



PhD Open Evening 2017

Arts and Humanities
Part 1: 4.30pm – 6.00pm

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The PhD journey

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Start of the journey

- Where does the PhD journey begin?
- How do you develop your research proposal?
- How does your research proposal become a workable research project?

The journey unfolds

- How does the research project develop across the years?
- What support is provided (supervisors / Schools / fellow students)?
- What opportunities are there en-route (teaching / conferences)?
- What are the likely challenges and how are these overcome?

Are we nearly there?

- How long does the journey last?
- What will your final research project look like?
- When is your research project ready for submission?

End of the journey

- What is the viva?
- How do you prepare for the viva?
- Outcomes of the viva?
- Award of the PhD
- Graduation



PhD Funding in the Arts and Humanities

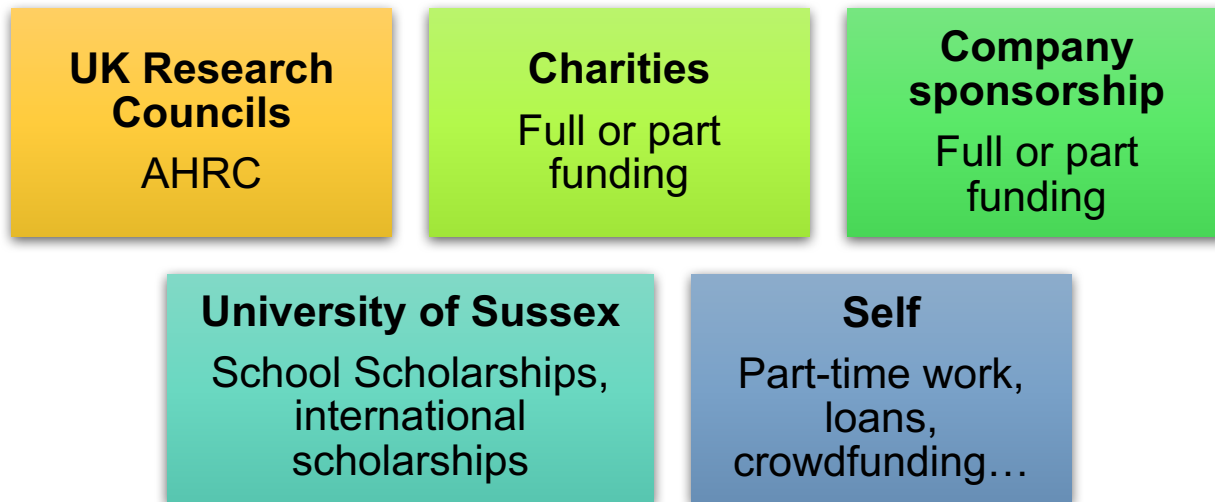
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What do you need to fund An Arts and Humanities PhD?

- Doctoral fees – UK/EU £4,195 pa (2017-18) and overseas £15,100 pa (for 3 years)
- Living costs – standard stipend currently £14,553 pa (2017-18)
- Research and training costs – e.g. conferences, travel... £200 pa

Who funds Arts and Humanities PhDs?



