

## 2019 Nottingham Trent University PhD Studentship Scheme

NTU recognises that PhD research students make an essential contribution to our vibrant and high-quality research culture. They underpin our externally credible research environment and play an important role in the delivery of outputs and real world impact. We are now offering over 50 fully-funded PhD studentships for UK, EU or international students in our core subject areas or key research themes.

### Nature of the 2019 Nottingham Trent University (NTU) PhD Studentship Scheme

The PhD Studentship funding will be awarded to academically outstanding candidates who meet our eligibility criteria, who are successful at interview, and whose application is deemed high quality and is highly ranked by the selection panel.

The PhD Studentship will cover:

- Tuition fees (Home/EU or International depending on your fee status) for Years 1-3 of your MPhil/PhD study at Nottingham Trent University.
- A stipend to be paid in monthly arrears in Years 1-3 of your MPhil/PhD study at Nottingham Trent University in line with UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) minimum rates. You can find further information on UKRI rates at [mrc.ukri.org/skills-careers/studentships/studentship-guidance/minimum-stipend-and-allowances/](https://mrc.ukri.org/skills-careers/studentships/studentship-guidance/minimum-stipend-and-allowances/)

### Eligibility criteria

To be eligible to apply to the 2019 Nottingham Trent University PhD Studentship Scheme you will need to meet all of the following criteria :

- Your qualifications must meet or exceed the specific Nottingham Trent University qualifications entry criteria for MPhil/PhD study which can be found in paragraph 5.1 of the Nottingham Trent Quality Handbook Part C Section 11 (Research) using the following link to our website: [www.ntu.ac.uk/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0014/204305/section-11-quality-handbook.pdf](http://www.ntu.ac.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0014/204305/section-11-quality-handbook.pdf).
- You must submit a full and complete application to the NTU Doctoral School [doctoralschool@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:doctoralschool@ntu.ac.uk) by no later than 5pm on 25 February 2019.
- You must be available to begin full-time on-site study at Nottingham Trent University either on our 1 October 2019 entry date or on our 5 January 2020 (with first day of attendance on 6 January 2020) entry date.

Please note that the 2019 Nottingham Trent University PhD Studentship Scheme is not available to:

- Existing doctoral level students and applicants who already hold a doctoral degree, who will not be eligible for PhD Studentship funding under this scheme.
- Applicants wishing to study part-time, who will not be eligible for PhD Studentship funding under this scheme.

### How to apply

1. Visit [www.ntu.ac.uk/research/research-degrees-at-ntu/how-to-apply](http://www.ntu.ac.uk/research/research-degrees-at-ntu/how-to-apply) to download an NTU Research Degree Application Form (which must be completed in addition to this form) and the guidance notes for completing the form and your application.
2. Read and understand the application guidance notes. These include eligibility criteria, entry requirements, subject areas, stipend rates and instructions how to complete the application.
3. Apply for a place at Nottingham Trent University:

Complete the NTU Research Degree Application Form with all your personal details and information on your qualifications, employment and any research training or experience you have.

Please provide any relevant certificates, transcripts (translated into English if applicable) as part of the application. (Please note: If you have not finished your current course, please indicate this clearly on your application form)

Research Proposal: You will need to produce a 1,000 – 2,000 word statement with your application (but see advice below on the alternative form required for the Research Proposal if you are applying for the School of Science and Technology).

This statement must clearly describe:

- the subject you wish to research, and;
- the research question(s) you wish to investigate, and;
- why it interests you, and;
- how you propose to research it, and;
- how your proposed project relates to other work in the field, and;
- how you think your project might contribute to understanding of your subject.

You also need to include an outline timetable and a bibliography.

If you are applying to the School of Science and Technology, your Research Proposal needs instead to be a short statement – no more than one side of A4 – with your application. This statement must identify:

- the research area or topic that you wish to study, and;
- identify a potential supervisor at NTU that you would like to work with – if you have one in mind.

Final agreement on your research project will be reached before we can make any offer of a place at NTU.

Provide the names of two academic referees. For example, these could be tutors who have taught you during your undergraduate or Master's degree (but not any of your proposed supervisors).

4. Complete the 2019 NTU PhD Studentship Funding Application Form. In addition to following the steps above to apply for a place on the PhD programme, you will need to complete our supplementary PhD Studentship form if you wish to apply for funding from the 2019 Nottingham Trent University PhD Studentship Scheme. This supplementary form will be used as part of our selection process. This supplementary form outlines your proposed subject area, supervisory team, if a potential supervisor has been contacted, and a brief summary of your research proposal and experience.

