Hertfordshire Law School PhD Scholarship Award (UK/EU)
Deadline for applications: 23:59 pm, 15th January 2018

The Hertfordshire Law School is advertising three PhD fully funded scholarships, to be awarded to exceptional doctoral students across a comprehensive range of research areas. The three years’ full-time scholarships are now available to candidates commencing 1st June 2018. They provide a substantial stipend matching the research council rate of £14,553 and include the cost of tuition fees (UK/EU rate).

Project start date
1st June 2018

Application closing date
23:59 pm, 15th January 2018

Award amount
The scholarship is for a generous stipend matching the Research Council rate of £14,553 and includes the cost of tuition fees (Home/EU rate). The duration of the scholarship is three years full-time. Note that in terms of eligibility because of the timeframe of this scholarship, as well as visa application requirements, these awards are only open to Home and EU students.

Funding source
The University of Hertfordshire (UH) is based in Hatfield only a short (22 minute) train journey away from central London. According to the UK-wide Research Excellence Framework 2014 over 90% of the submitted research at the UH was judged to be of international quality. Legal research is an essential component of academic work within the Hertfordshire Law School. The School is involved in Collaborative Research Projects with national and international partners, building on the wealth of experience and international relationships of our highly qualified team of academics, which includes researchers from across the world.

Details
Applications are invited for three PhD scholarships from suitably qualified and highly motivated individuals to undertake a Research Degree at the Hertfordshire Law School. The School is keen to encourage applications within its stimulating areas of research expertise, i.e.

- Intellectual Property/Information Technology
- Environmental/Energy/Natural Resources
Crime/Criminology/Human rights

Applications linked to the School’s research groups are especially welcome: the Hertfordshire Group for IP, Development and Digital Economy Law as well as the Security and Governance Group. Successful candidates must commence in June 2018. The scholarship is awarded for one year in the first instance and will be extended annually for a second and then third year, subject to verifiable and satisfactory progress.

**How to apply**

To help you with the preparation and submission of your application please follow the following procedure:

1. Find and contact a potential supervisor: Visit [http://www.herts.ac.uk/research/centres-and-groups/law](http://www.herts.ac.uk/research/centres-and-groups/law) to identify a relevant supervisor and ask them about the feasibility of your research project, before submitting the application. If you find it difficult to identify a potential supervisor, please contact the School’s Research Degrees Admissions Tutor Dr. Felipe Romero-Moreno at f.romero-moreno@herts.ac.uk and copy in the Research Degrees Leader Dr. Ermioni Xanthopoulou at e.xanthopoulou@herts.ac.uk.

2. Apply to become a doctoral research student at the University of Hertfordshire: After having discussed the feasibility of your research project with a relevant supervisor, you will have to submit an official online application following the UH normal application process for admission. To apply visit [http://www.herts.ac.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0010/31105/uh-application-form.pdf](http://www.herts.ac.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0010/31105/uh-application-form.pdf). Please expressly indicate on your application that you are applying for a Hertfordshire Law School PhD Scholarship Award. To speed up this process, you are also advised to submit with the application your research proposal, qualifications, passport and CV. Note that your research proposal should include a maximum of 2000 words and state the main goals of the research, methodology or research techniques used, hypothesis, approach, phased programme of work, likely contribution to knowledge and any consideration of ethics. The deadline to submit the UH application is 23:59 pm, 15th January 2018. The application must be sent to doctoralcollegeadmissions@herts.ac.uk.

**What happens after you apply?**

Once the selection process has been completed, short-listed applicants will be informed of the date, time and venue of the interview. If you have not received an invitation to interview, after 15th February 2018, you may assume that the application was unsuccessful. The interview will be undertaken by the Research Degrees Leader, the Research Degrees Admissions Tutor and your potential supervisor.

**Closing date**

The Hertfordshire Law School deadline for these scholarships is 23:59 pm, 15th January 2018.
Contact
Candidates who wish to discuss their applications are welcome to contact the University’s Doctoral College via email doctoralcollegeadmissions@herts.ac.uk.

Terms and conditions

● The scholarships are offered in accordance with the UH’s standard terms and conditions for PhD applicants.
● Applicants should hold at least a first or upper second class honours degree (or equivalent) from a recognised institution and at least an IELTS score of 6.5
● All stipends are to be paid on a monthly basis.
● Due to timeframe and visa application requirements this call is only open to Home and EU applicants.
● The duration of the scholarship is three years and on a full-time basis.