Research Councils UK

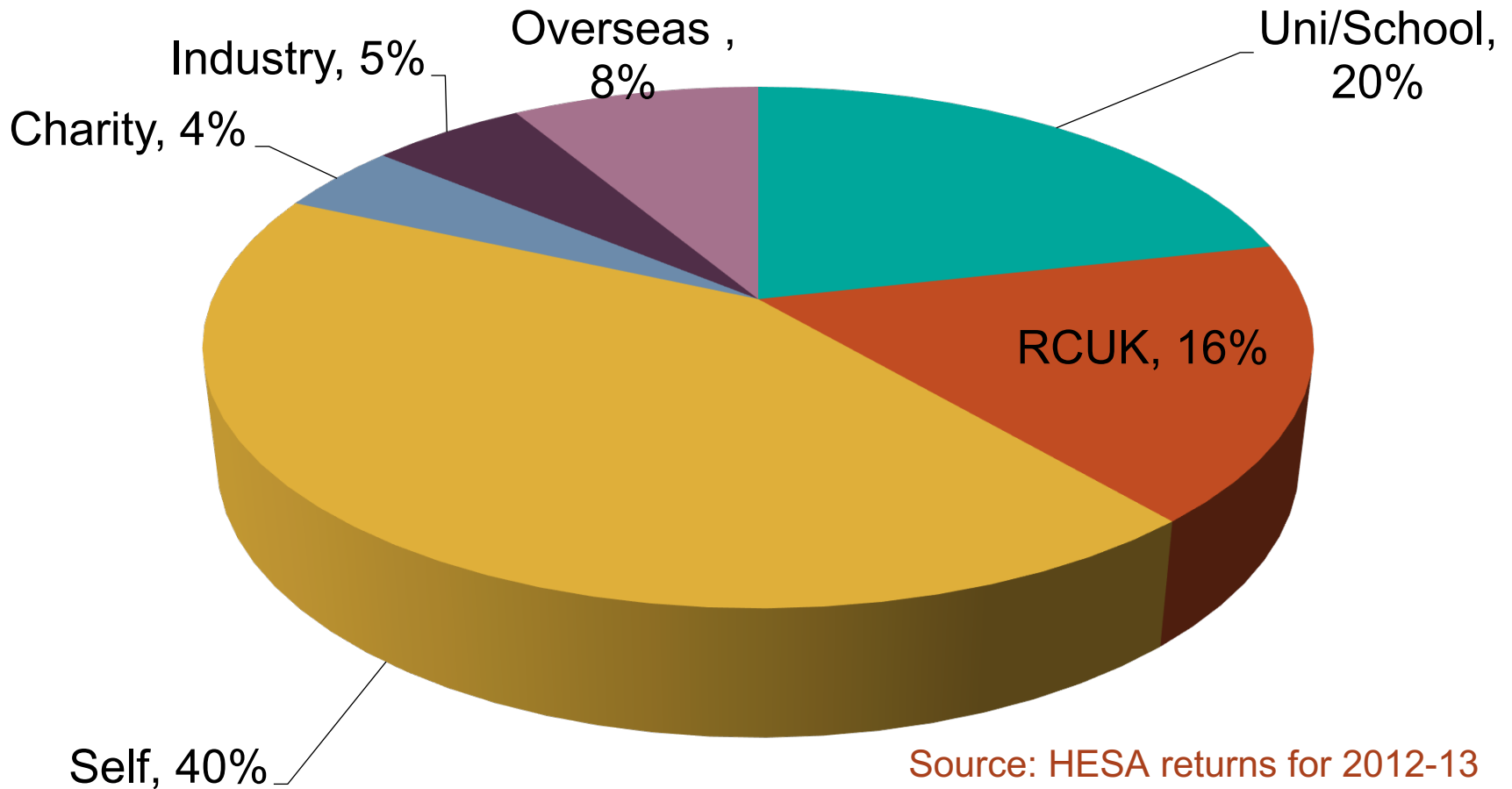
- [Research Councils of the UK](#) provide funding directly to Universities who undertake the selection and recruitment of students.
- Sussex co-ordinates a consortium ([CHASE](#)) which hosts one of only 11 Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) funded Doctoral Training Partnerships.
- The CHASE AHRC Doctoral Training Partnership provides at least 75 studentships each year for arts and humanities research.
www.chase.ac.uk/student-intro



Arts & Humanities
Research Council

CHASE

Who funds PhDs at UK Universities?



Source: HESA returns for 2012-13

Finding PhD Funding

Apply to the University not the funder

Sussex PhD Scholarship funding:

- <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/phd/fees-and-scholarships/scholarships/browse>

