

**UNIVERSITY OF KENT
KENT LAW SCHOOL**

PhD RESEARCH STUDENTSHIPS, FEE WAIVERS AND BURSARIES 2017/2018

Research at KLS

Kent Law School (KLS) invites applications for full time studentships, fee waivers and bursaries for research programmes commencing in 2017 and offered at the Canterbury Campus. Kent Law School was the 8th ranked UK Law School for Research Intensity in the 2014 Research Assessment Exercise. It enjoys a pluralistic intellectual environment for research, in which traditional and critical legal scholarship, theoretical and empirical work, and interdisciplinary studies all flourish.

PhD Studentships and Fee Waivers for LLM by Research

PhD Studentships are being awarded by different funders: the University of Kent (UoK); Kent Law School (KLS); the Economic and Social Research Council via the South East Network for Social Sciences (SeNSS), and the Arts and Humanities Research Council via the Consortium for the Humanities and the Arts, South East (CHASE). Any funding will be available for one year in the first instance, and extended for a second and third year providing verifiable progress has been made (in teaching and Research). Unless otherwise indicated successful applicants for the studentships will receive a maintenance grant equivalent to that currently offered by the ESRC (£14,296 in 2016/17) and a fee grant which will fully cover tuition fees paid at the Home/EU rate. Those awarded a UoK or KLS studentship may be expected to do some teaching on an undergraduate law module, at the direction of the Head of School. Some bursaries (for example, reducing the Overseas fee to Home/EU rate) may also be available.

For those who intend to undertake an LLM by Research, KLS invites applications for the Larry Grant Scholarship and also offers a number of fee waivers.

Applicants are expected to submit a high quality research proposal which addresses issues such as the current state of debate in their chosen field, their proposed research questions, the research methodologies they hope to use to address these research questions, and any other information they deem relevant. Each applicant should demonstrate how their research will contribute to existing debates in their field, as well as how the candidate will contribute to our vibrant postgraduate community at KLS. It is expected that successful applicants will undertake their studies in areas of existing research strength of the School. We particularly welcome research proposals in socio-legal studies, law and the humanities, and critical legal studies.

Click here for research specialisations of: <http://www.kent.ac.uk/law/research/research-interests/index.html>

Facilities for Research Students

At present KLS has in excess of 60 postgraduate research students, comprising a lively and integrated postgraduate research community.

Those appointed to research studentships are provided with computing facilities and shared office facilities. There is also substantial annual funding available, within determined limits, including for those PhD students without studentships, to attend conferences and present their research. The community of postgraduate students is provided with a common room and a facilitator to help them present, explore and develop their research ideas within a supportive community of their peers. They also take a compulsory research methods module, together with an anchor workshop offered by the Graduate School as part of their Transferable Skills Programme. Many students also participate in regular reading groups.

How to Apply:

Applicants should normally have obtained, or be about to obtain an undergraduate degree at a high Upper Second Class Honours level (2:1 or equivalent from other countries), or a postgraduate degree with Merit or Distinction. The application procedure is conducted through an online process, via: <http://www.kent.ac.uk/law/postgraduate/research/entryreq-research.html>

Along with their application, candidates should supply a research proposal of no more than 1500 words (excluding bibliography), as well as a sample of their written work (not exceeding 4,000 words – longer texts will not be read).

For more details (including Scholarship specific requirements and deadlines) please see the relevant webpage: http://www.kent.ac.uk/law/postgraduate/research/KLS_research_funding.html

Informal enquiries may be directed to:

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Closing date for applications: 11 January 2017 for PhD funding; 5 May 2017 for LLM by research funding.