows and research assistants to access the internationally renowned research collection at the Library of Congress. This scheme is open to all AHRC/ESRC subject areas and is not limited to the research of American Studies. With more than 138 million items on 650 miles of bookshelves and 10,000 new items added each day, you are sure to find material relevant to your research.

**Nature of program:** national and research

**Beneficiaries:** AHRC/ESRC funded students and researchers

**Eligibility:**

1. Applicants must be full-time AHRC or ESRC award holders. They may be doctoral students, post-doctoral fellows or research assistants supported under AHRC or ESRC projects, holding either full or fees-only awards.
2. Their award must be 'live' for the duration of the period when it is intended that the scholarships will take place.
3. The period of the scholarship must normally be accommodated within the period of the AHRC or ESRC award. No additional time will be automatically granted to compensate for the time spent abroad on the scholarship.

**Deadlines:** 5pm on the 27th February 2009

**Durations:** last between three and six months, depending on the time required to complete the proposed research

<http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundingOpportunities/Pages/RG-StandardRoute.aspx>

### **AHRC Research Grants - Standard Route**

The Research Grants Schemes are intended to support well-defined research projects enabling individual researchers to collaborate with, and bring benefits to, other individuals and organisations through the conduct of research. This scheme is not intended to support individual scholarship. The standard route provides grants for projects with a full economic cost (fEC) between £20,000 and £1,000,000

**Nature of program:** national, collaborative and research

**Beneficiaries:** UK-based researchers

**Eligibility:**

1. Applicants should be members of the academic and academic-related staff of Higher Education Institutions (HEI) directly funded by HEFCE, DEL, HEFCW and SFC, and AHRC recognised Independent Research Organisations (IROs).
2. Applicants must not have already employed on research contracts that relate to specific projects and grants (e.g. Research Assistants) are not eligible to apply for funding. Additionally, it is not permissible for someone to be both a Principal Investigator or Co-Investigator and a research assistant on the same project.
3. Applicants' contractual arrangement with the host Research Organisation must be in place at the point of application and must cover both the period of the award and the monitoring period (three months after the end of the award).

4. Applicants should be actively engaged in research and be of postdoctoral standing.

**Deadlines:** open call

**Durations:** for a varying duration up to a limit of 60 months

<http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundingOpportunities/Pages/RG-EarlyCareers.aspx>

#### **AHRC Research Grants - route for early career researchers**

This route of the Research Grants scheme has been introduced to assist new researchers at the start of their careers in gaining experience of managing and leading research projects. Applications may be submitted for proposals with a full economic cost between £20,000 and £200,000.

**Nature of program:** national and research

**Beneficiaries:** early career researchers based in the UK

#### **Eligibility:**

1. Applicants must meet all eligibility criteria for the AHRC research grants – standard route.
2. Applicants must have not already been a Principal Applicant/Investigator on an AHRC funded project (excluding RGPLA/Small Grants, Research Leave, Fellowships in Creative and Performing Arts, and the Research Networks and Workshops scheme)
3. At the point of application applicants must either within eight years of the award of your PhD or equivalent professional training or within six years of your first academic appointment.

**Deadlines:** open call

**Durations:** for a duration of up to 60 months

<http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundingOpportunities/Pages/RG-SpeculativeResearch.aspx>

#### **AHRC Research Grants - Speculative Research Route**

The broad aim of this route is to support high-quality research where the speculative, experimental or exploratory nature of the work means that results or outcomes are uncertain or cannot be guaranteed, or where a significant degree of risk is involved. It is anticipated that the projects supported through this route will be distinct from those normally supported in the competitive environment of the Standard Route of the Research Grants scheme. The speculative research route provides grants for projects with a full economic cost (fEC) between £20,000 and £200,000.

**Nature of program:** national, speculative and research

**Beneficiaries:** UK based researchers

#### **Eligibility:**

1. Applicants must meet all eligibility criteria for the AHRC research grants – standard route.
2. Applicants should identify the way in which his/her proposed research is particularly speculative, in terms of the aims of this route.

**Deadlines:** open call

**Durations:** for a varying duration up to a limit of 60 months

<http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundingOpportunities/Pages/RG-PracticeLedandApplied.aspx>

### **AHRC Research Grants - Practice Led and Applied Route**

This scheme will accept research applications in all arts and humanities disciplines but only for research that is practice-led or applied in its approach. Practice-led research outputs should be accompanied by some form of documentation of the research process, as well as some form of textual analysis or explanation to support its position and as a record of critical reflection. Applications may be submitted for projects up to a total full economic cost (fEC) of £40,000

**Nature of program:** national and research

**Beneficiaries:** UK based researchers

#### **Eligibility:**

1. Applicants must meet all eligibility criteria for the AHRC research grants – standard route.
2. Applicants must include his/her practice as an integral component (or theorise his/her practice), in relation to its research questions, issues or problems, its outputs and outcomes, and – crucially – its research methods or approaches.
3. Proposals where the production of educational materials is the primary outputs or outcomes are not eligible for support under this route.

**Deadlines:** open call

**Durations:** up to a maximum of 12 months.

<http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundingOpportunities/Pages/ResearchLeave.aspx>

### **AHRC Research Leave Scheme**

The Research Leave scheme provides salary and associated costs to enable an individual researcher to complete a significant research project by the end of the award period. The employing institution is expected to offer relief from teaching and other duties both in this period and an equivalent period in the term or semester immediately preceding.

**Nature of program:** national and research

**Beneficiaries:** UK based researchers

#### **Eligibility:**

1. Applicants must meet all eligibility criteria for the AHRC research grants – standard route.
2. Applicants should be members of the academic or academic-related staff of Higher Education Institutions directly funded by HEFCE, DEL, HEFCW and SFC, and of those organisations recognised by the AHRC as Independent Research Organisations (IROs). Staff at Research Council Institutes may also be eligible to apply.
3. Applicants should be actively engaged in research and be of postdoctoral standing. This does not mean that they must have a doctorate, provided that they can demonstrate equivalent research experience and/or training.
4. Applicants must have a contract of employment with their Research Organisation in place for the period of leave being sought at the point of application.
5. IROs will be required to demonstrate that at least 50% of the applicant's normal responsibilities relate to activities other than research and to provide the applicant with a period of three or four months' leave from these responsibilities.

**Deadlines:** 5<sup>th</sup> March 2009

**Durations:** for a period of three or four months

<http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundingOpportunities/Pages/ResearchNetworking.aspx>

#### **AHRC Research Networking Scheme**

The Research Networking Scheme is designed to encourage and enable discussion and development of ideas on a specified thematic area, issue or problem through, for example, new research networks or running a short-term series of workshops, seminars or similar events. Proposals of up to £30,000 full economic costs may be submitted. An additional £15,000 full economic cost may be sought to cover the costs of any international participants or activities. The costs for the additional £15,000 fEC can only be those which can be directly attributable to international collaboration such as overseas travel and subsistence, international calls and/or video conferencing.

**Nature of program:** international, collaborative and research

**Beneficiaries:** researchers

#### **Eligibility:**

1. Proposals must be led by a UK HEI or IRO and are expected to have participants from a number of UK institutions as well as have significant relevance to beneficiaries in the UK.
2. The scheme is primarily aimed at stimulating research that crosses boundaries, both disciplinary and institutionally. Proposals that have a narrow disciplinary focus and/or involve researchers from within one institution only are unlikely to be considered a priority for funding.
3. The Principal and Co-Investigator must demonstrate the requisite skills and experience to manage the proposed activities, and there should be a sufficiently broad range of expertise and experience amongst the other named participants

**Deadlines:** open call

**Durations:** for a period of up to two years

<http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundingOpportunities/Pages/Beyond%20Text-smallgrants.aspx>

#### **AHRC & ESRC Small Research Grants - Beyond Text**

The Small Research Grants in Beyond Text will support projects from less established as well as established senior scholars, and from those wishing to undertake small scale innovative or short projects of up to 18 months. The project can be for between £20,000 and £150,000 fEC.

