

# **SCOTTISHPOWER FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS**

# Call for Energy and Environment Postgraduate Studies in the United Kingdom & Spain. 2017

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#### 1. Introduction

The Scottish Power Foundation (the "Foundation"), established by Scottish Power Limited in 2013, is a registered Scottish charity (SC043862) and a company limited by guarantee (SC445116) whose foundational purposes, are:

- a. the advancement of education;
- b. the advancement of environmental protection or improvement, in particular, promotion, dissemination and support of knowledge, research and culture in their most varied forms, with a special focus on the development of and progress toward a sustainable energy model that respect the environment and biodiversity;
- c. the advancement of the arts, culture, heritage, culture or science, in particular, cultural initiatives for the promotion and support of scientific, technological dissemination and environmental protection activities, encouraging, in particular, the development of studies of all kinds in the areas of energy, biodiversity and environmental impact in general and; in the areas of restoration, development and conservation of the cultural heritage, as well as the development of projects and activities to promote and disseminate art and culture, and to technically and financially support cultural and artistic activities carried out by public and private institutions;
- d. the prevention or relief of poverty and the relief of those in need by reason of disability or other disadvantage, in particular, the development of initiatives to support social action in the areas of cooperation and solidarity in order to actively contribute to the improvement of the quality of life of the most unprivileged groups, through initiatives for the development of infrastructure and services that provide for their full social and labour integration, as well as professional training, insertion into the work force and the generation of employment opportunities for disadvantaged persons that allows for the creation of jobs for them, and ultimately, for the integration into the labour market;
- e. the advancement of citizenship and community development.

To this end, the Foundation presents its **Call for Energy and Environment Postgraduate Studies** in order to contribute to the education and training in the energy field, with special emphasis on renewable energy, the protection of the environment, as well as the efficiency of the energy system.

# 2. Announcement

The Foundation announces new scholarships for the 2017-2018 academic year for postgraduate studies at universities in the United Kingdom & Spain in the following areas of knowledge:

- Renewable energy
- Sustainable energy system
- Environment
- Clean combustion technologies, emissions management
- Energy efficiency
- Energy storage



- Electric vehicle
- Smart distribution networks
- Information and communication technology (ICT)
- Cybersecurity and Big Data

The announcement period opens on the day of its publication and ends 13:00 on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

The scholarships are intended for studies at the following universities

In the United Kingdom:

- 1. Imperial College of London
- 2. University of Edinburgh
- 3. University of Strathclyde
- 4. University of Liverpool
- 5. University of Glasgow
- 6. University of East Anglia
- 7. University of Cambridge

## In Spain

- 1. Universidad Pontificia de Comillas Madrid (English based course available )
- 2. Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (English based course available )
- 3. Universidad de Zaragoza
- 4. Universidad del País Vasco
- 5. Universidad Politécnica de Madrid
- 6. Universidad Politécnica de Valencia

# 3. Applicant requirements

- The scholarships from the Foundation are intended for students of British nationality.
- Applicants must be in possession of a bachelor with honours or master's degree from a recognized
  university on submission of the application. If the applicant is still in the final year of the academic
  course 2016-2017, the grant will be contingent upon whether the applicant secures the university
  degree at the end of the academic cycle in June/July 2017 with the same average grades or greater
  than the predicted grades at the time of the call for applications.
- Applicants must follow the usual procedure for enrolling at the UK University they wish to attend.
   Applications submitted by students who have not applied for enrolment at the UK University will be rejected during the selection process. Excluding applicants wishing to study in Spain.
- Applicants may not receive any remuneration or wages or be in receipt of any scholarship, financial aid
  or other award of a similar nature from institutions and public or private foundations during the period
  that the scholarship is awarded for. Any applicant wishing to undertake an unpaid internship during
  this period must have this reviewed & approved by The Foundation.



- Applications presented by candidates with a grade average during the pursuit of the degree lower than "upper second class honours" for universities in the UK will be rejected.
- Candidates who have been awarded either the Foundation Scholarships or Fundación IBERDROLA Scholarships in previous announcements are excluded from assessment.

