



Queen's University Belfast Mobility Scholarships 2012/13 Regulations

Queen's University Belfast is pleased to announce new scholarships funded by Santander UK, with the assistance of Grupo Santander to support scholarship and mobility in the context of exchanges between Queen's and universities in Latin America and Europe.

As a member of Santander Universities, Queen's is committed to providing opportunities to students which will develop strong links with key institutions in Latin America. Santander Universities began its activity in Spain in 1997 with one main objective: to support higher education. For more information on Santander Universities, visit <http://products.santander.co.uk/bankaccounts/santanderuniversities.html>

Application Process

The application process is open to all Schools. The funds are available for postgraduate students to undertake research and educational activities in European and Brazilian Universities with particular focus on institutions with existing partnerships with Queen's (University of São Paulo, Pontífca Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro and Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro). The scholarships are primarily intended to support a student during the academic year 2012/13 (including summer period) at a partner institution and will cover travel and accommodation expenses.

The following scholarships are available:

- 9 x £5k studentships for postgraduate students
- 5 x £1k scholarships to support mainly postgraduate student trips to Europe
- 2 x €5000 scholarships for postgraduate students

Application forms are available from each School's Website or email circulation lists. Candidates are invited to apply within their respective Schools by sending a CV and completed application form by email to the relevant School contact by the **30th November 2012**.

Selection and Ranking Process

Applications will be selected at School level by a selection panel nominated by the Head of School normally comprising of the Head of School, Director of Research Cluster and Director of Education or their nominees. The allocation of scholarships will be made by the Brazil Strategy Group based on School rankings and taking into account the University's internationalization strategy. Successful candidates will receive notification through their School office. Award-holders are responsible for their own travel and visa arrangements and will be required to submit a report to the School on return from their visit.

Each School is required to make recommendations for awards to Bridget Carey <b.carey@qub.ac.uk> by the **7th December 2012**. This should include all the applications received and a ranking sheet (including reserve candidates) which outlines the School's rationale for ranking and selection. The Group is responsible for making the final allocation which will be submitted to the Scholarships and Awards Group.

No award will be made if, in the judgement of the Selection Panel, no application of sufficient merit is received.

Schools are asked to consider the following during the ranking and selection process:

- Alignment between the proposed project and the School's internationalisation activities in Europe and Brazil
- Confirmation that the hosting institution is willing to accept the student member
- Potential for the mobility scholarship to further develop existing links with partnering institutions
- Adequacy of justification of resources
- Impact of the proposed visit on the applicant's commitments at Queen's

Publicity and reporting mechanism

Each School is responsible for publicising the call for applications through relevant publications and websites. Schools are required to provide information on each award, including a short report by the award holder. This information will form the basis of an annual report to be submitted to the funders.

School Contacts

Internationalisation Champions

Cc: School Managers