

Q&A session

SGSSS Saltire Emerging Researcher Programme

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- Please keep your mic on mute for the entire duration of this session.
- If you want to ask a question, type it in the chat.
- We'll answer as many as possible today and we will circulate a FAQ sheet including answers to the remaining ones in the following days.

Agenda



- The Saltire Emerging Researcher (SER) Programme
- Your application
- Insights from similar international placements programme
- Your questions answered
- Any other questions?

The SER programme



SFC **S**altire **E**merging **R**esearcher Scheme: European exchange programmes for doctoral students and early career researchers.

Scottish Government's commitment 'to deliver a portfolio of international research collaboration and mobility schemes to maintain and strengthen Scottish-European research collaboration'

Key purpose: promoting mobility between Scotland and European research partners with the aim of strengthening existing, and seeding future, research relationships.

The SER programme



Objectives

- Enable research collaboration & professional network development with European partners
- Identify common research priorities, promote the sharing of research themes, data, methodologies, and approaches
- Foster development of long-term relationships between Scottish and European researchers for future collaboration
- Establish networks with non-academic collaborators and engage with wider population through public engagement activities
- Develop leadership skills and capacity for application to external funders such as ESRC New Investigator awards

The SER programme



- **Several awards to doctoral training partnerships across Scotland - some variations in scope and format: please read SGSSS specific guidelines**
- **SGSSS: outgoing visits only to EU/EEA/EFTA countries**
(See <https://www.netherlandsandyou.nl/documents/frequently-asked-questions/eu-eea-efta-and-schengen-countries>)
- 2 options: open call (the one we are talking about today) and targeted placements; both calls – up to 6 opportunities.

Your application



Timeline



Your application



Eligibility – part 1

- Based on the country of location of the PhD registration or ECR employment. ECRs applicants must be within 3 years of the award of their PhD.
- Applicants must be currently registered for a PhD or employed as an ECR at an SGSSS partner HEI in a Social Science discipline detailed by the ESRC.
- Interdisciplinary PhDs projects must fall within Social Sciences for at least 50%.

Your application



Eligibility – part 2

- Applicants must meet any immigration requirements to allow them to undertake the placement in an EU, EEA, or EFTA HEIs (unless the placement is completely online)
- If you are offered an award, you will be asked approval from your HEI to allow the placement, and (b) proof of being insured by your home HEI

Your application



Submission

- You can start/save and return to your application at later stage – be on time!
- Make sure you have all the documentations needed well ahead of the deadline (e.g. support statements, insurance coverage etc.)
- Consider the overall SER programme objectives when designing your placement
- Be concise, relevant, clear in your goals and how you'll achieve them

Your application



Type of placements

- In Person: based at the host institution for the full duration of the placement
- Hybrid: one or two shorter visits to the host institution as well as engaging in online activity before/during/after the visits. It requires the support of your home institutions to suspend your studies or reduce your FTE for the actual duration of time needed for the placement.
- Fully Online: only virtual engagement with the host institution. It requires the support from your home institutions to suspend your studies or reduce your FTE for the actual duration of time needed for the placement.

Your application



Assessment Criteria

- Quality and feasibility of the proposed collaboration, Including quality of the supporting statements (50%)
- Benefits and impact (30%)
- Value for money and appropriate costing of activities including match contributions (20%)

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SGSSS and Opportunities Abroad

Background



Funded by SGSSS
(1+3)



Visited two international
conferences



International
conference and
fieldwork cancelled due
to Covid-19

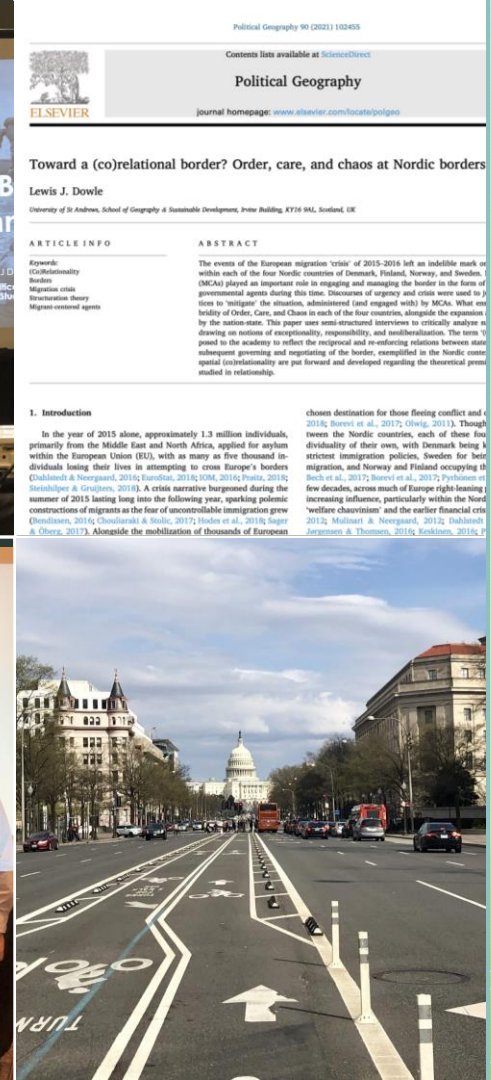


Submitted my PhD in
October 2021

- New Orleans, Louisiana 2018
- First Conference
- Masters Student
- Funded by SGSSS and St Andrews



- Washington D.C. 2019
- Student Paper Award
- Publication
- Funded by SGSSS



Fieldwork to Sweden/Denmark Summer 2020

- Applied with SGSSS for funding for 2 weeks fieldwork (c. £1,000)
- Aiming to interview participants in Sweden and Denmark
- Awarded funding from SGSSS
- Covid-19!



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Disaster?

Digital Opportunities

- Completed fieldwork digitally
- Arranging interviews via Skype
- Developed rapport and network with participants
- Interviewed the former Deputy Prime Minister of Sweden on Teams



SGSSS as International

- Opportunities to connect with countries
- Networking and career opportunities
- Seeing the world
- Spreading research
- Developing new skills





Any Questions

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Top tips for partnership development



1. Make the most of your supervisors and/or mentor's connections
2. Who have you met at events, conferences, etc.?
3. "Exploit" your network's network!
4. Use social media to identify potential interested individuals and reach out to them
5. Research your potential partner areas of interest, aspirations, recent works
6. Be prepared – practice pitching your ideas
7. It's a win-win relationship – remember to mention how they could benefit from it, be open to tweak your ideas to meet their needs/goals too
8. Be enthusiastic but also realistic - demonstrate ability to measure and capture your desired goals/impact

Thank you

All the best with your application!



If in doubt, get in touch!
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