

## The 2002 NERC Research Studentship Allocation

NERC non-thematic research studentships (the majority of NERC's PhD allocation) are awarded annually to departments using an algorithm incorporating NERC funding and fellowships received by departments over the previous three financial years.

### The NERC Studentship Algorithm

#### Thresholds and Constraints

1. The Departmental allocation is automatically set to zero where the Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) rating is lower than 3b. The 2001 RAE grades have been used.
2. Sanctions are applied to departments with fewer than 80% of their NERC supported students from the previous 3 years completing their PhD within 4 years. Sanctioned departments will receive only 50% of their calculated allocation, rounded down to the nearest integer.

#### Allocation of studentships

Using these parameters, the number of students is calculated as:

$$N3 = (0.005 \times \text{income}) + (0.2 \times \text{RA years}) + (1 \times \text{Fellow years})$$

N3 is based on three-year income and staff numbers, and equates approximately to the number of students the Department might receive over 3 years.

The values N3 for each Department must then be scaled down so that the total number of students across all Departments is equal to the total allocation for the year, ie for 2002 a total of approximately **250**. The scaling factor for 2002 was  $(250/1000) = 0.25^*$ .

- NERC Income: **the value of grants, commencing from the actual start date, as recorded on the NERC grants funding system**
- Staff years (RAs): **the number of RAs on the grants awarded shown in person years e.g. a 3 year grant awarded an RA for 3 years is shown as 3 person years; a 3 year grant awarded with an RA for 18 months is shown as 1.5 staff years**
- Fellows: **the number of NERC Fellows in the department during the financial year**

## Research CASE Studentships

To encourage research students to gain additional experience outside academia, some research studentships are funded as Co-operative Awards in Sciences of the Environment (CASE studentships). CASE awards involve the joint supervision of the student by a member of staff of an academic institution and a scientist from industry, business, commerce or a public sector research institute. Any studentship awarded through the algorithm may be taken up as a CASE award.

<http://www.nerc.ac.uk/funding/students/indcase.shtml>

## Industrial Case Studentships

The NERC Industrial CASE studentship scheme aims to provide UK-based industry, business or commerce (see below) with the opportunity to formulate and submit a three year PhD research studentship application. Usual NERC rules and regulations governing CASE research students apply, including that the Industrial partner must enhance the student's maintenance grant by at least £1,000 pa, and should fund the out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the student when working at their premises.

NERC uses the Realising Our Potential Awards (ROPA) definition of UK private sector industry, business or commerce namely that the organisation:

is UK-owned, with the Government holding no more than a 49% stake  
or

is a UK company in which the Government holds more than a 49% stake but which generates at least 60% of its income (exclusive of any subsidy from the UK Government) from outside UK Government or other UK public sector sources

or, in the case of a foreign-owned or multinational organisation,

can demonstrate a capability to exploit the research it is funding to the net benefit of the UK, e.g. through its own UK-based production or service facilities.

Applications to NERC are restricted to one per university/college Department and must be submitted on an **IC1** application form by the university to the NERC Awards and Training Section **by 1 November at the latest**. Applications received after that date will be returned.

<http://www.esrc.ac.uk/esrccontent/postgradfunding/nerc.asp>

## Joint ESRC/NERC studentships

A small number of interdisciplinary research studentships are jointly-funded each year by the NERC and the Economic and Social Sciences Research Council. The studentships are awarded in a separate competition (closing date 1 May), and full details may be found on the Councils' websites. These studentships are administered by the ESRC. See the [ESRC website](#) for further information

### ESRC/NERC Interdisciplinary Research Studentships Competition

The ESRC and the NERC wish to encourage postgraduate research on environmental issues which are of interest to both Councils and which require the combined approaches of **both** the environmental and social sciences.

The ESRC and NERC will fund up to 20 joint interdisciplinary research studentships in this fourth year of the scheme, starting in October 2002. The subject matter of the studentships must address the interests of *both* the ESRC and the NERC and must be genuinely interdisciplinary in approach. Applicants should ensure their proposal engages with the ESRC's [Thematic Priorities](#) and with NERC's strategic priorities.

