

Postgraduate Research Web Chat- Tuesday December 13, 1pm-2pm.

The precise order of entries has been rearranged to make it easier for you to read this transcript

Time	Source User	Message
13:01:06	Postgraduate Recruitment Office - Jo	Welcome to the today's chat.
13:02:17	Postgraduate Recruitment Office - Jo	You are joined today by representatives from our Scholarships Office (Rachel) and Admissions Office (Janine). Greg will also be joining us- he is a current student at Sheffield.
13:04:19	Postgraduate Recruitment Office - Jo	The team can answer questions today about the funding for PhDs, applying for PhDs and any other general questions you might have.
13:04:12	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	Hi! As Jo said, I'm currently a PhD student at Sheffield in Sociological Studies. I'm in the +3 stage of a fully funded 1+3 ESRC studentship which included an MA in Sociological Research.
13:01:24	zara	Hi My name is Zara and I am interested in doing phd
13:01:55	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@zara: Hi there Zara, do you have any specific questions? What are you thinking of studying?
13:05:06	zara	HI to all
13:05:28	wendy@	Hi, I can't hear anything!!
13:06:31	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@wendy: Sorry, this is a text-only chat room.
13:05:37	massilia	Hi to all
13:05:20	zara	I want to ask question about funding opportunities at the University
13:05:27	zara	I have been to university on the open day and saw Mandy and Kelly
13:05:59	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@zara: Which department are you looking to apply to?
13:07:54	zara	Management shool
13:05:10	sop10kid	Hello. I'm Nina. I would like to know if overseas students are eligible to apply for the Faculty Scholarships. I am asking because I heard that it has/will be merged with the ESRC Wite Rose DTC.
13:06:58	Postgraduate Research - Rachel	@sop10kid Hi Nina. Overseas candidates are eligible for the University scholarships, but in some Social Sciences departments the Faculty awards have been merged with the ESRC Scholarships which are UK/EU only. Which subject are you applying for?
13:06:54	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@massillia: Hi there, welcome. Did you have any specific questions?
13:07:22	massilia	When will we know about the future fees?
13:07:40	Postgraduate Recruitment Office - Jo	@massilia. Fees are usually announced in March.
13:06:55	zara	Can I apply for more than one sholarships?

13:07:45	Postgraduate Research - Rachel	@zara Yes you can apply for any number of scholarships for which you are eligible. It's a good idea to apply for as many as you can.
13:08:23	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@zara: Ok, as Rachel said it's a good idea to apply to as many as possible.
13:07:48	nicolafois	hel, i am Nicola a new phD from january 2012, the funding will receving monthly
13:08:48	nicolafois	Hello I am Nicola a PhD start in january 2012,
13:09:23	Postgraduate Recruitment Office- Janine	@nicolafois Hi Nicola! Do you want to know when and how the scholarship money will be paid?
13:08:29	Candidate albicans	Applying for University Scholarships, there is a section to write a <500 word Research Proposal summary; should I copy and paste the advertised research proposal?
13:09:09	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@Candidate albicans: Do you mean your research proposal? In which case, yes. Include your research proposal.
13:09:16	Postgraduate Research - Rachel	@Candidate albicans If you are applying for a specific project then yes you can use the text from the advert, but you might need to summarise it for the scholarships form if it is more than 500 words.
13:11:58	nicolafois	yes
13:09:27	sop10kid	Hi to all. @Postgraduate Research - Rachel: Thank you, Rachel. I am applying to the phd in sociological studies.
13:09:59	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@sop10kid: Hi there. I'm currently a PhD student in Sociological Studies. Want to anything in particular?
13:09:46	massilia	Can you tell us about funding outside university?
13:11:30	Postgraduate Recruitment Office- Janine	@ massilia Hi! Many charities, foundations and trusts provide funding for postgraduate study - here is a list: http://www.shef.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/scholarships/externaluk
13:11:32	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@massilia: There are many sources of funding outside of the University. Check the University website for these opportunities (http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/ssid/finance/pg)
13:11:42	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	Oops: http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/ssid/finance/pg
13:12:01	zara	@ Gregg can I apply for more than one scholarship?
13:12:17	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@zara: Yes you can. It's a good idea to do so.
13:13:40	zara	Thank you @Greg
13:10:01	AngelaLavilla	Hi! I am Angela, I have a Spanish degree and MA and I would like to know what kind of translation I need to apply for a PhD.
13:10:42	Postgraduate Recruitment Office - Jo	@AngelaLavilla Hi Angela. When you apply, you will need to send us certified translations of your transcripts/certificates etc.
13:12:32	AngelaLavilla	certified by whom?

