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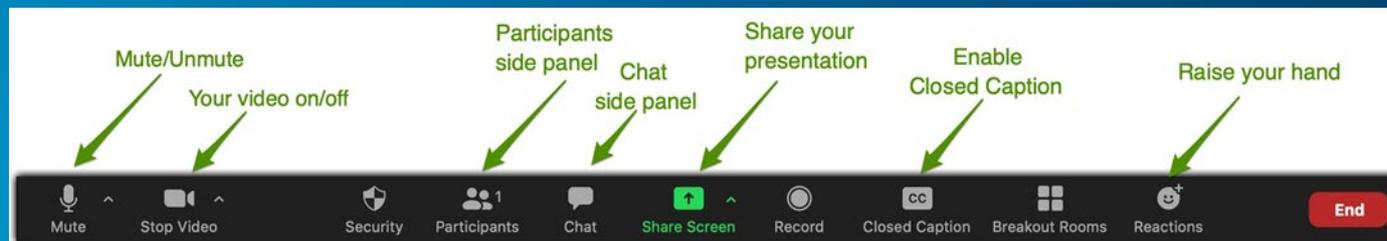


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Welcome to the WRDTP Stuart Hall Foundation Award session

We will begin the session with introductions and some slides from the WRDTP Director. We will mute all participant cameras and microphones during the presentation. We will also disable the chat function until the end of the presentation.

There will be time for questions at the end of the presentation. You will be able to ask questions using the raise your hand function (you will need to enable your microphone for this, and you can choose to share your webcam if you wish) or the chat function.



Stuart Hall Foundation Awards 2023-2024

White Rose Doctoral Training Partnership

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About the WRDTP

- One of 14 DTPs commissioned from 2017 for 6 years by the ESRC. Its partners are Leeds, Sheffield, York, Sheffield Hallam, Bradford, Hull and MMU.
- Each year, we offer a range of funded studentships. There are 59 studentships on offer for 2023/4 entry: **45 Pathway Awards including 2 SHF Awards**, , 4 AQM Awards, 10 Collaborative Awards.
- The WRDTP is committed to championing excellent research that addresses society's most pressing problems, and to nurturing the next generation of researchers.
- Our graduates forge meaningful careers within academia and beyond, using the many discipline-specific and transferrable skills they have acquired through their studies.



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What's on offer





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Pathway Awards

- 45 Pathway Awards available across the WRDTP, incorporating 2 x Stuart Hall Foundation Awards for Black British students.
- Studentships can be either a 1+3 (includes an integrated MA in Social Research) or +3 award (PhD only).
- Studentships can be awarded on a part-time or full-time basis. Includes payment of tuition fees, plus a stipend to support living costs, currently worth £17,668 per year. Students will also have access to other pots of money to support their research and development.
- Develop your own own research proposal, with help from potential supervisors.



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Partnership with the Stuart Hall Foundation

- Inspired by the life and work of Professor Stuart Hall, the Stuart Hall Foundation is committed to public education, addressing urgent questions of race and inequality in culture and society through talks and events, and building a network of SHF scholars and artists in residence.
- It works collaboratively to forge creative partnerships in the spirit of Stuart Hall; thinking together and working towards a racially just and more equal future.

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Stuart Hall Foundation Awards

- The WRDTP is delighted to be able to work with the Stuart Hall Foundation (SHF) to support two studentships for Black British applicants. The WRDTP is committed to helping to addressing historic structural inequalities in education through its partnership with SHF, and welcome applications from Black British applicants.
- SHF awards are open to Black British students (Black or Black British African, Black or Black British Caribbean, Black or Black British other or Mixed Black or Black British). Applicants will self-identify and sign a disclaimer to the effect that the information they provide is correct.



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How do the WRDTP/SHF Awards differ from standard Pathway Awards?

- Candidates will have research interests identifying with Professor Stuart Hall's research legacy.
- Securing wider access to education, race, ethnicity, cultural studies and structural inequalities.
- Awardees work with SHF to develop their career and profile.
- Access to SHF resources and networks.
- Annual gathering of Scholars and Fellows.
- Wider WRDTP cohort building training events and activities.



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Stuart Hall Foundation Scholars

- We are joined by Melissa Williams from The University of York. Melissa is a SHF scholar, and her project title is *We are here to stay - Inna Inglan: The role of Immigration Policies in the 'Un-Homing' of British Windrush Descendants*
- She will speak to you about:
 - the journey of applying for a PhD and scholarship.
 - Working with the Stuart Hall Foundation.

What we're after



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Excellence

- We seek to champion cutting-edge research in the social sciences that addresses some of the world's most pressing problems.
- An excellent application will have:
 - Very clear explanation of the originality of the project, the contribution it will make to advance knowledge, and the project's significance
 - Very clear articulation of the research design, methods and data sources
 - Very clear consideration of any research ethics issues
- Remember that the application will not necessarily be assessed by a subject specialist.



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Interdisciplinarity

- To support this ambition, our students are afforded a wide range of discipline-specific, generic and advanced research training opportunities. They graduate as experts in how to conduct research, as well as experts on their chosen topic.
- Reflecting our emphasis on tackling the greatest challenges facing global society, the WRDTP is organised around seven Thematic Interdisciplinary Training Pathways. These are detailed in full on the website, and applications must be able to articulate their fit with at least one of these pathways.



