ESRC Wales DTP General Studentships 2020 Economics

Bangor University - Bangor Business School

Bangor Business School, Bangor University, supported by the ESRC Doctoral Training Partnership for Wales (Wales DTP), invites applications for PhD study, with the possibility of being awarded a fully-funded ESRC DTP Studentship, available to start in October 2020. We expect to make doctoral studentship awards in the areas of:

- Economics

Bangor Business School is a name synonymous with research excellence. We are consistently ranked amongst the top 50 institutions in the world for Banking research (RePEc, as of January 2019) and scored a GPA of 2.81 in the latest Research Excellence Framework (REF 2014), with 68% of our research output published in 3* or 4* journals. We're also ranked 26th in the UK in terms of research intensity-weighted GPA results (REF 2014), which reflects the high proportion of research-active staff within the School.

Applications are invited from exceptional candidates with a first class or strong upper second class honours degree, or appropriate Master’s degree. The University values diversity and equality at all levels and encourages applications from all sections of the community. We welcome applications for both full and part-time study, and studentships are available as either ‘1+3’ (i.e. one full time year of research training Masters followed by three years of full-time Doctoral study, or the part-time equivalent), or ‘+3’ (i.e. three years of full-time doctoral study or its part-time equivalent), depending on the needs of the applicant.

Please contact Professor Aziz Jaafar (a.jaafar@bangor.ac.uk) with any enquiries.

Applications welcomed by 3 February 2020 (1200 hours).

Further details for ESRC Wales DTP General studentships
These studentships are ‘open’ awards. Applicants should consider approaching a potential supervisor before submitting their application to confirm that there is appropriate supervisory capacity within the University and to discuss their draft application. Information on the research interests of our staff can be found on the University’s webpages. Information on this year’s research topics for 2020 ESRC General Studentship can be found here. Short descriptions of each accredited pathway are available on the ESRC Wales DTP website. The pathway convener for each of the pathways may be able to advise you. They are:

- Economics - Professor Aziz Jaafar (a.jaafar@bangor.ac.uk)

**WHAT THE STUDENTSHIP WILL COVER**

Studentship Awards commence in October 2020 and will cover your tuition fees as well as a maintenance grant (currently £15,009 p.a. for 2019/20 for full-time students, updated each year); and includes access to an additional Research Training Support Grant (RTSG), though an element of this latter fund may be ‘pooled’ and require separate applications from 2020 onwards. There are other opportunities and benefits available to studentship holders, including an overseas fieldwork allowance (if applicable), internship opportunities, overseas institutional visits and other small grants.

**ELIGIBILITY**

ESRC studentships are highly competitive, candidates should have an excellent academic background in the social sciences, holding a 1st or strong upper 2nd class degree; applications from those also holding a relevant research training Masters degree (or an equivalent background in research training) will be considered for a +3 award. Full awards (fees plus maintenance stipend) are open to UK Nationals and EU students who can satisfy UK residency requirements.

**1+3 OR +3?**

With the exception of studentships in the Economics pathway, awards are available on either a 1+3 or +3 basis. A 1+3 studentship provides funding for four years (or part-time equivalent), completing a research training Masters in the 1st year, followed by 3 years research funding for a PhD. A +3 studentship provides funding for the three years PhD research study only (or part-time equivalent).

**ASSESSMENT**

The closing deadline for applications is 12.00 noon on Monday 3 February 2020. Short-listed applicants will be invited to interview, which are expected to take place in late February/early March 2020. After interview, a final short-list of applicants will be put forward to a Panel convened by the ESRC Wales DTP Management Group at which final decisions with regard to
studentship awards will be made. In most cases successful applicants can expect to hear by early April 2020.

**HOW TO APPLY**

Applications can be made here:  
[https://www.bangor.ac.uk/courses/postgrad/research/apply_research.php.en](https://www.bangor.ac.uk/courses/postgrad/research/apply_research.php.en)

The deadline for applications is 12 noon on 3 February 2020. Incomplete applications or applications received after this specified time will not be accepted.

The application **must** contain the following documents:

1. **Covering letter:** Please address to Professor Aziz Jaafar. The covering letter must set out your reasons and motivation for applying to study at Bangor University, and the pathway (Economics); your understanding, and expectations of doctoral study; and your academic interests generally, and particularly of those relating to your proposed research. The covering letter should be no more than two pages. Please also specify which pathway you will be applying to and whether you wish to apply on a +3 or 1+3 basis.

2. **Academic / Professional Qualifications:** Where appropriate, this should also include proof of English Language Competency (7.0 IELTS minimum).

3. **References:** All applications require two academic references to be submitted in support. Candidates **must** approach referees themselves and include references with their application.

4. **Curriculum Vitae:** It should be no longer than two pages.

5. **Research Proposal:** The proposal should be up to a **maximum** of 1000 words, not including bibliographic references. We suggest that you use the following five headings in your research proposal:
   - Title, aims and purpose of the research;
   - Brief overview of the academic literature relevant to your field;
   - Proposed design/methods;
   - Academic contributions of your research.
   - Bibliographic References


7. In the online application system, Under the **Programmes** tab, please select ‘Bangor University Advertised Studentships...’
Then select ‘ESRC Wales DTP General Studentship: Economics’, making sure to add Prof. Aziz Jaafar to the ‘Academic Contact’ box. Click Add.