13:13:37	Postgraduate Recruitment Office - Jo	@AngelaLavilla . You can usually ask a notary to authorise your translation or you can ask a certified translator to do your translation for you. Sometimes, your home university is able to translate for you as well.
13:14:51	AngelaLavilla	Can I do it through the NARIC translation waiver?
13:15:10	Postgraduate Recruitment Office - Jo	@AngelaLavilla Hi Angela. Yes, you can do it through NARIC
13:10:57	kulsoom786	hi i am kulsoom currently residing in uk on spouse visa am i be considered as home students for phd/
13:11:55	Postgraduate Recruitment Office - Jo	@kulsoom786 Can you please contact our International office about this? You can find the contact details on www.sheffield.ac.uk/international
13:11:21	Postgraduate Research - Rachel	@sop10kid I don't have the ESRC quota figures to hand, but you can check with the department if they have any funded places which are not ESRC. But it's worth applying for the other University funding schemes and any external scholarships you are eligible
13:14:43	sop10kid	Thank you, Rachel. I will ask the department.
13:12:14	Candidate albicans	Thanks. Is there a difference between a studentship and a scholarship?
13:13:20	Postgraduate Research - Rachel	@Candidate albicans Not really - the two terms are both used for a funded PhD, although sometimes you'll see 'studentship' used for a specific project and 'scholarship' just for a financial award.
13:13:45	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@Candidate albicans: No. Generally speaking, they mean the same thing - it's all funding. You have to check what the award pays though - i.e. fees and maintenance, or fees only.
13:13:42	sop10kid	Hi Greg. I would like to know if overseas students are eligible to apply for the Department of Sociological Studies Faculty Scholarships. I am asking because I heard that it has/will be merged with the ESRC Wite Rose DTC.
13:14:47	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@sop10kid: In answer to your previous question there are 2 fully funded scholarships in our department (Sociological Studies) for next year - 2012: http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/socstudies/ppr/scholarships
13:15:08	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@sop10kid: Final date for applications is Friday 20th January 2012
13:13:59	zara	@Greg What if I am unsuccessful to gain a scholarship?
13:14:25	nicolafois	and should open a bank account in sheffield, for receiving the finance?
13:14:58	Postgraduate Research - Rachel	@nicolafois Hi Nicola. Scholarships are normally paid quarterly in advance. It's a good idea to open a UK bank account when you get here.
13:14:36	massilia	Is it possible to be a teaching assistant?

13:15:34	Postgraduate Recruitment Office- Janine	@massilia Yes it is. The way that Teaching Assistant jobs are offered vary from Department to Department. In some cases it is very competitive but many PhD students get the opportunity to teach/demonstrate and get paid on an hour basis for this.
13:15:41	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@massilia: It is possible to do some teaching whilst studying as a graduate student.
13:19:07	massilia	And what about the SEAS concerning teaching assistant?
13:21:18	Postgraduate Recruitment Office- Janine	@massilia That would be worth speaking to the School of East Asian Studies about specifically. Unfortunately, Teaching Assistantships are not a guaranteed feature of the PhD experience. Their contact details are here: http://www.shef.ac.uk/seas/contact
13:15:24	evi	hello which places do i look for funding relevant to the information school
13:16:17	Postgraduate Research - Rachel	@evi Hi Evi, have a look at our scholarships webpages http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/scholarships . It's a good idea to ask the department as well, they might know about other funding for their subject.
13:16:41	evi	Also do different scholarships have different requirements for application or is one proposal ok for all what i mean is do we need to change the proposal for every new scholarship we apply to. thanks
13:17:45	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@evi: Scholarships may have different requirements. It's always best to check the form you're completing and what is required of you.
13:17:58	Postgraduate Research - Rachel	@evi Most of the University scholarships you can apply using one application form. Some other scholarship applications might have different requirements so you should check the instructions when applying. You would normally be applying with the same proje
13:15:47	equilibrium	I am interested in learning about the difference b/w an MPhil and a PhD .
13:16:46	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@equilibrium: When you start your PhD course you are enrolled as an MPhil student. After a year you go through an 'upgrade' process whereby you submit the work you have completed. You are then upgraded to PhD status.
13:19:04	Postgraduate Recruitment Office- Janine	@equilibrium should you fail to upgrade successfully (i.e. if for whatever reason your research idea no longer stands up to scrutiny), you'll likely be offered the opportunity to continue with the MPhil (Masters of Philosophy) qualification which requires
13:16:03	Boba Fett	Hello all. Just joined! Had some problems logging on.
13:17:03	AngelaLavilla	Is it possible to take the IELTS exam after application?
13:17:42	Postgraduate Recruitment Office - Jo	@AngelaLavilla Yes. You can be made a conditional offer. Once you have the required IELTS result, send us your certificate and we will be able to make your offer unconditional
13:16:13	zara	@ Greg Can I apply for other jobs at the Universites while doing my Phd

