**2 AHRC Project Doctoral Studentships in Philosophy of Science/Physics (incl. Metaphysics)**

Two AHRC-funded PhD studentships will be available from 1 March 2015 in the School of Philosophy, Religion, and History of Science at the University of Leeds.

The studentships are part of the AHRC-funded project ‘Scientific Realism and the Quantum’ (PI: Juha Saatsi, Co-I: Steven French). Successful applicants will engage in research on suitable topics in the philosophy of science and/or philosophy of (quantum) physics, supervised by Juha Saatsi and Steven French.

One of the projects is envisaged to concern the relationship between metaphysics and physics. The other project is envisaged to explore issues concerning the nature of modelling, idealisations, and explanation in science, and their epistemological repercussions.

The award holders will benefit from the activities of the Centre for the History and Philosophy of Science and the Centre for the Metaphysics and Mind, and from contact with national and international experts in philosophy of science and philosophy of physics through the programme of international visitors, seminars and workshops funded by the project.

**Information about the Studentships**

Both studentships are tenable for up to 3 years (full-time) from 1 March 2015. Renewal of the studentship each year is subject to satisfactory academic progress.

AHRC regulations require that applicants must meet UK residency criteria or be ordinarily resident in the EU. EU candidates are normally eligible for a fees-only award, unless they have been ordinarily resident in the UK for 3 years immediately preceding the date of the award. Applicants should normally have, or be studying for, a Master’s degree in Philosophy. Further details concerning eligibility are available via the AHRC website at: [www.ahrc.ac.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/Student-Funding-Guide.pdf](http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/Student-Funding-Guide.pdf)

Full awards cover academic fees at the standard UK rate and a maintenance grant for full-time study.

**Scholarship Funding**

For both projects, applicants must be either UK residents (full studentship) or EU nationals (fees only). They should normally have, or expect soon to be awarded, a Masters degree in a relevant discipline (philosophy or physics), though exceptions can be made for applicants with strong undergraduate records and relevant experience. The studentships support three years’ full-time work. Standard tuition fees and maintenance grants will be paid by the AHRC to the nominated student at RCUK rates (minimum of £13,863 for 2014-5). Renewal of the studentship each year is subject to satisfactory academic progress.
Applications

The closing date for applications is 1st December 2014. You should also arrange for two academic references to be sent to us by this date.

The following documents should be submitted with your cover letter:

- 500 word PhD proposal;
- a copy of your degree transcripts (or a transcript of your marks to date if you are currently completing a degree);
- a sample of written work, consisting of a philosophical essay on a question of your choice, not less than 3000 words in length;
- CV.

All applications and references should be sent to Jenneke Stevens, Postgraduate Administrator, School of PRHS, University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT, email: PRHS_PGEnquiries@leeds.ac.uk, tel: 0113 343 3263.

Intending applicants should contact Dr Juha Saatsi (J.T.Saatsi@leeds.ac.uk) for information about the project and the studentships.