

SGSAH Doctoral Researcher Opportunities 2022/23

Applications Now Open

The Scottish Graduate School for Arts & Humanities needs you!

We are looking for dynamic doctoral researchers to join us as part of our governance structure to ensure that we are relevant and responsive to the needs of our stakeholders.

This is a unique opportunity to join the SGSAH training programme, working with your peers and our partners to build effective research communities to support doctoral researchers.

[For more details, see link for details of our governance structure.](#)

SAVE THE DATE: 26 April, 2-2.30pm for the Doctoral Researcher Committee meeting

Purpose of Doctoral Researcher Representation

- To ensure that doctoral researchers have an active voice and agency within the SGSAH
- To bring new perspectives to enhance the PhD experience for our students
- To represent viewpoints and ideas of our students
- To better understand and appreciate the needs of our PhD students and stakeholders by working together

This year we are looking for doctoral researchers to become members of our:

- Doctoral Researcher Committee (2 positions representing each HEI). Discipline + Catalysts and the Equality Diversity and Inclusion Committee (EDIC) representatives will be devolved from the overarching Doctoral Researcher Committee
- Discipline + Catalysts (2 positions per catalyst: 1 SGSAH funded, one non-funded)
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee (EDIC) (2 positions, 1 SGSAH funded and 1 non-funded)

If you are committed to developing your organisational and communication skills to provide feedback, input and ideas to the SGSAH, shaping the future of doctoral research training across the arts and humanities in Scotland, then we want to hear from you.

Eligibility

You must be a full or part time doctoral researcher in arts and humanities at one of the sixteen SGSAH member HEIs (see <https://www.sgsah.ac.uk/about/whoweare/members>). We welcome applications both from SGSAH-funded PhD researchers, and our wider PhD communities in the arts & humanities subject areas.

Terms of office will be for one year in the first instance but may be renewed for up to three years in total.

All positions are unremunerated; however we will cover all approved associated out of pocket expenses (e.g. travel to meetings)

1. SGSAH Doctoral Researcher Committee Representative Role

Responsibilities of the role:

- Communicate and interact with peers to ensure their views are represented throughout SGSAH
- Bring a new perspective to SGSAH ideas and programmes, including proposing, developing and delivering training events
- Inform SGSAH strategies on doctoral research training
- Provide feedback to the Executive on doctoral training issues including supervision, collaborative provision etc.
- Seek the SGSAH student body's views on current and planned training opportunities
- Support development and delivery of student led events, e.g. annual conference
- Communicate with the SGSAH student body about forthcoming training and events
- Attend three meetings per annum, with updates shared with the SGSAH Executive Committee.

Members of the Doctoral Researcher Committee will also communicate and engage with other SGSAH committees and senior staff from across Scotland, informing decisions on strategy and funding for the Graduate School.

Membership

Each SGSAH HEI should have two Doctoral Researcher Committee members, to allow for wide representation, as well as substitution and sharing of workload.

Time commitment

Committee members are expected to commit approximately half a day per month towards committee work.

Full-time and part-time PhD students are eligible to apply.

2. SGSAH Discipline + Catalyst Committee Members (2 positions/ Catalyst)

Responsibilities of the role:

SGSAH Discipline+ Catalysts aims to plan and deliver ongoing training events that draw on and speak to disciplinary expertise and innovation across our 16 HEI members. To support the pursuit of knowledge and advancement of disciplines, Catalysts offer methodological and thematic training at the leading edges of arts and humanities and drive cross- and interdisciplinary collaborations with sciences and social sciences.

Discipline + Catalyst Committee Members will represent the voice of PhD students by:

- Supporting development of an active, sustainable and trusted network
- Attending catalyst planning and review meetings
- Contributing to the development of an annual training plan
- Helping to identify and review specialist training or relevant events that could be included within the catalyst's annual training plan
- Contributing to the annual review of overarching catalysts activity
- Engaging with students and academic staff from the discipline within their HEI

Membership

Two Doctoral Researcher Discipline+ Catalyst members per catalyst, to allow for substitution and sharing of workload. (Total of 22 positions across the catalysts)

Time commitment

Committee members are expected to commit approximately half a day per month towards committee work and attend at least 1 meeting per annum.

3. SGSAH Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee (2 positions)

Responsibilities of the role:

The Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee (EDIC) oversees SGSAH's implementation of the EDI action plan. This includes compliance with equality and diversity obligations as outlined in the Equality Act 2010.

The Committee is responsible for:

- Approval and review of SGSAH's Equality, Diversity and Widening Access strategic projects and associated policies and action plan
- Ensuring that policies, outcomes and objectives are embedded and disseminated across the SGSAH community and beyond
- Receiving updates and providing input to the EDI action plan and related activities.
- Reviewing relevant EDI statistics within annual reports
- Reporting annually to the Board and Executive on compliance with equality and diversity legislation and effectiveness of the Equality, Diversity and Widening Access strategy
- Ensuring a collaborative and partnership approach with staff, students and associated organisations/agencies related to access, equality and inclusion

Membership

Two Doctoral Researcher members to allow for substitution and sharing of workload.

Time commitment

Committee members are expected to commit approximately half a day per month towards committee work and attend at least 3 meetings per annum.

How to apply

Please complete an online application here:

https://sgsah.smapply.io/prog/sgsah_doctoral_researcher_opportunities_20223

Before completing an application, you should seek approval from your supervisor/s.

The online application process will require you to prepare a short personal statement, and attach a CV. The statement should be no more than 500 words and highlight:

- The role you wish to apply for
- Your understanding of the role and reason for wanting to become a member.
- Objectives you would prioritise; and any initial ideas for implementation (e.g. effective two-way communication with the student body)
- Any previous engagement in self-directed/self-starting learning activities
- Any previous representative activities e.g. year rep, subject rep
- Any leadership experience at appropriate levels

Further information

For an informal conversation about these doctoral researcher opportunities please contact:
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