



BU FULLY FUNDED STUDENTSHIPS 2023

SCHEME DETAILS

PROJECT TITLE

Fully Funded Studentships – Faculty of Media and Communication

SCHEME SUMMARY

Bournemouth University (BU) is committed to continue supporting the growth of our postgraduate researchers (PGRs) through a **new call for up to 10 fully funded studentships** with a focus on research excellence. The first cohort of fully funded studentships will start in April 2024 and on-going investment will continue in 2024-25 and beyond.

These fully funded studentships represent a significant investment in postgraduate research by Bournemouth University as we look to REF2029. The studentships will be awarded via a competitive process to the best candidates who develop their own research projects which align to one or more of the [BU research themes](#):

- Helping people to live better for longer
- Helping protect and preserve a sustainable environment
- Preparing for and recovery from crisis
- Challenging marginalisation, misinformation and under-representation
- Helping creative industries and cultural heritage to thrive
- Using our expertise to be a catalyst for growth, boosting skills and advancing the region.

With this student focussed funding approach, BU is seeking to attract high calibre candidates with a passion for research and a strong desire to contribute to BU's research environment. The successful individual should be motivated to complete a research project of their own design, which will have relevance and excellence and be aligned to one of BU's research strengths.

The allocative process, which will be aligned to external UKRI fully funded opportunities, will be overseen by the Interim Associate Pro Vice-Chancellor Research and Knowledge Exchange and be administered by the Doctoral College.

Recruitment of candidates will be administered by the Doctoral College in line with the process set out below.

The fundamental terms of BU fully funded PhD studentships are as follows:

- Fully funded PhD Studentships are normally offered on a full-time basis¹
- Fully funded PhD Studentships are offered on a stipend basis for 36 months
- Full fees will be waived by the lead faculty for 36 months
- From 37 months onwards, candidates who have not submitted will automatically be transferred to Continuation Status and will be liable for Continuation Status fees
- Candidates are expected to complete their study within 4 years, and they will be liable for full fees if their research project continues beyond 48 months
- Stipends are in line with those of UKRI and will be paid monthly, in arrears.

This scheme is open to UK and International students.

Full details can be found in the [BU PhD Studentship Terms & Conditions](#).

CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY

We are seeking exceptional candidates who should demonstrate outstanding qualities and be motivated to complete a PhD in 4 years (full time). In line with our commitment to Athena SWAN charter, part-time studentships will be

considered on an exceptional basis. Candidates must demonstrate outstanding academic potential. The candidate must meet the BU academic entry requirements of:

- A first or upper second-class honours (or overseas equivalent) or a UK Master's degree (or overseas equivalent) in a discipline which is appropriate to the proposed research.
- An IELTS (Academic) score of 6.5 minimum (with a minimum 5.5 in each component, or equivalent) where English is not the candidates first language.

BU will look closely at the qualities, skills, resilience and academic, personal and professional background of each candidate and what they can bring to their own research project to ensure research excellence as well as successful and timely completion.

Applicants will be asked to complete the online application form and attach the BU Fully Funded Studentship Proposal form detailing their proposed research project, the approach they would envisage taking and what qualities they will bring to the research community.

PGR DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

As a PGR at BU, you will have access to the Doctoral College Researcher Development Programme (RDP) to support you in developing the necessary skills, knowledge and attributes needed to complete your research degree and for your longer-term career ambitions. This programme offers over 50 different interactive sessions and a wide range of online modules and e-learning on offer.

PGRs will also have access to more discipline specific opportunities at Faculty level and be provided with project specific skills development by their dedicated supervisory team.

SUPERVISORY TEAMS

Potential Supervisors

Candidates should identify a potential supervisor and have conversation to discuss their research and demonstrate their motivation to undertake a research degree. The potential supervisor must complete a statement of support.

Potential supervisors for in the **Faculty of Media and Communication** can be found here:

[Department of Communication & Journalism staff](#)

[Department of Humanities & Law staff](#)

[Department of Media Production staff](#)

[National Centre for Computer Animation staff](#)

HOW TO APPLY

Please prepare a research proposal on the [Fully Funded Studentship Proposal form](#).

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You should complete the online application and attach your project proposal.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

The deadline for applications is 5pm on Thursday 29 February 2024. Applications submitted after this will not be considered in this round.

INFORMAL ENQUIRIES

Please contact the lead supervisor on the following email for informal enquiries:

phdstudentshipcompetition@bournemouth.ac.uk