

Funding Opportunities for ISOR and PhD applicants

- For PhD and ISOR students:

ESRC Studentships – to be updated, this relates to 2008

The Information Systems and Innovation Group is a recognised outlet for ESRC studentships for 1+3 degree programmes (ISOR + PhD) and +3 degree programmes (PhD only).

Recognised outlets have the potential to be awarded a 'quota' of guaranteed studentships by ESRC and all are eligible to enter one student into the 'Proposed', or 'open' studentships allocated to LSE.

ISIG has not been allocated a quota this year and so students wishing to apply for an ESRC award can only enter into the open competition. In the event that ISIG *is* allocated a quota, students can only apply for the quota award **or** the open award.

The total number of nominations that LSE has been granted for the open competition is 20. This means that all the applications from all the recognised outlets within the School will be considered by a panel and then a selection of the best 20 will be put forward for consideration by ESRC.

The LSE's 20 nominations are evaluated by ESRC along with the nominations from all the other eligible institutions in the UK. ESRC can make up to 100 awards to applicants selected from this pool. ESRC will inform the School and students if they have been successful in August.

More details about the process of application will be available shortly. The application form is completed online via the Je-S portal. The student's proposed supervisor will need to be given editing access to the form and complete a section. Rose Harris from the Financial Services Office also needs to be given editing access so that she can review all the forms before they are submitted to ESRC. The application needs to be completed for the School to consider by April 4th. The deadline for the School to submit the 20 chosen forms to ESRC is in early May.

NOTE: Residency requirements apply for these awards. Students must be home students or have been settled in the UK for three years or more before applying of the grant. EU students who have been resident in the UK for less than 3 years are eligible to apply for a fees-only grant.

For more detailed information about the residency requirements, please go to the ESRC website.

<http://www.esrc.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/postgraduate/fundingopportunities/index.aspx?ComponentId=5406&SourcePageId=19163>

- For PhD students:

LSE Studentships

LSE has introduced a new studentship, to begin in the 2008/09 academic year. There are 20 available each year and they will cover course fees plus £13K maintenance per year for three years.

Applicants for 2009/10 are required to submit their application to the School in the usual manner by January 26th 2009 to be considered. No additional forms or documentation are required; decisions will be made purely on the strength of the application.

All accepted applications received before the January deadline will be considered by the Group at a Research Committee meeting on 27th January. The Research Committee decide which students should be put forward for consideration for the studentships. The maximum number ISIG can nominate, for both LSE Studentships is three and they are made in order of preference. The deadline for ISIG to put forward their nominations to the School is 13th February 2009.

A special Board will consider all the nominations from across the School and choose 20 to receive a studentship. Decisions should be made in early March.

Students are eligible to apply for both LSE studentships and an ESRC grant, but in the event that they win both would be expected to turn down the LSE studentship (as this is less generous than the ESRC grant). In the case of a successful candidate turning down the LSE scholarship, it will be awarded to a reserve (who will have been told that they have been selected as such).

LSE studentships are available to both home and overseas students.

NOTE: the School has set up these awards in order to attract more new applicants to LSE. Normally only new applicants will be considered for this award but some existing students **may** be considered this year. If the student is a current MPhil/PhD student and would like ISIG to consider nominating them for this award, they need to submit a brief statement explaining why they should be selected to Frances White and Shirin Madon by email by February 9th in order to be considered along with the new applicants

Other funding

- For PhD students

Research Studentship Awards

Research Studentship (RS) Awards are available to all CURRENT MPhil or PhD students (usually in the middle years of their PhD), with either Home/EU or Overseas status. An application form can be downloaded at

<https://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/studentServicesCentre/financialSupportOffice/internal/researchStudentshipSchemeInternal.htm> (log-in and password needed).

The deadline for 2009 will be in mid-June. Funds are allocated for departments to dispense and the amount given to successful students is at their discretion; it is usually a contribution towards fees.

- For further information about awards available from bodies outside ISIG and the LSE, please go to the webpage
<http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/informationSystems/pdf/phD/Funding.pdf>