



BHF 4 year PhD Studentships

We invite applications from universities in the UK for 4 year PhD studentship programmes in cardiovascular research. This is additional to our existing individual 3 year PhD studentships which will continue.

Awards will allow universities to recruit up to 4 students per year for 4 years into the programme, with the first intake being in Autumn 2017. Only one application per university can be submitted.

Applicants will have to demonstrate that they either already have in place, or can put in place, the resources to run the programme. The first year of study will include generic and specialist training courses and a series of practical projects before the students move on to a 3 year project.

After award, students at successful universities must be approved individually by us before entry into the programme. Final 3 year project outlines must be submitted within 12 months of the start of the programme to be approved by the Fellowships Committee.

We will pay a student stipend at the standard BHF rate, university PhD tuition fees (at the home rate only), and consumable costs of £8,000 in year 1 and £14,000 per year thereafter.

Preparing your Application

Ensure you have read our Standard Conditions of Grant at www.bhf.org.uk/research/research-grants/how-to-apply. Include the following information in the order listed using typeface not smaller than 12 points.

- The name, address, telephone number and email address of the intended co-ordinator of the 4 year PhD programme, who will be our point of contact.
- Why the university wishes to have 4 year PhD students, what structure it proposes for the 4 year training period (in particular the arrangements and content of year 1, including a brief description of how and when the centre intends to match students to their final 3 year project), how many (maximum and minimum) students it would wish to admit annually, and a note of how many current 4 year students there are. [2 pages max]
- A brief statement of the university's organisation, research strengths and strategy, including distinctive research skills or technologies that students could experience. Interdisciplinary research programmes are encouraged. [2 pages max]

- A list of all potential principal supervisors with a one line description of their research field, a concise summary of their current research group size and funding, a list of their last 5 publications, the names of PhD students they have supervised in the last 5 years, with times to completion, reasons for any non-completion, and a summary of the career progress of students who completed their PhDs in the last 5 years.
- The total number of graduate research students (MSc, MD, PhD) training within the research centre, how progression of the students is formally monitored and details of any generic or specific training courses taken, together with an evaluation of how these will relate to the training of students in the proposed 4 year programme. [2 pages max]
- A signed letter from the appropriate senior faculty member confirming that the university will be willing to administer the scheme, including a statement of resources the university will provide.

Number the pages and photocopy double sided. Staple each copy in the top, left-hand corner without covers or binding.

What to submit

Submit 1 printed copy (including the signed original) and an electronic copy (as a single collated file) to Claire Lazare at the address below.

Application deadline

Applications must be submitted by 12 noon on 31 March 2016. Applicants will be informed of the outcome in July.

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