



Programme Report

PhD Summer Research Grants 2024-2025

2024-25 PhD Summer Research Grant Recipients



Isolde Hegemann

Department of Government

Political behaviour in the face of contemporary challenges to consolidated democracies



Ali Glisson

Department of Geography and Environment

Growth and decline: Exploring development pathways across the American system, 1970 to 2019



Maximilian Goehmann

Department of Management

Regulating Automated Trading: Financial Data Integrity and Market Stability in the U.S.



Partha Moman

Department of International Relations

The global political transition and the evolution of violent security assemblages: Somali security from 1991 to the present

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Arianna Parisi

Department of International History

The Roots of the Black Abolitionist Feminist Tradition: From the Combahee River Collective to the Movement for Black Live



Mina Rigby-Thompson

Department of International History

Between Two Allies: US Policy Towards Greece and Turkey During the 1974 Cyprus Crisis



Jack Roush

Department of International History

Friends of the Family: Informal actors in Iran-US relations during the late Pahlavi period



Daniele Sudsataya

Department of Health Policy

Behavioral Incentives for Vaccine Uptake: Heterogeneity Across Individuals During the COVID-19 Pandemic



Kaia Turowski

LSE Law School

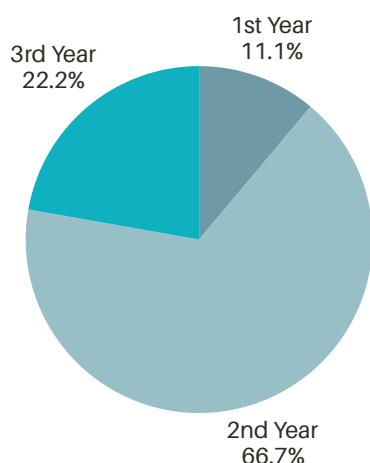
High-Stakes Influencers: How Amicus Briefs Shape Judicial Decision-Making in U.S. Climate Litigation

The PhD Summer Research Grants at a Glance

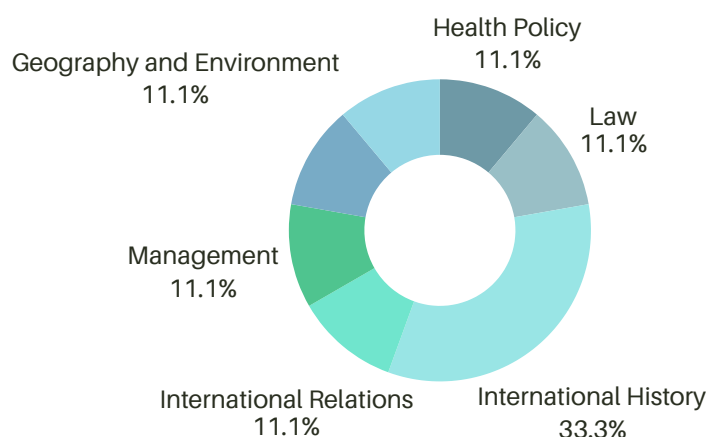
Our summer research grants programme aims to encourage innovative research on the United States and to support students pursuing postgraduate research on topics related to the Centre's overall mission of promoting internationally-oriented scholarship on America's changing role in the world.

Total Applications In Numbers

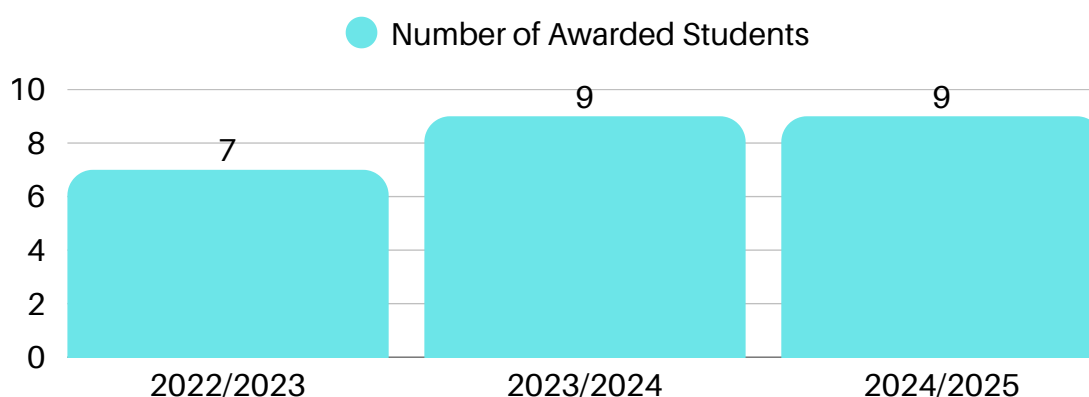
Total Applications by Year of PhD



Total Applications by Department



Awarded Students by Year



In 2024-25, the Centre offered the grant to nine students from six different departments at LSE. This demonstrates the multidisciplinary nature of our grant recipients and the growing reach of this student initiative.

Feedback from our PhD Grant Recipients

Feedback from our PhD Grant Recipients helps us improve the programme and the experiences of our future PhD grant recipients. Their [research reports](#) published on our website give an insight into how they used the funding.

Daniele Sudsataya, Department of Health Policy

"Not only did the grant enable me to expand my project into something that could lead to multiple publishable papers and the collection of my own unique dataset, but I also found the newfound affiliation to the US Centre to be quite beneficial. I managed to contribute to the US Centre blogs and expose myself to a different audience. The support provided by the US Centre has been invaluable to my research and my professional growth."

Ali Glisson, Department of Geography and Environment

"The grant was tremendously helpful. While my data access was already secured, the funding provided the crucial opportunity to begin disseminating my research. It has enabled me to present my findings and engage with a wider network of scholars and practitioners, which is invaluable for receiving feedback and increasing the impact of my work. This programme has reinforced the importance of bridging academia and practice, giving me a stronger platform and network to pursue these combined goals."

Isolde, Hegemann, Department of Government

"The programme allowed me to conduct an original experiment on fact-checking political misinformation in the US, collecting my own data for the first time. Since completing the data collection and submitting the research report, I have been able to summarise my findings on the LSE USAPP blog and present them at conferences. This project has also given me valuable skills in experimental design that will be useful in my PhD research going forward."

Kaia Turowski, LSE Law School

"The funding allowed me to conduct in-person interviews, which was necessary given the politically sensitive topics discussed and the fact that many interviewees are cautious about who they speak to. Visiting them in person allowed the interviewees to be more forthcoming and calm. I had incredible networking opportunities and a chance to experience government offices firsthand. This grant helped me realise that I would find a career in government really exciting and gave me the confidence to pursue it."

Maximilian Goehmann, Department of Management

"I am deeply grateful to...the Phelan US Centre for making this programme possible. Their commitment to supporting rigorous, policy-relevant research has had a meaningful impact on my doctoral work and broader academic trajectory. The Centre's support enabled me to pursue a technically demanding line of inquiry that would not have been feasible within the constraints of term time, and it provided the foundation for both my empirical and policy-facing contributions. More personally, the programme strengthened my engagement with US-based scholarship, regulation, and data infrastructures, and has reinforced my ambition to continue my research career in the United States."