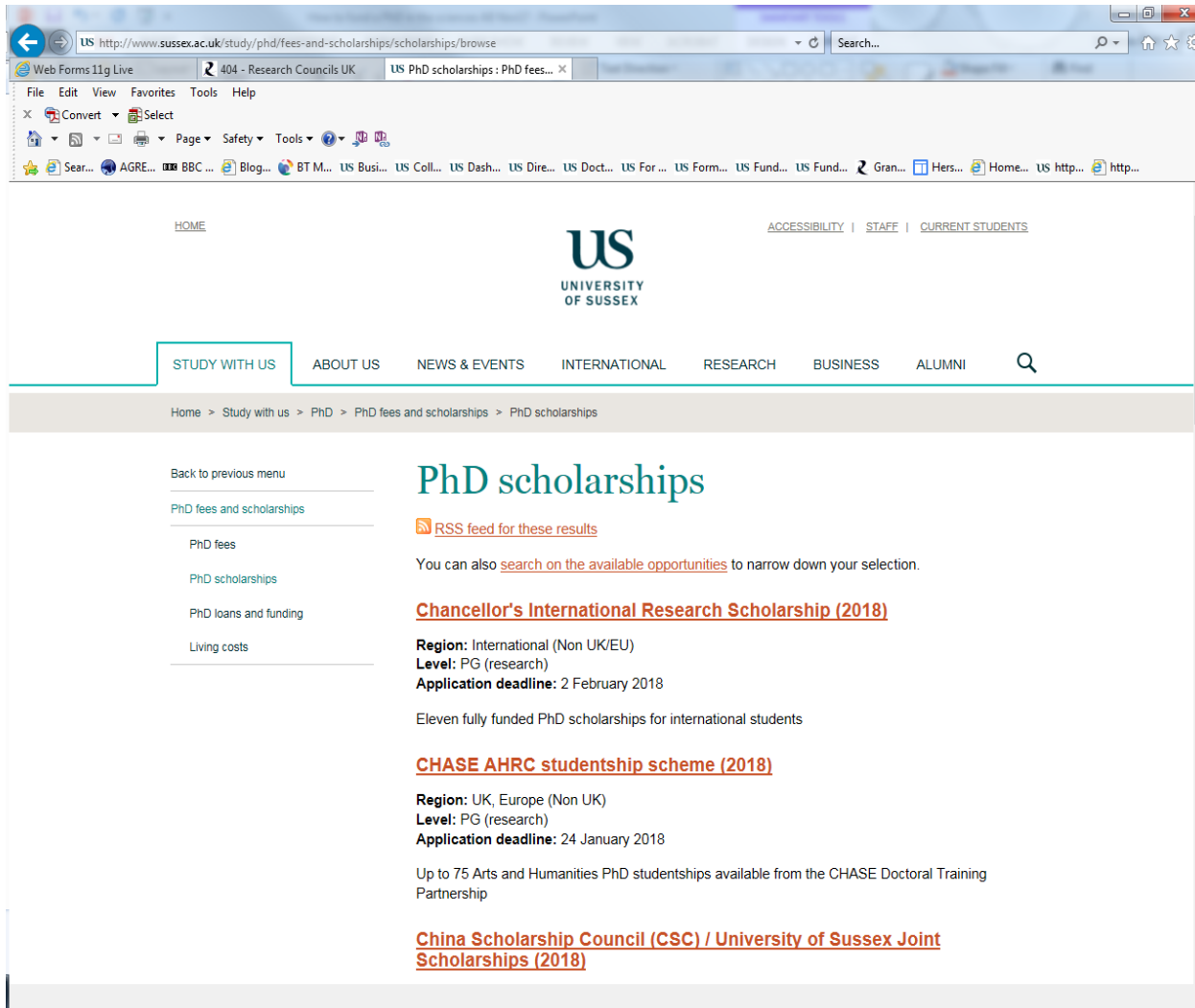
Other key sites: www.findaphd.com

- <http://www.postgraduatestudentships.co.uk/>
- <http://www.jobs.ac.uk/> <http://www.postgraduate-funding.com>

Overseas Scholarships: schemes with China, Mexico, Chile

Sussex PhD Scholarships

www.sussex.ac.uk/study/phd/fees-and-scholarships/scholarships



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the University of Sussex website. The URL in the address bar is <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/phd/fees-and-scholarships/scholarships/browse>. The page features the University of Sussex logo and a navigation menu with options like 'STUDY WITH US', 'ABOUT US', 'NEWS & EVENTS', 'INTERNATIONAL', 'RESEARCH', 'BUSINESS', and 'ALUMNI'. A breadcrumb trail indicates the current location: Home > Study with us > PhD > PhD fees and scholarships > PhD scholarships. On the left, a sidebar menu lists 'PhD fees and scholarships', 'PhD fees', 'PhD scholarships', 'PhD loans and funding', and 'Living costs'. The main content area is titled 'PhD scholarships' and includes an RSS feed icon. Below the title, there is a message: 'You can also [search on the available opportunities](#) to narrow down your selection.' Three scholarship listings are shown, each with a title, region, level, and application deadline. The first is the 'Chancellor's International Research Scholarship (2018)', the second is the 'CHASE AHRC studentship scheme (2018)', and the third is the 'China Scholarship Council (CSC) / University of Sussex Joint Scholarships (2018)'.