**Nature of program:** National and research

**Beneficiaries:** researchers

#### **Eligibility:**

1. The call is open to members of the academic and academic-related staff of Higher Education Institutions (HEI) directly funded by HEFCE, DEL, HEFCW and SFC, and AHRC-recognised Independent Research Organisations (IROs). Staff at Research Council Institutes may also be eligible to apply.

2. Staff already employed on research contracts that relate to specific projects and grants (e.g. Research Assistants) are not eligible to apply for funding. Additionally, it is not permissible for someone to be both a Principal Investigator or Co-Investigator and a research assistant on the same project.
3. Applicants should be actively engaged in research and be of postdoctoral standing. This does not mean that applicants must have a doctorate, provided that they can demonstrate in their proposal that they have equivalent research experience and/or training.
4. Applicants should have contractual arrangement with the host Research Organisation at the point of application and it must cover both the period of the award and the monitoring period (three months after the end of the award).

**Deadlines:** 4pm on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2009

**Durations:** up to 18 months

<http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundingOpportunities/Pages/ReligionandSociety-SmallGrants.aspx>

#### **AHRC & ESRC Small Grants - Religion and Society**

The Religion and Society Programme is offering approximately eight Small Research Grants. These grants will support projects from less established as well as established senior scholars, and from those wishing to undertake small scale innovative or short projects of up to one year. The project can be for between £20,000 and £100,000 fEC.

**Nature of program:** National and research

**Beneficiaries:** researchers

#### **Eligibility:**

1. Applicants should be members of the academic and academic-related staff of Higher Education Institutions (HEI) directly funded by HEFCE, DEL, HEFCW and SFC, and AHRC/ESRC recognised Independent Research Organisations. Staff at Research Council Institutes may also be eligible to apply.
2. Staff already employed on research contracts that relate to specific projects and grants (e.g. Research Assistants) are not eligible to apply for funding. Additionally, it is not permissible for someone to be both a Principal Investigator or Co-Investigator and a research assistant on the same project.
3. Applicants should be actively engaged in research and be of postdoctoral standing. This does not mean that applicants must have a doctorate, provided that they can demonstrate in their proposal that they have equivalent research experience and/or training.
4. Applicants should have contractual arrangement with the host Research Organisation at the point of application and it must cover both the period of the award and the monitoring period (three months after the end of the award).

**Deadlines:** 4pm on the 30th April 2009

**Durations:** up to one year

<http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundingOpportunities/Pages/Student-LedInitiatives-BeyondText.aspx>

#### **AHRC Student-Led Initiatives - Beyond Text**

The aim of this scheme is to support the establishment of innovative collaborative research

training programmes, originated by and run for postgraduate doctoral students within the context of the AHRC Beyond Text strategic programme. This scheme provides seed money to support specialised subject or discipline specific research training to groups of students where it is not possible or cost-effective to provide the training in just one department or institution. The Beyond Text Student-Led Initiative scheme will provide between 10 and 15 awards of up to £2000 towards the costs of setting up a training project, activity or event.

**Nature of program:** National, collaborative and research

**Beneficiaries:** research students

**Eligibility:**

1. Applications can be made in this scheme by postgraduate students attending a Research Organisation (RO) in the UK, directly funded by HEFCE, DEL, HEFCW or SFC. Applications should be submitted by a lead student.
2. It is not necessary for applicants to collaborate with students at other ROs, although this may be appropriate for some projects, but doctoral students from a range of institutions should be invited to participate. As the lead student, applicants must be supported by their RO, i.e. endorsed by their Head of Department and supervisor.
3. Where more than one RO or student is involved in organising the project, one lead student and one lead institution must be identified to coordinate the proposal and to act as the contact for correspondence.
4. Applications may involve collaboration with non-RO organisations, such as museums, libraries or galleries, but such organisations cannot lead a bid in this scheme.
5. Only one application should be submitted for each project. We will not accept applications covering different aspects of a single initiative or separate applications from the different partners involved in any collaborative bids.

**Deadlines:** 9<sup>th</sup> April 2009

**Durations:** N/A

[http://www.esrc.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/current\\_funding\\_opportunities/FG09.aspx#0](http://www.esrc.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/current_funding_opportunities/FG09.aspx#0)

**ESRC First Grants Competition 2009**

ESRC is pleased to invite applications under the fourth round of its First Grants Competition. First Grants assist new researchers and academics at the start of their careers gain experience of managing and leading research projects.

**Nature of program:** national and research

**Beneficiaries:** early career researchers based in the UK

**Eligibility:**

1. The Competition is open to all staff of Research Organisations (RO) eligible for Research Council Funding who have not previously been Principal Investigators on ESRC or other Research Council research grants. Holders of Post-Doctoral Fellowships, Seminar grants and RCUK Academic Fellowships, which are not considered to be research grants, and therefore are eligible to apply.
2. Applicants must be within six years of the completion of their PhD (i.e. the date of viva voce) or of equivalent professional standing. This time limit excludes any periods of formal career breaks taken for family care responsibilities, health or other personal

reasons. In such cases details about the interruption must be provided and supporting evidence be provided to the satisfaction of the ESRC. Applicants who have received a Professorship, which although may meet the above criteria, will not be eligible.

**Deadlines:** The deadline for outline proposals was 4.00pm on 11 December 2008 and the deadline for full proposals is 20 April 2009

**Durations:** up to three years

<http://www.esrc.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/earlycareer/postdocfellowships/index.aspx>

### **ESRC's Postdoctoral Fellowships**

ESRC Postdoctoral Fellowships forms an important element of the Council's ambition to promote excellence in UK social science research capacity. These awards provide a career development opportunity for those at a relatively early stage of their academic career who can demonstrate great potential in social science research. The scheme is also open to those returning to research following a career break.

**Nature of program:** research

**Beneficiaries:** early career researchers

#### **Eligibility:**

1. The awards are restricted to those with no more than three years active postdoctoral experience at the start date of the award. Active postdoctoral experience is defined as that accomplished between submitting the doctorate and the proposed start date of the fellowship.
2. For applicants yet to submit their PhD, the expectation of submission must be verified by the supervisor at the time of application.
3. The scheme is not normally open to applicants who are established, permanent members of academic staff or have held a permanent academic position for the majority of the period since completing their doctorate.
4. ESRC wishes to encourage applications from the very best researchers who wish to develop their career in UK academia. As such there are no nationality restrictions on who may apply for a fellowship.

**Deadlines:** open call

**Durations:** tenable for 1 year on a full time basis (2 years Economics) and up to 2 years on a part time basis (4 years in Economics)

<http://www.esrc.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/postgraduate/fundingopportunities/MCDFs.aspx>

### **ESRC Mid-Career Development Fellowships**

Mid-Career Development Fellowships are intended to enable outstanding researchers to develop their careers by taking their research in a new direction or to a new level. Applications are welcome from academics seeking support for a programme of work, based on a specific research question, linked to substantive career development. Applications are also welcome from researchers seeking to move into academic research from professional practice in an allied field, enabling them to complete a PhD if required. Potential applicants should note the emphasis on

achieving substantive career development through the Mid-Career Development Fellowship scheme.

