Sheffield Business School Research Graduate Teaching Assistant PhD Scholarships

College of Business Technology and Engineering

Duration: 3.5 years  
Bursary £15,609 per annum+ home fees

Closing date for applications: **12 noon Thursday 4th November 2021**

Applications are invited for Graduate Teaching Assistant PhD scholarships in SBS commencing 1st February 2022.

The studentship is for a period of three and a half years full time, subject to satisfactory progress. Part time applications are also welcome. Attendance at the university is a requirement subject to government guidance during the pandemic.

GTA scholarships provide an opportunity to combine PhD study with professional development to gain practical experience in learning, teaching and assessment in Higher Education. Scholarship holders will be expected to contribute to the resourcing of the student experience, either through teaching or some other form of student support. This forms part of the terms and conditions of the bursary and there is no additional payment for it. Currently enrolled students are not eligible to apply.

Applicants should hold a 1st or 2.1 honours and a Masters degree in a relevant subject area would be an advantage.

We are particularly interested in supervising projects in the following areas, and preference will be given to applicants with an interest in developing research in one of these areas:

1. **Social control and co-ordination within international joint ventures: antecedents, mechanisms and outcomes**

This contemporary and exciting project investigates the nature and role of social control within international joint ventures. While considerable research has been devoted to the governance of IJVs and alliances, most empirical research has focused on formal mechanisms such as equity share and contracts. Yet IJV managers constantly rely on social or informal mechanisms (e.g. inter-personal relationships) for effective control and co-ordination which complement or substitute formal mechanisms. In this project, you will work with established scholars and practitioners to explore the context, mechanisms, and outcomes of social control within IJVs. This project opens-up new ground in IJV governance scholarship, especially within the understudied area of IJV co-ordination.

Please contact potential supervisors: Dr Martin Owen [m.owen@shu.ac.uk](mailto:m.owen@shu.ac.uk), Dr Khaled Kesseba [khaled.kesseba@shu.ac.uk](mailto:khaled.kesseba@shu.ac.uk), Dr Fariba Darabi [f.darabi@shu.ac.uk](mailto:f.darabi@shu.ac.uk)

1. **Developing Resilience in Global Supply Chain Management: During and after a Crisis**

Global supply chain strategy is one of the key competitive strategies for companies operating in manufacturing or the service sector globally. Research has shown that the global nature of supply chains can create complexity and uncertainty in the delivery of products or services to customers. However how a global supply chain is managed during a crisis and in a post-crisis situation for example COVID-19 is under researched. This research project aims to investigate what global supply chain challenges are caused by a crisis, how have they been dealt with, and how companies bounce back and develop resilience in their global supply chain during a crisis, and in a post-crisis situation.

Please contact potential supervisors: Dr Fariba Darabi [f.darabi@shu.ac.uk](mailto:f.darabi@shu.ac.uk) , Dr Khaled Kesseba  [khaled.kesseba@shu.ac.uk](mailto:khaled.kesseba@shu.ac.uk)

1. **Outward foreign direct investment (OFDI) from emerging markets, the determinants and impact**

We welcome research proposals addressing either determinants or impact theme, 1). to examine the economic and institutional factors that determine market and nonmarket strategies of emerging market multinational enterprises (EMNEs) in their locational/entry mode choices and overseas operations;  Or 2). to investigate the economic and social impact of EMNEs on host countries’ internationalisation process

Please contact Prof Lucy Zheng [lz8198@exchange.shu.ac.uk](mailto:lz8198@exchange.shu.ac.uk)

1. **Entrepreneurial Start-up and Resilience**

In responding to the exogenous shocks and survival, entrepreneurial start-ups should develop firm-specific capabilities/strategies to build resilience – is a growing research agenda. This research project aims to proffer the configurational/causal combinations to answer how and under what contingencies start-ups can secure the survival and growth continuum during the crisis.

Please contact Dr Imtiaz Mostafiz [im6398@exchange.shu.ac.uk](mailto:im6398@exchange.shu.ac.uk)

We strongly recommend that you contact a prospective supervisor to discuss your research ideas before submitting an application.

For general academic enquiries or advice please contact:

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For general information about research degrees, visit the Research website

<https://www.shu.ac.uk/research/degrees>. For information on the Sheffield Business School visit the website: <https://www.shu.ac.uk/about-us/academic-departments/sheffield-business-school>

**International applicants**

The bursary will cover home fees. If you are required to pay tuition fees at the international rate you will be expected to fund the difference between the home and international fees. **The current difference in fees for 2021/22 is £9960 per annum.**

For more information visit: <https://www.shu.ac.uk/international/fees-scholarships-and-discounts/tuition-fees>.

We also have a mandatory English language requirement of IELTs 7, or equivalent language qualification. This qualification should have been taken within the last two years, with a score of at least 6.5 in all test areas.

**Applying for a Studentship**

For more information about how to apply and an application form please visit [https://www.shu.ac.uk/research/degrees/apply](https://www.findaphd.com/common/clickCount.aspx?theid=4989&type=186&DID=0&url=https%3a%2f%2fwww.shu.ac.uk%2fresearch%2fdegrees%2fapply)

**Guidance on completion of your research proposal:** You will need to submit a research proposal outlining the central questions, current knowledge on your topic and context for the enquiry.

In the subject field of your e-mail, please write ‘SBS DOM Studentship Application' and e-mail your completed application form and research proposal to [social-economic-pgr@shu.ac.uk](mailto:social-economic-pgr@shu.ac.uk)

**Closing date for applications: 12 noon Thursday 4th November 2021. Late applications will not be accepted.**

Please note, we require your application pack to include 2 academic references at the time of submission.

**Selection process**

The selection event will consist of an interview and ten minute presentation, which will provisionally take place on 18th or 19th November 2022.