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PhD scholarships

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[Chancellor's International Research Scholarship \(2018\)](#)

Region: International (Non UK/EU)
Level: PG (research)
Application deadline: 2 February 2018

Eleven fully funded PhD scholarships for international students

[CHASE AHRC studentship scheme \(2018\)](#)

Region: UK, Europe (Non UK)
Level: PG (research)
Application deadline: 24 January 2018

Up to 75 Arts and Humanities PhD studentships available from the CHASE Doctoral Training Partnership

[China Scholarship Council \(CSC\) / University of Sussex Joint Scholarships \(2018\)](#)

International Students

- **Chancellor's International Research Scholarships 2018**
 - Up to 11 PhD scholarships for overseas students – **2 February 2018 deadline**
 - <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/phd/fees-and-scholarships/scholarships/view/795>

- **China Scholarship Council (CSC) / University of Sussex Joint Scholarships (2018)**
 - Up to 10 PhD scholarships for Chinese students
 - www.sussex.ac.uk/study/phd/fees-and-scholarships/scholarships/view/796

Briefing in **Jubilee Lecture Theatre** 7.10 to 7.30 this evening

Employment and Other Funding

- Talk to your employer and consider:
 - A part-time doctorate (available in certain subjects)
 - A secondment to complete a PhD
 - The Sussex Collaborative Doctoral Scholarships where a company and the University pays 50% each

The **Alternative Guide to Postgraduate Funding** is a searchable database of smaller scholarships with tips for applications.



Part-time employment

- Many postgraduates take paid employment while pursuing their studies
- University employment opportunities – e.g. small amounts of teaching
- With a thriving tourist industry, Brighton is an ideal place to earn extra money to support your studies
- Non-EU students can usually work up to 20 hours each week in term time and full-time in vacations
- Full-time Research Council students should undertake no more than 180 hours work per annum
- Jobs are regularly posted on our Careers and Employability Centre website:

www.sussex.ac.uk/careers

UK PhD loans for 2018

- PhD loans of up to £25,000 are now available to self-funded UK students on **all types of doctorate at universities across the UK**

www.findaphd.com/funding/guides/uk-phd-loans-scheme.aspx

PhD loans – at a glance	
What?	Student loans for PhD-level qualifications lasting up to eight years in all subjects
How much?	Up to £25,000, not means-tested
Who?	English-resident UK nationals aged 59 or under <i>without</i> Research Council studentships
Where?	Any UK university with the ability to award PhDs
When?	Available in 2018
Repayment?	6% of income over £21,000 per year. Combined with Masters loan debt
Applications?	To open in Spring / Summer 2018

Thank you

Email: doctoralfunding@sussex.ac.uk

An aerial photograph of the University of Sussex campus, showing various buildings, courtyards, and green spaces. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The text 'Applying for PhD study' is centered in a white serif font.

Applying for PhD study

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When to apply to Sussex

- You can begin your PhD in September, January or May
- The online application system is open all year round
- Make sure you look out for funding deadlines,
 - The main bulk of Research Council 'Doctoral Training Partnerships' are open between October 2017 and January 2018 – however,
 - Individual Studentships are advertised through the year
- If you are an international student, leave at least three months before start dates to apply for your visa to study in the UK.

Where to apply (1)

Psychology PhD

Choose to start in September 2018, January 2019 or May 2019

[Start in the academic year 2017/18 instead?](#)

Key information

Entry requirements

How to apply

Our supervisors

Funding and fees

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Key information

Duration: 4 years full time, [6 years part time](#)

Start date: Choose to start in September 2018, January 2019 or May 2019

From crowd behaviour to perception and studies of the brain – you'll work with experts who will guide and support you through your research project.

Sussex is one of the largest and most diverse centres for the study of psychology in the UK. You'll work in an intellectually stimulating and supportive environment, within a community of postgraduate students, postdoctoral researchers and field-leading faculty.



Where to apply (2)

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How to apply for a PhD

We are looking for ambitious, talented and motivated students. You'll have the passion to make new discoveries, the drive to test new theories, and the willingness to go above and beyond.



How do I apply?

For most of our PhD degrees you apply using our online application service.

You can [set up an account](#) or [log in to start your application](#).



Entry requirements

- Our courses require either a first or upper second class undergraduate honours degree in a relevant subject area
- Many courses also require an MA or an MSc, or evidence of work experience/further study in the subject area
- Specific English language requirements for each course are listed in our prospectus, and University of Sussex doctoral courses online

What should your application include?