**Nature of program:** research

**Beneficiaries:** mid-career researchers

**Eligibility:**

1. Applicants must have between five and fifteen years' active postdoctoral or equivalent professional experience.
2. Applicants should base their application on a programme of activities centred on one or more specific research questions whilst, at the same time, integrating the requisite training and development to undertake the work and advance their contribution to social scientific knowledge in the UK academia.
3. In exceptional cases, applications will be accepted from researchers looking to return to academia in the UK following a period in academia overseas. There are no nationality restrictions on who may apply for a fellowship.
4. Fellowships must be held at a ESRC recognised UK HEI or Independent Research Institute

**Deadlines:** open call

**Durations:** for two years and, in exceptional circumstances, for three years

[http://www.esrc.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/current\\_funding\\_opportunities/research/index.aspx](http://www.esrc.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/current_funding_opportunities/research/index.aspx)

#### **ESRC Standard/Small Research Grants Scheme**

The Research Grants Scheme provides research awards ranging from £15,000 to £1.5 million (100% FEC) to eligible institutions to enable individuals or research teams to undertake anything from a small project through to a large-scale survey and other infrastructure or methodological development. There is considerable flexibility when it comes to subject area. As long as the suggested topic falls within ESRC's remit, applicants are free to concentrate on any research area.

**Nature of program:** national and research

**Beneficiaries:** UK based researchers

**Eligibility:**

1. Applications should normally be academic staff of the hosting institution, which must be universities, colleges of higher education and independent research institutes in the United Kingdom approved by the ESRC.
2. Applications can be made by people who are not established members of the proposed host institution. In these circumstances applicants would need to obtain a covering statement from the Institution applicants are affiliated to which, in the event of an award, would guarantee to provide facilities for applicants as if applicants were an established member of staff.

**Deadlines:** open call

**Durations:** for a period of up to five years

[http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants\\_awards/grants/study\\_abroad\\_fellowships/](http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants_awards/grants/study_abroad_fellowships/)

### **The Leverhulme Trust Study Abroad Fellowships**

This award is designed to support a period overseas in a stimulating academic environment. It supports a range of activities other than straight-forward research (e.g. the exchange of ideas, the development of new lines of research and collaborative ventures).

**Nature of program:** international and research

**Beneficiaries:** UK researchers

**Eligibility:**

1. Must be resident in the UK at the time of application.
2. Should have held an established full-time post in a UK institution of higher education, or in a museum, art gallery or comparable institution for at least five years.

**Deadlines:** 4.00 p.m. on Monday 10 November 2008

**Durations:** tenable for between 3 and 12 months

[http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants\\_awards/grants/study\\_abroad\\_studentships/](http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants_awards/grants/study_abroad_studentships/)

### **The Leverhulme Trust Study Abroad Studentships**

Study Abroad Studentships support an extended period of advanced study or research at a centre of learning in any overseas country, with the exception of the USA.

**Nature of program:** international and research

**Beneficiaries:** UK students

**Eligibility:**

1. Must have been resident in the UK for at least five years at the time of application and must hold an undergraduate degree from a UK institution.
2. Should be under age 30 or, if older, make a strong and appropriate case for special consideration.
3. Should be able to demonstrate how their work would benefit from being conducted overseas rather than in the UK. Those wishing only to improve their foreign language skills are not eligible for this scheme.

**Deadlines:** 4.00 pm on Thursday 9 January 2009

**Durations:** tenable for between 12 and 24 months

[http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants\\_awards/grants/research\\_fellowships/](http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants_awards/grants/research_fellowships/)

### **The Leverhulme Trust Research Fellowships**

Research Fellowships are open to experienced researchers, particularly those who are or have been prevented by routine duties from completing a programme of original research. There are no restrictions on academic discipline, and awards are not limited to those holding appointments in higher education.

**Nature of program:** research

**Beneficiaries:** experienced researchers

**Eligibility:**

1. Must be resident in the UK at the time of application.
2. Should be able to demonstrate experience and academic background sufficient to confirm their ability to complete the proposed programme of research.

**Deadlines:** 4.00 p.m. on Monday 10 November 2008

**Durations:** tenable for between 3 and 24 months

[http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants\\_awards/grants/international\\_networks/](http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants_awards/grants/international_networks/)

**The Leverhulme Trust International Networks**

These collaborations enable a Principal Investigator based in the UK to lead a research project where its successful completion is dependant on the participation of relevant overseas institutions. A significant research theme must be identified at the outset which requires for its successful treatment international collaboration between one or more UK universities, and two or more, overseas institutions. Full justification should be given for the involvement of all participants, with each participant bringing specific - and stated - expertise which can directly contribute to the success of the project. Details of the proposed methodology for the research project should be provided at the outset, as well as a clear indication of the anticipated outcomes and of the dissemination strategy to be adopted.

**Nature of program:** international, collaborative and research

**Beneficiaries:** researchers and participating institutions

**Eligibility:**

1. The Principal Investigator should be employed at a university or other institution of higher or further education in the UK.
2. The institution to which the award is made must agree to administer the grant, for allocation among the participating institutions.
3. Networks should be newly-constituted collaborations.

**Deadlines:** no closing dates for the submission of an outline application

**Durations:** can last for up to three years

[http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants\\_awards/grants/early\\_career\\_fellowships/](http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants_awards/grants/early_career_fellowships/)

**The Leverhulme Trust Early Career Fellowships**

Early Career Fellowships aim to provide career development opportunities for those who are at a relatively early stage of their academic careers but with a proven record of research. It is anticipated that a Fellowship will lead to a more permanent academic position. Applications are welcomed in any discipline

**Nature of program:** research

**Beneficiaries:** young researchers

**Eligibility:**

1. May not currently hold, or have already held, a full-time permanent academic position in a university or comparable institution in the UK.
2. Should normally hold a degree from a UK higher education institution by the time of taking up the Fellowship. Those without a UK degree will be considered if, at the time of application, they hold an academic position in the UK. It is likely that applications from candidates having an association with the UK academic community of less than two years' duration will be strengthened by a move of employing institution.

3. Should normally be under age 35 and hold an awarded doctorate or have equivalent research experience at the time of taking up the award. Applications from those aged 35 and over will be considered if they began their academic studies at a later age than is usual or if they have had a career change or break.
4. May, when registered for a doctorate, apply only if they have submitted their doctoral thesis by the closing date, and confirmation of this will be required as part of the application procedure.

**Deadlines:** 4 pm on 12 March 2009

**Durations:** normally tenable for either two or three years on a full-time basis, but requests to hold the award part-time over a proportionately longer period will be considered if this is appropriate for the nature of the research proposed and the career development of the individual.

[http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants\\_awards/grants/research\\_project\\_grants/](http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants_awards/grants/research_project_grants/)

### **The Leverhulme Trust Research Project Grants**

The aim of these awards is to provide financial support for innovative and original research projects of high quality and potential, the choice of theme and the design of the research lying entirely with the applicant (the Principal Investigator). The grants provide support for the salaries of research staff engaged on the project, plus associated costs directly related to the research proposed.

**Nature of program:** research

**Beneficiaries:** researchers and hosting institutions

#### **Eligibility:**

1. Eligible institutions are universities, other institutions of higher and further education in the UK, and registered charities in the UK. The scheme is also open to institutions or organisations of similar status in developing countries where, in the opinion of the Trustees, the provision of research funding is seriously limited.
2. Joint applications from more than one institution and applicant are welcomed. However, a Principal Investigator must be designated as the lead applicant and agree to take responsibility for directing the grant. The Principal Investigator's employing institution must also agree to administer the grant, if awarded.
3. The applicant must be employed by the hosting institution or be an academic who has maintained close links with that institution following retirement.

