

School of Social and Political Science

Scholarships overview – 2023/24 awards

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Scholarships overview

The scholarships covered in the two-tiered assessment process by the School’s (Stage One) Postgraduate Advisors and (Stage Two) Panel were:

- [School of Social and Political Science PhD Scholarship](#) (2 Years for current student or 3 Years for future student)
- [College of AHSS Research Awards Scholarship](#) (3 Years for future student)
- [Alice Brown PhD Scholarship](#) (4 or 5 years for current student or 6 Years for future student)
- [Chrystal Macmillan Studentship](#) (3 Years for future student)
- [Edinburgh Doctoral College Scholarship](#) (3.5 Years for future student)

In 2023/24, there are a total of 8 awards available across the above.

The [Macqueen Scholarship](#) is assessed and awarded separately by the Social Work Subject Area to a future PhD student.

All scholarships were advertised on the School’s [website](#), the University’s central scholarship pages, and via external platforms and social media channels. Closing dates were 2nd February 2023 for all scholarships. Applications were submitted via the University’s EUCLID Scholarship Portal which was open for applications in January 2023. In order to be considered for any of the above scholarships, an applicant must have submitted an application to each one. They cannot be offered an award for a scholarship they have not applied for.

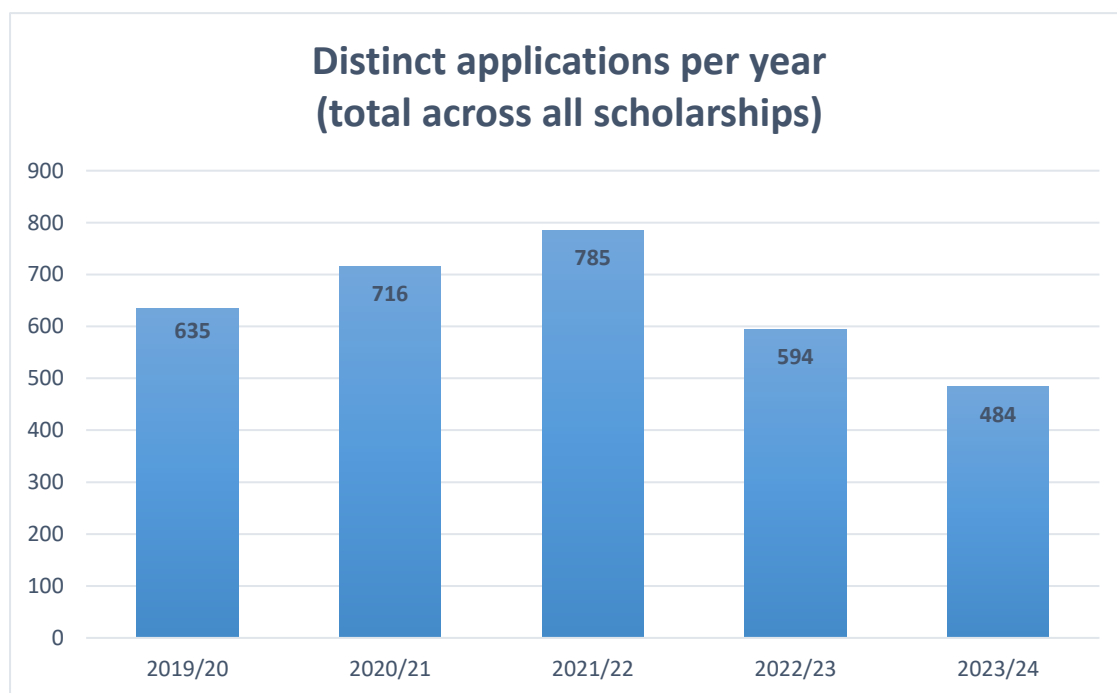
Application and progression figures

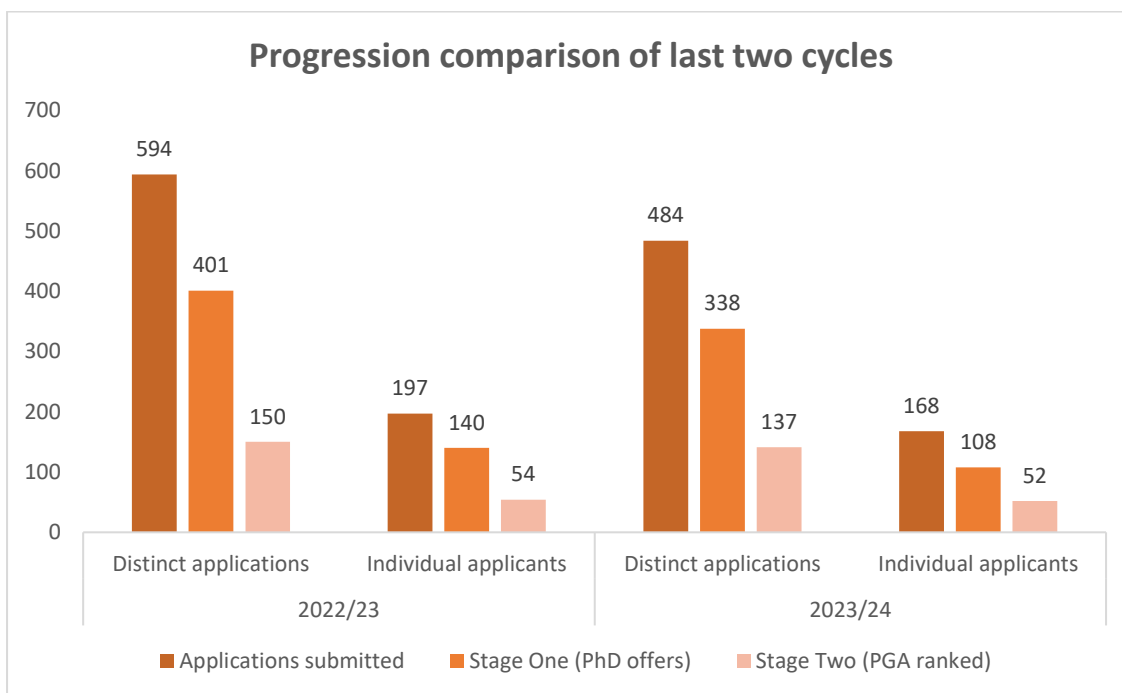
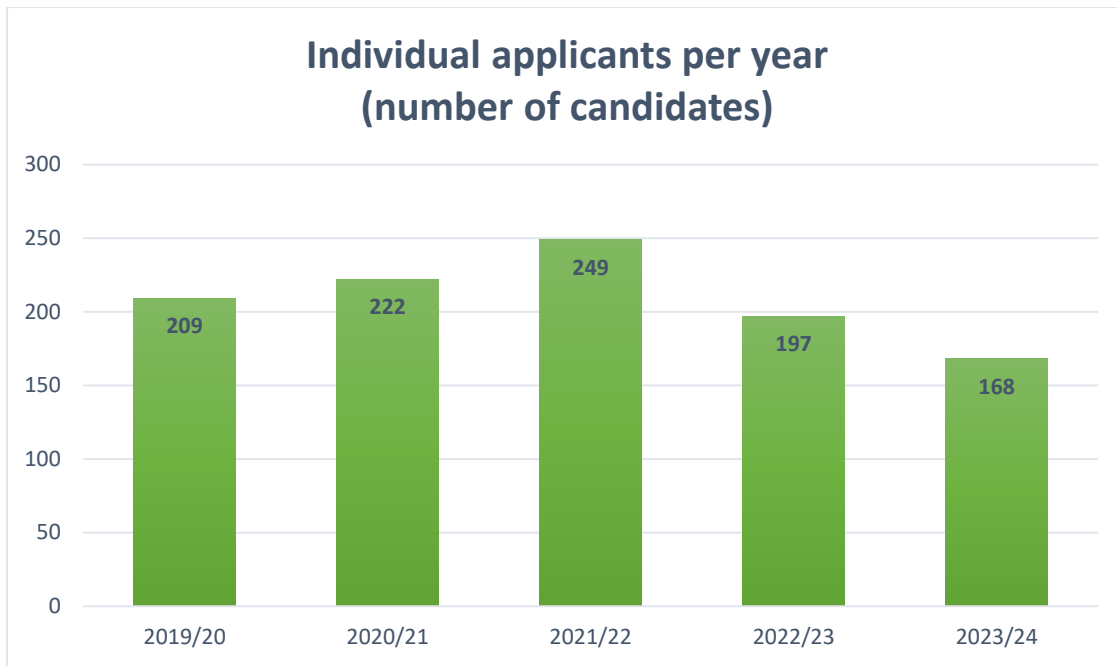
In this cycle, a total of 484 distinct applications were submitted by 168 eligible individual applicants applying for multiple awards. Following PG Admissions stage, the number of offer-holders passed to Postgraduate Advisors for Stage One assessment reduced to 338 applications from 114 individual applicants. As per last year's recruitment cycle, the following measures were in place to attempt better management of applicant expectations in relation to the likelihood of receiving an award.

