

## **AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS IN THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL SCIENCES AND LAW**

### **Ethos of the awards**

Thanks to the generous financial support of University alumni we are delighted to be able to offer up to four funded research opportunities for current first year students studying in the Faculty of Education, Social Sciences and Law. Individual awards are for a period of two years.

This scheme is a product of the University's commitment to teaching in a research-intensive environment and aims to offer funded opportunities for undergraduates to become actively involved in some of the research currently being conducted by academic staff.

The Scholarships represent an exciting opportunity to undertake a directed research project, working under the supervision of a designated lead supervisor, but also benefitting from advice, support and training delivered by a wider research group.

### **Scholarship funding**

Scholarship holders will receive a personal financial allowance (chiefly to cover maintenance, accommodation etc.) of £4,000. Payments will be made as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017 and 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018: £1000
- At the end of each summer research period and on receipt of report: £1000

A further £2,000 is available for additional scholarly duties carried out throughout the scholarship period.

Funding is also made available to the Schools and supervisors responsible for the research to cover costs directly arising out of this academic activity.

### **Scholarship activities and time commitments**

Scholarships are only open to current Level 1 students

The bulk of research activity will take place during two extended research placements of up to 6 weeks during the summer vacation in both 2017 and 2018. Although the precise timing of these placement sessions may be negotiable it is important that intending applicants do not have other commitments which would prevent them from devoting themselves to academic research during both these summer periods.

During the remainder of their undergraduate career in Leeds scholarship holders will also participate in term-time meetings of the research group which they join, including opportunities to discuss their own research and hear about related work being undertaken by others in Leeds and elsewhere.

The Scholarship programme begins with a residential induction session in June 2017 and also includes subsequent research training and leadership development events throughout the period of the scholarship.

Scholarship holders will also be asked to take on some responsibilities as ambassadors for their School or Faculty e.g. participation in Open Day events for applicants to the University, or in meetings with outside sponsors and other partners. Alongside the responsibilities such events involve, they also offer additional developmental opportunities for Scholarship holders in communicating and networking. The scale of ambassadorial responsibilities will always be consistent with the demands of full-time academic study.

**A launch event will take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May and scholars are expected to attend this event.**

### **Benefits to Scholarship holders**

As a Research and Leadership Scholar you will:

- Enhance your academic potential through the experience of working in partnership with leading researchers;
- Receive individual support and mentoring from a specialist supervisor and an associated research team;
- Gain valuable, transferable skills in research, communication, project planning and leadership;
- Increase your employability through undertaking project work, and through participation in workshops designed to promote self-confidence, initiative, innovation and creativity;
- Represent your School and Faculty as a student ambassador;
- Receive a grant totalling up to £6000 (subject to participation in ambassadorial activity).

### **How to apply**

If you would like to apply to be a Research and Leadership Scholar you must submit:

- A completed application form
- A current C.V. (maximum 2 sides)
- Obtain a supporting academic reference from your Personal Tutor

**Interviews will be held in the week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017.**

NB. Transcripts of grades will be requested from the student office prior to interview.

Applications should be submitted by email to Martin Pelan ([m.pelan@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:m.pelan@leeds.ac.uk)).

### **Application deadline**

The deadline for submission of application forms and other supporting material is **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 5pm.**