**Deadlines:** no closing dates for the submission of an Outline Application

**Durations:** Normally up to two to three years and up to five years if compelling evidence is provided.

[http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants\\_awards/grants/emeritus\\_fellowships/](http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants_awards/grants/emeritus_fellowships/)

### **The Leverhulme Trust Emeritus Fellowships**

Emeritus Fellowships assist senior established researchers to complete a research project that has already been begun and to prepare the results for publication.

**Nature of program:** research

**Beneficiaries:** senior researchers

**Eligibility:**

1. Must be resident in the UK at the time of application.
2. Should hold or have held a teaching and/or research post in a university or comparable institution in the UK at the time of retirement.
3. Should have retired by the time of taking up the Fellowship and no longer have a normal contract of employment.

**Deadlines:** 4.00 p.m. on Thursday 5 February 2009

**Durations:** tenable for between 3 and 24 months

[http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants\\_awards/grants/major\\_research\\_fellowships/](http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants_awards/grants/major_research_fellowships/)

**The Leverhulme Trust Major Research Fellowships in the Humanities and Social Sciences**

These awards enable well-established and distinguished researchers in the disciplines of the Humanities and Social Sciences to devote themselves to a single research project of outstanding originality and significance, capable of completion within two or three years. The award is made to the institution at which the successful Fellow is employed, and takes the form of providing a replacement staff member to cover the period of the Fellowship.

**Nature of program:** research

**Beneficiaries:** well-established researchers

**Eligibility:**

1. Applicants must be employed at an eligible UK institution at the time of application and throughout the duration of the Fellowship.
2. Applicants must be able to demonstrate scholarship at the highest level, which has been sufficient to have won international recognition. When assessing applications the Trust gives particular weight to those cases where a particularly onerous teaching or administrative load in recent years has impeded the applicant's research progress.

**Deadlines:** 4 pm on 1 May 2009

**Durations:** for two or three years

[http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants\\_awards/grants/visiting\\_professorships/](http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants_awards/grants/visiting_professorships/)

**The Leverhulme Trust Visiting Professorships**

The objective of the awards is to enable distinguished academics based overseas to spend between three and ten months at a UK university, primarily in order to enhance the skills of academic staff or the student body within the host institution. It is recognised that Visiting Professors may also wish to use the opportunity to further their own academic interests. The over-riding criteria for selection are first the academic standing and achievements of the visitor in terms of research and teaching, and second the ability of the receiving institution to benefit from the imported skills and expertise. Priority will be given to new or recent collaborative ventures.

**Nature of program:** international and research

**Beneficiaries:** well-established international researchers and hosting institutions

**Eligibility:**

1. Applications must be made by a member of academic staff, based in a UK university or other higher education institution, who will be responsible for co-ordinating the visit.

2. The host academic's employing institution must also agree to administer the grant, if awarded, and to provide appropriate facilities for the Visiting Professor. Applications should not be submitted by the visitor.

**Deadlines:** 4 pm on 14 May 2009

**Durations:** for between three and ten months

[http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants\\_awards/grants/visiting\\_fellowships/](http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants_awards/grants/visiting_fellowships/)

### **The Leverhulme Trust Visiting Fellowships**

The Trustees are offering Visiting Fellowships to a number of UK universities to enable them to invite one or two post-doctoral academic researchers (normally with no more than eight years post-doctoral experience) to visit the UK for the purpose of research and collaboration. Visiting Fellows are encouraged to give lectures and seminars and to participate in the intellectual life of the institution. Universities not on the rota of institutions selected by the Trustees may not apply directly to the Trust under this scheme.

**Nature of program:** international and research

**Beneficiaries:** young international researchers and hosting institutions

**Eligibility:**

Eligible Applicants for 2008/2009 academic year are as follows:

- Aberystwyth University / Prifysgol Aberystwyth
- University of Brighton
- Brunel University
- University of Dundee
- Keele University
- Liverpool Hope University
- London South Bank University
- Napier University
- Newport, University of Wales / Casnewydd, Prifysgol Cymru
- University of Northampton
- University of Ulster
- University of Worcester

**Deadlines:** N/A

**Durations:** Between 9 and 12 consecutive months for each Visiting Fellow

[http://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/go/grants/accesstojustice/page\\_57.html](http://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/go/grants/accesstojustice/page_57.html)

### **Nuffield Social Science Small Grants Scheme**

This Scheme makes small grants for social science research expenses. They are intended for self-contained research projects in the social sciences, including pilot studies. Their main purpose is to meet the cost of research assistance, research materials, data collection and analysis, and travel and subsistence in this country and overseas. Awards are normally up to £7,500, although in exceptional circumstances awards may be made of up to a maximum of £12,000. Applicants must be resident and working at a UK institution, although the research may be undertaken outside the

UK.

**Nature of program:** national and research

**Beneficiaries:** UK researchers

**Eligibility:**

1. Applicants must have a post with a permanent contract, or a research contract of three years or more, in a university or independent research institute in the United Kingdom. The grants are administered by the researcher's institution and are not paid to applicants personally.
2. Each project will be judged on its merits, but we accept resubmissions only if these have been invited by trustees

**Deadlines:** open call

**Durations:** N/A

<http://www.kent.ac.uk/nslsa/content/view/65/105>

**Socio-Legal Studies Association (SLSA) Small Grants Scheme**

The scheme's aim is to support work for which other funding sources would not be appropriate and to encourage socio-legal research initiatives in a practical way. Individual awards are up to a maximum of £1500.

**Nature of program:** national and research

**Beneficiaries:** UK researchers

**Eligibility:**

1. Applicant should contribute to socio-legal scholarship, including anticipated publications or enhancement of the prospect of future research grants from other grant-making bodies.
2. No applicants will receive more than one grant per year
3. Executive Committee members of SLSA are not eligible for the scheme

**Deadlines:** 31 October each year

**Durations:** N/A

<http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/barda.cfm>

**British Academy Research Development Awards (BARDAs)**

The purpose of these awards is to enable established scholars to develop a significant research project. Applications are particularly encouraged from scholars who can demonstrate that they are developing an innovative line of research, with the potential to make a significant difference to their field and to their career profile. Priority will be given to applicants who have at least five years postdoctoral experience. Applications for collaborative or individual research projects are equally welcome under this scheme. Applications from international groups of scholars are welcome, provided there is a UK-based scholar as lead applicant.

**Nature of program:** research

**Beneficiaries:** experienced researchers

**Eligibility:** applicants should demonstrate that Academy funds are sought for a clearly defined, discrete piece of research, which will have an identifiable outcome on completion of the

Academy-funded component of the project.

**Deadlines:** to be confirmed after the summer 2009 recess

**Durations:** tenable for up to three years

<http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/WolfsonResearchProfessorships.cfm>

#### **British Academy Wolfson Research Professorships**

The purpose of these awards is to give an opportunity for extended research leave to a small number of the most outstanding established scholars to enable them to concentrate on a significant research programme, while freed from normal teaching and administrative commitments. Emphasis is also placed by the Academy and the Foundation on the importance of award-holders communicating their plans and results to a broad audience.

**Nature of program:** research

**Beneficiaries:** experienced researchers

**Eligibility:** award-holders are expected to be established scholars with a significant track record of publication. Any field of study in the humanities and social sciences is suitable for support.

**Deadlines:** at 5pm Friday 14 November 2008

**Durations:** tenable for up to three years

<http://www.bia.homeoffice.gov.uk/newsandmedia/news>

#### **British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowships**

This scheme is designed to enable outstanding early career researchers to strengthen their experience of research and teaching in a university environment, which will develop their curriculum vitae and improve their prospects of obtaining permanent lecturing posts by the end of the Fellowship.

