ESRC PhD and 1+3 Studentships in Geography, Health Studies and Demography at the University of St Andrews

The School of Geography and Sustainable Development (SGSD) at the University of St Andrews invites applications for ESRC PhD studentships as part of its membership of the Scottish Graduate School of Social Sciences (SGSSS). The studentships take the form of +3 awards (PhD funding for students who have already completed appropriate masters level social science research training) and 1+3 awards (funding for students to study a Masters programme followed by a PhD). The SGSD hosts two pathways of the SGSSS:

- Human Geography, Environment and Urban Planning
- Health, Families, Relationships and Demographic Change

We invite applications in both of these pathways. The applications can be in any area of school research:

- Internal and international migration
- Fertility and family
- Health and mortality
- Longitudinal and spatial analysis; population projection
- Cities, neighbourhoods and housing
- Governance and power
- Sustainable development
- Environmental change
- Environmental and natural resource economics
- Families and relationships

For further details see our School website and PhD research pages

The award: These prestigious scholarships cover tuition fees and a yearly stipend currently approximately £14,000. Excellent applicants will be selected to go forward to the ESRC competition. For more details see the SGSSS website and in particular the SGSSS application process.

Eligibility: The ESRC awards are open to Home and EU students. EU students who do not fulfil the ESRC’s residence eligibility criteria will be entitled to a Fees Only award (please note that it is your responsibility to check the ESRC’s residential guidelines which can be accessed on the SGSSS website). However, the University of St Andrews provides, on a competitive basis, maintenance stipends at the Research Council rate for EU doctoral students who have been awarded a Research Council fees-only scholarship (and who start their degree in the academic year 2019-20).

Candidate profile: Successful students should also have the support of an expert supervisory team within the School of Geography and Sustainable Development and typically:

- A Master's in a relevant discipline (for + 3 PhD candidates).
A First class or II(i) honours degree or equivalent at undergraduate level in a relevant discipline for PhD candidates still completing their Master’s and 1+3 applicants.

An overall score of at least 7.0 in IELTS test or equivalent (if appropriate).

Candidates should discuss their research proposal with a member of our academic staff with expertise in their research topic before submitting an application to the SGSSS Graduate Hub. Details of academic staff and their research interests can be found on the School website. Additionally potential projects are listed on our PhD research projects page.

How to Apply:

Prior to the 11th January:

- Contact with your prospective supervisor or one of the SGSSS pathway representatives to discuss your application.
  
  - Human Geography, Environment and Urban Planning – Dr Katherine Keenan (Katherine.Keenan@st-andrews.ac.uk)
  - Health, Families, Relationships and Demographic Change – Prof Hill Kulu (Hill.Kulu@st-andrews.ac.uk)

Please use ‘SGSSS studentship’ on the subject line of your email.

Then by 11th January (noon):

- Submit a preliminary application to the SGSSS Graduate Hub: SGSSS application process.

Shortlisted candidates are expected to submit the final version of their applications by 7th February 2019 (at noon).