

Sheffield Hallam PhD Scholarships for UK (Home) Black, Asian and minority ethnic candidates

Sheffield Hallam is committed to addressing barriers to higher education for under-represented groups. To help address the underrepresentation in our postgraduate research student community, we are offering the below scholarships for UK students from Black, Asian and minority ethnic backgrounds:

1. Sheffield Hallam PhD scholarships for Black British researchers
2. Sheffield Hallam Graduate Teaching Assistantship PhD scholarships for Black, Asian and minority ethnic British students.

Equality, diversity and inclusion

These scholarships form part of ongoing activities to increase access, diversity and inclusion among our PGR students. Under the Equality Act 2010, positive action is allowed where the action is a proportionate means of enabling or encouraging participation in an activity by those sharing a protected characteristic where the University reasonably believes that participation in the activity by those people is disproportionately low. Barriers to postgraduate research (PGR) study for UK students of Black, Asian and minority ethnic backgrounds have been [recognised at a sector level](#). These scholarships are intended to offer targeted support to address this underrepresentation and form part of ongoing work including reviewing our PGR admissions practices to ensure longer-term impact.

We are proud to be involved in three collaborative projects which seek to address underrepresentation of UK Black, Asian and minority ethnic students in postgraduate research:

- Yorkshire Consortium for Equity in Doctoral Education ([YCEDE](#))
- Equity in Doctoral Education through Partnership and Innovation ([EDEPI](#))
- Accomplished Study Programme in Research Excellence (ASPIRE)

1. Sheffield Hallam PhD Scholarships for Black British researchers

We are offering up to two PhD scholarships for candidates who have UK (Home) tuition fee status and identify as being from a Black background. The scholarships provide:

- Tuition fees at the Home student rate
- A PhD stipend at the standard Sheffield Hallam PhD stipend rate (this is aligned with the net Real Living Wage and the current rate for academic year 2022/23 is £18,178 per annum)

The scholarships are available in any of the university's research areas for PhDs starting in the 2023/24 academic year and are funded for three and a half years of full-time study or six years of part-time study (part-time paid at 50%).

The deadline for applications is **12.00 midday on Friday 12 May**.

Eligibility

These scholarships are open to candidates who have UK (Home) fee status and identify as being from a Black ethnic background.

Entry requirements will be listed on the relevant course entry on our [online prospectus](#).

For an explanation of fee status rules see the UK Council for International Students' [HE fee status guide](#)

How to apply

The deadline for applications is **12.00 midday on Friday 12 May**.

Please note we are unable to accept applications received after this deadline.

1: Explore our research areas and staff research interests.

More information on our research areas and academic staff is available on our [research centres and departments](#) pages. Each research centre or department has a staff profiles page where you can find out more about the research interests of staff members. You can also search the [Sheffield Hallam Research Archive](#) to find staff who are publishing in the research area you are interested in.

2: Contact a potential supervisor

If you are confident that you have identified a potential supervisor who has research expertise in the relevant area, you can contact them by email. Your email should give an overview of your level of study and experience, your research interests and why you would like to study for a PhD with the member of staff. You should also say that you are interested in applying for these scholarships. If you are not sure of the right person to contact, email the [Postgraduate Research Tutor](#) for your research area who will help with your enquiry. Please don't e-mail multiple staff members at the same time to find a potential supervisor; it is worth taking the time to ensure your enquiry relates to the staff member's research expertise. Once you have identified a potential and willing supervisor, you can work with them to refine your research proposal.

3. Prepare your research proposal

Once you have discussed your research idea you should prepare a clear, detailed research proposal. You will submit your research proposal as part of your application.

You will need to evidence that you have an aptitude for doctoral level research, and that you can communicate your research ideas clearly and concisely.

Proposals should be up to 1500 words long, and should include

- an outline of the proposed research and the central questions, problems or hypothesis that you plan to address
- the current knowledge and context, referencing key background literature
- proposed methodology or approach, if known
- the potential significance or impact of the research
- the name of the potential supervisor you have identified

4: Complete your application

You should apply via the online application form for your chosen course, start date and mode of study. The application form can be accessed via the relevant course page on our [online prospectus](#).

Please [contact](#) the relevant Research Institute PGR team if you are not sure which course you need.

In the personal statement field of your application, you must clearly state that you are applying for a Sheffield Hallam PhD Scholarship for Black British researchers .

To consider your application, we will need:

- a completed application form
- a research proposal
- two academic references
- copies of qualifications, certificates and/or results transcripts
- proof of English language ability, where English is not your first language

What happens next

Your application will be reviewed by a member of the doctoral admissions team in the relevant area. You will be assessed on your readiness for research study, the quality and feasibility of your research proposal, the fit with our research areas, and our supervisory capacity and expertise in your area of study.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to interview by the relevant Research Institute doctoral admissions team. Interviews will take place either in person or online and will generally consist of a short presentation on your research proposal and questions from the interview.

Following interview, each Research Institute will nominate up to 2 applicants for the scholarship awards. These nominations will be reviewed by a central panel and the scholarships offered to the applicants who the panel feels have the strongest potential to succeed as postgraduate researchers .

Interview dates will be communicated to shortlisted candidates.

2. Sheffield Hallam Graduate Teaching Assistantship (GTA) PhD scholarships for Black, Asian and minority ethnic British students

Up to two GTA PhD scholarships are available for Home students from a Black, Asian or minority ethnic background.

GTA scholarships are designed to develop the next generation of academics, providing structured opportunities for development and experience in learning, teaching and assessment. As part of their academic development, GTA scholarship holders will receive training in teaching and learning and will undertake up to 180 hours' teaching-related activity per academic year. This activity forms part of the scholarship holder's training and there is no additional payment for it.

Eligibility

These scholarships are open to candidates who have UK (Home) fee status and identify as being from a Black, Asian or minority ethnic background.

Entry requirements will be listed on the relevant course entry on our [online prospectus](#).

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How to apply

These opportunities are offered as part of the Research Institute GTA scholarships and are available in:

- Culture and Creativity Research Institute: Search PhD opportunities in (i) Communication Media and Film Studies; (ii) Art, Media Arts and Design; (iii) English, History and Performance
- Social and Economic Research Institute: Search PhD Opportunities in (i) Sheffield Business School; (ii) Law & Criminology; (iii) Natural and Built Environment; (iv) Sheffield Institute of Education; (v) Centre for Regional Economic and Social Research
- Industry and Innovation Research Institute: Search PhD opportunities in (i) Computing and Informatics; (ii) Materials and Engineering Research Institute (MERI), Engineering and Maths; (iii) National Centre of Excellence for Food Engineering (NCEFE)

Please see the GTA advert for the relevant Research Institute for information on how to apply and key dates. These adverts will be listed on [our website](#).

Please note that in the personal statement field of your application, you must clearly state that you would like to be considered for a GTA PhD scholarship for Black, Asian and minority ethnic British students.

Applicants who are not successful for one of the GTA PhD scholarships for Black, Asian and minority ethnic British students will be considered in the main GTA scholarships competition.

If you have any questions about the availability of these opportunities, please [contact the relevant Research Institute](#).

Other scholarship opportunities

Other PhD scholarship opportunities are offered by Sheffield Hallam and these will be advertised on [our website](#).