The terms and conditions of the studentships will be largely the same as for current research studentships. Applicants must hold a degree at Master's level in either the environmental or the social sciences. A prospective student must have two named supervisors, one each from a social science and an environmental science background. The department which will administer the studentship must either have ESRC recognition or must satisfy NERC's funding criteria. Results from the recent ESRC recognition exercise will not be made public until January 2002. Please check with the ESRC if you are unclear.

Applications should be submitted by **1 May 2002** to the ESRC, who will be administering the competition: it is essential that all documentation is returned to the ESRC and not to NERC.

## Tyndall Research Studentships Programme

The Tyndall Centre is offering a Programme of Research Studentships with the aim of promoting and supporting research students working on inter-disciplinary research topics related to climate change.

### Eligibility criteria:

- There must be a funding commitment to meet roughly 50% of the full costs of the studentship from an "non-Tyndall" collaborating organisation - this may be a company, NGO, agency, other funding body; it will not normally be an existing Tyndall institution.
- Proposed research topic must be designed to integrate into at least one of the four **Tyndall research themes**.
- The proposed research topic must be interdisciplinary in nature, and in particular the studentship should not normally be fundable by a single UK Research Council funding channel.
- Tyndall students must be registered at one of the seven Tyndall Centre higher education institutions (**UEA, UMIST, U. of Southampton, U. of Cambridge, U. of Leeds, U. of Sussex, Cranfield U.**), however, Tyndall students may also be based at the other Tyndall sites - **Centre for Ecology and Hydrology** (Edinburgh and Wallingford) and **CLRC Rutherford Appleton Laboratory**.
- There must be a named student in the application and full details of this individual must be provided. Candidates should normally hold First class Honours Degree (or equivalent) in an appropriate area of study.
- The proposed lead academic supervisor must be based in an eligible **Tyndall Consortium** department.
- The proposed research must be endorsed by a Tyndall Centre **Research Theme Manager or Director**.

### What does the award cover?

The Tyndall Research Studentships operate on a co-funding principle designed to encourage the formation of explicit partnerships between the Tyndall Centre and non-Tyndall stakeholders, and in so doing to develop an interactive research agenda.

In view of this, the Tyndall Centre will normally contribute 50% ( $\pm 10\%$ ) of the full, **standard studentship costs** (University fees, training and fieldwork costs plus student maintenance allowance) for a **UK/EU student**. Non-UK/EU students are eligible for Tyndall Studentships, however the Tyndall Centre will not normally contribute to the additional cost of University fees etc..

## **ESRC POSTGRADUATE STUDENTSHIPS IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES AVAILABLE IN 2002**

There will be two standard studentships that will be available from the ESRC in 2002.

### **'1+3' Studentship funding model**

The 1+3 allocation model allows students to commence an ESRC studentship on a Master's course offering a research training programme which meets the requirements of the new *Guidelines* and then to proceed to a PhD programme through a single application.

The '1' refers to the one year Master's and the '3' refers to the 3 year PhD (although part time funding is also available). The aim is to provide continuity of support, allowing progress and training to be planned with more certainty and to free up more time within the PhD for work on the thesis research itself.

### **+3 Studentship funding model**

Students who have already completed an appropriate research training programme (usually through an ESRC recognised RT Master's course) may apply for a research studentship on a +3 basis. Equivalent to the previous ESRC 'Mode B' awards, appropriate students can continue to apply to undertake a standard 3-year PhD.

This shift in the ESRC's funding priorities has resulted in the following changes to the studentship allocation process;

- There will no longer be available course quota awards for 'stand alone' Master's
- Master's will now have to be linked to further research programmes
- There will be the opportunity to apply for part time funding (both at Master's and research level), within the new 1+3 model

<http://www.esrc.ac.uk/esrccontent/postgradfunding/DTLRWebFrontSheet.asp>

## **ESRC/ODPM & DfT JOINT STUDENTSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP SCHEME**

In January this year the Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions (DTLR) now ODPM (Office of the Deputy Prime Minister) & DfT (Department for Transport) in collaboration with the ESRC launched a joint Studentship and Post-Doctoral Fellowship Scheme. The intention of this joint scheme was to address gaps in research capacity where they exist and generate interest in areas within the ODPM and DfT remits, in addition to enabling academics and policy makers to work together. Applications were invited for Post-Doctoral Fellowship Awards, Doctoral and Masters Studentships.