**Nature of program:** research

**Beneficiaries:** early career researchers

**Eligibility:** Applicants are expected to be at an early stage of their academic career.

**Deadlines:** 1 October 2009 for awards to be taken up from September 2010

**Durations:** tenable for three years (not renewable) from a starting date

<http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/srg.cfm>

#### **British Academy Small Research Grants**

Grants are available to support primary research in the humanities and social sciences. The first recourse for funding should be to your own institution (where applicable). Applications for collaborative or individual projects are equally welcome under this scheme. Applications from international groups of scholars are welcome, provided there is a UK-based scholar as lead applicant.

**Nature of program:** research

**Beneficiaries:** researchers

**Eligibility:** all applications should demonstrate that Academy funds are sought for a clearly defined, discrete piece of research, which will have an identifiable outcome on completion of the

Academy-funded component of the research.

**Deadlines:** The next closing date will be announced in due course.

**Durations:** tenable for up to 24 months

<http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/intl/visfells.cfm>

#### **British Academy Visiting Fellowships**

The Academy's Visiting Fellowship scheme, launched in 2005, enables early-career scholars from overseas to apply directly to the Academy, in conjunction with their UK hosts, for research visits to the UK of two to six months. The main purpose of the visit should be to enable the visitor to pursue research.

**Nature of program:** international and research

**Beneficiaries:** international early-career researchers

#### **Eligibility:**

1. The UK host must be resident in the UK, and must undertake to make all the necessary practical and administrative arrangements for the visit.
2. Applicants must normally have obtained their doctorates after 1 January 2003.  
(Academics without a PhD must demonstrate equivalent status.)

**Deadlines:** 12 January 2009 for visits to take place during the financial year 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010.

**Durations:** two to six months

<http://www.chevening.com/what-chevening>

#### **Chevening Scholarships & Fellowships**

Chevening Scholarships and Fellowships are prestigious awards which enable overseas students to conduct postgraduate studies or research in the UK. The Scholarships and fellowships are offered in over 130 countries. They enable talented graduates and young professionals whom we identify as the potential leaders of tomorrow to develop strong links with the UK and with each other in a global network, at the same time as becoming familiar with the UK.

**Nature of program:** international

**Beneficiaries:** international students

#### **Eligibility:**

1. Have good English Language skills and an IELTS score of 6.5 (or its equivalent) for admission to postgraduate courses
2. Meet the academic requirements for their courses of study

**Deadlines:** please refer to country specific information at its official website

**Durations:** please refer to country specific information at its official website

<http://www.orsas.ac.uk/>

#### **Overseas Research Students Awards Scheme ('ORSAS')**

The objective of the ORSAS scheme is to encourage high quality overseas postgraduate research students to undertake their research in the UK. The Scheme is funded through the four UK higher

education funding bodies (for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland). Participating Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) have received an annual grant to fund ORSAS and selected their ORSAS award holders internally. ORSAS awards provide funding to pay the difference between the international student tuition fees and the home/EU student tuition fees charged by the academic institution that the student attends. Prospective applicants should contact institutions directly for information on how to apply for an ORSAS award.

The Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) and the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales (HEFCW) will not be able to fund ORSAS after 2009.

**Nature of program:** international and research

**Beneficiaries:** international students and host organisations

**Eligibility:**

1. students must intend to undertake full-time postgraduate research within one of participating UK HEIs and be liable for the overseas fee
2. students must not have already been awarded a PhD or equivalent degree
3. students must not have held an ORS award before
4. students must have support from host institutions for their application

**Deadlines:** variable depending on different hosting HEIs

**Durations:** awards can be held for a maximum of three years

## *Malaysia*

### **MALAYSIAN TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME SCHOLARSHIP FOR POST-GRADUATE STUDIES IN MALAYSIA**

The Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP) was launched in 1980 to provide technical assistance to other developing countries. The Programme consolidated various forms of technical cooperation in areas where Malaysia has the experience and expertise. Malaysia's assistance under the MTCP is essentially in the form of training conducted either at Malaysian universities or training institutions. Other forms of assistance include study visits, the services of experts, and the provision of supplies and equipment for socioeconomic projects.

The MTCP Scholarship Award provides opportunities for students to pursue advanced academic study in Malaysia. This scholarship is a Government-to Government scheme without any bond imposed by Malaysia. Scholarships are intended for promising men and women who may be expected to make a significant contribution to their own countries on their return from study abroad.

The Malaysian Government offers up to 40 MTCP Scholarships each year. The scholarship are available for post-graduate studies at Masters and Ph.D level tenable at any Malaysian public university, and are available to citizens of the MTCP participating countries. The duration of the award is 36 to 42 months for Ph.D and between 12 to 24 months for Masters programme.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

- The scholarships are open equally to men and women up to 45 years of age at the time of application.
- Candidates should be citizens of the MTCP participating countries.
- They should, at the time of the application hold a degree or equivalent qualification with at least upper second class honours, (or CGPA 3.0/4.0) for Master's programme; and hold a Master's degree with good grades for Ph.D programme.
- The candidates must demonstrate verbal, reading and writing proficiency in the English language through one of the following:-
  1. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
  2. Test administered by the International English Language Testing Service (IELTS)
- Proven of English Language proficiency is desirable.
- Applicants must be in good health, both physically and mentally.

#### **VALUE OF AWARDS**

Each scholarship consists of:

- i. a return tickets from recipient's capital city to Malaysia;
- ii. approved tuition fees;
- iii. a maintenance allowance at the rate of RM1000.00 per month;
- iv. a yearly grant for books and internal travel;

- v. thesis allowance, installation and termination grant; and

No marriage/ family allowance for accompanying spouse or children.

### **APPLICATION TO THE UNIVERSITY**

Application for admission into the university is the responsibility of the candidate and the proof of admission to the university is not a pre-requisite of the award. The Selection Committee for MTCP Scholarship will only consider qualified applicants based on their academics and professional performance. Since most of the universities in Malaysia commence their academic year in May/June, interested applicants are encouraged to apply to the university earlier, even before the results of MTCP Scholarship being announced. The scholarship does not automatically grant a placement in the university. Admission to any programme is by way of application to the university.

Further information can be obtained from:

<http://www.epu.jpm.my>

**The Secretary General**  
**Ministry of Higher Education**  
Scholarships Division  
Parcel E, Precint 1  
Federal Government Administrative Centre  
62505 , PUTRAJAYA

Telephone : **03-8883 5000**

Fax : **03-8889 5141**

Emel : [bs@mohe.gov.my](mailto:bs@mohe.gov.my)

### **MALAYSIAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP (MIS) FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES IN MALAYSIA**

Malaysian International Scholarship (MIS) is a Premier Scholarship for international students to pursue their higher education in Malaysian universities. Funded by the Malaysian Government under the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP), it is administered by the Ministry of Higher Education. The awards were initiated to provide young students of excellent academic records and outstanding co-curriculum background the opportunity to pursue their Bachelor's Degree at selected and well established Malaysian public and private universities. The scholarship is a part the Malaysian Government's objective in the encouragement and enhancement of closer bilateral relations between Malaysia and the participating countries. The Malaysian Government offers up to 15 MIS Scholarships each year.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

- Be citizens of the MTCP participating countries;
- Have an impressive record of participation and leadership in extra -curricular or social and voluntary activities;
- Have completed minimum of 12 years of successful study with good outstanding grades;
- Be in good health and be certified fit medically by a certified Doctor/Medical Professional of the bilateral partner country. The cost of medical examination is to be borne by the applicants;
- Not more than 21 years of age; and
- Form must be endorsed by the agency responsible for technical cooperation in the respective country.