#### 4. Documentation

To be eligible for the Scholarship, the interested party must fill in and send the electronic application form<sup>1</sup> before **13:00 on April 7**<sup>th</sup> **2017**, including the following documentation which should be named with the number of document followed by the surname of the applicant *e.g. Document 1 Smith*:

- <u>Document 1</u>. Photocopy of **passport.**
- <u>Document 2</u>. **CV**, with a recent photo of the applicant.
- <u>Document 3</u>. If university studies have been completed, a photocopy of the certificate or a receipt proving that the certificate has been requested, as well as a photocopy of other qualifications obtained by the applicant.
- <u>Document 4</u>. For those students who hold a university degree, a photocopy of the certificates for university studies completed, detailing all the **subjects and grades obtained** each year. Final year students may submit an official listing of the subjects studied and the grades obtained so far.
- <u>Document 5</u>. Two original reference letters from university professors. In those cases where the
  applicant has been employed for several years, one of the reference letters may be from his/her
  employer.
- Document 6. Certificate accrediting all the languages level specified in the form.
- <u>Document 7</u>. Contract or employment record accounting for the applicant's professional experience, if any.
- <u>Document 8</u>. Certificate accrediting the **awards and grants** specified in the form. Only awards and grants gained since the commencement of your university career will be accepted.
- <u>Document 9</u>. Certification confirming either a conditional or unconditional offer **to the proposed University** for the 2017-2018 course. (Excluding applicants wishing to study in Spain). If application outcome is still pending, please provide proof of registration.

The above are the minimum certifications required for accepting an application in the selection process for this scholarship announcement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The electronic application form can be found on the Fundación Iberdrola España website http://www.fundacioniberdrolaespana.org, in the Training and Research Area.



If the applicant is shortlisted, the Foundation may ask for the original or duly certified copy of the documents and any other document that it may deem to be necessary.

The maximum size permitted per document is 3 MB.

# **5. Selection process**

#### **Shortlist**

The selection process will include an initial shortlist of candidates, taking into account academic qualifications, their CV, the interest of their area of studies and reference letters.

The Foundation will request confirmation of enrolment/ admission to the corresponding university for the selected course. Applications which have been rejected by the University for the Selected Programme will not be taken into consideration in the scholarship award process.

The names of the selected candidates shortlisted for interview will be published on the Foundation website: <a href="http://www.scottishpowerfoundation.com">http://www.scottishpowerfoundation.com</a>

#### **Personal interview**

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to a competency based interview with a selection committee to take place in April or May 2017.

#### Note

This call for scholarships may be declared void for all, or part, of the scholarships on offer where the selection committee proposes so to The Foundation.

## 6. Candidate nomination

Once the interviews have been conducted, the selection committee will propose the list of selected candidates. The final list of successful candidates and a list of substitutes will be published on the Foundation website on 15 June 2017.

The list of candidates approved by the Foundation is final. The Foundation will not provide any information on the applications that have been rejected.

The final nomination of candidates is subject to the following conditions being met:

 Receipt of a signed Acceptance Letter dated at the most five working days after the date of publication of the final list of successful candidates to the following postal address:

ScottishPower Foundation
Call for Energy & Environment Post Graduate Studies in the UK 2017
9<sup>th</sup> Floor
320 St Vincent Street
Glasgow
G2 5AD



Independently of its submission to the aforementioned postal address, a scanned copy of the signed Acceptance Letter must be sent in advance to the Foundation email address: <a href="mailto:scottishpowerfoundation@scottishpower.com">scottishpowerfoundation@scottishpower.com</a>

The Acceptance Letter will be provided to the success candidates by email on the date on which the final selection of candidates is made public.

- Submission to The Foundation before **July 8<sup>th</sup> 2017** of a certification of final admission to study at the chosen UK University. (Excluding applicants wishing to study in Spain). If you are not admitted, the candidates will lose their right to the scholarship.
- Submission by final-year students of the official certification showing that they have obtained the corresponding degree. Failure to complete the studies will result in cancellation of the scholarship.

## 7. Financial contribution

The scholarship will cover the following:

- Enrolment costs at the university in the United Kingdom or Spain.
- £14,400 a year to cover per-diem and material expenses. This amount will be paid out in £1,200 monthly instalments.

Payment of the allowance will paid out in monthly instalments.

The Scholarship will have a maximum duration of one calendar year from the beginning of the studies programme.

The ScottishPower Foundation will also provide local support to the scholarship recipients where appropriate.

