

ESRC studentships in the Department of Linguistics and English Language at Lancaster: Linguistics Pathway

Lancaster's Department of Linguistics and English Language is the largest of its kind in England, with excellence across the spectrum of Linguistics. Lancaster University has the highest rating in its region, and is in the top 10 in the United Kingdom. It is in the top 125 universities world-wide. Doctoral students in our Department join a large and stimulating research environment.

EU and UK PhD applicants to the Department of Linguistics and English Language are eligible to apply for studentships funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC). Lancaster forms part of the ESRC's North West Doctoral Training Centre (NWDTC), along with Manchester and Liverpool. The NWDTC has been awarded 63 studentships for which applicants compete across the social sciences. In this Department, you may apply for an ESRC studentship within the Linguistics Pathway of the NWDTC if you hold an offer of a place on one of our PhD programmes:

- **PhD by Thesis** [<http://www.ling.lancs.ac.uk/study/phd/phd.htm>]. This is a so-called +3 (three-year) programme for those with a prior Masters in a field closely related to the topic of research.
- **PhD in Applied Linguistics by Thesis and Coursework** [<http://www.ling.lancs.ac.uk/study/phd/appling.htm>]. This is a 1+3 (four-year) programme. Applicants do not need to have a Masters degree, though those who do are also encouraged to apply. The coursework is arranged around obligatory residentials in Lancaster in the first one or two years of registration, and so it is suitable for part-time study away from the University, as well as full-time study.

How to apply

1. By looking through staff interests, identify a **potential supervisor** [<http://www.ling.lancs.ac.uk/profiles>].
2. Contact that person, attaching details about your prior studies and a research proposal. You can read suggestions on how to write a research proposal here <http://www.ling.lancs.ac.uk/study/phd/apply.htm>. Please make it clear that you intend to apply for an ESRC scholarship.
3. If she or he encourages you, apply for one of the PhD programmes listed above, following the instructions. You may apply for full-time or part-time registration. You should be aware that the award of these studentships will be extremely competitive. You are free to apply for a place on our programmes even if you have not been encouraged to apply for an ESRC studentship.
4. At the same time, begin preparing your application for an ESRC Studentship, using the application form and consulting the guidance at the **NWDTC site** <http://www.nwdtc.ac.uk>.
5. Send the studentship application, by post or e-mail, to:

For the PhD by Thesis programme:

Mrs Marjorie Wood
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For the PhD by Thesis and Coursework programme:

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Lancaster's Department of Linguistics and English Language

The Department of Linguistics and English Language has a full-time lecturing staff of 31, 5 Research Associates, and 150 PhD students. It has a thriving research environment, organised around five Research Clusters which house a number of active Research Groups. For details of our research please visit <http://www.ling.lancs.ac.uk/research/index.htm>.

Doctoral Studies in ESRC-related fields

We welcome applicants from the UK and the EU in all ESRC-fundable areas of Linguistics and Applied Linguistics, but especially the following areas where supervisors currently have vacancies:

- sociolinguistics (especially language variation and change, dialect grammar, bilingualism, language and gender, language policy, intercultural pragmatics)
- (critical) discourse analysis
- literacy studies
- corpus linguistics (with a sociolinguistic or discourse analytical focus)
- second language acquisition

As an applicant, you should preferably have gained excellent marks on a Masters programme, in particular on your MA dissertation, though we do consider applicants with a Bachelor's (or Honours) degree only.