Research Scholarships Scheme 2026/27

Application Form

This Application Form is for submitting applications for PhD Research Scholarships to be funded by the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol.

The form should be submitted by 5pm on **30 January 2026**.

Parts 1 and 3 of this form should be completed **by the academic school/department** in Welsh or bilingually, and Part 2 must be completed in Welsh by **the applicant** (if known).

**Applications must be submitted via a higher education institution** and must be signed by **an authorised representative of the institution.** Applications from individuals without the support of an institution will not be accepted.

Completed application forms should be sent to [m.james@colegcymraeg.ac.uk](mailto:m.james@colegcymraeg.ac.uk).

# **Institutional Details**

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| Institution: |  |
| Academic School / Department where the research project and supervision arrangements will be located: |  |
| In what language will the doctoral dissertation be written and submitted? |  |
| Note the type of scholarship you’re applying for, and the conditions you’ll be accepting in respect of the following scholarships:   * For 50% scholarships, you will be guaranteeing the remaining cost of the scholarship. * For 100% scholarships ‘developing staffing capacity’, you will be committing to creating a post at the end of the scholarship. | Standard application (50%)  Branch nomination (100%)  Developing staffing capacity (100%)  Equality and diversity (100%) |
| Institutional contact name: |  |
| Position: |  |
| Telephone: |  |
| E-mail: |  |
| Total number of applications submitted by the institution: |  |

# Part 1 – to be completed by the academic school / department

## The Research Project (maximum 750 words)

* 1. Title of the proposed research project:

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* 1. Outline of the doctoral research project, proposed methodology, possible impact, etc.:

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## Contribution to Welsh-medium developments (maximum 500 words)

2.1 Explain how this award would be consistent with the objectives and targets of the Coleg’s HE Academic Plan (2002), and its potential contribution to the Coleg’s strategic aims.

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## Research profile of the school / department (maximum 350 words)

* 1. Summary of the academic school’s / department’s research profile where the research project will be supervised:

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* 1. Main supervisor’s name:

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* 1. Other members of the supervisory panel and their roles in supporting the award-holder during the research period: (if known)

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* 1. Names of up to 3 possible individuals to serve as external examiners for this project (through the medium of Welsh):

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* 1. If one or more of the supervisory team is non-Welsh speaking, explain below what arrangements will be in place to ensure that the supervision and the research are undertaken through the medium of Welsh and that the award-holder isn’t placed at a disadvantage:

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* 1. Summary of the school’s / department’s performance in relation to the completion of doctoral projects during the period 2020/21 to 2024/(please note number and percentage of completions):

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| Year | Number of doctoral theses examined | Number of doctoral theses successfully completed | Percentage of completions |
| 2020/21 |  |  |  |
| 2021/22 |  |  |  |
| 2022/23 |  |  |  |
| 2023/24 |  |  |  |
| 2024/25 |  |  |  |

* 1. Please note how many students are currently studying for a PhD within the school / department, and any other information to help assess the department’s success as a centre for research:

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## Funding and other support for the scholarship

* 1. For 50% scholarships, the institution will guarantee the remaining value of the Research Scholarship. If external funding is to be used to contribute to these costs, note the source of the funding here: (see par. 21-22 of the scheme’s Application Process)

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* 1. Facilities and training to be provided to the award-holder by the institution:[[1]](#footnote-2)

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## 5. Evidence of the need for greater staffing capacity

* 1. Outline any evidence of the need for greater staffing capacity within this subject to achieve the targets for Welsh-medium provision, any plans for continuation planning due to staff retirement, and any evidence of a shortage of suitable applicants with the required experience and/or expertise to be appointed to Welsh-medium posts: (see par. 25-27 of the scheme’s Application Process)

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# **Part 2** – to be completed by the candidate in Welsh (copy available on the Coleg’s website)

If the prospective holder of this scholarship is not known, go straight to Part 3 and provide an explanation as to why an applicant is not named in the declaration on page 11.

## 2.1 Prospective scholarship-holder’s details (if known)

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| Title: |  |
| Name: |  |
| Home address: |  |
| Term-time address (if different) |  |
| Phone number: |  |
| Personal e-mail: |  |
| Institutional e-mail: |  |

## 2.2 Education

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| **Secondary school(s) attended**  **(include dates)** | **Qualifications achieved** | **Date** |
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## 2.3 Higher Education

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| **Institution** | **Subject** | **Degree / other qualification** | **Class** | **Date** |
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## 2.4 Welsh language qualifications

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| **Qualification (secondary and/or higher education)** | **Awarding body** | **Date** |
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## 2.5 Prospective scholarship-holder’s statement (maximum 750 words)

Explain why you’re applying for a scholarship from the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol:

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| Signature: |  |
| Date: |  |

If there is currently no applicant for this scholarship, the academic school / department will be required to advertise the scholarship openly in the press and submit a **Nomination Form** to the Coleg immediately following the appointment.

# Part 3: Institution’s statement (maximum 500 words)

* 1. Statement by the institution in support of the prospective award-holder (if known):

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* 1. If this is an application for an equality and diversity scholarship, note below how this scholarship is relevant to this category (see 4.iii in the circular) and note to which group(s) this application is relevant.

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# Signatures

By signing this form, the institution accepts the conditions outlined in the Application Process and Terms and Conditions for the 2025/26 Research Scholarship scheme.

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| Head of School / Department |  | Date: |  |
| Authorised Signatory on behalf of the institution |  | Date: |  |

1. These would be expected to include facilities such as office space / room, IT facilities – up-to-date PC, internet access, e-mail, stationery, photocopying, telephone, etc., as well as relevant training for early career researchers. Note that the Coleg will provide £500 of additional funding each year to help the award-holder to undertake fieldwork, attend conferences, buy equipment, and so forth. The institution is encouraged to provide similar additional funding to support the award-holder). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)