

Leeds University Business School PhD Excellence Scholarships 2025/26

PGR-F-393

Key facts

Deadline

Friday 28 March 2025

Funding start date

Wednesday 1 October 2025

Number of funding places

Multiple opportunities available

Country eligibility

International (open to all nationalities, including the UK)

Source of funding

University of Leeds

Summary

Leeds University Business School is a leading international business school, recognised globally for our excellence in teaching and impactful research. The last REF deemed 90% of the Business School's submitted research to be either 'world leading' or 'internationally excellent' overall and 5th in the UK for 'research power' in the business and management studies unit of assessment.

Leeds University Business School is ambitiously investing in research excellence with 21 PhD Excellence Scholarships across our [seven departments](#), to prospective UK and International Postgraduate researchers who wish to commence study for a PhD in the academic year 2025/26.

[Our research centres](#) work across four main themes and connect knowledge with users, promote impact and provide a vibrant, stimulating and supportive environment for students, early career researchers and academics. Our themes are:

- Governance, financial systems and economic well being

- International business, marketing management and business networks
- Technology, innovation and management practices
- People, work and workplace

[Supporting PhD study](#) is central to our identity. We have a vibrant and inclusive community of around 210 postgraduate researchers within the School. We seek to attract the brightest and best scholars from around the world and provide them with an outstanding study experience. We also ensure that they have access to a wide array of career and personal development opportunities. Our postgraduate researchers are encouraged to get involved in a range of academic and social events, networks and societies.

We are committed to diversifying our community and particularly encourage applications from, but not limited to, Black, Asian, people belonging to minoritised ethnic community, people who identify as LGBT+ and people with disabilities. Applicants will always be selected on merit and ability.

Faculty information

Duration of the Award

- Full-time (3.5 years), pro-rata for part time. The award will be made for one year in the first instance and renewable for further period of up to two and a half years (pro-rata for part-time), subject to satisfactory academic progress.

Funding

- Full fees
- Maintenance (£19,237 in Session 2024/25 for full-time study, part-time will be pro-rata at 60%). This amount increases per annum in line with Research Council UK rates for 3.5 years
- Please note that the award does not cover the costs associated with moving to the UK. All such costs (such as visa, Immigration Health Surcharge, medical insurance, flights) would have to be met by yourself, or an alternative funding source.

Other Conditions

- Awards must be taken up by 1st October 2025

- The awards are available for new Postgraduate Researchers undertaking full-time or part-time research study leading to the degree of PhD. Students who are already registered for PhD research study are excluded from applying.
- Applicants must live within reasonable distance of the University of Leeds whilst in receipt of the scholarship

How to apply

Stage 1

First, apply for a research place of study by completing a study [application form](#). Please state clearly the department scholarship you will be applying for. You will be expected to meet our [eligibility criteria](#) for PhD candidates.

In order to be considered for one of the scholarships, you must submit all the [required supporting documents](#) for your application for PhD study.

Once you have received your 9 digit student ID number move onto stage 2.

Stage 2

Apply for one of the Leeds University Business School Department Scholarships by completing the relevant scholarship application form below. There are seven different Departments at Leeds University Business School which hold their own scholarship competition. You must ensure you apply to the appropriate Department scholarship which corresponds to your application or offer for a place of study on the scholarship application form. You must submit your scholarship application by **12pm on Friday 28th March 2025**.

[Accounting and Finance Scholarship application form](#)

[Analytics, Technology and Operations Department Scholarship application form](#)

[Economics Scholarship Application form](#)

[International Business Scholarship application form](#)

[Management and Organisations Scholarship application form](#)

[Marketing Scholarship application form](#)

[People, Work and Employment Department Scholarship application form](#)

If English is not your first language, you must provide evidence that you meet the University's minimum English language requirements (below).

As an international research-intensive university, we welcome students from all walks of life and from across the world. We foster an inclusive environment where all can flourish and prosper, and we are proud of our strong commitment to student education. Across all Faculties we are dedicated to diversifying our community and we welcome the unique contributions that individuals can bring, and particularly encourage applications from, but not limited to Black, Asian, people who belong to a minority ethnic community, people who identify as LGBT+ and people with disabilities. Applicants will always be selected based on merit and ability.

Entry requirements

Applicants to research degree programmes should normally have at least a first class or an upper second class British Bachelors Honours degree (or equivalent) in an appropriate discipline. Applicants should hold a British Masters degree (or equivalent degree from an overseas university) or an equivalent professional qualification. Please see below for specific department Masters requirements

Economics, Management and Organisations, Analytics, Technology and Operations, Marketing and People, Work and Employment require a minimum average score of 60 percent (or equivalent at a non UK institution) and in an appropriate academic discipline.

Accounting and Finance and International Business require a score of 70 (or equivalent at a non UK institution), but exceptional candidates with 65 and above will be considered and in an appropriate academic discipline.

English language requirements

The minimum English language entry requirement for research postgraduate research study at the Leeds University Business School is an IELTS of 7 overall with at least 6.5 in each component (reading, writing, listening and speaking) or equivalent. The test must be dated within 2 years of the start date of the course in order to be valid.

Contact details

For further information please contact the Admissions Team
e: phd@lubs.leeds.ac.uk

Linked research areas

- [Accounting and Finance](#)
- [Analytics, Technology and Operations](#)
- [Economics](#)
- [International Business](#)
- [Management and Organisations](#)
- [Marketing](#)
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