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WRDTP Interdisciplinary Pathways

- WRDTP's Pathways are an organisational expression of its priorities, and it is vital that projects are clearly aligned with these:
 - Cities, Environment, and Liveability (CEL)
 - Security, Conflict, and Justice (SCJ)
 - Education, Childhood, and Youth (ECY)
 - Data, Communication, and New Technologies (DCT)
 - Wellbeing, Health, and Communities (WHC)
 - Sustainable Growth, Management, and Economic Productivity (SMP)
 - Civil Society, Development, and Democracy (CDD)
- Pathways are intended to be interdisciplinary and cross-cutting, moving beyond departmental or disciplinary silos.



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Collaboration and impact

- The WRDTP is committed to funding research that has an impact beyond academia, for example through collaboration with a non-academic partner or through knowledge exchange.
- All applications should have a clear sense of the potential impact of their research, along with a strategy for realising this impact. This could include working with a non-academic partner to produce the research, who may be able to support the research through financial or 'in-kind' support (e.g. an internship, placement opportunity, etc.).
- Collaboration is also important for your future career. It has many benefits, such as generating research impact, broadening research networks, and opening up exciting career opportunities beyond academia.



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Describe in no more than 300 words why you have applied for the WRDTP/SHF Pathway Award:

- Issues you may wish to discuss:
 - How your proposed project fits with the SHF mission.
 - If you come from an under-represented group - how did that shape your desire to do a PhD and topic of study.



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Scoring criteria

- Student excellence (1-5, double weighted)
- Project excellence (1-5, double weighted)
- Pathway excellence (1-5)
- Collaborative excellence (1-5)
- Training excellence (y/n)
- COVID-19 resilience (y/n)
- Fundability (y/n)

How to apply



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IMPORTANT!

- **Students do not apply directly to the WRDTP for a studentship.** All applications are made by the university itself, who provide the WRDTP with a pack of information in support of the student's application.
- The final deadline for students to apply to their university for a place on the PhD programme is 17:00 on 25 January 2023. **PLEASE NOTE:** Each of our partner universities have slightly different application systems, so depending on where you choose to apply, you may be asked to apply for studentship funding at the same time as your PhD application and via the same application form, or via a separate scholarships application system, or to apply for funding only after you have a study place confirmed.
- **We strongly recommend checking with your chosen department/school to confirm your local application process, and any local deadlines, at the earliest opportunity.**
- Applicants must observe any processes or deadlines that the individual department, school or university has in place for assessing applications, so applicants are advised to make contact with their school or department at an early stage to discuss their application. **Late applications are not accepted.**



How to apply

Studentship applications are not made directly to the WRDTP.

Contact the department or school at the university in which you wish to study, to find out how to apply for a PhD place, and how to register your interest in applying for an ESRC WRDTP studentship award.

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Ensure you have submitted an application for a PhD study place by **17:00, 25 January 2023** in order to be considered for an ESRC WRDTP PhD studentship.

Your department/school will assess your application and then inform you if you are being nominated to the ESRC for a studentship.

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All nominations to the WRDTP are then assessed by senior academic staff from all of our partner universities during March 2023. Once confirmed, the award winners will be announced by **21 April 2023**.

Your university will contact you to let you know if you have been successful.

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Work with your department or school to identify a potential supervisor and develop your research proposal.

Attend an information session for applicants. Book via the 'How to apply' section on:

<https://wrdtp.ac.uk/studentships>

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If you are successful in being nominated, your department or school will compile a nomination pack on your behalf.

Nominations will be sent to the WRDTP by departments/schools by **17:00, 22 February 2023**.

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FAQs

- Who makes decisions on the WRDTP/SHF Awards?
 - Separate sub-committee will make recommendations.
 - Nominations assessed by senior academics from all our partner institutions – EDI/unconscious bias training.
- Can I apply for other awards?
 - Same eligibility/assessment criteria as the standard Pathway Awards.
 - If you aren't awarded one of the two WRDTP/SHF Awards but score highly (in our top 45), you will be awarded a regular Pathway Award.

Breakdown of tasks

The applicant should

- Ask your department/school how to apply for a PhD and a scholarship.
- Develop your research proposal with help from a supervisor.
- Apply for a place on the PhD programme by 17:00 on 25 Jan 23. **Depending on the university you have chosen, you may also need to apply for a scholarship by this deadline.** We strongly recommend checking with your chosen department/school to confirm your university's scholarships application process, and any local deadlines.
- If you're applying for one, complete your WRDTP/SHF Award statement.

The department/school should

- Help applicants identify a supervisor and refine their research proposal.
- Process the applicant's PhD application. They can only apply for a scholarship if they have been applied for a place on the PhD.
- Decide if the applicant is being put forward for a scholarship. Communicate any internal selection processes.
- Put together the applicant's nomination pack and send it to the WRDTP. The supervisor should complete **all** relevant sections of the nomination form.



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Useful resources

- Ask for support from your potential supervisor.
- WRDTP documents:
 - Studentships FAQs
 - Pathway Awards Assessment Criteria – Guidance Notes
 - Studentships call for nominations
- Studentship and WRDTP/SHF Awards webpages.
- Email:
 - enquiries@wrctp.ac.uk
 - Your department/school's PGR Administrator
 - WRDTP Link Administrator/Scholarships Officer at your institution



Any questions?

- Raise your hand to ask a question. We will take questions in order. Please unmute your microphone (and video if you wish) when we get to your turn.
- You can also use the chat function.

