

Guidance notes on applying for SeNSS Studentships at UEA for 2018-19

Eligibility

[SeNSS](#) ESRC studentships are open to UK and EU applicants who meet the residency requirements set out in the [RCUK Conditions of Research Training Grants](#) :

To be eligible for a **full award** a student must have:

- Settled status in the UK, meaning they have no restrictions on how long they can stay

And

- Been 'ordinarily resident' in the UK for 3 years prior to the start of the studentship. This means they must have been normally residing in the UK (apart from temporary or occasional absences)

And

- Not been residing in the UK wholly or mainly for the purpose of full-time education. (This does not apply to UK or EU nationals).

To be eligible for a **fees only** award:

- Students from EU countries other than the UK are generally eligible for a fees-only award. To be eligible for a fees-only award, a student must be ordinarily resident in a member state of the EU; in the same way as UK students must be ordinarily resident in the UK.

Economics pathway only – the ESRC has agreed to relax the rules around international eligibility in strategic areas. EU or international students can apply for a full SeNSS ESRC award, without adhering to the current residential eligibility rules, if their research has a very strong economics focus and falls within the Economics pathway.

Note: These eligibility criteria are based on the Education (Fees and Awards) (England) Regulations 1997 and subsequent amendments.

If you have already started doctoral study, you may still be eligible for ESRC studentship funding providing that, at the start of the ESRC award, you will have at least 50% of your period of study remaining (excluding your 'writing up' period).

SeNSS welcomes applications for both full and part-time modes of study as well as cross-institutional supervision arrangements. Awards are available on a '+3' basis (standard PhD studentship) for those who already have a Masters degree with an extensive research methods component or on a '1+3' basis (1-year Masters, followed by 3-year PhD). You should discuss these options with your prospective PhD supervisor and/or School PGR Director.

Please see the [UEA SeNSS web pages](#) for further information regarding SeNSS approved Master's degrees for 1+3 studentships.

+3 applications

All applicants **must** apply for a postgraduate research place via the [standard UEA application method](#) or be a registered postgraduate research student at the University of East Anglia **BEFORE** making an application to SeNSS.

+3 applicants who have not already applied for a postgraduate research place at UEA by 23.59 Sunday 21 January 2018 will be deemed ineligible for SeNSS studentships.

1+3 applications

All applicants **must** submit **separate** applications for both a Masters and postgraduate research place via the [standard UEA application method](#) **BEFORE** making an application to SeNSS.

1+3 applicants who have not already applied for both a Masters and postgraduate research place at UEA by 21 January 2018 will be deemed ineligible for SeNSS studentships.

Application Procedure

Stage 1: Apply for a place at UEA

- 1.1** **Before** applying for a SeNSS studentship you must apply to study at the University of East Anglia. You must indicate in the funding section of the application form that you wish to be considered for a 'Fully-funded studentship i.e. Research Council DTP or UEA studentship competition' - Option 1 and in the 'Other' box please write 'SeNSS'.

Please note that if you are applying for a 1+3 studentship (Masters + PhD in a related area), you will need to submit a UEA application for both programmes.

The deadline to complete this task is Sunday 21 January 2018 23.59.

Stage 2: Application for a SeNSS studentship

- 2.1** You need to discuss this with, and have the approval of, your proposed PhD supervisor. Your proposed supervisor needs to send a brief email confirming support for your application to SeNSS to senss.dtp@uea.ac.uk copied to the relevant PGR Service contact for the Faculty.
- 2.2** Once we have received your supervisor's approval, we will email you details of how to access the SeNSS online application system (Fluidreview) including the access code required.
- 2.3** Login to FluidReview and complete and submit your SeNSS studentship application **by 23.59 Monday 5 February 2018 or earlier if possible.**

- 2.4** Your supervisor and referees will receive an email invitation containing a link to your SeNSS application in FluidReview. By clicking on this link they will be able to add a supervisory team statement and/or references to your application. Supervisors and referees need to add their statements and references to your application **by 23.59 Monday 5 February 2018 or earlier if possible.**

Applications in FluidReview that do not have a supporting statement from your supervisor(s) and two references to accompany it will NOT be considered for a SeNSS studentship. It is your responsibility as the applicant to follow-up with supervisors and named referees to ensure that this task is completed by 5 February 2018 or earlier.

Selection Process

All SeNSS applications will be reviewed by a UEA Pathway level selection panel. Shortlisted applicants will be submitted to the relevant SeNSS Pathway Assessment Panel which will meet in early March 2018. All applicants shortlisted by UEA to progress to the SeNSS Pathway Assessment Panels will be notified of their successful progression to the next stage of the competition by the end of February 2018. Applicants not notified of successful progression should assume that, on this occasion, their application to SeNSS has not been successful.

The SeNSS Pathway Assessment Panels consider all shortlisted candidates from the SeNSS institutions and make recommendations for studentships to the SeNSS Management Board during March 2018. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified that they will not be progressing further in the competition by Tuesday 20 March 2018.

The SeNSS Management Board meets on 28 March 2018 to consider the recommendations of the Pathway Assessment Panels and to officially offer studentships to a ranked list of candidates. Final decisions on studentship appointments will be communicated to candidates by the end of March 2018.

SeNSS administrative contacts at UEA

If you have any queries please email senss.dtp@uea.ac.uk

Admissions queries

For queries related to applying for a research degree at UEA please contact pgr.enquiries.admiss@uea.ac.uk telephone +44 (0) 1603 591709

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