



Research Studentships in Politics & IR, Queen Mary University of London

<u>The School of Politics and International Relations</u> (SPIR) at QMUL offers a number of generous studentships for students commencing their doctoral studies in **September 2014**. The deadline for consideration for funded places is <u>31st January 2014</u>. Candidates whose applications are received after this date may be considered for admission, but not for funding.

Applications are welcome in all the fields and disciplines for which we provide expert supervision, which includes British and European policy and politics, political theory and political economy, the history of ideas, area studies (Latin American, the Balkans, Africa, SE Asia, the Middle East), and security studies. A full list of research interests in SPIR is available by following the links here.

Before applying, you should make informal contact with a potential supervisor to establish whether we can provide you with expert supervision. Make sure you include a draft research proposal with any enquiry to a potential supervisor – academic members of staff are unable to respond to general, undefined queries about research degrees. If you would like general information on the research degree programmes and the process for applying, please contact the Research Manager (see below for email).

QMUL Principal's Studentships

Queen Mary Principal's studentships are open to UK, EU and international students. They cover tuition fees and a maintenance allowance of around £15,590 per year for up to three years. Candidates will normally be expected to have a good first degree and a Master's degree in Politics, International Relations, or a related subject.

Economic & Social Research Council: Doctoral Training Centre (London Social Science) Studentships

The School of Politics & IR is part of a prestigious ESRC-funded Doctoral Training Centre (DTC), London Social Science, with QMUL and Goldsmiths, University of London. The DTC will provide funding for up to two PhD studentships in SPIR for entry in 2014.

Studentships cover **up to** four years of tuition fees and provide a standard maintenance grant of £15,590 per year. PhDs with a particular emphasis on quantitative research may receive an additional Advanced Quantitative Methods (AQM) stipend of £3,000. Successful applicants will be offered a variety of flexible models of combined PhD study and research training: either a 1 + 3 model (i.e. 1 year doing an MRes in advanced research training, plus 3 years of PhD) or a model where the research training is completed throughout the course of the 4 years of the studentship.

Students who already hold a Master's degree with sufficient training can also apply for the standard 3-year funded PhD.

Please note that you need to complete an additional ESRC application form to be considered for funding through the DTC. Further details and guidance on how to apply are below and available here: http://www.londonsocialscience.org.uk/index.html.

Candidates must adhere to the current residential eligibility rules as laid out in the ESRC Postgraduate Funding Guide available here.

How to Apply

Full details on how to apply are <u>here</u>. Please follow these instructions carefully as incorrect or incomplete applications will not be considered for funding.

Questions can be directed to the Research Manager through: politics-pgresearch@qmul.ac.uk