### **ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION**

- A minimum of 3 GCE 'A' Levels with all subjects Grade B; or
- Other internationally recognized qualifications of a similar standard.

### **OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

If deemed necessary, applicants may also be required to attend an interview and/or take an entrance test conducted by the Ministry of Higher Education or the Board of Admissions of the particular university.

### **FIELD OF STUDIES**

Field of studies are in the following priority areas :

- Business and Finance
- Science and Engineering
- Agricultural Science
- Linguistics/Social sciences

(Note : Applicants may choose any related courses within the fields/areas mentioned above.)

\* Other areas of interest may be considered depending on the availability of the places offered by the universities.

### **THE AWARDS**

Scholarship are awarded for three (3) to four years(4) of full-time undergraduate degree. The scholarship funding covers tuition fees, monthly maintenance allowance, book allowance and accommodation allowance.

- Approved tuition and compulsory university fees will be paid directly to the respective University.
- A return economy class air ticket from recipient's capital city to Malaysia once at the beginning and once at the end of the course

- Maintenance allowance of MYR 1000 per month.
- An annual book allowance of MYR 1 200 per year.
- Settlement allowance of MYR 1000 payable once at the beginning of the course.
- Termination grant or RM 1000 payable once at the end of the course.
- Practical training allowance of RM16.00 per day will be paid to students who are required to do
- Practical training at a range of 25 km from the University.
- Traveling allowance of MYR 300 per annum
- Thesis allowance of MYR 246 (if required) once throughout the course;
- Health and Accident Insurance will be provided by the Malaysian Government

## **FURTHER ENQUIRIES**

Further information can be obtained from:

Scholarships Division  
 Ministry of Higher Education  
 Level 4, Block 1, Menara PjH, Precint 2  
 Federal Government Administrative Centre  
 62100 , PUTRAJAYA

Telephone : **03-8883 5000**

Fax : **03-8889 5141**

Emel : [bs@mohe.gov.my](mailto:bs@mohe.gov.my)

## **COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP PLAN (CSFP) SCHOLARSHIP FOR POST-GRADUATE STUDIES IN MALAYSIA**

The Malaysian Government offers up to ten Commonwealth Scholarships each year. The awards are tenable at any Malaysian public university, and are available to citizens of any Commonwealth country.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

1. Applicants must be Commonwealth citizens or British protected persons residing in countries of the Commonwealth other than Malaysia.
2. Applicants must be the graduate of a University or College in their own countries or holders of an equivalent qualification.

3. Applicants must have a minimum standard of upper second class honours or CGPA of 3.5/4.0 at bachelor's degree level. In addition, applicants for Ph.D must possess very good result at Master degree level in a similar field of intended Ph.D study.
4. Scholarship will not be awarded to candidates wishing to undertake undergraduate studies, post-doctoral research, clinical training or second Master/Ph.D degree.
5. Scholarship will be valid for one degree only and not eligible for continuation to a higher degree. Applicants should have completed a relevant qualification within the last five years preceding the year of application. For those applicants who had completed an appropriate qualification more than five years ago, preference will be given to those who can also show relevant, related work experience.

#### **VALUE OF AWARDS**

Each scholarship consists of:

- i. a return tickets from recipient's capital city to Malaysia;
- ii. approved tuition fees;
- iii. a maintenance allowance at the rate of RM750.00 per month;
- iv. a yearly grant for books and internal travel;
- v. thesis allowance, installation and termination grant; and
- vi. Family allowance for accompanying spouse or children.

#### **APPLICATION TO THE UNIVERSITY**

Application for admission into the university is the responsibility of the candidate and the proof of admission to the university is not a pre-requisite of the award. The Selection Committee for Commonwealth Scholarship will only consider qualified applicants based on their academics and professional performance. Since most of the universities in Malaysia commence their academic year in May/June, interested applicants are encouraged to apply to the university earlier, even before the results of scholarship being announced. The scholarship does not automatically grant a placement in the university. Admission to any programme is by way of application to the university.

Further information can be obtained from:

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

**The Secretary General**

**Ministry of Higher Education**

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62505 , PUTRAJAYA

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## ***Denmark***

### Foundations:

- **Augustinusfonden**

The Foundation does not have a website.

The purpose of the Foundation is to grant financial support to charitable, humanitarian, artistic or scientific purposes.

However, in line with the practice of the Foundation, support is not granted to individuals. Likewise, study periods at Danish universities and group study periods abroad are not supported.

For further information, contact the Foundation:

**Augustinus Fonden**

**Amaliegade 47**

**DK-1256 København K**

Tel. (+ 45) 33 14 52 93

- **Brødrene Hartmanns Fond**

<http://www.hartmannfonden.dk>

Provides support for a broad range of social, humanitarian, cultural, educational or scientific purposes.

However, the Foundation does not grant support for:

- Payroll costs
- Personal education
- Study tours
- Conference participation

All applications must be submitted online via the Foundation's website. See website for regulations and guidelines for electronic application (in Danish).

For further information, contact the Foundation:

**Brødrene Hartmanns Fond**

**Ørnegårdsvej 18**

**DK-2820 Gentofte**

Tel. (+45) 45 97 01 91

email: [bih@hartmann-packaging.com](mailto:bih@hartmann-packaging.com)

Office hours:

Monday – Wednesday, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm

- **Bente og Freddy B. Kloss Familiefond**

The Foundation does not have a website.

The Foundation supports researchers or projects of corporate or common interest.

For further information, contact the Foundation:

**Freddy B. Kloss**

**Lyngbygårdsgade 134**

**DK-2800 Kongens Lyngby**

Tel. (+ 45) 45 93 15 75

- **BG Fonden og Bikubenfonden**

<http://www.bikubenfonden.dk>

BG Fonden and Bikubenfonden are two independent foundations under a shared administration. The four focus areas of the foundations are:

- Social purposes
- Cultural purposes
- Nature and environment
- Research and education

The foundations grant financial support to projects and initiatives within the above focus areas, also supporting cross-disciplinary projects across the areas. Typically, the grants are limited in time, but the Foundations may also enter into perennial agreements on cooperation. Applications must be submitted online via the Foundation's website at

<http://www.bikubenfonden.dk/index.dsp?page=209>

For further information, contact the Foundation:

**Bikubenfonden/BG Fonden**

**Fiolstræde 44**

**DK-1171 København K**

Tel. (+45) 33 77 93 93

email: [bg@bikubenfonden.dk](mailto:bg@bikubenfonden.dk)

Office hours:

Monday – Thursday, 10:00 am – 16:00 pm

Friday, 10:00 am – 15:00 pm

- **Bodil Pedersen Fonden**

The Foundation does not have a website.

The purpose of the Foundation is to grant support to cultural, humanitarian or scientific purposes.

Foundation grants are awarded three times per year. Total amount of grants awarded per year: approx. DKK 2,000,000.

