



COMPETITION FOR A FULLY FUNDED PHD STUDENTSHIP (ESRC DTP WALES)

School of Languages, Literatures, Linguistics and Media

Location:

Bangor University, Wales

Closing date for applications:

3 February 2021 (1200 hours)

The University of Bangor, School of Languages, Literature, Linguistics and media, 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 2021. We expect to make doctoral studentship awards in the area of [Bilingualism](#).

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.

Both the University and the ESRC Wales DTP value diversity and equality at all levels and we encourage applications from all sections of the community, irrespective of age, disability, sex, gender identity, marital or civil partnership status, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief and sexual orientation. **Applications from Black, Asian, minority ethnicity, and mixed-race candidates are particularly encouraged and welcomed.**

Funding and timing

Funding and Timing: Studentship Awards will commence in October 2021 and will cover your tuition fees as well as a maintenance grant (currently £15,285

p.a. for 2020/21 for full-time students, updated each year). There are other opportunities and benefits available to studentship holders, including possible access to an additional research training support fund, an overseas fieldwork allowance (if applicable), internship opportunities, overseas institutional visits and other small grants.

Supervision:

Applicants should approach a potential supervisor to discuss their draft application before submitting their application. You are welcome to approach any staff member within Linguistics about supervision:

[Dr Jessica Clapham](#) Lecturer in TEFL

[Dr Sarah Cooper](#) Lecturer in Linguistics

[Dr Eirini Sanoudaki](#) Senior Lecturer in Linguistics (Bilingualism)

[Dr Christopher Shank](#) Senior Lecturer in Linguistics (Language Variation and Change)

[Dr Marco Tamburelli](#) Reader in Linguistics

[Prof Thora Tenbrink](#) Professor in Linguistics

[Dr Alan Wallington](#) Lecturer in Linguistics

[Dr Peredur Webb-Davies](#) Senior Lecturer in Linguistics (Bilingualism)

Requirements

ESRC studentships are highly competitive, and 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.

Residency requirements:

Wales DTP studentships are available to both home and international (including EU and EEA) students, subject to general eligibility requirements (see the [UKRI website](#) for further details). All applicants, including international students, will be eligible for a full award consisting of a maintenance stipend and payment of tuition fees at the UK research organisation rate; successful international student applicants will receive a fully-funded Wales DTP studentship and will not be charged the fees difference between the UK and international rate.

Assessment: Applicants must submit their completed applications through our online application system by the deadline listed below (see How to apply). Short-listed applicants will be invited to interview, which are expected to take place in late February/early March 2021. After interview, a final short-list of applicants will be put forward to the ESRC Wales DTP Management Group, who will make the final selections. In most cases successful applicants can expect to hear by early April 2021.

Research Environment: The School offers postgraduate researchers an excellent research environment, with an active community of PhD students and research-active faculty, regular research meetings, seminars, and visiting speakers, and events targeted at broader professional development.

Bangor University has achieved the highest possible Gold award in the Teaching Excellence Framework and is situated among the breathtaking landscape of North Wales. Bangor is a friendly and affordable university city, perched on the Irish Sea and with its back against Snowdonia National Park. There is easy access to beautiful mountains, lakes, rivers and beaches, while maintaining good transport links to some of the U.K.'s larger cities, including Manchester and London.

Queries about the Bilingualism Pathway should be sent to [Eirini Sanoudaki](mailto:Eirini.Sanoudaki@bangor.ac.uk)

How to apply:

All applications must be received through our online application system by 12.00 noon GMT on Friday 3rd February 2021: <https://apps.bangor.ac.uk/applicant/>.

Applications must contain the following documents:

1. Covering letter: Please address to your proposed supervisor. The covering letter must set out your reasons and motivation for applying to study at Bangor University, and the Bilingualism Pathway; your understanding, and expectations of doctoral study; and your academic interests generally, and particularly how these relate to your proposed research. The covering letter should be no more than two pages. Please also specify whether you wish to apply on a +3 or 1+3 basis.
2. References: All applications require two academic references to be submitted in support. Candidates must approach referees themselves and include the references with their application.
3. Academic/Professional Qualifications: Where appropriate, this should also include proof of English Language Competency (7.0 IELTS minimum).

4. Curriculum Vitae: This should be no longer than two pages. Where appropriate, this should also include proof of English Language Competency (7.0 IELTS minimum).

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
- An overview of some key research literature relevant to the study;
- Proposed design and methods
- Academic contributions of your research
- Bibliographic references

6. A completed [Equal Opportunities form](#).

7. In the online application system, Under the Programmes tab, please select 'Bangor University Advertised Studentships...'

Then select '**ESRC Wales DTP Collaborative Studentship: Bilingualism**', making sure to add Dr Eirini Sanoudaki to the 'Academic Contact' box. Click Add.

General enquiries:

For general advice about how to apply and eligibility please contact postgradcah@bangor.ac.uk and/or visit the [Bangor Doctoral School Website](#).