

## MPhil/PhD Studentships at the School of Social Sciences

The School of Social Sciences at the University of Westminster is pleased to offer Studentships for prospective PhD students starting in September 2019. Located in the heart of London, the School of Social Sciences has an active research culture to which our well-established doctoral research programme makes a vital contribution.

The School incorporates well-established research programmes in politics and international relations, psychology, sociology and criminology and is home to the Centre for the Study of Democracy. Research in the School across these fields has an international reputation for excellence, as was confirmed by the 2014 Research Excellence Framework.

Applications are invited for the following awards, which are tenable for up to three years for full-time study:

- Two fee waivers (Home/EU rate) with £16,777 per year for three years.
- Two fee waivers (Home/EU rate) and £8,388 per year for three year.

Please note that while overseas fee paying students may apply, the fee waived would be at the home/EU rate and successful applicants will need to pay the difference in the tuition fee if assessed as overseas. Successful candidates will be expected to undertake some teaching duties as part of the Studentship.

We are looking for high-quality prospective doctoral students who will contribute to at least one of the core areas of research within the School listed below. We recommend you discuss your proposal with potential supervisors before submitting. Interdisciplinary applications are particularly welcome. Preference will be given to candidates whose proposal complements existing research activities in the School of Social Sciences.

### **Centre for the Study of Democracy (politics and international relations, sociology and criminology)**

Academic Contact - Dr Dan Greenwood [d.greenwood2@westminster.ac.uk](mailto:d.greenwood2@westminster.ac.uk)

- Contemporary democratic theory and practice
- Critical international theory
- Gender and sexuality
- Governance, complexity, resilience
- Post-colonial politics, development and emerging powers
- Security, violence and justice
- Social and cultural lives

For more information about CSD please visit <http://www.westminster.ac.uk/csd>.

### **Psychology**

Academic Contact - Dr Anna Doering [A.Doering@westminster.ac.uk](mailto:A.Doering@westminster.ac.uk)

- Stress, health & well-being
- Learning & development
- Brain, cognition & perception
- Identity, self & society
- Forensic & investigative psychology

### **Entry requirements and how to apply**

Candidates should normally have a minimum classification of 2.1 in their Bachelor Degree or equivalent and preferably a Masters degree. Applicants whose secondary level education has not been conducted in the medium of English should also demonstrate evidence of appropriate English language proficiency normally defined as IELTS: 6.5 (overall score with not less than 6.0 in any of the individual elements).

Read more about our entry requirements here:

<https://www.westminster.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/research-degrees/how-to-apply/entry-requirements>

PhD studentship web page here:

<http://westminsterd8.prod.acquia-sites.com/study/postgraduate/research-degrees/research-areas/social-sciences-and-humanities/research-studentships>

Please follow these links to apply for the programme most appropriate to your research, please note that the programme appears as MPhil on UCAS, however there is an option on the form to request PhD via MPhil, which is the standard route:

**MPhil/PhD Politics**

<https://digital.ucas.com/courses/details?coursePrimaryId=7d532099-2fa2-6466-f8c1-9cea0d5c01d8&academicYearId=2019>

**MPhil/PhD Sociology**

<https://digital.ucas.com/courses/details?coursePrimaryId=2de23cfb-a94d-965b-d586-f758eb4c7cd5&academicYearId=2019>

**MPhil/PhD Criminology**

<https://digital.ucas.com/courses/details?coursePrimaryId=f87624aa-fea2-2215-1999-debaee997b86&academicYearId=2019>

**MPhil/PhD Psychology**

<https://digital.ucas.com/courses/details?coursePrimaryId=8e40356f-bd6f-5c9f-9bac-e4d58ab65137&academicYearId=2019>

**The closing date for applications is 5pm on 26 April 2019. Interviews will be held on 13 June 2019.**

**The Studentship title is SSS Research Studentship**