

Doctoral Study at SEERC: Kosovo scholarships 2011

1. The PhD programme

The PhD programme is run jointly by the University of Sheffield and CITY College under a joint supervision scheme. The programme is hosted by the South East European Research Centre (SEERC), a Research Centre of the University of Sheffield and CITY College based in Thessaloniki, Greece.

At SEERC there are currently two possibilities for a PhD degree:

A) Full Time programme. The duration is 3 years (with a 4th year available for writing up the thesis) and it requires full time commitment on the part of the PhD student, which means that one would have to be physically present at SEERC premises located in Thessaloniki.

B) Part Time programme, with duration 6 years (with 2 years available for writing up). To be eligible for a part-time PhD the candidate should be able to prove significant experience in the selected field. In this case, the PhD student has the obligation for a minimum of four visits to Thessaloniki annually for supervision purposes (both with the CITY and Sheffield supervisor). All other communication with supervisors occurs via e-mail and telephone.

Students applying for full-time positions on the programme must have an excellent academic record and should normally possess a Master's Degree.

Part-time students are expected to be mid-career professionals with strong educational and professional backgrounds and normally in possession of a Master's degree. Applicants for part time positions must submit proposals that demonstrate a clear linkage between their current work and their PhD topic.

2. Kosovo PhD scholarships

The scholarships will be awarded to qualified students, for Part-time (1 scholarship) or Full-time studies (2 scholarships). The scholarships cover the fees which for 2010-2011 are set for Full-time study at GBP7300 and for part-time study at GBP 3650 (annually).

3. Submission of a proposal

Proposals are accepted in the following broad areas:

- Enterprise, Innovation and Development (including business and economics)
- Information and Communication Technologies
- Society and Human Development: Psychology, Politics, Sociology and
- Education

PhD candidates need to initially submit an Application Pack which consists of: the [Application Form](#) (see also the [Guidance Notes](#)), **an Initial Research Proposal** on the topic of their preference and detailed **CV** along with the following supporting documents:

- Two reference letters
- English Language Qualifications,
- Copies of degrees.

The **Initial Research Proposal** should be typed, the length should be about 500 – 750 words (2 to 3 pages) and contain the following:

- a) Title of the proposed thesis
- b) Proposed mode of work (Full time or Part time)
- c) Background to research topic
- d) Specific problem(s) to be examined
- e) Methods of research proposal

- f) The proposal should include correct citations to the literature.

4. English Language Requirements

For Research proposals on Management see the English language requirements of Management School at The University of Sheffield:

<http://www.shef.ac.uk/management/researchstudies/entry.html>.

For all other Research Proposals:

A good command of the English language is essential for postgraduate study. If English is not your first language, you must provide evidence of your language ability. In all cases the English language test should have been taken within the preceding two years. Our standard English requirement is a minimum IELTS 6.5 (with no less than 6 in each part) – or equivalent.

5. Selection procedure.

After the submission of the initial research proposals, students might be requested to present their proposal in an interview in front of the scholarship selection panel. The scholarships will be awarded based on an evaluation of their academic credentials, the merit of their proposal and the alignment of the proposal with SEERC's strategy and research interests.

6. Time – plan

Submission of Application Pack	May 30, 2011
Interviews (potential)	June 13 – 24, 2011
Notification of scholarship award	July 15
Starting date	October 2011