

**Information on Postgraduate Research Scholarship - Ref: VCS-FLAS-03-21**

<b>Faculty:</b>	FLAS	<b>Department:</b>	HSS
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<b>Lead Supervisor:</b>	Dr Elena Vacchelli
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<b>Project Title:</b>	Urban governance in the City of Sanctuary
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**Project Description:**

Social and legal exclusion of vulnerable migrants during the recent COVID 19 crisis resulted in migrants' increased experience of mental health issues, food poverty and homelessness. The criminalisation of migrants' lives through increasingly restrictive migration policies makes bottom-up local initiatives more relevant in offering sustainable solutions whilst at the same time countering the underlying racism and hostility of these measures. City of Sanctuary (CoS) is a network of urban initiatives designed to produce a culture of welcoming and integrating refugees and asylum seekers in the urban fabric of UK cities.

We are looking for a PhD candidate who can work with the supervisory team to produce evidence of urban governance processes within the CoS initiative involving local authorities, third sector and communities. Over three years, the candidate will identify learning practices that can be used to inform nationwide governance strategies and long-term urban sustainability of essential services. Using a multi-modal and multi-sited methodology to document success as well as areas of improvement in CoS governance, the project systematically integrates refugees and asylum seekers' experiences in the assessment of where future policies can be better directed.

<b>Duration:</b>	<b>3 years, Full-Time Study</b>
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**Bursary available (subject to satisfactory performance):**

Year 1: £15,609 (FT) or pro-rata (PT) 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 rate, currently £4,500 (FT) or pro-rata (PT), for the duration of their scholarship.

International applicants will need to pay the remainder tuition fee for the duration of their scholarship. This fee is subject to an annual increase.

<b>Person Specification of Essential (E) or Desirable (D) requirements:</b>	
<b>Criteria:</b>	<b>E or D</b>
<b>Education and Training:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1<sup>st</sup> Class or 2<sup>nd</sup> 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</li> </ul>	<b>E</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 <b>and</b> obtained in a majority English speaking country, e.g. UK, USA, Australia, New Zealand, etc, as recognised by the UKBA.</li> </ul>	<b>E</b>
<b>Experience &amp; Skills:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Previous experience of undertaking research (e.g. undergraduate or taught masters dissertation)</li> </ul>	<b>E</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Previous completion of studies on migration</li> </ul>	<b>D</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Previous completion of studies on governance</li> </ul>	<b>D</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understanding and application of feminist theories and methods</li> </ul>	<b>D</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understanding of policy making processes at local, regional and global levels</li> </ul>	<b>D</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Previous knowledge and understanding of migration through professional or voluntary work experience</li> </ul>	<b>D</b>
<b>Personal Attributes:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understands the fundamental differences between a taught degree and a research degree in terms of approach and personal discipline/motivation</li> </ul>	<b>E</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Able to, under guidance, complete independent work successfully</li> </ul>	<b>E</b>
<b>Other Requirements:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This scholarship may require Academic Technology Approval Scheme approval for the successful candidate if from outside of the EU/EEA</li> </ul>	<b>E</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A PhD project research proposal that is related to the research area</li> </ul>	<b>E</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The scholarship must commence before 1st January 2022</li> </ul>	<b>E</b>

**Closing date for applications: *midnight UTC on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021***

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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 (VCS-FLAS-03-21)** – 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.