13:18:15	Candidate albicans	My potential PhD supervisor told me there was only one studentship available although 16 projects are advertised. Does this mean only one PhD project will happen, or if I failed to get this studentship, but got a University scholarship, I could still do the PhD?
13:19:09	Postgraduate Research - Rachel	@Candidate albicans The project could still go ahead if you got a University scholarship or funding from elsewhere.
13:20:11	Candidate albicans	Great. Thanks!
13:19:23	Boba Fett	If a current UoS masters student applies to the Ph.D programme in the same department, is there any preference provided to that applicant, in terms of being accepted into the program and for funding, for returning to the university to continue studies?
13:19:59	Postgraduate Recruitment Office - Jo	@Boba Fett Hi Boba. Sorry, there is no favouritism. Decisions are based on your application
13:20:12	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@Boba Fett: Not necessarily. Each candidate is taken on their own merits.
13:20:04	sop10kid	Thank you, Greg. Are international students eligible to apply for the ESRC White Rose funded PhD scholarships?
13:20:37	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@sop10kid: Yes, absolutely.
13:21:03	Postgraduate Research - Rachel	@sop10kid Generally ESRC scholarships are only available to UK and EU students, but there are some places available to International students under the Economics and AQM pathways - full details at http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/scholarsh
13:21:35	evi	Also is there anywhere a good example of a proposal that was successful
13:22:15	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@evi: If you contact the department you're interested in directly then they might be able to give you some help.
13:22:38	Postgraduate Recruitment Office- Janine	@evi Hi Evi! The best thing to do would be to contact your prospective supervisor and ask for advice. Proposals can vary so much between Departments, this would be the best way to glean specific information.
13:23:38	evi	@janine thank you
13:21:48	equilibrium	Can I apply for an MPhil if I don't have a Masters degree beforehand?
13:22:20	Postgraduate Research - Rachel	@equilibrium This depends on the subject and your other experience, you would be best to check with the academic department to see if they think you're suitable.
13:22:21	kulsoom786	hi to all well i want to know about the ielts requirement for phd programme in molecualr biology?
13:22:57	Postgraduate Recruitment Office - Jo	@kulsoom786 The IELTS requirement is IELTS 7.0 (no less than in any component)
13:23:04	evi	@rachel thank you for your reply. i think it would be useful if we had advice about which places to go to for social sciences funding who do i need to contact then in the info school

