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Department of Sociological Studies

PhD Information Session

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1. Kate Weiner, PGR admissions tutor– PhD and scholarship applications process
2. Jo Britton, Director of PGR – PhD study in the department
3. Danica Darley, Monika Fraczak and Yingzi Shen, current PhD students, application and PhD experience
4. Your questions



PhD Application Process

- Start to think about your research idea/develop research proposal (1-2000 words) -
<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/socstudies/phd/research-proposal>
- Make contact with prospective supervisors
<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/socstudies/people/academic-staff>
- Make a formal application via the University PG application system
<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/postgraduate/phd/apply/apply>

Entry Requirements for PhD Study

- Undergraduate Degree at minimum 2.1 or equivalent
- Masters Degree at minimum Merit of equivalent
- IELTS average 6.5 or above (no less than 6.0 in any component)

White Rose Social Sciences Doctoral Training Partnership Studentships

- WRDTP – regional consortium funded by ESRC
- 35 pathway awards
- 2 ring fenced for Black British students ([details](#))
- 4 Advanced Quantitative Methods (AQM) awards
- Available as 1+3 programme or +3 programme
 - 1 +3 - [MA Social Research](#)
 - +3 programme: at least 60 credits social science research training at M level, excluding dissertation ([FAQs](#)).

Scholarships and eligibility

- WRDTP awards – UK and international applicants
- University/faculty awards – UK and international applicants
- Joint China Scholarship Council/University of Sheffield scholarship ([details](#)) – Chinese nationals
- White Rose College of Arts and Humanities (WRoCAH) AHRC scholarships ([details](#)) - UK and international applicants

Scholarship application process

- Apply for PhD place – deadline **14th of January** (but earlier is better).
 - Apply for scholarship through PG application system (except for WRoCAH AHRC scheme)
 - Deadline for ALL schemes: **27th January 17.00.**
 - Department shortlists applications to nominate to faculty, who decide who to forward to regional awards committees
 - Nominated applicants notified of outcome end of April.
- => Dept has strong track record, but good to be realistic

Doing a PhD in Sociological Studies

- Supervision (different models)
- Training Needs Analysis: University, Faculty and Department Training (e.g. Training in Discipline module)
- Postgraduate research conference
- Study space and social space
- Teaching opportunities (Graduate Teaching Assistants)
- Careers support
- Publishing (internal review system)
- Postdoctoral Fellowships (internal review system)

A summary of PhD progression milestones

Year 1

- Induction & Training Needs Analysis
- *Biannual review (6 months)*
- Confirmation review (12 months)

Year 2

- *Biannual review (18 months)*
- Submission review (24 months)

Year 3

- *Biannual review (30 months)*
- Thesis submission/Submission review (36 months)

Sociological Studies' Research Community

Research themes: Everyday Life and Critical Diversities, Social Inequalities and Social Ordering, STeMiS, Wellbeing and Health Across the Lifecourse

<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/socstudies/research/research-themes>

Centres and Networks:

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Annual lecture series:

Next one is the Westergaard Annual Lecture online on Tuesday 17 November 2020. Register here:

<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/socstudies/events>

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