



# THE UNIVERSITY *of* LIVERPOOL

## **University of Liverpool Scholarships and Bursaries for Home and EU Students**

### **Postgraduate Opportunities**

If you are considering postgraduate study, one of the questions most frequently asked by students is, 'How will I fund my studies?' Unfortunately, there is no easy answer, as there is simply very little funding available for UK postgraduate students, and competition for the funding which is available is always very fierce. However, we have gathered some information for you, which we hope will help give you an idea of where to start looking for funding.

There is a great deal of information available on the internet, and a number of suggested websites where you can find out more are listed below. There are four main sources of funding for postgraduate students coming to Liverpool: the University of Liverpool itself; funding from one or other of the Research Councils; loans; and other Trusts/Charities.

**University of Liverpool Scholarships** - The University of Liverpool currently offers a number of scholarships:

- [University of Liverpool Alumni Scholarships](#)  
10 awards of £2000 each
- [John Lennon Memorial Scholarships](#)  
Approximately 30 awards of £1200 each

For information on the eligibility criteria and the application procedures follow the links above. Individual departments at the University may also be able to advise you on whether or not they have any funds available for research degrees, or whether their taught courses attract funding from a Research Council, so we would also suggest that you contact the Admissions Tutor in the department where you wish to study for more advice.

### **Research Councils**

Students wishing to study for a research degree (MPhil, PhD etc) are strongly advised to contact the Research Council which relates to the subject area they wish to study. The Research Councils offer a number of studentships each year to support study for a research degree, although in some cases you must first be accepted by a department at Liverpool, who will then nominate you for an award, rather than making an application yourself. All the research councils have websites, which are listed below:

- [Arts and Humanities Research Board \(AHRB\)](#)
- [Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council \(BBSRC\)](#)
- [Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council \(EPSRC\)](#)
- [Economic and Social Research Council \(ESRC\)](#)
- [Medical Research Council \(MRC\)](#)
- [Natural Environment Research Council \(NERC\)](#)
- [Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council \(PPARC\)](#)

It is also recommended that students wishing to study for taught courses, such as Masters degrees, contact the appropriate Research Council, as they do sometimes support taught courses as well as research. Students wanting to do a taught Masters course are also advised to contact the Admissions Tutor in the department where they intend to study for further advice.

### **Loans**

You cannot get a loan from the Student Loans Company for postgraduate study, but you may be able to get a Career Development Loan for certain vocational courses, and you may also be able to take out a bank or building society loan to cover some of your costs. For more information about Career Development Loans, call 0800 585505 Monday to Friday.

### **Other Charitable Trusts**

Some charities or educational trusts offer scholarships for very specific courses or fields of research, particularly in the scientific, technological or medical fields. There are a number of directories which list such charitable trusts, and there is some good information on the [Prospects Postgraduate](#) website which will help you to start your search.

### **Continuing your Search for Funding**

There is a lot of information available on the Web to help in your search for funding, in particular, [Prospects Postgraduate](#) has a very comprehensive section on funding for postgraduate students, and we recommend that you might continue your search there. [The University of Liverpool Careers Service](#) can also provide information to assist in your search.