13:24:34	Postgraduate Research - Rachel	@evi If you contact Matt Jones or Tim Nadin in the Information School they will be able to help - contact details at http://www.shef.ac.uk/is/staff
13:26:33	evi	@rachel thank you
13:23:31	lwp11io	is the tuition fees for phd students annually or is is paid for the whole program once? And also, how much is the tuition fees for international students?
13:25:09	Postgraduate Recruitment Office- Janine	@ lwp11io You can pay in installments. If your share of the tuition fee is Â£9350 or more, and you are in attendance for the full academic year then you can pay your tuition fee in 4 instalments. The instalment plan enables you to pay 25% on 1 October 201
13:24:13	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	[b]@lwp11io: Tuition fees are paid annually. Should you get a maintenance grant, that will be paid quarterly.
13:25:13	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@lwp11io: International students fees are listed online - http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/international/enquiry/money/tuitionfees
13:23:58	equilibrium	Can MPhils be completed through distance learning ?
13:24:25	Postgraduate Recruitment Office - Jo	@equilibrium Hi, you'll need to check with your department/supervisor on this one.
13:25:10	ruthkilner	I have the alternative guide to postgraduate funding - are there any funders in there who you would recommend?
13:25:57	Postgraduate Research - Rachel	@ruthkilner It's worth applying to any funders in the guide which are relevant to you/ your subject area.
13:25:58	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@ruthkilner: I would apply to as many funding bodies as possible to increase your chances.
13:29:30	ruthkilner	@Greg, @Rachel - thank you
13:26:26	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@ruthkilner: And, as Rachel says, the ones that are relevant to your subject area.
13:25:30	evi	Does the library support with resources needed for the proposal?
13:27:13	Postgraduate Recruitment Office- Janine	@evi No they do not. The best source of help would be from your department - some departments offer written guides and help for prospective students.
13:26:23	Boba Fett	What are the normal requirements for being accepted into a Ph.D programme and for funding. I am from the U.S. and my two undergraduate degrees, when "translated" into U.K. grades both equal a "first". Being that I am in the middle of my masters course here, the only academic performance I would be judged upon is my undergraduate record. I believe the deadline for Ph.D programmes are prior to the autumn marks being available. Seeing as how whomever decides will not be aware of my autumn performance, how is this taken into account?

13:28:04	Postgraduate Research - Rachel	@Boba Fett Departments will normally take into account your marks on your Masters so far. We usually expect a minimum of an equivalent 2.1 to apply for most funding, so it looks like you would be eligible to apply with your current qualifications.
13:27:02	sop10kid	Kindly clarify, if overseas students are eligible to apply for the Departmental PhD Studentships [url: http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/socstudies/ppr/scholarships]
13:28:18	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@sop10kid: Information for overseas students is available here with regards to funding - http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/socstudies/ppr/scholarships/overseas
13:27:24	kulsoom786	if i am currently present in uk but didnot have uk nationality at which status i can apply for phd research in molecular biology?
13:28:01	evi	if i decide to pay part of the tuition fees can this be done in a monthly basis
13:28:26	Postgraduate Recruitment Office- Janine	@evi No unfortunatly not. However, if your share of the tuition fee is Â£9350 or more, and you are in attendance for the full academic year then you can pay your tuition fee in 4 instalments. This instalment plan also applies to all part-time and distanc
13:29:43	evi	@janine thank you how does it work if this is part time?
13:28:24	Boba Fett	Who makes the decisions on whether or not to accept Ph.D applicans? Is it the department or some central uni body?
13:28:52	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@Boba Fett: The department will usually make the decision based on an interview.
13:29:18	Postgraduate Research - Rachel	@Boba Fett The department makes decisions on whether to offer you a PhD place.
13:29:27	evi	once you get the funding does this go through the whole of the phd? does it give you any responsibilitites for completing within particular times etc or anything else we should know of
13:31:04	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@evi: You need to check what the particular funding body is providing. In most cases you will obtain funding for the full 3 years. You must check whether this covers fees only, or whether it will also pay a maintenance grant.
13:28:56	sergeybabenko	Do you accept first class masters for scholarship or it is possible to apply with 60% overall, my problem is that I am going to finish my Msc accounting September 2012 and would like to apply for phd 2012 but do not know whether I will get over 70% in overall. Can I apply now or should I wait until next year?
13:30:43	Postgraduate Recruitment Office- Janine	@sergeybabenko It does tend to be the especially high-achieving students who receive scholarships as they are allocated on a competitive basis. So generally speaking, the higher and better the performance at Masters Level the better, although the quality
13:30:04	Candidate albicans	In an interview for a (scientific) PhD, what are the interviewers looking for in an interviewee?