- publishing application compared to award numbers
- mandatory naming of Principal Supervisor on their PhD programme application, and agreement in principle before their scholarship application
- encouragement to take the online self-assessment tool to determine likelihood of being shortlisted
- stronger dialogue from supervisors and PGAs to prospective applicants on chances of success
- PGAs and supervisors being selective in which applicants they are willing to support for scholarship applications

There was a further reduction in total applications and individual applicants again this year so it is possible these measures may have had some impact.

Comparison figures to previous cycles are shown below.





Current 1st Year full-time equivalent PhD students were eligible to apply for the School of SPS Award (2 Years) and the Alice Brown PhD Scholarship (4 Years). 21 eligible individual students applied – 17 applied for the SPS Award and 4 for Alice Brown.

The full statistical breakdown for all awards in 2023/24 can be found in the [Appendix](#). This includes information on cascading of awards.

Assessment process and timeline – key dates

- **Thursday 2 February 2023:** deadline for all School-managed scholarship applications
- **Wednesday 19 April 2023:** Postgraduate Advisors have completed ranks and support statements for candidates putting forward to Stage Two
- **Tuesday 09 May 2023:** Stage Two panel meets to compile the overall school rankings
- **Wednesday 10 May 2023:**– Interview invites & awards for non-interview scholarships sent
- **Wednesday 17 May 2023:** Stage Two panel interviews - Alice Brown PhD Scholarship (ABS)
- **Thursday 18 May 2023:** Stage Two panel interviews - Edinburgh Doctoral College Scholarship (EDCS)
- **Friday 19 May 2023:**- awards for interview scholarships sent (ABS & EDCS)
- **By end June 2023:** All candidates have been informed of results

