

# NTU DOCTORAL SCHOOL

NOTTINGHAM TRENT UNIVERSITY 

*"Creating future innovators and impact for education, industry,  
the professions and society"*

## 5 FULLY FUNDED PHD STUDENTSHIPS

As part of our new Strategic Plan (2015-2020), we are committed to expanding our research excellence, and nurturing the next generation of researchers. We recognise the essential contribution that our postgraduate community can make in the pursuit of research excellence and impact.

As part of our continued pledge to invest in research excellence, we are delighted to offer 6 fully funded PhD studentships for 2017 entry.

The NTU Doctoral School, in addressing its mission statement: *"Creating future innovators and impact for education, industry, the professions and society;"* also provides support for our research students in areas beyond the immediate focus of their research project, with students participating in our **"DoctoratePlus Programme"**.

The DoctoratePlus Programme not only provides guidance and support for our PhD students through the administrative path of their degrees, but also offers appropriate developmental opportunities through the NTU Researcher Development Gateway. This allows our postgraduate research students the freedom to personalise their approach to training and development, through discussion and agreement with their supervisory teams.

### AWARD

This studentship competition is open to applicants who wish to study for a PhD on a full-time basis only. The studentship will pay UK/EU fees (currently set at £4,121 for 2016/17 and are revised annually) and provide a maintenance stipend linked to the RCUK rate (this is revised annually and is currently £14,296 for academic year 2016/17) for up to three years\*. The studentships will be expected to commence in 2017.

We are also introducing a unique opportunity for exceptional PhD recruits to become a Vice-Chancellor's Scholar. Begin your independent research career with a one-year follow-on position as a full-time research Associate at NTU.

### HOW TO APPLY

For further details please see the web site here:

[http://www4.ntu.ac.uk/research/ntu\\_doctoral\\_school/studentships/index.html](http://www4.ntu.ac.uk/research/ntu_doctoral_school/studentships/index.html)

You can obtain an application form, notes for completion and guidance from our webpages [here](#)

\*Applications from non-EU students are welcome, but a successful non-EU candidate would be responsible for paying the difference between non-EU and UK/EU fees. (Fees for 2016/17 are £12,600 for non-EU students and £4,121 for UK/EU students)

### ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to apply, you must hold (or expect to obtain by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017) a Masters qualification or a 1<sup>st</sup> Class/2.1 Bachelor's degree in a relevant subject area (including, where appropriate, training in the relevant research methods and, where relevant, laboratory experience). For applicants holding a 2.2 at Bachelor's degree this must be supported by a Masters at "Merit" level as an additional qualification.

Please note that these studentships are only available for new applicants. Existing PhD students are not eligible to apply.

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Applications can be accepted from UK/EU and International students. The minimum English language proficiency requirement for candidates who have not undertaken a higher degree at a UK HE institution is IELTS 6.5 (with a minimum of 6.0 in all skills).

## HOW TO APPLY

To apply for a studentship, you should submit:

1. a fully completed application form (please ensure you read the guidance notes that accompany the form)
2. copies of your academic certificates
3. copies of your English Language Proficiency certificates (if applicable)
4. a copy of your CV.
5. **You must make it clear on your application form which project title you are applying for.**

All documents should be submitted electronically to [doctoralschool@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:doctoralschool@ntu.ac.uk)

The **closing date** for receipt of completed application forms is **5pm (UK time) on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017 for the projects with Dr Montiel-Duarte, Professor Rutella and Professor Liang; and 5pm on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 for the projects with Dr Kirkham and Professor Evans.** These deadlines will be strictly adhered to. Application by CV only or incomplete applications will **not** be accepted.

Interviews will be held during April 2017

Please do not hesitate to contact the NTU Doctoral School at [doctoralschool@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:doctoralschool@ntu.ac.uk) if you have any further queries.

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## BY WHAT CRITERIA WILL APPLICATIONS BE JUDGED?

The following criteria will be used to judge applications and rank candidates:

- The previous academic and career achievements of the applicant
- The applicant's potential for undertaking a successful PhD project, as demonstrated by the information provided on the application form and/or outline of your proposed research project (where proposed by the candidate)
- If proposing your own project, the extent to which the project fits within one of the priority areas listed above
- The degree of fit with the research interests of the proposed supervisor(s)

In assessing your previous academic and career achievements, we will consider the following factors:

- Whether you hold, or expect to obtain by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017, a Masters degree, or a 1<sup>st</sup>Class/2.1 Bachelors degree in a relevant subject (including, where appropriate, training in the relevant research methods)
- For applicants holding a 2.2 at Bachelor's degree this must be supported by a Masters at "Merit" level as an additional qualification.
- Relevant work experience (especially, in a research, policy, professional or managerial role in a field directly relevant to your research proposal)