13:30:40	Postgraduate Recruitment Office - Jo	@Candidate albicans HI, can I suggest you contact the department for this as each PhD will have different entry criteria:)
13:31:39	Postgraduate Research - Rachel	@evi Most scholarships fund three years of full time study or the part time equivalent. They are normally subject to satisfactory progress throughout your studies. We generally expect students to complete their thesis within four years full time, and this
13:32:04	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@evi: Part-time students are eligible for fee waivers.
13:31:57	lwp11io	I am currently doing my taught masters now in sheffield but is it possible to start a phd directly after my masters instead of doing an mphil first?
13:32:57	Postgraduate Research - Rachel	@lwp11io All students intending to take a PhD are registered as MPhil in the first place, and then are expected to 'upgrade' to PhD during their course.
13:32:36	sop10kid	If a student has a conditional offer to do a PhD and was advised to reapply. Does the student need to decline the first offer?
13:33:03	Postgraduate Recruitment Office - Jo	@sop10kid I don't see why you would need to do this. Obviously, I'm not sure of your circumstances
13:32:37	Postgraduate Recruitment Office- Janine	@evi This instalment plan also applies to all part-time and distance learning students whose share of the tuition fee is Â£225 or more. For more info, please see http://www.shef.ac.uk/ssid/fees/payment/how
13:33:29	sop10kid	thank you Greg and Rachel
13:33:48	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@sop10kid: No problem. Did you have any other questions?
13:33:23	Boba Fett	Aside from the single application to apply for all sources of postgraduate funding given out by the uni (assuming that this is true), what other sources are available for overseas postgraduate/Ph.D students for funding?
13:33:59	Boba Fett	So to whom do I speak about funding for overseas students? I did hear about the one application for ALL possible funding that the UoS awards. If this one application for ALL UoS funding true? Further to that, what other sources are available to overseas students?
13:36:25	Postgraduate Research - Rachel	@Boba Fett There is one application form for the majority of University funding, but some schemes are applied for separately - please see http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/scholarships/process
13:34:12	Postgraduate Recruitment Office- Janine	@Boba Fett I hope this helps! http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/scholarships/international
13:34:19	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@Boba Fett: see here - http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/ssid/finance/pg
13:34:43	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@Boba Fett: Sorry, @Postgraduate Recruitment Office- Janine's link will be more useful to you.

13:38:29	Boba Fett	8 links? That is all the funding available for overseas post-grads? That doesn't look very promising. Is this link the be all and end or an exhaustive list of all funding opportunities or are there other sources or outlets?
13:39:46	Postgraduate Research - Rachel	@Boba Fett at the bottom of the page http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/scholarships/international there is a link to a list of some external funding bodies and scholarship search sites which you might find useful. It's worth speaking to the
13:34:19	evi	hi is there an interview as well in the process when you apply for funding?
13:35:13	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@evi: It is likely that you will be asked to attend an interview if you are shortlisted for funding.
13:35:16	Postgraduate Research - Rachel	@evi Some departments choose to interview students for places or for some scholarships, generally there isn't an interview for a funding application though.
13:35:24	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@evi: Again, check with the department.
13:35:00	lwp11io	how long does it take to upgrade to a phd from mphil?
13:35:35	Postgraduate Recruitment Office- Janine	@lwp11io If you are a full time student, you will usually be expected to upgrade after your first year of study.
13:35:36	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@lwp11io: Usually 1 year after you start.
13:36:10	evi	have u seen any phd students doing a part time phd and keeping a full time job ? is this viable?
13:37:38	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@evi: Some PhD students will take on extra work. Though if you are in receipt of a fully-funded studentship it is taken that you spend the majority of your time on your work.
13:38:51	Postgraduate Recruitment Office- Janine	@evi Most PhD students will usually work part-time and do a part-time PhD in order to allow enough time to study, although it is not completely unheard of to work full time (unfortunately it is a reality for some students). However, the quality of work an
13:39:16	Postgraduate Recruitment Office- Janine	@evi - this might help http://www.shef.ac.uk/ris/pgr/code/fees
13:36:32	sop10kid	Thank you. Yes, I do have more questions. May I please know if prospective supervisors are involved in the decision making process for admissions applications as well as scholarship applications. The question behind that is: is it wise to get my prospective supervisor as my academic referee? or does that force her to inhibit from the decision making process?
13:38:14	Postgraduate Research - Rachel	@sop10kid You're probably best to speak to the department about the best referees to use.