The closing date for applications was 1 May 2002. A total of 107 applications were received: 31 applications for masters awards; 58 applications for PhD studentships and 18 post-doctoral fellowship applications. **Decisions on funding** were made by a **Joint Assessment Panel** which agreed to fund 11 masters studentships; 13 doctoral studentships and 4 fellowship awards (three two year awards and a one year award).

This scheme is regarded as a positive development in enabling collaboration between researchers and policy makers. The level of response has been good and high quality research has been funded. At present no decision has yet been taken on whether the ESRC/ODPM & DfT Scheme might extend to a second round next year.

[http://www.esrc.ac.uk/ESRCContent/postgradfunding/advanced\\_course\\_studentships\\_case.asp](http://www.esrc.ac.uk/ESRCContent/postgradfunding/advanced_course_studentships_case.asp)

## **CASE Studentships**

The ESRC is committed to the promotion and support of successful social science research collaboration between industry and academia. One way this can be achieved is through the funding of collaborative (CASE) studentships. The year 2002 studentship allocation exercise will be operated on a competition basis, open to all CASE recognised institutional departments (in collaboration with a partner from any non-academic sector). An initial competition information leaflet has been produced outlining the opportunities and benefits available for such research to the following;

- **Academic Departments**
- **Private Sector**
- **Voluntary Sector**
- **Public Sector**

<http://www.pparc.ac.uk/Pg/Stu/section2.asp>

## PPARC - Types of Postgraduate Studentship

Standard Research Studentships  
CASE Studentships  
CASE-Plus Studentships  
Co-operating Body Contributions  
Other Types of Research Studentship

### Standard Research Studentships

Research studentships normally leading to the award of a PhD are tenable for up to three years, and are awarded to postgraduate students for training in the methods of research. Research studentships (termed "standard" research studentships) are allocated to Departments of Higher Education Institutions within Great Britain.

All awards are made by the allocation of a quota to a Department. This is done on a two year basis, with the next quota allocation exercise taking place in late 2003.

<http://www.pparc.ac.uk/Rs/Fs/Es/intro.asp>

### e-Science and the Grid

**What is e-Science?** The Government has defined e-Science as "science increasingly done through distributed global collaborations enabled by the Internet, using very large data collections, tera-scale computing resources and high performance visualisation." PPARC interprets this definition widely, to include computational and data grid applications, middleware developments and essential hardware procurement. It is expected that most of PPARC e-science funding will be in support of people developing advanced informatics techniques. The PPARC communities are strongly encouraged to build collaborations with computer scientists and other researchers in order to meet these challenges in e-science.

**What is The Grid?** "the word 'Grid' is chosen by analogy with the electric power grid, which provides pervasive access to power and, like the computer and a small number of other advances, has had a dramatic impact on human capabilities and society. We believe that by providing pervasive, dependable, consistent and inexpensive access to advanced computational capabilities, databases, sensors and people, computational grids will have a similar transforming effect, allowing new classes of applications to emerge." (As defined by The Government)

UK University departments are invited to apply and awards will be made to students who can introduce and develop modern and novel IT skills in support of the PPARC Science programme. This work should include collaboration with experts from different fields where appropriate.

