

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Board of Graduate Studies

Graduate Awards and Nominations Sub-Committee

Minutes of the Graduate Awards and Nominations Sub-Committee held at 09:30 on Thursday 28 March 2013 in CMR 1.1, University House.

Present: Professor J Labbe (in the Chair), Dr C Bilton, Dr A Cristea, Professor R Earle.

Apologies: Professor F Griffiths, Professor D Leadley, Professor J Neelands, Ms Ann Stewart.

In Attendance: Mr D Pearson

AGENDA

1. Minutes

CONSIDERED:

The minutes from the last meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 25 February 2013 (GANC 3/13)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 25 February 2013 be accepted.

2. PGR Competition Overview

a) Chancellor's, Chancellor's International (CIS), DARO, Wolfson Foundation and AHRC Doctoral Awards Scoring

REPORTED:

- (i) That the current allocations for the awards above are set out in a separate paper (GANC 4/13).
- (ii) That there have been a number of changes to the awards agreed by GANC on 25 February 2013. Changes to the allocations made by GANC are set out in GANC 4/13.
- (iii) That the reasons for scholarships being declined were pre-dominantly to attend other competitor institutions within the UK and USA.

3. PGT Combined Competition:

a) AHRC Masters, International Office Masters and Li Xiaoming Scholarship.

REPORTED:

- (i) That Santander funding for scholarships will no longer be available.

- (ii) That the applications nominated for consideration by departments were each subsequently divided according to their research grouping and reviewed by three faculty scorers.
- (iii) That the scores allocated to each applicant by faculty scorers are set out in a separate paper (GANC 5/13), noting that the average score is presented in the column labelled "Average score".
- (iv) That three International Office Masters awards covering fees of up to £17,000 are available for 2012-13, with one award being ring-fenced for applicants from India.
- (v) That nine AHRC Masters awards consisting of Home fees and £9,585 (RPM) and £8,933 (PPM) stipend are available for 2012-13. The following AHRC Masters awards are available:

English Language and Literature: 1 award
Film Studies and Television Studies: 3 awards
History: 2 awards
Philosophy: 2 awards
Interpreting and Translation (PPM): 1 award

- (vi) That one Li Xiaoming award consisting of £20,000 will be available for 2012-13, with the award ring-fenced for applicants from China.

CONSIDERED:

The list of candidates who have been nominated by their departments and scored by the relevant faculty as outlined above, to determine:

- (i) which candidates should be made AHRC Masters, International Office Masters and Li Xiaoming awards;
- (ii) which candidates should be put on a reserve list.

RESOLVED:

- (iii) That the awards be made as outlined in GANC 5/13, noting the following:
- (iv) That the AHRC awards, originally allocated to the disciplines of Film Studies and Interpreting and Translation would be allocated to high-scoring Philosophy applicants, noting that the co-funding of these awards by the University allowed for more flexible allocation of awards that originally pre-determined by the AHRC;
- (v) That although there was a more highly ranked student eligible for the Li Xiaoming scholarship, the decision to award the scholarship to Yanqi Zhao was due to the applicant's clearer focus on developmental issues;
- (vi) That the Graduate School should look to transfer ownership for the 2013-14 PGT Scholarships Competition to the International Office, noting that from that year all Warwick-funded PGT scholarships were focused on international applicants.

4. Warwick/ Open Society Foundation (OSF)

TO REPORT:

- a) That scoring has taken place and 18 applicants have been recommended for interview.

5. EPSRC Interdisciplinary Competition

TO REPORT:

- a) That the EPSRC grant for this year has been received and allocated to departments. In addition to the departmental allocations, there will also be an EPSRC Interdisciplinary Competition.
- b) That the EPSRC Interdisciplinary Competition will consist of:
Eight awards to strengthen research within the Global Research Priority Programme areas of Materials, Energy, Cities and Manufacturing.
- c) That the Pro-Vice Chancellor for Research (Science and Engineering), Knowledge Transfer and Business Engagement, was currently in the process of setting the allocations of studentships to departments, noting that a memo detailing all allocations would be sent to relevant departments in early April.

6. Any Other Business