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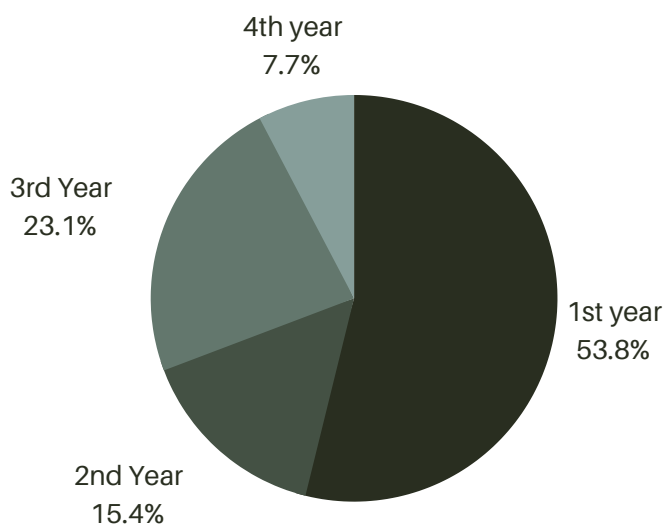
PhD Summer Research Grants 2019-2020

2019-2020 PhD Summer Grant Recipients

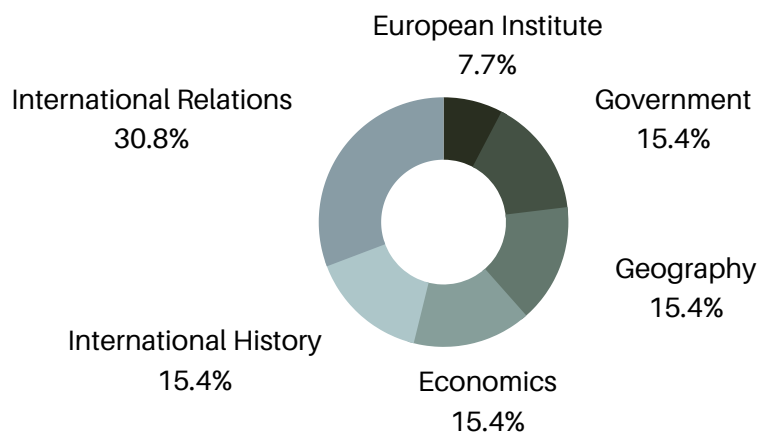
Our summer research grants programme aims to encourage innovative research on the United States and to support students pursuing postgraduate research on topics related to the Centre's overall mission of promoting internationally-oriented scholarship on America's changing role in the world.

Total Applications In Numbers

Total Applications by Year of PhD



Total Applications by Department



In 2019-20, the Centre received 13 applications from different departments at LSE, which was a 30% increase compared to the previous year.

The 2019-20 cohort was one of our first cohorts to feel the impact of COVID-19. The Phelan US Centre ensured that all our grant recipients were well-supported as they developed their research. One of our PhD Grant Recipients, Katharina Lawall shared:

"I feel that the Centre team were very understanding and supportive, especially throughout Covid-19 and the delays and roadblocks that this brought in terms of research delivery."

2019-2020 PhD Summer Grant Recipients


Frida Timan, Department of Geography and Environment

Parklet City: Governing American Public Space

Katharina Lawall, Department of Government

Negative Partisanship in Multi-Party Systems


Grant Golub, Department of International History

Henry L. Stimson, American Grand Strategy, and the Second World War, 1940-1945

Aisenour Bitsen, Department of International Relations

The Reengineering of the Post BW Global Monetary Order


Fionntán O'Hara, Department of International History

Cold Refuge: Honduran Refugee Camps and Central America's Global Cold War

Below are some extracts from the Research Reports and feedback written by our grant recipients. The full Research Reports can be accessed [here](#).

Fionntán O'Hara, Department of International History

"Thanks to the support of the Phelan US Centre I have greatly widened my archival source base. This will allow me to both achieve a more complete understanding of events and to analyse a wider range of perspectives. Thanks to the diversity of archival collections visited these perspectives are not solely those of US organisations and individuals but also of Salvadoran, Honduran, and Nicaraguan organisations and individuals whose records happen to be held in the US."

Grant Golub, Department of International History

"The PhD Summer Research Grant helped me undertake a very important trip to the US last summer to gain valuable materials for my PhD dissertation. These archival records boosted my dissertation tremendously and helped strengthen my documents base. The programme has also plugged me into a great network of events across LSE that have been very rewarding and valuable."

Katharina Lawall, Department of Government

"Without the generous financial support by the US Centre, the core study in this research project - a well-powered survey experiment using the latest methods in experimental political science - would not have been implemented. The LSE US Centre Summer Research Grant was used to pay a reputable German panel provider, Respondi, to field the survey to a representative sample of N=3002 adults in May 2021."