Applications should be sent to Sharon Bonfield, e-Science Programme, PPARC, Polaris House, North Star Avenue, SWINDON, SN2 1SZ, or email to [sharon.bonfield@pparc.ac.uk](mailto:sharon.bonfield@pparc.ac.uk). **The closing date for proposals is November 15 2002.**

## Postgraduate Awards in the Arts and Humanities: AHRB

**Studentships in the Humanities**, which offers awards for historical, analytical or theoretical study of the following main subject areas: archaeology; classics and ancient history; cultural and media studies; English language and literature; history; history of art, architecture and design; law; librarianship, archives and information management (doctoral study only); linguistics; modern languages; music; drama, dance and performing arts; philosophy; and religious studies. Awards are provided in two separate competitions:

- **Competition B**, which provides awards for up to three years for full-time study or up to five years for part-time study, for a doctoral degree.

Support for research students in all areas of the AHRB's subject domain is also available through the Board's Research Grants scheme. Under that scheme, academic members of staff may apply for grants to support research projects, including the costs of support for up to two research students who will work on doctoral projects related to the larger-scale project as a whole. The terms and conditions for studentships supported through that scheme are the same as for those under the schemes set out in this guide.

### What subject areas does the AHRB cover?

The institution through which you apply for an award will be asked to specify which subject panel should be responsible for assessing your application.

**Panel 1: Classics, Ancient History and Archaeology** *Archaeology* may include: archaeological theory; archaeology of human origins; prehistoric and historic societies on a world-wide basis. Also included are landscape and environmental archaeology; archaeological science; public archaeology; archaeological aspects of heritage management and museum studies; and pedagogic research in archaeology.

**Panel 4: Medieval and Modern History** The AHRB is primarily responsible for biography; administrative, cultural, diplomatic, legal, military, political and religious history; the history of science, of medicine, and of ideas; and historiography.



<http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/website/default.aspx?ZoneID=2&MenuID=811>

## **EPSRC: The Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council**

EPSRC is the UK Government's leading funding agency for research and training in engineering and the physical sciences.

### **Collaborative PhD Studentships**

PhDs which involve an element of collaboration with industry are available through a number of routes, including directly through University Departments. This section gives some information on a different route entitled Industrial CASE Studentships.

### **Industrial CASE Awards**

A number of CASE studentships are allocated directly to companies. Industrial CASE allows the company to take the lead in:

- Defining projects for students (within the overall remit of EPSRC);
- Selecting an academic partner of their choice in any department (with or without a current departmental quota).

The company and university then select suitable students. Academic and industrial partners jointly supervise projects.

The organisations eligible to receive studentships allocated under the Industrial CASE scheme are UK-based private sector industrial or commercial organisations.

### **What are Industrial CASE studentships?**

Through the Industrial CASE scheme, a number of CASE studentships are allocated directly to companies. This enables the company to take the lead in defining projects for students and selecting an academic partner of their choice. They then select suitable, eligible students, in consultation with HEI's concerned. Projects must be in the engineering or physical sciences and are jointly supervised by the academic and industrial partners.

## **BBSRC Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council**

### **Eligibility:**

Universities and colleges in Great Britain, BBSRC-sponsored research institutes, Horticulture Research International, Scottish Agricultural and Biological Research Institutes (SABRIs) and BBSRC-approved academic analogues.

The CASE cooperating body must be a company registered for business and trading in the UK or a UK nationalised industry. Sole traders and partnerships are not eligible. Foreign-owned companies which are not registered to trade in the UK will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

### **Research studentships and Cooperative Awards in Science and Engineering (CASE)**

BBSRC allocates annually some 330 research studentships and CASE (excluding Industrial CASE) in the form of "quotas" to departments, institutes or any significant cognate group within an eligible institution which contributes to the BBSRC mission. Quota allocations are made biennially on the advice of the BBSRC's Committee on Studentships and Fellowships; the quota is an annual figure, valid for two years. The competition held during 2001-2002 fixed quotas for studentships commencing 1 October 2002 and 1 October 2003. The next competition will take place during 2003-2004

Additionally, some 210 research and CASE studentships are allocated each year by the Council's research committees to support priority scientific objectives within the BBSRC mission and Strategic Plan

### **Industrial CASE**

Up to 110 BBSRC Industrial CASE are allocated as annual quotas to industrial companies on the advice of the BBSRC's Committee on Studentships and Fellowships. Bids for a quota may be made by any eligible company prepared to meet the required undertakings (Section 12). A total of 74 of these studentships have been awarded to 12 "partnership" companies which receive a guaranteed annual quota of Industrial CASE for 3 years.

