

FURS Studentships

FURS Studentships within the field of urban and regional studies

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

Applications must be received by **31 January each year**. Late applications will not be considered under any circumstances and no correspondence will be entered into. Each application will be acknowledged and successful applicants will be informed by the end of April.

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

Eligibility: From 2005, only applicants whose nationality falls into the countries listed in Groups B and C of the World Bank classification will be eligible to apply. For details see [[External Link](#)].

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

Studentships are intended to permit students, generally from low and middle income countries, to pursue postgraduate research degrees. In recent years studentships have been awarded to students from countries including Argentina, Cameroon, Chile, Nepal, South Africa, Turkey, Uruguay and Zambia.

There are three types of Studentship available but applicants are only able to apply for ONE of the following:

1. The 3 year studentship (only one award in this category is available): The value of this studentship is normally up to £11,100 per annum and it is for three years' duration (subject to satisfactory progress.) The Trustees have the discretion to increase this in the light of special circumstances or hardship. No support can be given towards travel expenses. The studentship can be spent on living expenses or fees but is not intended to cover the full costs of being a student, and applicants will therefore need to apply for other sources of funding.
2. The 1 year studentship (a number of awards are available in this category): Students will apply for this one year studentship if they have already completed part of their degree. The value of this studentship is normally up to £11,100 per annum and it is available for ONE year only, no requests for extensions will be considered. The Trustees have the discretion to increase the amount in the light of special circumstances or hardship. No support can be given towards travel expenses. The studentship can be spent on living expenses or fees but is not intended to cover the full costs of being a student, and applicants will need to apply to other sources of funding.
3. Writing-up Grants (a number of awards are available in this category): These awards are intended to support students on PhD programmes in the completion of their theses. The value of this award is normally up to £3,700 per academic term (or semester). In the first instance, only one term (or semester) will be funded but the Trustees have the discretion to increase this to a further term (or semester) in light of special circumstances or hardship. No support can be given towards travel expenses. The grant can be spent on living expenses or fees but is not intended to cover the full costs of being a student, and applicants will therefore need to apply for other sources of funding.

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

appropriateness of the department.

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

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

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

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