

PhD Studentships at the School of Economics and Finance for the 2019/2020 academic year

The School of Economics & Finance at the University of St Andrews is part of Scotland's first university, with an established reputation as one of Europe's leading and most distinctive centres for research and teaching. The School is a dynamic research-led School with faculty conducting innovative and path-breaking research in relevant and important issues for individuals and societies.

The School of Economics and Finance of the University of St Andrews would like to invite applications for full-time PhD studentships, starting in the academic year 2019/20.

The School has a number of studentships available:

- Up to three fully funded studentships covering fees at Home/EU rate, plus an annual stipend for students seeking to work on any area of economics
- One studentship covering fees only at Home/EU rate for students seeking to work on any area of economics
- One fully funded studentship covering fees at Home/EU rate, plus an annual stipend for students seeking to conduct research in economic theory under the supervision of Professor Andy Zapechelnuk. Applicants for this scholarship would be expected to work in the areas of economics of information, communication, and persuasion; mechanism/market design; bargaining and efficient allocation; or related topics. For informal enquiries, interested candidates should send their CV and research statement to az48@st-andrews.ac.uk

Closing date for all applications: 30th of April 2019



About the studentships

Fully funded awards include a fee waiver up to the value of the full-time Home/EU rate for PhD degrees in addition to an annual stipend set at Research Council rates (currently £15,009 for 2019/20). Award holders will be required to undertake a small number of hours of undergraduate tutorial teaching (up to an average of 5 hours per week during the semester).

Fees-only studentships include a fee waiver up to the value of the full-time Home/EU rate for PhD degrees only. Overseas students may apply but only a fee waiver up to the value of the full-time home/EU rate for PhD degrees will be funded.

Studentships are awarded in spring 2019, to be taken up in September for the 2019/20 Academic Year. They will be tenable for up to 3 years (subject to the holder making satisfactory progression as assessed through the University's procedures for reviewing the performance of doctoral students).

The competition is open to **NEW** home/EU and international students who are applying for a full-time PhD place. Candidates are required to submit applications as outlined here: <https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/economics/pgr/phd-application/>

The research proposal (2000 words) should give a detailed description of your planned research project, touching on the following points:

- i. Your research questions, how they relate to previous work in the relevant literature, and the contribution you expect to make;
- ii. The theoretical framework;
- iii. Your planned methodology;
- iv. A rough outline of your research that will lead to a dissertation;
- v. References to the relevant literature and materials to be used.

Candidates will be considered for admission for the PhD first and for the award only after they have been offered a place on the programme.



Who is eligible?

We welcome applications from strong candidates who can demonstrate academic excellence and outstanding research potential. Firstly, we require the equivalent of a “Merit” in a taught MSc course in Economics and a distinction in their MSc dissertation. If needed, the student may be required to undertake further MSc level coursework in their first year of doctoral studies and pass with merit. Secondly, the prospective student must have a carefully thought out research proposal with a clear research question. Thirdly, there must be a qualified supervisor in the department who is both willing and able to supervise the student in his or her chosen line of research. Normally we do not consider applications from those students whose average grade is less than 60% across all modules of an MSc degree or a lower than 2.1 degree in the undergraduate degree.

To find out more about the research interests of our academic staff, please go to our website: <https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/economics/pgr/phd-supervisors/>.

How to apply

Please visit our webpage <https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/economics/pgr/phd-application/> for details on how to apply.

The candidate’s PhD application must be complete by 30 April 2019 for the applicant to be eligible for an award. All required documents must be in place, including a research proposal of 2000 words and two letters of reference.

For queries regarding the studentships available within the School of Economics and Finance please email Laura Newman (PhD Administrator) at econpgr@st-andrews.ac.uk.