### **BBSRC invites the following applications:**

- BBSRC Research Committee Studentships
  - BBSRC Industrial CASE Quota Studentships
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- Animal Sciences Committee
  - Agri-food Committee
  - Biochemistry and Cell Biology Committee
  - Biomolecular Sciences Committee
  - Engineering and Biological Systems Committee
  - Genes and Developmental Biology Committee
  - Plant and Microbial Sciences Committee

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/education/funding/index.htm>

## **British Council**

### **Sources of funding for international students**

[ukscholarshipsdatabase.britishcouncil.org](http://ukscholarshipsdatabase.britishcouncil.org) - Scholarships database  
(prototype version)  
Search for a scholarship

[www.chevening.com](http://www.chevening.com) - Chevening web site  
Find out about Chevening scholarships

## **Student scholarships (ORS)**

### **About the Overseas Research Students Awards Scheme**

The Overseas Research Students Awards Scheme (ORS) grants awards on a competitive basis to international postgraduate research students of outstanding merit and research potential. The award scheme is administered by Universities UK on behalf of the Department for Education and Skills (DfES), and is reimbursed by the DfES through the UK funding councils.

### **How to apply to the Overseas Research Students Awards Scheme 2002**

New awards under the Overseas Research Students Awards Scheme (ORS), likely to be between 800 and 850, will be offered on a competitive basis in 2002 to overseas postgraduate students of outstanding merit and research potential. The awards are tenable at any academic institution listed [here](#).

Each award will cover the difference between the tuition fee for a home (UK) postgraduate student and the fee chargeable to an overseas postgraduate student.

Awardholders will be overseas graduate students who, in session 2002-03, are commencing full-time study for a degree as registered research students at one of the listed academic institutions, or who are already undertaking such a course and do not have an ORS award. Students entering the third year of their research program will not generally be eligible to apply for an award. They must be liable to pay tuition fees at the rate for overseas students.

The only criteria for the awards are outstanding merit and research potential, other factors such as means, nationality, proposed field and institution of study, will not be taken into account. The awards may be held in any field of study.



Welcome to the website for British Chevening Scholarships. These scholarships, funded by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and administered by the British Council, are prestigious awards which enable overseas students to study in the United Kingdom.

Scholarships are offered in over 150 countries and enable talented graduates and young professionals to become familiar with the UK and gain skills which will benefit their countries.

The Chevening programme currently provides around 2,300 new scholarships each year for postgraduate studies or research at UK Institutions of Higher Education.

### **What are the financial arrangements?**

There are three types of scholarship:

- Type A scholarships – these cover tuition fees only.
- Type B scholarships – these are full scholarships that cover tuition fees, monthly stipend and various one-off allowances.
- Type C scholarships – these vary from award to award and cover part/full stipend and/or allowances.

### **What are the selection criteria for application?**

Competition for Chevening scholarships is intense, and only one in every 25 applicants is successful. A typical successful applicant would be:

- A graduate with proven academic skills.
- Committed to return to their country and contribute to the socio-economic development of their country through \*implementing the new skills and knowledge acquired in the UK.
- Established in a career, with a track record of excellence and achievement, and the prospect of becoming a leader in his/her chosen field. The vast majority of Chevening scholars are aged 25 - 35 years old.
- Be able to show at interview that they possess the personal qualities to benefit from their scholarship and use it to succeed in their chosen career.
- Have a clear idea how their scholarship will benefit their country on their return.
- Have good English Language skills, as most UK Higher Education Institutions require a minimum IELTS of 6.5 for admission onto Postgraduate courses.

<http://www.acu.ac.uk/scholarships/commonwealth.html>

## **The Commonwealth Scholarship Commission In The UK**

The Commission was set up under the Commonwealth Scholarship Act 1959, as the body responsible for the United Kingdom's participation in the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan, itself established in 1959.

