

ESRC Studentships at the Department of Sociology, University of Aberdeen.

The Department of Sociology at the University of Aberdeen invites applications from prospective PhD students for ESRC Doctoral Training Centre (DTC) studentships. The department is a member of the Scottish Doctoral Training Centre.

Sociology at Aberdeen is a vibrant, flourishing department, with internationally-recognised experts in a broad range of sociological specialisms. Key areas of expertise include:

Political Sociology
Religion
European societies
Peace and reconciliation.
Gender
Globalization
Sociology of Scotland
Social inequalities
Sociology of art and culture

The department is located within the School of Social Sciences, which promotes synergies between sociology and anthropology, politics and international relations. The School offers a friendly and supportive scholarly environment which allows PhD students to carry out their researches to the very best of their abilities.

The department enjoys international recognition for its research. In the most recent (2008) UK government Research Assessment Exercise, the majority of research submitted by the department of Sociology was recognised as 'world leading' and 'internationally excellent'.

For further information on the department, see <http://www.abdn.ac.uk/sociology/>

We offer excellent research training through our recognised Masters programmes, which equip students with a wide range of research skills, both methodological and theoretical, as pathways to advanced postgraduate study. The acquisition of these skills allows students to progress onto successful PhD studies, as well as into a diverse set of extra-academic careers.

Studentships are available for 1+3 (Masters and PhD) and +3 (PhD only) programmes of study. In both cases, applicants should have a First Class or Upper Second undergraduate degree in sociology or a related subject. For +3 study, applicants should also have a Masters (UK level 5) degree in sociology or a related subject, which has equipped them with the research skills necessary for undertaking PhD research.

Studentships are open to UK nationals and those UK residents who meet certain residence requirements (fees plus maintenance), and EU nationals (fees only).

Applicants should contact the department's PG officer - and potential supervisors, if you already have a particular supervisor in mind - to discuss their application well in

advance of the submission date. PG officer contact is Andrew McKinnon:
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Finalised applications must be submitted by **31st March 2012**.