#### **What is a completed application?**

All complete applications must contain the following:

- Completed NTU Research Degree Application Form, and;
- Research Proposal, and;
- Certificates and transcripts (including English translation where necessary), and;
- Names of two academic referees, and;
- Completed 2019 NTU PhD Studentship Funding Application Form, and;
- If applicable, evidence of meeting our English Language Requirements (IELTS), or details of the steps that you will be taking to meet this condition.

#### **Application deadline**

Applications for the 2019 Nottingham Trent University PhD Studentship Scheme must be submitted to the NTU Doctoral School by **no later than 5pm (GMT) on 25 February 2019**. Please submit your complete application to [doctoralschool@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:doctoralschool@ntu.ac.uk)

Interviews are expected to take place in the period from Monday 1 April to Friday 12 April.

We expect to inform successful candidates about the funding decision during the week commencing 6 May 2019.

# 2019 Nottingham Trent University PhD Studentship application form

Please complete and submit this form together with your Nottingham Trent University research degree application no later than 5 pm on 25 February 2019.

Please note that all candidates must clearly meet the NTU entry criteria for MPhil/PhD study (first or upper second class honours degree of a UK university or an equivalent qualification, or a lower second class honours degree with a master's degree at Merit level of a UK university or an equivalent qualification). Please ensure that you have reviewed the Terms and Conditions for the 2019 NTU studentship competition before submitting this form. You can find the Terms and Conditions at the bottom of this form.

Application Ref No: (Internal use only)

## Section 1: Application

1a. Please indicate the name(s) of your proposed supervisor(s):

1b. Subject area of PhD (please see **the website** for further information on our subject areas: [www.ntu.ac.uk/research/subject-areas](http://www.ntu.ac.uk/research/subject-areas))

1c. Please indicate if your proposed subject falls into one of the cross-disciplinary NTU research themes if applicable (please see **the website** for further information on our research themes: [www.ntu.ac.uk/research/research-themes](http://www.ntu.ac.uk/research/research-themes))

## Section 2: Personal details

Please complete (section 2) in **BLOCK CAPITALS**

Title / First names:

Surname:

Address:

Email:

Nationality:

## Section 3: Research project

Summary of proposed project and experience: please summarise your proposed research topic in the form of a brief abstract (maximum 300 words) and explain how your previous experience has prepared you to successfully deliver this project (maximum 200 words)

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### Section 3: Research project (continued)

### Section 4: Declaration

I confirm that the information I have provided in this form is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge at this date. I fully understand that it is my responsibility to ensure that all parts of my application are submitted in due time and that any missing information may render my application incomplete and ineligible.

Applicant signature:

Name:

Date:

### General Data Protection Regulation 2016 and Data Protection Act 2018

By submitting this studentship application form you are consenting to Nottingham Trent University using the information you have provided to enable us to consider your application for the 2019 NTU studentship competition in association with your MPhil/PhD research degree application. Please see our Admissions Privacy Notice ([www.ntu.ac.uk/i/gdpr/admissions-privacy-notice](http://www.ntu.ac.uk/i/gdpr/admissions-privacy-notice)) which sets out how we use your personal data.

### Terms and Conditions

2019 Nottingham Trent University PhD Studentship Scheme terms and conditions:

1. Applicants are only allowed to apply once, and only for one proposed project, to the 2019 NTU PhD Studentship Scheme.
2. The PhD Studentship funding is available to applicants who meet or exceed specific Nottingham Trent University qualifications entry criteria for MPhil/PhD study which can be found in paragraph 5.1 of the Nottingham Trent Quality Handbook Part C Section 11 (Research) using the following link to our website: [www.ntu.ac.uk/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0014/204305/section-11-quality-handbook.pdf](http://www.ntu.ac.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0014/204305/section-11-quality-handbook.pdf)
3. Only full and complete eligible applications, submitted by no later than 5pm (GMT) on 25 February 2019 to the NTU Doctoral School, will be eligible to enter the competitive scheme for PhD Studentship funding.
4. Existing doctoral level students and applicants who already hold a doctoral degree will not be eligible for PhD Studentship funding under this scheme.
5. Only full and complete eligible applications will be considered.
6. The 2019 Nottingham Trent University PhD Studentship Scheme is selective and competitive. The final selection is based on the quality of the application (including research proposal), successful interview, and the relative ranking of the application in relation to the amount of funding available for the scheme. We expect to receive more applications than the funding available.
7. Nottingham Trent University reserves the right to revoke the PhD Studentship funding, and terminate the studies of the applicant, if it was awarded on the basis of information which turned out to be false or materially incorrect at the time of assessment.
8. The final funding award decisions for this PhD Studentship scheme will be made by the Nottingham Trent University Deputy Vice-Chancellor - Research and Innovation. These decisions are final. There is no right of appeal for these funding decisions.