



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

The School of Politics and International Relations (SPIR) at QMUL offers a number of generous studentships for students commencing their doctoral studies in September 2016. The deadline for consideration for funded places is the **31st January 2016**. 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. A full list of research interests in SPIR is available by following the links [here](#). Applicants with interdisciplinary projects (for example, with history and geography) are also encouraged to apply.

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, please contact the Research Manager (see below for email).

Funding Available for Sept 2016 Entry

QMUL Principal's Studentships

Queen Mary Principal's studentships are open to UK, EU and international students. The school will have up to seven studentships available for entry in September 2016. They cover tuition fees and a maintenance allowance of around £16,052* 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.

SPIR Graduate Teaching Studentships

SPIR are delighted to announce for the academic year 2016/17, they are offering One (this number may be increased) Graduate Teaching Studentship which will be open to UK, EU and International students. They cover tuition fees, and a maintenance grant of around £16,052* per year for up to three years. In exchange, the studentship holder would be required to undertake up to 4 hours of teaching assistance per week during teaching periods of the academic year.

China Scholarships Council

One studentship is available through the China Scholarships Council (CSC). The CSC administers government scholarships to sponsor Chinese citizens wishing to study abroad. Under this scheme,

Queen Mary provides a fee waiver to cover all tuition fees, and the CSC provides living expenses (for up to 3 years) and one return flight ticket to successful PhD applicants.

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 three PhD studentships in SPIR for entry in 2016.

Studentships cover up to four years of tuition fees and provide a standard maintenance grant of £16,052*per year. 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 the standard +3 model for applicants who already hold a Masters degree with sufficient core research training.

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.php> .

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

How to Apply

Please read these details carefully.

- i. **For the QMUL Principal's Studentships and the SPIR Graduate Teaching Studentships**, apply via the standard PhD application process, indicating in your application that you wish to be considered for funding. Applications can be made online [here](#). Further details on how to apply are [here](#). Hard copies of the application form are also available.
- ii. **For China Scholarships Council studentships**: apply via the standard PhD application process, indicating in your application that you wish to be considered for CSC funding. Applications can be made online [here](#). Further details on how to apply are [here](#). Hard copies of the application form are also available. In addition, you will need to make a **separate** application to the CSC for funding: <http://www.csc.edu.cn/>.
- iii. **For ESRC 1+3 Studentships**, apply for a relevant **MRes** [here](#) and complete **the additional ESRC application form**, which is available to download from: <http://www.londonsocialscience.org.uk/index.php> (under 'Studentships'). This additional form should be uploaded to your online QMUL application.
- iv. **For ESRC +3 Studentships**, apply via the standard PhD application process [here](#) and complete **the additional ESRC application form**, which is available to download from here: <http://www.londonsocialscience.org.uk/index.php> (under 'Studentships'). This additional form should be uploaded to your QMUL online application.
- v. Applications to all studentships must consist of the following:
 - A research proposal which should include a hypothesis, key questions to be addressed by your research, methodology and an indicative bibliography. Further advice on writing a research proposal is [here](#). Please note that the research proposal word length for a studentship application is a maximum of 1500 words.

- You should have a 2:1 or equivalent in your first degree and if your first language is not English you must be able to provide recent evidence that your spoken and written command of the English language is adequate for the programmes for which you have applied. You need to provide evidence of an English language test score or intend to take a test before your studies. Information about English language entry requirements can be found [here](#).
- Transcripts from previous degrees
- 2 academic references (ensure that you complete and send the reference request form to your referees)
- A full curriculum vitae (CV)
- A supporting statement (1 page A4), which explains why you want to take the programme. This should address the following: previous academic and other experience relevant to your proposed research; why you wish to undertake this research at Queen Mary; what research training and professional preparation you have already received, and what further training you think you will need; any ethical issues you will need to consider in undertaking your research.

Your complete application must be submitted online or received in the Admissions Office no later than 5pm on **31st January 2016**. However, in order to promptly provide you with a decision on your application, you are strongly encouraged to submit applications by the **15th January 2016**.

Please note that it is your responsibility to ensure that academic references are also received by these respective date. Applications without references will be considered incomplete and will not be processed further.

Candidates whose applications are received after this date may be considered for admission but not for funding. Candidates may be interviewed for a place in February 2016. Those shortlisted for funding will be passed to a selection panel for final assessment. Applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application in late March 2016. CSC candidates will be informed of the result of their application from April 2016. Please note that you are likely to receive an offer of a place on our PhD programme before you hear the result of your funding applications.

General enquiries about making a formal application can be addressed to the Research and Postgraduate Research Student Manager, Alex Challis, by email politics-pgresearch@qmul.ac.uk, or call +44 0207 882 5829.

* Subject to change for 2016/17 academic year