

Information on Postgraduate Research Scholarship - Ref: VCS-FLAS-05-21			
Faculty:	FLAS	Department:	Law
Lead Supervisor:	Professor Steven Haines		
Project Title:	Human Rights at Sea		
Project Description:	<p>This project is intended to investigate aspects of Human Rights at Sea and address especially the relationship between International Human Rights Law (IHRL), the Law of the Sea and those other bodies of law of relevance within the maritime environment (eg. Shipping Law, Refugee Law, Environmental Law, etc). It is also very likely that the project will need to confront issues of a jurisdictional nature. The applicant will have the freedom to propose a detailed project under this general heading, the main proviso being that it must address the application of IHRL, the monitoring of human rights standards, compliance with and enforcement of the law. There is an especially important area to investigate in relation to compliance with human rights standards on the high seas, although a focus on the high seas is not essential – it would, for example, be acceptable for a proposal to focus on zones of coastal state jurisdiction rather than the high seas. The applicant’s proposal may well be restricted to a particular sector of the maritime environment (eg, the shipping industry, the fishing industry, the cruise ship industry). It could also deal with issues to do with maritime crime, including transnational organised crime at sea. Essentially, the choice of research question/topic is the applicant’s – although it must be substantially concerned with human rights. Any prospective applicant is encouraged to contact the Lead Supervisor to discuss ideas before working up a research proposal and submitting an application.</p>		
Duration:	3 years, Full-Time Study or 6 years, Part-Time Study		
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 remaining balance of the tuition fee 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 Upper 2nd 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. In exceptional circumstances, candidates with substantial professional experience following previous graduation at a level below that otherwise required, will be considered			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 7.5 (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 master's dissertation) 	E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previous experience of working in an academic environment (e.g. research assistantship/fellowship etc.) including publishing/co-publishing scholarly articles. 	D
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experience of working in a relevant professional sector, for example as a lawyer, as a maritime professional, as a government official, or in a relevant and related civil society organisation. 	D
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experience of producing policy reports, briefings or other documents of relevance to the field of research 	D
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, under guidance, to complete independent work successfully 	E
Other Requirements:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The scholarship must commence before 1 September 2022 	E
Closing date for applications:	Midnight on 30 June 2022
For further information contact:	Professor Steven Haines on s.haines@gre.ac.uk
<p>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.</p> <p>All applications must include the following information. Applications not containing these documents will not be considered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholarship Reference Number (Ref: VCS-FLAS-05-21)– included in the personal statement section together with your personal statement as to why you are applying 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 * A full Postgraduate Research Proposal detailing the particular area of research under the general heading 'Human Rights at Sea'. The proposal should have substance (3,000+ words), contain a brief review of relevant literature, a provisional research question together with an initial suggestion as to research methodology. This proposal will be thoroughly discussed during interview if the candidate is shortlisted. <p><i>*upload to the qualification section of the application form. Attachments must be a PDF format.</i></p>	