The Plan was designed as a system of awards to men and women from all Commonwealth countries chosen for their high intellectual promise and their capacity to return to make a significant contribution to life in their own countries. One of its guiding principles is that it be based upon mutual co-operation and the sharing of educational experience among all countries of the Commonwealth.

Funds for awards tenable in the United Kingdom come from two Government Sources: the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, which provides an annual budget of around £2 million to support scholars from Canada, Australia and New Zealand; and the Department for International Development which provides an annual budget of some £10 million to support award holders from the remainder of the Commonwealth.

[http://www.leverhulme.org.uk/study\\_abroad\\_studentships.shtml](http://www.leverhulme.org.uk/study_abroad_studentships.shtml)

## **The Leverhulme Trust**

### **Study Abroad Studentships**

This scheme supports post-graduate-level and post-doctoral-level scholars.

**Aim:** To support an extended period of advanced study or research at a centre of learning overseas (except the USA). Approximately 20 awards are offered annually.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

- should be resident in the UK and hold an undergraduate degree from a UK institution;
- should be under aged 30 or, if older, make a strong and appropriate case for special consideration;
- should be able to demonstrate why their work would benefit by being conducted overseas rather than in the UK.

#### **Eligible Fields**

All fields

#### **Eligible Duration And Timing**

12 or 24 months. Studentships to be taken up between 1 June 2003 and 1 May 2004.

#### **Eligible Costs**

Basic maintenance allowance of £13,500 per annum, together with a partner allowance of £3,600 if accompanied by a dependent partner, plus return air passage and baggage allowance.

Further allowances are payable at the Committee's discretion, e.g. help with overseas fees, essential research costs.

#### **Ineligible Elements**

- undergraduates;
- those wishing simply to improve their knowledge of modern languages.

#### **Application Procedure**

Application forms are now available to download below from this website, or by sending an A4 SAE stamped for 150 grams with a request for application form SAS2 to the Trust. Application details will not be sent out, or be available on this website after 2 January 2003. Applicants should make themselves available for interview in London in late April 2003 since awards will not be made without interview. Closing date: 4.00 pm on 9 January 2003. Results will be reported to applicants by the end of May 2003.

# The Wellcome Trust

## Research studentships

### Purpose

To enable young scholars to undertake basic training in research and methods by up to three years of full-time research leading to a doctoral degree at a university in the UK.

### Eligibility

Applicants should have at least an upper second class honours degree (or equivalent) in a relevant subject. Strong preference is given to applicants intending to develop a research career in the subject. Applications must be sponsored by an individual who holds an established academic post at the host institution and whose source of salary is acceptable to the Trust. A supervisor (who may also be the sponsor) should also be identified who would have day-to-day interaction with the student and be immediately responsible for the direction of the research if an award were made.

The Trust will not only take into account the ability of the student but will also require that the studentship be held at an institution that is judged by the Trust to provide an appropriate academic environment in this field and that can demonstrate a commitment to providing training in research methods. If such institutions offer the taught MRes degree, then the Trust will consider funding scholars on this (1+3 year) scheme, in which candidates study first for an MRes.

Intending applicants may be uncertain whether their proposed research topic falls within the Trust's area of interest, whether it holds sufficient appeal to the Trust for an application to be worth pursuing, or whether they themselves are even eligible to apply. For all of these reasons, and because there are different forms for different schemes, *intending applicants should first make a preliminary enquiry in writing.*

## **WINGATE SCHOLARSHIPS 2003**

Wingate Scholarships are awarded to individuals of great potential or proven excellence who need financial support to undertake pioneering or original work of intellectual, scientific, artistic, social or environmental value, and to outstandingly talented musicians for advanced training.

The Scholarship Committee welcomes applications from more mature students and those from non-traditional academic backgrounds. Wingate Scholarships attempts to provide funding for cross-disciplinary projects that might not fall comfortably into any of the conventional funding categories.

They are designed to help with the costs of a specific project which may last up to 3 years. The average total award is about £6,500 and the maximum in any one year is £10,000. The Scholarship Committee may consider the personal circumstances of a candidate as well as the excellence of a project.

