

The School of Hospitality and Tourism Management (SHTM) at the University of Surrey, located in Guildford, UK, is delighted to announce that a variety of funding opportunities are now available to outstanding PhD candidates starting their doctorate in October 2020. We therefore invite applications for our [PhD in Hospitality, Tourism, Events and/or Transport Management](#) programmes.

The School of Hospitality and Tourism Management is globally recognized as one of the leading Schools in its area with over 35 world-renowned faculty from over 17 countries conducting research around three strategic areas namely [Competitiveness in the Visitor Economy](#), [Sustainability and Wellbeing in the Visitor Economy](#), the [Digital Visitor Economy](#). We run the largest hospitality, tourism and events PhD programme in Europe and are ranked top three for hospitality, leisure, recreation and tourism in the Complete University Guide 2020 and top five for hospitality, leisure and tourism in The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2020. We are also placed in the top 10 for hospitality and tourism management in the Shanghai Ranking's Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2019, and top 10 for hospitality and leisure management in the QS World University Rankings by Subject in 2017, 2018 and 2019. SHTM Surrey is also the editorial home of the *Journal of Sustainable Tourism* and previously *Annals of Tourism Research*.

There are seven funding packages available, depending on the student's fee status and nationality:

Student Led PhDs

- [Doctoral College Studentship Award](#) (*UK and EU candidates only*) This award will provide a generous package of a full fee waiver, a stipend at the UKRI rate (currently £15,009), and a research training support grant of £1,000 per annum.
- [Vice-Chancellor's Studentship Award](#) (for international candidates). This award provides a similar set of benefits.
- [International Fee Reduction Studentship](#) provides a fee reduction down to the UK/EU rate.

[Matched Funded Studentships](#)

- There are also opportunities for applications that are matched funded by an external collaborator.

SeNSS Studentships

- [SeNSS DTP Open PhD Studentship Award](#) (*Home/EU only*)
- [SeNSS Collaborative PhD Studentship](#) (*Home/EU only*)

The deadline for the Doctoral College Studentships is 13 January 2020

The deadline for SeNSS DTP Open PhD Studentship and the Collaborative PhD Studentship is 20 January 2020

Dual PhD Studentships: University of Surrey and The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

- We invite applications for the new dual PhD programme jointly offered by the SHTM and the School of Hotel and Tourism Management at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU). It is a Joint PhD Programme leading to dual awards between the two global leading institutions in hospitality and tourism. New PhD students will be jointly admitted to the programme on a full-time basis and will be registered with both institutions from the commencement of their studies. They will be jointly supervised by expert scholars of both institutions and will spend not less than 18 months in each institution. Each student will be required to complete only one single piece of research to fulfil the award requirements of the two institutions. **The deadline for submitting applications to the dual PhD programme is 31 December 2019 (at 11:59 pm, UK Time).**

Interested applicants for the dual PhD studentships will need to make an application to both the University of Surrey and PolyU. When making an application to Surrey, applicants will need to clearly state in the application form that they are applying for this dual degree programme. When making an application to PolyU, applicants should inform PolyU SHTM their application numbers so that PolyU SHTM can input the “Joint PhD Programmes indicator” for their applications to the system. For the applications to both institutions please attach the [RDC1A form](#).

If you decide to apply, please do make sure your topic aligns with one or more of the themes covered by the School’s three strategic research areas highlighted above. Your entire application will be reviewed by a committee before making an admissions decision. The ideal candidate will have demonstrated:

- academic proficiency in hospitality, tourism, transport and/or events;
- have a IELTS test score (7.0+ overall and at least 6.5 in each category) if English is not your first language;
- have a topic that aligns with one or more of the School’s strategic research areas;
- having industry-related experience, preferably at managerial/executive levels is an added advantage.

Information about the Surrey Hospitality and Tourism Management PhD as well as the application process is available at: <https://www.surrey.ac.uk/postgraduate/hospitality-and-tourism-management-phd>

For further information please see the University of Surrey Doctoral College Website:

<https://www.surrey.ac.uk/doctoral-college/prospective-postgraduate-researchers>

If you require any further information, are interested or you know someone who is interested in joining SHTM Surrey, a leading institution that offers world-class research training, as a Postgraduate Researcher, please contact the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management Director of Postgraduate Research Dr. Albert Kimbu at a.kimbu@surrey.ac.uk

Kind regards,

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