

Information on Postgraduate Research Scholarship - Ref: VCS-FBUS-01-20

Faculty: Business

Department: Economics and International Business

Lead Supervisor: Dr Robert Calvert Jump (with Professor Ozlem Onaran and Dr Alex Guschanski)

Project Title: Government measures to contain economic fallout from the Covid-19 crisis: A comparative study across the United Kingdom and European Union

Project Description: This PhD project will investigate two broad questions:

1. How did European policymakers converge on a more-or-less uniform policy of domestic economic shutdown, coupled with a more varied set of wage subsidies and direct controls on industries?
2. What were the short-term economic effects of these policy packages, and how did they differ across different countries?

The first question could be approached by means of semi-structured interviews with policymakers and policy economists, using a snowball sampling technique. The second question could be approached by cross-country statistical analysis using high frequency economic indicators.

The project will also consider the role of structural factors such as gender relations, unionisation rates, and informal and casual employment practices in shaping both the choice and effects of different policy packages across European countries. For example, the student might assess why certain countries imposed restrictions on worker lay-offs alongside firm-level subsidies while other countries did not, and analyse the socio-economic consequences of these decisions.

Duration: 3 years, Full-Time Study

Bursary available (subject to satisfactory performance):

Year 1: £15,285

Year 2: In line with UKRI rate

Year 3: In line with UKRI rate

In addition, the successful candidate will receive a contribution to tuition fees equivalent to the university's Home/EU rate, currently £4,407, for the duration of their scholarship. International applicants will need to pay the remainder tuition fee, currently £10,593, for the duration of their scholarship. This fee is subject to an annual increase.

Person Specification of Essential (E) or Desirable (D) requirements:	
Criteria:	E or D
Education and Training:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st Class or 2nd class, First Division (Upper Second Class) Honours Degree or a taught Master's degree with a minimum average of 60% in all areas of assessment (UK or UK equivalent) in a relevant area to the proposed research project 	E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For those whose first language is not English and/or if from a country where English is not the majority spoken language (as recognised by the UKBA), a language proficiency score of at least IELTS 6.5 (in all elements of the test) or an equivalent UK VISA and Immigration secure English Language Test is required, unless the degree above was taught in English and obtained in a majority English speaking country, e.g. UK, USA, Australia, New Zealand, etc, as recognised by the UKBA. 	E
Experience & Skills:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previous experience of undertaking research (e.g. undergraduate or taught masters dissertation) 	E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Familiarity with quantitative research methods and econometrics 	E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Familiarity with interview techniques 	D
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Familiarity with software relative to support research 	E
Personal Attributes:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understands the fundamental differences between a taught degree and a research degree in terms of approach and personal discipline/motivation 	E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Able to, under guidance, complete independent work successfully 	E
Other Requirements:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This scholarship may require Academic Technology Approval Scheme approval for the successful candidate if from outside of the EU/EEA 	E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A PhD project research proposal that is related to the research area 	E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The scholarship must commence before 31st December 2020 	E

Closing date for applications: *Midnight UTC on 19th October 2020*

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Making an application:

Please read this information before making an application. Information on the application process is available at: <https://www.gre.ac.uk/research/study/apply/application-process>. Applications need to be made online via this link. **No other form of application will be considered.**

All applications **must include** the following information. **Applications not containing these documents will not be considered.**

- **Scholarship Reference Number (Ref)**– included in the personal statement section together with your personal statement as to why you are applying
- **a research proposal related to the subject topic ***
- **a CV including 2 referees ***
- **academic qualification certificates/transcripts and IELTS/English Language certificate if you are an international applicant or if English is not your first language or you are from a country where English is not the majority spoken language as defined by the UK Border Agency ***

**upload to the qualification section of the application form. Attachments must be a PDF format.*

Before submitting your application you are encouraged to liaise with the Lead Supervisor on the details above.