

DURHAM MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIPS

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Durham University is one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in the UK; it attracts both staff and students from all over the world, who work and study to achieve the highest distinction in scholarship and research whilst ensuring a commitment to excellence in all aspects of learning, education and the transmission of knowledge.

Few universities have comparable research strengths across the Sciences, Social Sciences, and Arts and Humanities. Yet Durham is small and interactive enough to develop new approaches, questions and research ideas that transcend interdisciplinary boundaries. Durham is an environment where researchers can make a real difference.

Our 16 distinctive colleges, ancient and modern, are residential communities of scholars - undergraduates, graduates and staff - which instil in our students a sense of community, leadership, social responsibility and the opportunity to explore their passion to make a difference in whatever sphere of life they choose.

In individual subject rankings, many departments appear in the top 10 in the country, including: Theology, Archaeology, Law, Physics, Middle Eastern Studies, Geography, Classics, Chemistry, and Mathematics.¹

We have over 15,000 students (of whom 3,500 are graduates and 1,900 international students from over 120 countries).

Durham particularly welcomes applications from potential Marshall Scholars in the following areas:

1. English Studies: As one of the highest rated English departments in the UK², English Studies at Durham offers a unique learning experience. The department provides a stimulating and supportive environment in which to undertake research. A strong tradition of graduate study gives students the opportunity to work successfully towards a PhD under the supervision of academics who are experts in the following areas: Medieval Literature, Renaissance and Seventeenth-Century Literature, Eighteenth-Century Literature, Romantic Literature, Victorian Literature, Modern Literature and Literary Theory. For further details please visit <http://www.dur.ac.uk/english.studies/>

2. History³: Durham is internationally recognised as a leading centre for the study of History. The research expertise and teaching provision extends from the early medieval to recent times, from Britain and Europe, to America, Africa and Australia, and across social, cultural, gender, media, political and economic history. The Department is highly rated in national and international assessments of teaching and research; it is currently ranked in the top five (Times Good University Guide/Independent – Complete University Guide) for History, indicating excellent levels of teaching provision and student satisfaction. For further details please see <http://www.dur.ac.uk/history/>

3. Geography⁴: The Department of Geography builds on a tradition of excellence in teaching and scholarship, going back to the foundation of the Department in 1928 and it has been recognised as one of the best in the country in the past three Research Assessment Exercises (RAE). Research areas include: *Human Geography*: Lived & Material Cultures, Politics - State - Space, Social / Spatial Theory, Social Wellbeing & Spatial Justice, International River Boundaries Project. *Interdisciplinary Research*: Hazards and Risk Research. *Physical Geography*: Catchment, River and Hillslope Science. *Quaternary Environmental Changes*: Sea-level and coastal change, Ice sheet reconstruction ice sheet dynamics, Climate change and Oceanography, Fluvial archives. For further details please see <http://www.dur.ac.uk/geography/>

4. Law. The Department of Law at Durham University is one of the UK's leading research-driven departments for legal research and teaching. The Department is rated one of the top ten Law departments in the UK⁵. Current areas of research include: Bioethics and Biolaw, Commercial and Corporate Law,

¹ Based on the findings of the 2008 RAE (Research Assessment Exercise) <http://www.dur.ac.uk/research/quality/rae08/>

² Ranked 5th by the Independent Newspaper, 4th by the Times, and 10th by the Guardian

³ Durham's History department is ranked 4th by the Independent, 3rd by the Times, and 8th by the Guardian.

⁴ Durham's Geography department is ranked 5th by the Independent, 3rd by the Times, and 7th by the Guardian.

⁵ Durham's Law department is ranked 7th by the Independent, 10th by the Times and 11th by the Guardian.

Comparative Law, Competition Law, Constitutional Law, Contract Law, Criminal Law and Criminal Justice, Criminology, Discrimination Law, Employment and Labour Law, EU Law, Gender, Sexuality and Law, Human Rights, Intellectual Property Law, International Law, International Trade Law, Law and Medicine, Legal History, Legal and Moral Theory, Property, Socio-Legal Studies, Tort.
For further details please see <http://www.dur.ac.uk/law/>

5. **Chemistry** Research in the Chemistry Department cuts across the traditional disciplines and is characterised by an interdisciplinary approach. The department is consistently ranked in the top ten in the UK⁶, making it a popular destination for students wishing to undertake a PhD. Research areas for graduate study include: theory and computational modelling of molecular interactions to development of new luminescent probes for bioactive species. The Department has strong research activities in polymer and materials chemistry and has young, enthusiastic staff who are committed to the interdisciplinary approach that underpins the research strategy of the Department. There are 42 research groups with around a hundred Ph.D. students and about 50 post-doctoral researchers working on projects spanning organic, physical, inorganic, bioactive and computational chemistry, through to catalysis, nanoscience and materials. For further details please see: <http://www.dur.ac.uk/chemistry/>

6. **Physics** Durham is one of the leading physics and astronomy departments in the UK⁷. The Department incorporates the Ogden Centre for Fundamental Physics, home to the Institute for Particle Physics Phenomenology and to the Institute for Computational Cosmology. Research degrees may be undertaken in any of the Department's five research sections: Advanced Instrumentation, Astronomy and Astrophysics, Atomic and Molecular Physics, Condensed Matter Physics, Elementary Particle Theory.
For further details please visit <http://www.dur.ac.uk/physics/>

For more information about Durham University and opportunities for study please visit <http://www.dur.ac.uk>

⁶ Durham's Chemistry department is ranked 4th by the Independent, 4th by the Times and 7th by the Guardian.

⁷ Durham's Physics department is ranked 5th by the Independent, 4th by the Times and 18th by the Guardian.

