

ULMS PhD Funding Call: September 2017 entry

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Closing date: 17:00, Tuesday 10th January 2017

The University of Liverpool Management School is inviting applications from prospective PhD candidates with an outstanding academic achievement and research potential for a number of Studentships in the 2017/18 academic year. These studentships will be awarded across the School, providing full fees (only at Home/EU rate) and a stipend of £14,296 a year for up to four years. These applications are initially for the Graduate Teaching Fellowships (GTFs), but by completing an application form you will be considered for both the North West Social Science Doctoral Training Partnership NWSSDTP funding and funding via the ULMS GTF Scheme. Please see below for further details of each of these schemes.

The University of Liverpool Management School

The University of Liverpool Management School is a world leading centre for management and leadership training, education and research. The School is one of an elite group of institutions worldwide to be AACSB Accredited. The achievement of AACSB accreditation means that not only has the School met specific standards of excellence, but has also made a commitment to on-going improvement to ensure that the institution will continue to deliver high quality education to its students.

Part of the research intensive Russell Group of Universities, the Management School's 150 international experts shape world-class academic thought and make a direct impact on a wide range of organisations and institutions. These experts publish in top-tier journals across many research areas and take a number of editorships in prestigious academic journals. Our investment in an excellent research environment and a flourishing cohort of PhD researchers coupled with our refreshingly interdisciplinary focus put the Management School at the forefront of academic research, making a difference to our many local, national and international partners.

Graduate Teaching Fellowships (GTFs)

The Graduate Teaching Fellowships provide an opportunity for applicants with a First or Upper Second Class Honours degree, a Masters degree in a cognate subject and a strong commitment to research, to combine studying for a PhD with the acquisition of teaching experience. Each post is associated to a particular subject group within the School, of which there are currently 3: Organization and Management, Economics, Finance and Accounting and Marketing and Operations.

Participating in the Scheme will enable GTFs to attain funding for their doctoral research whilst receiving training and mentoring to become rounded academics. In addition to conducting their research, they will have the opportunity to contribute to ULMS's dynamic research culture and to the delivery of an outstanding learning experience for students in the School.

GTF programmes run for four years (early completions are permitted. GTFs who complete their PhDs before four years will default into a post-doctoral position until GTF funding ceases). In year one, fellows are required to demonstrate progress in developing their research skills, typically by completing relevant courses on select Masters programmes. Year one also requires completion of teacher training programmes offered by the University of Liverpool and limited teaching engagement, primarily through shadowing and mentored classroom involvement. Years two to four require up to 100 hours of teaching per annum, alongside the doctoral research project. GTFs will receive an annual stipend of £14,296 plus a fee waiver and will have access to student support funds in line with the

wider doctoral training provision at ULMS. These fellowships will be open to all nationalities and subject areas. Home students receive a full School studentship (fees and maintenance grant). Overseas students will receive a fee contribution at Home/EU rates and the difference in cost must be paid by the applicant; the maintenance grant for Overseas students is identical to Home/EU students.

NWSSDTP Studentships

Much of the PhD research training at ULMS is informed by our partnership with Lancaster University Management School, Manchester Business School and University of Keele as part of the ESRC North West Doctoral Training Centre (now referred to as the NWSSDTP). This relationship ensures that all our PhD students have access to the highest standards of training cognate across the three Universities, both in social science research and career and life skills. **With this in mind shortlisted applicants from the GTF Scheme will be further advised by the ULMS Research Team to apply for the prestigious ESRC NWSSDTP studentships as part of this application process.** For these studentships, applicants are organized into one of two cohorts: Business and Management or Economics and Finance, each with their own NWSSDTP Studentships.

Possible routes

1+3 Programme

Students may apply to this scheme if they have a Masters qualification that has not provided them with specific research methods training to progress directly onto a PhD or for those who do not yet hold a Masters qualification. In the latter case in particular, evidence of a strong track record on their undergraduate degree is essential. For the 1+3 studentships, you should have an appropriate first degree of class 2:1 or above; International qualifications will be evaluated in line with the National Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) guidelines. You will be required to initially register on the MRes in Research programme.

+3 Programme

In order to be eligible for the 3 year PhD NWSSDTP studentships, which are very competitive routes, you should have a very good Master's degree in Business, Management, Accounting, Finance, Economics or a related discipline.

How to Apply

Applicants must complete **all** sections of the University Postgraduate Study Application Form. Applications to be made via the University of Liverpool Apply Online, system, selecting programme of study **Management Studies**. In the Finance section select funding source **Sponsor** and insert **PHD-BLPRULMS-2017 studentship'** in the box below. Also include this as the first line of your Personal Statement.

Alongside the completed application form and Personal Statement, applicants should submit the following supporting documents:

- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Two reference letters, signed and on letter headed paper
- University transcripts
- English Language qualifications

All applicants must have reached a minimum required standard of English language (IELTS 6.5 average overall and a minimum of 6.0 in each component), and, where relevant, are required to provide evidence of this. Qualifications accepted by the University include GCSE English; GCE O level English;

AS Level English; A Level English Language; IELTS; Cambridge Proficiency etc. Please refer to the full list [here](#).

- Degree certificates
- Personal statement
- Research proposal**.

Please give details of your PhD proposal in 2000 words or less. References/bibliography should be included within this word limit. The assessment panel will closely assess submitted proposal against these key criteria:

1. Does the study clearly articulate its aim and contribution?
2. Is the proposed methodology consistent with the research aim?
3. Does the study clearly foreshadow its practical ramifications for the key research areas identified above?
4. Is the proposed timeline both feasible and realistic?

The proposal should explain why you would like to undertake this research and your thoughts on the distinct challenges and opportunities it might bring.

We are open to research topics across Management, Organization, Economics, Finance, Accounting, Marketing and Operations. We also explicitly invite interdisciplinary approaches. You can find a few suggested doctoral projects here: <https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/management/postgraduate-research/funding-call/>

It is expected that candidates contact potential ULMS supervisors before the deadline to explore whether collaboration can be initiated.

Application Process

Closing Date for Applications: 5pm, Monday 16 January 2017

First Round Shortlisting (for NWSSDTP funding) : Wednesday 18 January 2017

Short listed applicants will be advised to apply for the ESRC NWSSDTP Studentships: Thursday 19th January 2017

Second Round Shortlisting (for GTFs): To be confirmed - Short-listed candidates will be interviewed.

Interviews for GTFs: To be confirmed

Further Information

If you would like to discuss the studentships further, please contact Dr Dilani Jayawarna (dilani@liverpool.ac.uk).

Informal enquiries can also be directed to the ULMS Research Support Team (ulmsphdenq@liverpool.ac.uk)