### **GEOGRAPHY, ANTHROPOLOGY and CONSERVATION**

Project on coffee plantation and bio-diversity with the El Salvador government and the Natural History Museum; study on the consanguinity in South Indian families; waste pickers and waste disposal in New Delhi; research into the environmental impact of rotation coppicing in New Zealand and Wales; circuits of home and homelessness in Oxford; study of the Gypsies of the Tees valley for a PhD.



## **British School at Athens**

### **Fellowships, grants and awards**

#### **Postgraduate and postdoctoral funding**

##### **MacMillan-Rodewald Studentship School Studentship Cary Studentship**

*for 2002-2003*

The British School at Athens offers Studentships for advanced doctoral or postdoctoral research in any aspect of the anthropology, archaeology, archaeometry, architecture, art, environment, geography, history, language, literature, religion and topography of Greece in all periods to modern times. Subject to available funding, and quality of applications, awards for shorter term residence at the School and/or travel grants may be given. Applications are open to British, Irish or Commonwealth students or, in exceptional circumstances, EU students engaged in advanced postgraduate research at UK universities.

The School is both the primary centre of British and Irish research in Greece for resident and visiting scholars and a hub of international research through its programme of seminars and conferences. It is the co-ordinating body for British and Irish archaeological fieldwork, and possesses outstanding Library facilities in many fields, as well as the Fitch Laboratory for archaeological science.

The Studentships are funded at the AHRB's London-based rate for postgraduate awards. Travel grants for shorter periods of research in Greece may also be funded.

Applicants should submit a *curriculum vitae* and research proposal (maximum 1,000 words). The research project should include:

- a brief statement of the research question or questions
- an outline of the overall research programme in its scholarly context
- a timetable for completion
- the benefits for the research of residence in Greece based at the School.

Two references will be required. Applicants should ask referees to write directly to the Secretary by the deadline. Applicants should be prepared to attend an interview in London in May 2002. Applications and references must be sent to: The Secretary, British School at Athens, Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU (tel: 020 7862 8732; fax 020 7862 8733; e-mail [bsa@sas.ac.uk](mailto:bsa@sas.ac.uk)) by **1st April 2002**.

<http://www.gov.im/education/>

## **STUDENT GRANTS – Isle of Man, Dept. of Education**

The policy of the Department is to support students by way of payment of their tuition fees plus a means tested maintenance (living) grant subject to parental income. Approximately 1200 students (including approximately 100 postgraduates) are supported each year, at a cost to the Department of £7.5 million.

To be eligible for discretionary support a student should normally:

1. Have been ordinarily resident in the Isle of Man at least 3 years immediately before the beginning of the first year of the course;
2. Be under 40 years of age at the beginning of the first year of the course;
3. Be applying for one of the following courses.
  1. (a) A course designated for Mandatory Awards but not necessarily within the British Islands; Payment of tuition fees is normally limited to the UK equivalent.
  - (b) A vocational course, e.g. Agricultural foundation Course, Drama Course; Support for this type of course is not normally made for a course at an institution where a suitable course is available on the Isle of Man.
  - (c) A course at a privately funded institution; It should be noted the Department has the discretion to limit the level of tuition fees payable.
4. (d) A Postgraduate Course.
  1. Students applying for Postgraduate support should hold the following academic qualifications:
    - i) For courses leading to a Doctor of Philosophy or its equivalent the student should possess at least an upper second class degree;
    - ii) For courses leading to a Master of Arts or Master of Science or their equivalent the student should possess at least a second class degree;
    - iii) For other postgraduate course of a vocational nature the student should possess at least a second class degree.

It should be noted that applications for Postgraduate Awards must be submitted by 31 May and all other discretionary awards by the beginning of the course at the latest.

Further details on Student Support and/or the relevant application forms can be obtained by contacting the Student Awards office on 01624 685784 or e-mail

[Karen.Shimmin@doe.gov.im](mailto:Karen.Shimmin@doe.gov.im).