For further information, contact the Foundation:

**Direktør Nils Armand**

**Bodil Pedersen Fonden**

**Postboks 18**

**DK-3250 Gilleleje**

- **Carlsbergfondet**

<http://www.carlsbergfondet.dk/>

One of the Foundation's purposes is to foster and support the natural sciences, mathematics and philosophies, the humanities, and the social sciences. For further information, see the Carlsberg Foundation Charter:

[http://www.carlsbergfondet.dk/PDF/CF\\_Charter\\_2007\\_UK.pdf](http://www.carlsbergfondet.dk/PDF/CF_Charter_2007_UK.pdf)

Applications are to be submitted via this site:

<https://carlsbergfondet-online.dk/>

Follow this link for an application guide in English:

[https://carlsbergfondet-online.dk/vejledninger/english\\_online\\_help.pdf](https://carlsbergfondet-online.dk/vejledninger/english_online_help.pdf)

For further information, contact the Foundation:

**Carlsbergfondet**

**H.C. Andersens Boulevard 35**

**DK-1553 København V**

Tel. (+45) 33 43 53 63

email: [Carlsbergfondet@Carlsbergfondet.dk](mailto:Carlsbergfondet@Carlsbergfondet.dk)

Office hours:

Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

- **COWI-fonden**

[http://www.cowifonden.dk/UK/index\\_uk.asp](http://www.cowifonden.dk/UK/index_uk.asp)

The COWI foundation is a commercial foundation which owns the share majority of COWI A/S.

The two main objectives of the Foundation are:

- To support and promote COWI A/S
- To strengthen the regard of the Danish engineering sector

The Foundation provides financial support to further training and research within the technical, scientific and economic disciplines, as well as the social sciences. The Foundation may, in special cases, provide support to other scientific or artistic activities that are associated with COWI's business activities.

The following activities are examples of what may be supported, provided they lastingly benefit the Danish engineering industry:

- Research and development projects
- Visiting professorships
- Scientific publications and text books
- Conferences, symposia etc.
- Special costs in connection with post graduate university studies
- Import of advanced knowledge or technology
- Advanced technical equipment for research purposes

Individuals, institutions, laboratories, departments at research and educational institutions, or any other organisation which the Board may consider to be suitable candidates are eligible to receive donations. Application deadlines are 15 March and 15 August. Total amount of grants awarded per year: approx. DKK 2,000,000.

For further information, contact the Foundation:

**COWI-fonden**

**Parallevej 2**

**DK-2800 Lyngby**

email: [COWIfonden@cowi.dk](mailto:COWIfonden@cowi.dk)

- **Danske Bank Fond**

<http://www.danskebank.com/da-dk/CSR/samfund/Pages/danske-bank-fond.aspx>

The purpose of the Foundation is to provide financial support to purposes of a social,

scientific, corporate or humanitarian nature, including art and cultural activities, serving the common good.

The Foundation does not provide travel grants or support for study trips. Applications must be submitted to the address below.

For further information, contact the Foundation:

**Danske Bank Fond**  
**Holmens Kanal 2-12**  
**1092 København K**

Tel. (+45) 45 14 57 32

- **Direktør Ib Henriksens Fond**

<http://www.dihfond.dk/>

The Foundation supports educational purposes within the fields of trade, craft and industry. This includes grants for longer study periods at universities and institutions of higher education abroad and internships. Grants are not awarded for short-term study periods, internships and exchange programmes.

Universities, institutions of higher education and research institutions may apply for grants in support of research.

For further information, contact the Foundation:

**DIREKTØR IB HENRIKSENS FOND**

**Heibergsgade 18**  
**DK-1056 København K.**

Tel. (+45)33 16 16 32

Telephone hours:

Monday and Thursday, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

- **Fabrikant Mads Clausens Fond**

<http://www.danfoss.com/Denmark/AboutUs/Foundations/Fabrikant+Mads+Clausens+Fond/Profil.htm>

The purpose of the foundation is to grant financial support to initiatives benefitting the common good:

- Education and research (scientific institutions, universities, schools, libraries etc.)
- Promotion of Danish arts and culture in Denmark and abroad
- Charitable organizations and institutions
- Other activities for the common good

The Foundation does not grant support to individuals. Likewise, travel purposes and commercial projects are generally not eligible for support.

### **Education and research**

Grants in this category are primarily awarded to universities and other institutions of higher education in support of research equipment, development and education. It is considered whether the projects seeking funding are relevant to the production or product development of Danfoss.

Basic research will generally not be considered eligible for funding.

Applications, containing articles of association, budget, financial plan and accounts for the last financial year, must be submitted to:

### **Fabrikant Mads Clausens Fond**

**Danfoss A/S**

**DK-6430 Nordborg**

- **Valdemar Selmer Trane og Hustrus Fond**

<http://www.tranesfond.dk/public/default.asp>

The Foundation provides financial support to:

- Publication/presentation of research results  
Applications must contain:
  - the name, address and affiliation of the applicant
  - a project description
  - appendices and recommendations from the research institution
- Research projects relevant to the Danish trade or industry  
A majority of the grants are, however, awarded to larger research projects in consultation with the research institutions concerned.  
Applications must contain:
  - details of a contact person
  - the name(s), address(es) and civic registration number(s) of the applicant(s)
  - a project description
  - appendices and recommendations

For further information, contact the Foundation:

**Tranesfond**  
**c/o Valdalsadvokatfirma**  
**Att. Advokat Vagn Ohlsen**  
**Øster Allé 33**  
**DK-2100 København Ø**

Tel. (+45) 35 38 50 00

- **Familien Hede Nielsens Fond**

The Foundation does not have a website.

The Foundation provides support for cultural, scientific, social and educational purposes as well as charitable purposes for the common good. Examples of activities supported are study trips abroad and initiatives promoting industry and trade. Individuals are not eligible for support.

For further information, contact the Foundation:

**Familien Hede Nielsens Fond**  
**Direktør Leif Hede Nielsen**  
**Godsbanegade 2**  
**Postbox 509**  
**8700 Horsens**

Tel. (+45) 79 27 73 00

- **Frimodt-Heineke Fonden**

The Foundation does not have a website.

The Foundation provides financial support for various purposes of a humanitarian, scientific, environmental, educational, cultural or artistic nature serving the common good.

For further information, contact the Foundation:

**v/Advokat Lars Skibsted**  
**Edellundsvej 1A, 2. tv**  
**DK-2930 Klampenborg**

Tel. (+45) 45 85 22 88

- **GANGSTEDFONDEN**

<http://www.gangstedfonden.dk/>

Among other purposes, the Foundation provides financial support to **legal scientific work within the area of Danish and foreign legal sciences**. Grants may be awarded for the benefit of research projects and publications as well as for the purchase of literary and practical aids. **The Foundation does not provide support for passive conference participation.**

Applications including all relevant appendices (a brief statement on the purpose of the project, a budget, an account of other funding applied for or granted, recommendations etc.) must be submitted in four copies to the address below. All applications must be submitted by regular mail only.

The Foundation accepts applications from 1 March to 1 May (deadline).

**GANGSTEDFONDEN**

**Gammeltorv 6**

**DK-1457 København K**

Tel. (+45) 28 86 00 02

email: [aac@gangsted.dk](mailto:aac@gangsted.dk)

- **GN Store Nord Fondet**

<http://www.gn.com/en/gnabout/pages/gn%20store%20nord%20foundation.aspx>

The GN Store Nord Foundation provides grants in accordance with its mission, which is to support such scientific, technical, national, non-profit and humane purposes as are deemed by the Board of Trustees to be of importance to Danish society.

- **Purpose**

It is the purpose of the GN Store Nord foundation to fund scientific, technical, Danish, non-profit and humane purposes, which the Supervisory Board considers to be socially meaningful.

- **Applications**

There are no application forms. The Supervisory Board considers applications four times a year at board meetings.

Given the Fund's relatively broad mission statement and the degree of discretion accorded to the Board of Trustees in deciding what to fund, the Board gives priority to applications that lie within the Fund's mission. Accordingly, the Fund provides funding for the purposes set out above, provided they are deemed to be relevant to GN Store Nord A/S. At the present time, the Fund does not provide grants for study trips, study abroad or

similar purposes.