Completing the application form

Follow our guidance to help you complete each section of the application form:

Personal details	+
Address	+
Education and qualifications	+
English language	+
Relevant experience	+
Supporting documents and references	×

You must provide:

- research proposal
- degree certificates
- transcript of your grades
- your English language qualification, if appropriate
- two academic references - including one from your most recent university. Or you can provide contact details for your referee and we will email them.

Academic interests	+
Submitting the application	+
Monitoring the application	+
Submitting more than one application	+

Choosing a supervisor

COURSE	FACULTY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	SCHOLARSHIPS AND FEES
<h2>How to apply</h2> <p>If you'd like to join us as a research student, there are two main routes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ browse scholarships and funded projects in this subject area■ find a potential supervisor and propose your own research project. <p>Find out how to apply for a PhD at Sussex</p>			

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Faculty

Explore our research interests and find a potential supervisor.

ATOMIC, MOLECULAR AND OPTICAL PHYSICS	+
EXPERIMENTAL PARTICLE PHYSICS	+
THEORETICAL PARTICLE PHYSICS	+

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School of Life Sciences

Research

Research lies at the heart of the School of Life Sciences and underpins our outstanding Undergraduate and Postgraduate taught courses, and our vibrant programme of Postgraduate Research.

Life Sciences' research activities are organized around five subject group

- [Biochemistry and Biomedicine](#)
- [Chemistry](#)
- [Evolution behaviour and environment](#)
- [Genome damage and stability](#)
- [Neuroscience](#)

However, collaboration and cross-disciplinary research cut across these groups at all levels. Our collaborations extend to other Schools in the University, including the Brighton and Sussex Medical School, and to other Universities and Research Institutes world-wide.

If you are a postdoctoral researcher please refer to the [research staff page](#) which has comprehensive information about all aspects of being a member of research staff at Sussex including information about careers, funding, practical support and policies.

Institutional Strategic Support Fund

The Institutional Strategic Support Fund (ISSF) is a joint award by the [Wellcome Trust](#) and the University, to support our translational research strategy.

Research Groups

- [Dementia Research Group](#)
- [Energy and Materials Chemistry](#)
- [Evolution Research Group](#)
- [Gene Expression Research Group](#)
- [Laboratory of Apiculture and Social Insects \(LASI\)](#)
- [Neurodegenerative Disease and Ageing Research Centre](#)

Research Centres

- [Genome Damage and Stability Centre](#)
- [Centre for Computational Neuroscience and Robotics](#)
- [Sussex Neuroscience](#)
- [Sussex Drug Discovery Centre](#)

Facilities and Resources

In Life Sciences we have the following facilities.

- [Electron Microscopy](#)
- [Mass Spectrometry](#)



Choosing a supervisor

- Once you have identified a potential supervisor, make contact and discuss your proposed project with them
- Take their advice: they will be part of the decision on whether to offer you a place at Sussex (and you will need to get used to them offering you advice throughout your studies...)
- It is important to build up a relationship with your supervisor as early as possible
- Your supervisors will ultimately be appointed by the relevant School depending on your specific project and their expertise.

Selection process

- Your academic and English language qualifications as well as your fee status (whether you should be paying Home or Overseas tuition fees) will be assessed by admissions staff
- Your research proposal and personal statement will be assessed by academic staff in the relevant School of study
- You will probably be invited for an interview
- You should expect to hear back from us within 8 weeks of submitting your application.

What is selection based on?

- Previous qualifications, or professional equivalence
- A topic the University is able to Supervise
- A topic with sufficient depth to produce new knowledge (a Doctorate)
- Background knowledge of the proposed topic and why it should be investigated
- Motivation: why Sussex and why a PhD?

Queries

- For technical queries, contact:
onlineapplications@sussex.ac.uk
- For queries about your application, contact: researchstudentoffice@sussex.ac.uk
- Admissions information desk in Jubilee 155.

Good luck!

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Life as a PhD student

Naomi Daw



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Thesis title:

The palm-trees and the tinkly temple bells: popular photographic culture and travel to the Far East, 1860-1910

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By the old Moulmein pagoda, looking off over town and river, stereoscopic photograph mounted on plain card, 1890s, published by Underwood and Underwood.

Herbert Ponting, *Wisteria Garden and Two Girls by the Pond, Maebashi, Nakasendo*, 1904-5, tinted magic lantern slide.