13:38:38	Boba Fett	Which schemes are applied for separately and how I can find out where to apply for them?
13:39:09	Boba Fett	I heard that Ph.D students are limited with jobs as far as teaching. No department will let Ph.D students teach at all during their first year, and from reading some of the posts here it appears that it is an MPhil year. Then I heard that Ph.D students can only teach during the third year. What's the scoop?
13:39:55	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@Boba Fett: That's not entirely true. The Philosophy department, for example, allows first year PhD students to teach.
13:40:14	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@Boba Fett: You'd have to contact each department individually.
13:42:13	Postgraduate Recruitment Office- Janine	@Most students teach from their second year onwards.
13:42:26	Postgraduate Recruitment Office- Janine	*@Boba Fett
13:40:08	Boba Fett	What is a studentship exactly and how is this different from a scholarship?
13:40:32	Postgraduate Research - Rachel	@Boba Fett Generally the two terms are both used for a funded PhD.
13:40:54	Postgraduate Recruitment Office - Jo	@ Everybody. A transcript of this chat will be available to download from tomorrow in case you miss anything.
13:41:02	Postgraduate Recruitment Office- Janine	@Boba Fett The job situation varies vastly from department to department. Usually it is not recommended that students teach during their first year as they are still technically MPhil students, but some still get offered teaching depending on the type of
13:41:08	sop10kid	Thank you, Rachel. Are phd students normally allowed to conduct fieldwork overseas? What about writing the dissertation overseas?
13:42:00	Postgraduate Research - Rachel	@sop10kid If the fieldwork is an essential part of your studies, then yes this is definitely encouraged. As for writing your dissertation you would need to sort this out with your supervisor.
13:42:06	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@sop10kid: There is a process for applying to do fieldwork overseas. Generally, if you are in receipt of funding here, it is expected that you write your dissertation in Sheffield.
13:44:37	sop10kid	Thank you, Rachel and Greg.
13:43:46	evi	when i start the phd with or without funding is there any compulsory training lectures that i will need to attend. how often will i have to meet with my supervisor. can this be done only online or do i have to physically come in to sheffield
13:44:36	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@evi: At Sheffield we have recently introduced a new doctoral development programme - DDP.
13:44:55	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@evi: This means that you are required to take a certain number of modules.
13:45:18	evi	@greg is this also available online to do?

13:45:19	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@evi: It will usually entail taking research methods modules.
13:45:35	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@evi: I would expect the majority would require your attendance.
13:46:29	Postgraduate Recruitment Office- Janine	@evi It depends on your department. Some departments offer Doctoral Development Programme Training for remote students online. Are occasional visits to Sheffield to meet with your supervisor an option for you? Again it's something to discuss with your pro
13:44:42	staceya8	@Greg. Hi, I have recently applied to a similar 1+3 years programme as yourself. I just wondered roughly what sort of qualifications and/or work experience you had when you applied, did you already hold a masters degree?
13:47:10	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@staceya8: Hi there. I did have a masters degree - in Global Social Policy. This isn't a requirement though. You can usually apply for a 1+3 studentship with a good undergraduate degree - i.e. 2:1 or above.
13:47:39	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@staceya8: For a bit of shameless self-promotion, have a look at my research page here - http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/socstudies/postgraduate-research-students/white
13:49:24	staceya8	@Greg: Thanks. Good to see your background to compare to my own, in regards to how I rate my chances of success of getting onto the programme.
13:46:03	Boba Fett	So generally speaking, what possibilities, with regards to teaching, are available for first year Ph.D students (aka, MPhil)? Obviously I see this depends on my department but for the department you are in...is this limited to lab assistants, teaching assistants, or are there oppotunities to teach 1st year undergraduate intro classes?
13:46:12	Postgraduate Recruitment Office - Jo	@Boba Fett Hi Biba
13:46:31	Postgraduate Recruitment Office - Jo	Sorry, see Janine's earlier response:)
13:46:56	sop10kid	Will it be helpful to have a different set of referees for the admissions application and the scholarship application? Or can i have the same 2 people.
13:47:33	Postgraduate Research - Rachel	@sop10kid We automatically use the referees supplied with your admissions application when looking at your scholarship application so it would be the same people.
13:47:44	lwp11io	Are there are provisions for phd distance learning probably for intl students?
13:48:15	Postgraduate Recruitment Office - Jo	@lwp11io You'll need to check with your department on this one. It will depend on a number of things
13:48:48	Boba Fett	I am looking for a "to do" list of sorts, that would detail all of the steps necessary to apply for a Ph.D program and, at minimum, the UoS funding in order, step by step, along with deadline dates. Does this exist so that I know what steps to take and by when?

