



## **WFA PhD Scholarship Programme– student and tutor information and application form for 2019**

### **a) Overview**

The Western Front Association (WFA) was established in 1980 to perpetuate the memory, courage and comradeship of all those on all sides who served their countries during the Great War. As part of its commitment to this end, the WFA seeks to financially support post-graduate research students who are undertaking MPhils or PhDs into the study of the conflict. The WFA's PhD Scholarship Programme makes a series of awards from £400 to £1,000 each year.

### **b) Eligible applicant:**

1. Is a registered student on a recognised PhD/MPhil programme, either full or part-time at any university in Great Britain or the Republic of Ireland.
2. Should be in their second year or above when they receive the award.
3. Research subject focuses on a social, political, economic, medical or military aspect of the Great War.
4. Can be studying in any discipline (e.g. geography, archaeology).
5. Is a current member of the WFA and their membership number **MUST** provided on the application form.

### **c) Assessment criteria**

Applications are based on the strength of the case put forward in the application form. The key criteria are that:

1. The PhD/MPhil is methodologically sound, academically rigorous and achievable.
2. The PhD/MPhil makes a new and definite contribution to the historiography of the Great War.
3. The candidate has a history of active engagement in the discovery, promotion and dissemination of military history (for instance, being active in a WFA branch, battlefield guide, etc.).
4. The candidate can demonstrate an active commitment to the aims and objectives of the WFA.

### **d) Deadlines, process and notification**

The deadline for applications for the 2019 – applications open on 25<sup>th</sup> February and close on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019. All candidates will be informed on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019.

**e) Application procedure**

1. All applications and references are to be received for the 2019 by 30th September 2019.
2. Applications are submitted on the attached form below.
3. Applications must be backed by an academic reference, usually from your PhD Supervisor which is sent separately to [higher\\_education@westernfrontassociation.com](mailto:higher_education@westernfrontassociation.com) by the deadline. These references will be treated as confidential but are a vital element of the application process.

**f) Conditions**

1. The application is submitted by the student undertaking the PhD.
2. The awardees need to complete their studies unless exceptional and mitigating circumstances are presented to the WFA with supporting evidence.
3. The successful awardees' submit:
  - An outline of their research to in a *Stand To, Trench lines* or the WFA website.
  - A summary of their findings on being awarded their PhD/MPhil for *Stand To* or other WFA publications or website(s).
4. The awardees acknowledge the WFA support in their CV and final PhD submission.
5. The grant is unrestricted and can be spent on subsistence, training, conferences or fees. Receipts are not required.

**g) Further information**

Contact Dr Phylomena Badsey, Universities Officer  
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September 2019.**

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**Personal Details:**

Title (e.g. Miss, Ms, Mrs, Mr)	
Surname:	
Other Names (in full):	
Student Reference Number of your institution:	
Institution/college	
Home/EU or Overseas Status:	
Email:	
WFA membership number	
Where did you hear about the WFA PhD Scholarship scheme.	
Telephone:	

**Research Project:**

Title:	
Full-time or part-time study:	
Name of Supervisor(s)	
Start date:	
Expected completion date	

Please give, or attach a brief description (not exceeding 300 words) of your research project.

How would you use the grant if given and how much are you seeking?

**Previous Higher Education:** Degrees or other qualifications held:

<b>University or College</b>	<b>Subject(s) Studied</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Class/Grade</b>	<b>Date of Award</b>

**Professional or other qualifications:**

**How will your study contribute to furthering the WFA's aims and objectives?**

**Other Relevant Information (including publications, prizes and awards):**

**Reference** Please ask your referee to send their references directly to Dr Phylomena Badsey [higher\\_education@westernfrontassociation.com](mailto:higher_education@westernfrontassociation.com)

The reference should cover your suitability as a candidate and previous record.

**Referee:**

Name:

Address: Email:

Position/Institution: