

APPLICATION GUIDANCE FOR RESEARCH PROJECTS 2010

Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Research

1. The Wingate Scholarships scheme is no longer offering funding for PhD/DPhil projects, except for costs to be met in or after the final year of a PhD, that are associated with its completion, extension or publication.
2. The Scheme aims to fund applicants who cannot obtain funding from elsewhere. The committee is therefore unlikely to support projects (from UK citizens) which should be eligible for funding from the major funding agencies offering maintenance and/or fees, such as the Research Council, British Academy or the Royal Society/s.
3. Applications can include items of expenditure that are likely to be ineligible for funding from other grant giving bodies. Expenses that may be considered include, for example:
 - Specialised training courses to acquire extra skills needed for the project
 - Fieldwork travel expenses in the UK or abroad
 - Travel expenses for visits to other institutions, key academic meetings, conferences, workshops, etc. in the UK or abroad
 - Purchase of equipment essential to that research project (specific IT hardware/software etc)
4. When shortlisting applications for research projects, the Selection Committee will be looking for evidence of the candidate's ability to conduct the proposed research and this should be supported by the candidate's referees.
5. The Scholarship Committee accepts applications for post-doctoral projects whether or not the candidate will be working within an institution. Applications for post-doctoral research may be made during the period of doctoral research, but no award will be made until the applicant has submitted their PhD/DPhil thesis and candidates will be required to supply a submission date.

The Committee welcomes applications on the model of a "one year post-doctoral Fellowship" by which a Scholarship holder would work in an institution (normally that at which they studied for their PhD/DPhil). Applicants who hope to hold a Scholarship of this sort should seek to establish before they apply that they would, if successful, have an institutional affiliation.