13:49:30	Postgraduate Research - Rachel	@Boba Fett There is a list at http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/scholarships/process which takes you through the steps of applying for Admission and then for University funding.
13:50:14	sop10kid	If a student has already taken qualitative and quantitative research modules during the MA program. Will he/she be required to take those modules and attend lectures as a phd student?
13:50:41	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@sop10kid: If you can provide evidence that you have already taken these modules then you won't have to repeat them.
13:51:10	Postgraduate Recruitment Office - Jo	@sop10kid Hi, you'll work out what training you need once you've registered. You'll only do what you need to do.
13:51:18	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@sop10kid: The exception is if you have taken these modules in a different department to the one that you're currently in.
13:51:51	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@sop10kid: Sorry, that didn't make sense. The exception is if you have taken these modules in a different department to the one that you're applying to.
13:51:46	Boba Fett	Thanks...further to sop10kid's comment about overseas fieldwork, I am also in that predicament. My Ph.D studies will require quite a bit of overseas fieldwork. Is there any resources available that details the process involved with doing this properly, especially for funded students?
13:52:29	Boba Fett	Where could I physically come in to speak with someone regarding the entire process and to whom would I speak? Is the process done differently by department or is there someone I can speak to, in person?
13:53:33	Postgraduate Recruitment Office - Jo	@Boba Fett - We run regular opportunities for PhD students to come to visit- our Postgraduate Visit Afternoons. You can book online at: www.sheffield.ac.uk/postgraduate , or you can contact the department directly and make your own appointment. It's up to
13:53:38	lwp11io	Please, I will like a detailed summary of the steps to be taken for a phd application. thanks
13:55:26	Postgraduate Research - Rachel	@lwp11io You can find the steps to be taken at http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/apply
13:54:28	Postgraduate Recruitment Office - Jo	@ All- ust to let everybody know, there are around 5 minutes left in the chat. ANYbody else got any burning questions?

13:54:35	Postgraduate Recruitment Office- Janine	@Boba Fett No department would allow their research students going to do research overseas without the appropriate support. If you are funded by an external body, I'm sure they would issue guidelines when you receive your funding to ensure that any overse
13:55:33	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@everyone: Any last minute questions?
13:55:48	sop10kid	Thank you Greg and Jo. Kindly clarify the merging of scholarships into the White Rose DTC means that there is currently no slots for the Faculty Scholarships at the Department of Sociological Studies.
13:56:22	Postgraduate Research - Rachel	@sop10kid I don't have this information to hand, but you can check with the department. Or email pgr-scholarships@sheffield.ac.uk and I will find out for you.
13:57:09	sop10kid	Thank you so much Rachel. Thanks to all the moderators.
13:57:34	Postgraduate Research - Rachel	@sop10kid You're welcome.
13:55:51	zara	@Greg I hold two masters degrees would I be assessed on both degrees grades?
13:56:36	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@zara: Yes. The application would take into account all your degree results.
13:57:12	zara	@ Greg thanks alot
13:57:23	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@zara: Pleasure :)
13:57:38	Postgraduate Recruitment Office - Jo	Thanks everyone. As I said, we'll get the transcript available to download as quickly as possible.
13:57:42	sop10kid	for those asking about overseas fieldwork, here's a link: http://www.shef.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/away
13:57:48	massilia	Thank you very much
13:57:50	zara	Thank you all the team
13:57:52	sop10kid	thanks Greg and Jo
13:57:59	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	@sop10kid: Pleasure.
13:57:59	lwp11io	thanx for all ur assistance
13:58:16	AngelaLavilla	thank you very much for all the information!
13:58:54	Boba Fett	Thank you all for your help and info!
13:59:07	Postgraduate Recruitment Office- Janine	You're welcome!
13:59:08	Sheffield Postgrad - Greg	No worries, good luck everyone in your applications.
13:59:33	Postgraduate Research - Rachel	If anyone has any more funding queries, please email pgr-scholarships@sheffield.ac.uk
14:00:03	Postgraduate Recruitment Office - Jo	Or general queries- email ukrec@sheffield.ac.uk or contact your department directly. Thanks:)