Total amount of grants awarded per year: DKK 400,000-500,000.

Applications must be submitted to:

**GN Store Nord Foundation**  
**Lautrupbjerg 7**  
**PO Box 99**  
**DK-2750 Ballerup**

or via email to [foundation@gn.com](mailto:foundation@gn.com)

- **Hedorfs Fond**

<http://www.hedorf.dk/>

The purpose of the Foundation is to promote trade and transport by providing financial support to young people seeking education in these fields. Furthermore, the Foundation may award grants for the facilitation of research or analysis projects.

Applications are to be submitted via an electronic application form only. The next application deadline is 1 October, 2009. The electronic application form will be available on the Foundation's website on 15 August, 2009.

For further information, contact the Foundation:

**Hedorfs Fond**  
**Jydekrogen 14**  
**DK-2625 Vallensbæk**

Tel. (+45) 24 29 31 30

email: [fonden@hedorf.dk](mailto:fonden@hedorf.dk)

- **Ingeniør Alexandre Haynman og hustru Nina Haynmans Fond**

The Foundation does not have a website.

The Foundation provides financial support for education and research purposes within the technical industry. Total amount of grants awarded per year: approx. DKK 100,000.

For further information, contact the Foundation:

**Ingeniør Alexandre Haynman og hustru Nina Haynmans Fond**  
**Advokat Jørgen Kjergaard Madsen**

**Kromann Reumert**  
**Sundskrogsgade 5**  
**DK-2100 København Ø**

Tel. (+45) 70 12 12 11

- **Knud Højgaards Fond**

<http://www.khf.dk/>

The foundation supports corporate, cultural, social, scientific and artistic purposes to the benefit of Denmark. Funding may be awarded to companies, institutions, universities and other institutions of education, and individuals.

Application forms are available on the Foundation's website.

Applications are accepted all year; however, the application must be received by the Foundation no later than two months prior to project start.

Total amount of grants awarded in 2007: DKK 126,500,000.

For more information, contact the Foundation:

**Knud Højgaards Fond**  
**Klampenborgvej 221, 2.**  
**DK-2800 Kgs. Lyngby**

Tel. (+45) 45 87 07 11

email: [khfond@khf.dk](mailto:khfond@khf.dk)

Office hours:

9:00 am – 11:00 pm

- **Overretssagfører L. Zeuthens Mindelegat**

The Foundation does not have a website.

The foundation awards grants and funding to scientific, artistic and practical purposes deemed by the Board to be of importance to the Danish community. Grants may be awarded to individuals or businesses. Applications must state any other funding applied for or granted. Travel and study trips abroad are not eligible for support. Total amount of grants awarded per year: DKK 900,000.

For further information, contact the Foundation:

**Advokat Per Magid**  
**Bredgade 38**  
**DK-1260 København K.**

- **Simon Spies Fonden**

The Foundation provides support for charitable purposes for the common good and to the promotion of the business community in a broad sense. Individuals, companies or institutions deemed by the Board to have made an outstanding effort within the fields of science, art, culture or sports are also eligible for support.

Deadlines for application are 1 March and 1 December.

The Foundation awards a total of DKK 5,000,000 in grants each year.

For further information, contact the Foundation:

**Annette Weinold**  
**Simon Spies Fonden**  
**Sankt Gertruds Stræde 10**  
**DK-1129 København K**

Tel. (+45) 70 27 10 80

- **Torben og Alice Frimodts Fond**

The Foundation does not have a website.

The Foundation provides financial support for various purposes of a humanitarian, scientific or environmental nature.

For further information, contact the Foundation:

**Torben og Alice Frimodts Fond**  
**c/o Fjelsted & Partners Advokater A/S**  
**Rådhuspladsen 55**  
**DK-1550 København V**

Tel. (+45) 33 13 99 99

Email: [hj@fjelsted.com](mailto:hj@fjelsted.com)

- **Tuborg Fondet**

<http://www.tuborgfondet.dk/>

The purpose of the foundation is to serve the community, especially by supporting the Danish business community.

Application forms are available on the website. They must be filled out and mailed to the address below. Submissions via email are not accepted.

**Tuborgfondet**  
**Gamle Carlsberg Vej 10**  
**DK-2500 Valby**

- **Thomas B. Thriges Fond**

<http://www.thrigesfond.dk/Fond.htm>

Supports purposes which benefit Danish business, primarily industry and craft:

- By aiding scientific and educational initiatives deemed by the Foundation Board to be significant and beneficial to the business life and/or
- By providing support to institutions, businesses or persons whose initiatives deemed by the Foundation Board to be significant and beneficial to the business life.

Individuals, groups, institutions and organisations seeking financial support for projects that are clearly within the scope of the Foundation's trust deed in terms of its idea, structure and purpose may submit a motivated application to the Foundation secretariat.

Applications must include relevant information such as CVs, diplomas, and a budget and financial plan. Deadlines are 15 January, 15 April, 15 July and 15 October.

For more information, contact the Foundation:

**Thomas B. Thriges Fond**  
**Vasekær 10**  
**DK-2730 Herlev**

Tel. (+45) 39 61 50 30

- **Otto Mønstedts Fond**

<http://www.ottomoensted.dk/visnyhed.php?side=8&nyhedid=8&top=2&gruppe=1>

The principal purpose of the Foundation is to contribute to the development of trade and industry in Denmark. Within this overall frame the Board has laid down further guidelines.

Support may be provided to the purposes specified below:

- [Study abroad eligible for credit transfer](#)  
Two different application forms are available: one for study periods abroad of one or two semesters and one for study periods in connection with final projects.
- [Internships abroad](#)  
Two different application forms are available: one for internships abroad of one or two semesters and one for internships in connection with final project work.
- [MBA-/EMBA and master's programmes abroad](#)  
Two different application forms are available: one for MBA/EMBA and one for other master's programmes abroad.
- PhD programmes abroad
- Teacher and PhD student participation in congresses abroad
- [Long-term study or research periods abroad for teachers and PhD students](#)
- [Guest](#) professorships
- [Special](#) purposes

Other sources of funding potentially supporting procurement law research:

- **FSE (The Danish Social Science Research Council)**  
<http://en.fi.dk/councils-commissions/the-danish-council-for-independent-research/scientific-research-councils/social-sciences/calls>  
The forthcoming call for applications will be announced mid to late June and the deadline for application is 1 September. Project types eligible for support appear from the spring call for applications, but there may be alterations in the autumn call.
- **FFU (The Consultative Research Committee for Development Research)**  
<http://www.dfcentre.com/> or  
<http://www.um.dk/en/menu/DevelopmentPolicy/DanishDevelopmentPolicy/Research/Consultative+Research+Committee+For+Development+Research+%28FFU%29/>
- **Margot og Thorvald Dreyers Fond**  
<http://www.dreyersfond.dk/>  
Scholarships for projects and study periods for the benefit of lawyers and architects. Deadlines are 15 January and July each year. Special forms must be used.
- **Nordisk Ministerråd (The Nordic Council of Ministers)**  
<http://www.norden.org/web/sf4-bidrag/uk/index.asp?lang=6>  
The Nordic Council of Ministers supports various activities contributing to stimulating and broadening inter-Nordic cooperation. Support may be provided in the shape of contributions to project, scholarships and exchange programmes.

- **Kraks Fond**

<http://www.kraksfond.dk/index.php>

Supports initiatives deemed by the Board to be significantly beneficial to the Danish trade and industry on a wide scale.

Deadline 8 December each year; grants are awarded in February. Special forms must be used.

The Foundation does not provide support for study trips or travel purposes.