The amounts of the Scholarship will be paid in the currency of the country of origin of the awarding Foundation i.e. UK Students in GBP



# 8. Scholarship Management

The Scholarship recipient must fulfil the following obligations:

- At the request of the Foundation, the candidate must prove, with originals or certified copies of the
  documents, the necessary information for the selection process sent as either photocopies or
  electronic files. Furthermore, the Foundation may ask for certification of any data mentioned in the
  candidate's CV.
- In the event that the Foundation organises a scholarship award ceremony, to personally attend to receive the grant on the day and at the place notified to the scholarship recipient. If the applicant, due to justified causes, cannot receive the scholarship in person, he/she must notify the Foundation. This will usually take place in Madrid, Spain in early July, hosted by Fundación IBERDROLA España.
- The Foundation will contribute towards the costs to support the accommodation & travel expenses to the scholar to attend the scholarship award ceremony.
- Carry out the planned studies according to the submitted application. The Scholarship recipients must start the study. Those candidates who obtain a scholarship shall be obliged to begin the programme of studies at the autumn term, September-October, of the academic year 2017-2018, and finish their studies in the year of Call, 2017-2018
- During the course, the Foundation will ask the scholar for information that confirms good progress towards the Masters, in addition to completing their studies, the scholar is required to answer a questionnaire provided by the Foundation and send the results of the studies carried out.
- The Scholarship recipients must inform the Foundation of their place of residence immediately after their arrival at their respective University. Furthermore, they must inform of any change of address or email over the period of time that the Scholarship is awarded.
- If any work resulting from the studies is published, the author must state his/her status as a scholarship recipient of The Foundation and submit a copy of the publication to the Foundation.
- If the Scholarship recipient does not fulfill these obligations —or any other obligation included in the scholarship's conditions— The Foundation reserves the right to act as it deems appropriate, including demanding a refund of any such monies paid out. In particular, if the scholarship holder fails to finish the programme, the full amount of monthly payments and other economic contributions received as of the date must be returned to The Foundation. If this event has occurred after the seventh month of the commencement of the scholarship payments, The Foundation reserves the right to analyse the corresponding application and can modify the amount that the scholarship holder must reimburse.



#### 9. Other conditions

The Scottish Power Foundation Call for Energy and Environment Postgraduate is run in conjunction with Fundación IBERDROLA España; therefore in accordance with the applicable Data Protection Legislation (Spanish Act 15/1999 and Data Protection Act 1998), the candidate is hereby informed and in submitting their application, hereby grants their consent to the following points:

a) All of the personal data contained in the scholarship application and attached documentation included with the application, photographs taken at the time the scholarship is awarded, follow-up information, data contained in the questionnaire provided upon completion of studies, course results, information gathered from the university in question, and the results of the candidate assessments will be placed in a file owned by the Fundación IBERDROLA España, which has its headquarters at C/ Arequipa, 1-4ª, Madrid 28043, SPAIN.

Moreover, where applicable this data will also be notified and therefore placed in a file owned by Scottish Power Foundation, Ltd., with headquarters at 1 Atlantic Quay Glasgow, G2 8SP, United Kingdom.

In these cases, this data notification involves an international data transfer to the countries in question.

- b) The Controllers in charge of the files will only hold such data that has been voluntarily provided by the data subject in question and which they consider to be necessary for the candidate selection process.
- c) This information shall be processed for the following purposes:
  - To analyse the candidate's suitability and be able to carry out a selection process for awarding the scholarship.
  - To ensure that the candidate meets the requirements during the scholarship period.
  - To make the relevant payments if the scholarship is awarded.
  - So that their name and photograph may be published on the Fundación IBERDROLA España and the Foundation's website, where they may be freely consulted by the public, with a view to informing the names of the recipients of the scholarships awarded by the Foundation.

The data subject is free to exercise the rights of access, rectification and cancellation and any others to which they may be entitled under the standing legislation in relation to their personal data contained in the file, pursuant to the terms provided in Spanish Act 15/99 on Personal Data Protection and Data Protection Act 1998. To this end, they should notify the file controller in writing to both addresses specified below:

- Fundación IBERDROLA España(Ref. LOPD), C/ Arequipa, 1-4ª, Madrid 28043 stating "Protección de datos personales" (Personal Data Protection) and attaching a copy of their identity card or passport. The documentation submitted by scholarship holders to the Fundación IBERDROLA España shall be filed on a confidential basis.
- Scottish Power Foundation, 9th Floor, 320 St Vincent Street, Glasgow, G2 5AD, Scotland.