

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR POTENTIAL DEGREE APPLICANTS

The Application Process

An application involves the submission of several documents. These include an up-to-date CV, preferably in the Europass format, proof of English Language Proficiency, details of previous academic qualifications, a signed agreement to hold personal information, and a detailed research Proposal. Until we receive these, we cannot begin to process an application.

Once we evaluate the Proposal and other documents, there will be several further steps leading to a formal application process to the School of Advanced Studies. Their requirements are set out in the link below. It is not possible to apply directly to the SAS for a research degree with our Institute. All applications must be made to us in the first instance.

Before making an application, applicants should visit the sites below and read the documents carefully. Applicants should satisfy themselves that they will meet the requirements set out, including previous academic qualifications, language proficiency tests, visa and other requirements.

Law Course Requirements

Successful applicants who do not have a law degree will be required to take a course in law. We provide the course, and there is no additional charge for this.

References

We cannot provide references for applicants to be used for applications for Bursaries or other purposes. If a full application is submitted and is accepted, a letter stating that fact can be provided.

Prior to submitting your Proposal and Application

Before you apply to study at our Institute, you should satisfy yourself that you meet the requirements before submitting your Proposal. Please read the information here:

<http://www.sas.ac.uk/graduate-study/prospective-students/entry-requirements>

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In particular, your previous academic degree and English language proficiency must meet the standards listed. You will see that a Masters Degree is normally required to undertake an MPhil or a PhD, although applications may also be considered from candidates who do not meet the formal academic requirements, but who offer alternative qualifications and/or relevant experience.

One way to demonstrate language proficiency is a satisfactory score on the TOEFL. For test centres see:

http://www.ets.org/toefl/ibt/register/centers_dates?WT.ac=toeflhome_centersdates_121127

If you prefer to take the IELTS examination, you should take the Academic Test, not the General Test. For more information:

<http://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/choose-ielts/ielts-academic-or-ielts-general-training>

Please visit this website for test locations and fees:

<http://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/book-your-test/book-now>

For information on how to study for the test, including some free material: <http://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/prepare/road-to-ielts>

Funding

We hope to attract the best scholars to our specialist research program, but unfortunately our Institute cannot provide funding for students. We offer part-time degrees for those who wish to continue working while studying.

Beginning in 2014 there has been the following funding changes for Doctoral candidates at ISPL offered through our affiliated Institute, IALS. The School of Advanced Studies (SAS), of which IALS is a member, previously offer some Studentships. These have now been rolled into the LAHP program.

Doctoral candidates (MPhil/PhD students) who have been accepted at ISPL/IALS may apply for the new studentships. These are processed and awarded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council / London Arts and Humanities Partnership. The 80 scholarships are competitive, and the next application deadline is 31 January 2015. For more information please see the link below.

<http://www.lahp.ac.uk/studentships>

Other sources of funding may be available. These may come from the applicant's own country, or through EU programs like the Erasmus Programme, or the British Council. Please see their websites for further information. There may be funding from ESA or CNES for research. There is much information on the web, and applicants are urged to pursue as many options as possible.

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The British Council has information about studying in the UK, including scholarships, some of which may be available to you. Please go to:

<http://www.britishcouncil.org>

and click on the "The British Council in Your Country" link.

Visa Requirements

Information about Visa requirements is here:

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas-immigration/studying/adult-students/can-you-apply/>