Competition for fully funded PhD studentships (ESRC DTP Wales)

School of Human and Behavioural Sciences, Bangor University

Closing date: 3 February 2023 (1200 hours)

The University of Bangor, School of Psychology, 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 2023. We expect to make doctoral studentship awards in the areas of [**Sport and Exercise Science**](https://walesdtp.ac.uk/pathway/sport-and-exercise-science/), [**Psychology**](http://walesdtp.ac.uk/pathway/psychology/)**,** and [**Bilingualism**](http://walesdtp.ac.uk/pathway/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. In line with our commitment to supporting and promoting equality, diversity, and inclusion, and to increase recruitment of currently underrepresented groups, applications from Black British, Asian British, minority ethnicity British and mixed-race British candidates are particularly encouraged and welcomed.

Studentship Awards will commence in October 2023 and will cover your tuition fees as well as a maintenance grant (£17,668 p.a. for 2022/23 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.

**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 web site](https://www.ukri.org/our-work/developing-people-and-skills/find-studentships-and-doctoral-training/get-a-studentship-to-fund-your-doctorate/) 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 2023. 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 2023.

**Research Environment:** The School offers postgraduate researchers an excellent research environment, with a large community of PhD students and research-active faculty, regular lab meetings, seminars, and visiting speakers, and events targeted at broader professional development. There are extensive facilities for behavioural and neuroscientific studies, including a research-dedicated 3T MRI centre and associated TMS suite, physiology and exercise labs, motion-capture and eye-tracking systems, and multiple EEG laboratories.

Bangor University is situated among the breath-taking landscape of North Wales, and the School of Human and Behavioural Sciences hosts strong research in Bilingualism, Psychology, and Sport and Exercise Science. 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.

**General information:** PhD students are expected to contribute to teaching in the department. The school provides excellent training in teaching and many students achieve HEA qualifications whilst completing their PhDs. The initial appointment for the position will be for a period of one year, with an extension of 2 or 3 years after positive evaluation of capabilities and compatibility. The appointment must lead to the completion of a PhD thesis.

Queries about applications to the Sport and Exercise Science Pathway should be sent to Ross Roberts ([ross.roberts@bangor.ac.uk](mailto:ross.roberts@bangor.ac.uk)). Queries about applications to the Psychology Pathway should be sent to Kami Koldewyn ([k.koldewyn@bangor.ac.uk](mailto:k.koldewyn@bangor.ac.uk)). Questions about applications to the Bilingualism Pathway should be sent to Gary Oppenheim ([g.m.oppenheim@bangor.ac.uk](mailto:g.m.oppenheim@bangor.ac.uk)).

**How to apply:**

All application must be received through our online application system by 12.00 noon GMT on Friday 3rd February 2023: <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 in your chosen pathway (Bilingualism, Psychology or Sport and Exercise Sciences); 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.
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

**General enquiries:** To learn more about doctoral study at Bangor University, please visit the Bangor Doctoral School Website (<https://www.bangor.ac.uk/doctoral-school/>)