

## **Sheffield Hallam Opportunity PhD Scholarships: Graduate Teaching Assistantship (GTA) PhD scholarships for Black, Asian and minority ethnic British students**

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 ethnically minoritised backgrounds:

1. Sheffield Hallam Graduate Teaching Assistantship (GTA) PhD scholarships for Black, Asian and minority ethnic British students
2. Sheffield Hallam PhD scholarship for Black British students – please see separate advert

We are proud to be involved in three collaborative projects which seek to address underrepresentation of ethnically minoritised 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](#))

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

Up to three 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. See the [Overview of the Graduate Teaching Assistant scheme for applicants](#) for more information.

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

Entry requirements for the research area will be listed on the relevant GTA scholarships advert or course entry on our [online prospectus](#).

Further information on Sheffield Hallam University PhD/GTA scholarships is provided in the [Conditions of Award](#) document.

## How to apply

These opportunities are offered as part of the Research Institute GTA scholarships and are available in the areas indicated below. For 2024 entry, we are offering up to:

- 1 Opportunity Scholarship in arts and social sciences research areas (excluding Sheffield Business School) – this will be in either our [Culture and Creativity Research Institute](#) or our [Social and Economic Research Institute](#)
- 1 Opportunity Scholarship in Sheffield Business School research areas – this will be in our [Social and Economic Research Institute](#)
- 1 Opportunity Scholarship in biomolecular sciences, engineering, materials, computing and maths research areas – this will be in our [Industry and Innovation Research Institute](#)

Applicants should apply for a GTA scholarship as advertised by the relevant Research Institute and indicate in their application that they would like to be considered for an Opportunity GTA Scholarship. Note that each Research Institute operates different timescales for advertising their GTA scholarships and different deadlines for application. Please see the relevant Research Institute's advert for information on how to apply and key dates. These adverts will also be listed on [our website](#).

### Culture and Creativity Research Institute

Search PhD opportunities in:

- (i) [Communication Media and Film Studies](#)
- (ii) [Art, Media Arts and Design](#)
- (iii) [English, Performance and Creative Writing, and History](#)

### Social and Economic Research Institute

Search PhD Opportunities in:

- (i) [Law & Criminology](#)
- (ii) [Natural and Built Environment](#)
- (iii) [Sheffield Institute of Education](#)
- (iv) [Centre for Regional Economic and Social Research](#)
- (v) Sheffield Business School – [PhD Sheffield Business School \(Management, Finance, Service Sector\)](#)

### Industry and Innovation Research Institute

Search [PhD project 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)
- (iv) Biomolecular sciences

**In the personal statement field of your application, you must clearly state that you would like to be considered for a GTA Opportunity scholarship.**

You should use the Personal Statement section of the application form to demonstrate your aptitude for postgraduate research. You should consult the relevant Research Institute information for any specific requirements on what to include in your personal statement. If you are unsure, please [contact](#) the relevant Research Institute for advice.

Where possible, applicants who are not successful for one of the GTA Opportunity scholarships will be considered in the Institute's main GTA scholarships competition.

If you have any questions about the availability of scholarships, 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](#) when available.

### **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.