

Research Studentships funded from Research Contracts and Grants, Graduate School Studentships, Glendonbrook Doctoral Fellowships, School Funds and UK Research Councils.

Terms and Conditions

1. Awards of research studentships are made on condition that candidates register as full time research students of the University.
2. Studentships shall be awarded for one year in the first instance and may be renewed, subject to satisfactory progress and performance, for additional periods, normally for up to three years in total. Studentships for EngD programmes will normally be of 4 years duration.
3. The duration of a research studentship will be reduced by a period equal to any previous period of postgraduate training, or of activity equivalent to postgraduate training undertaken by the student. Exceptions are:
 - a) up to one year of any full time study not supported by UK public funds may be disregarded;
 - b) previous postgraduate training may be disregarded when it took the form of taught course necessary to enable the student to carry out research in a field substantially different from that studied for his/her first degree.
 - c) where the training was directly relevant to the attainment of a Masters degree (whatever the source of funding).
4. Awards, allowances and deductions will be reduced pro-rata for any periods of less than twelve months.
5. Should financial support from another source become available for the research studies, the University award must be relinquished in favour of the alternative offer.
6. The awards will normally cover tuition fees and a maintenance payment; however, this shall be subject to tuition fee eligibility criteria and the availability of funding. The value of the awards in each case will be stipulated in the award offer letter.
7. Payment of the award will be made monthly in arrears by direct transfer to personal bank account.
8. The value of award is subject to change without prior notice and normally on an annual basis. No deductions will be made to a student's maintenance allowance in respect of the student's income from other sources, e.g. covenants,

sponsorship, paid work (subject to the provisions made in paragraph 11) or because of the income of their spouse. The value of the allowance will, however, be reduced by the value of any remuneration received under another Studentship

9. Research students may, with the prior agreement of their supervisor(s), take up to eight weeks holiday in each year (pro rata for parts of a year), inclusive of normal public holidays and University closure days. Not more than 4 weeks holiday may be taken at the end of a period of a research studentship.
10. Unless special permission is given by the Dean in consultation with the Pro- Vice-Chancellor (Research), all students must normally live within a fifteen mile radius of the University. The Dean will normally only waive this requirement if he/she is satisfied that adequate supervisory arrangements can be made.
11. Students may undertake teaching, demonstrating and, subject to the approval of their Department and sponsor, other paid work directly related to their training, provided that the total demand made on their time, including time spent in preparation, does not exceed an average of 6 hours per week.
12. Students whose progress or conduct does not satisfy the University and/or sponsor are liable to have their awards terminated. One month's notice of termination will normally be given. Students are asked to give one month's notice if they intend to withdraw from their studentships.
13. These terms and conditions shall apply in conjunction with any additional terms and conditions specified by the sponsoring body and the University Regulations.
14. The arrangements for the ownership and exploitation of Intellectual Property shall be in accordance with Ordinance XXXIX.

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