Yearly PhD scholarship award comparisons

Yearly PhD scholarship award comparisons - final results (updated 06 Oct 2023)											
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	
Alice Brown Scholarship	0	0	0	0	7	7	6	1	2		1
PhD African Studies					1						
PhD Politics					1	1	2				
PhD Science and Technology Studies					1	2	1				
PhD Social Anthropology					2	3	1		1		
PhD Social Policy					1		1		1		1
PhD Social Work						1		1			
PhD Sociology					1		1				
Chrystal Macmillan Studentship	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1
PhD International Development			1								
PhD Politics								1	1		
PhD Social Anthropology						1					
PhD Sociology							1				1
PhD Social Policy				1	1						
College Research Award	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	2	3		2
PhD African Studies						1					
PhD International Development						1	1		1		
PhD Politics							1				
PhD Science and Technology Studies						1			1		
PhD Sociology							1	1			
PhD Social Policy											1
PhD South Asian Studies								1	1		1
Graduate School Scholarship (partial awards)	3	7	4	1	0	0	0	0	0		0
PhD African Studies			2								
PhD International Public Health Policy			1	1							
PhD Social Work			1								
Graduate School Scholarship 3 Years (future student)	1	3	1	3	4	2	2	1	4		2
PhD African Studies				1	1						
PhD Global Health Policy									1		
PhD International Development						1		1			
PhD International Public Health Policy			1								
PhD Politics						1					
PhD Science and Technology Studies					1				1		1
PhD Social Anthropology				1	1		1		1		
PhD South Asian Studies							1				
PhD Sociology				1	1	1					1
Graduate School Scholarship 2 Years (current student)	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1		1
PhD International Development							1				
PhD Politics									1		
PhD Sociology						1					
PhD South Asian Studies											1
PhD Social Policy								1			
Principal's Career Development Scholarship	8	2	2	2	3	2	2	0	0		0
PhD African Studies							1				
PhD Global Health Policy				1							
PhD International Public Health Policy			1								
PhD Politics											
PhD Science and Technology Studies					1	1	1				
PhD Social Anthropology			1	1		1					
PhD Social Policy					1						
PhD South Asian Studies					1						
Edinburgh Doctoral College Scholarship	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1		1
PhD Social Policy								1			
PhD Sociology									1		
Global Public Health Policy											1
Grand Total	13	13	8	7	15	16	15	7	12		8

Current students - SPS 1st Year PhD FTE			
SPS (separate pool)	Applicants	Awards offered	Subject area
2018/19	28	3	STIS / CAS / Soc Anth
2019/20	31	1	Sociology
2020/21	19	1	Int Dev
2021/22	16	1	Social Policy
2022/23	23	1	Politics
2023/24	17	1	South Asian Studies
ABS (combined pool)	Applicants	Awards offered	Subject area
2018/19	No data	0	
2019/20	4 (/21 total)	1	Soc Anth
2020/21	3 (/9 total)	2	Politics / STIS
2021/22	1 (/17 total)	0	
2022/23	4(/10 total)	1	Soc Anth
2023/24	4(/11 total)	1	Social Policy

Awards and Reserves – final outcome after cascading

Student's Programme	Future or Current Student	College Research Award	Chrystal Macmillan Scholarship	School of SPS Scholarship	Alice Brown Scholarship	Edinburgh Doctoral College Scholarship
PhD South Asian Studies - 3 Years	Current			Award accepted - 2 Years		
PhD International Development - 3 Years	Future	Award declined				DNA
PhD Sociology - 3 Years	Current			1st Reserve - 2 yrs		
PhD Global Health Policy - 3 Years	Future	Award declined	Award declined			Award accepted
PhD Social Anthropology - 3 Years	Current			2nd Reserve - 2 yrs		
PhD Politics - 3 Years	Future	Award declined		Award declined - 3 yrs		1st Reserve
PhD Social Policy - 6 Years	Current			3rd Reserve - 2 yrs	Award accepted - 4 yrs	
PhD South Asian Studies - 3 Years	Future	Award accepted		Award declined - 3 yrs		3rd Reserve
PhD African Studies - 3 Years	Future	Withdrew		Award declined - 3 yrs		
PhD Science and Technology Studies - 3 Years	Future	4th Reserve		Award accepted - 3 yrs		
PhD Social Work - 3 Years	Future	Withdrew	Award declined	Withdrew - 3 yrs		Withdrew
PhD Politics - 3 Years	Future	6th Reserve		Award declined - 3 yrs		
PhD Sociology - 3 Years	Future	7th Reserve		Award accepted - 3 yrs		
PhD Science and Technology Studies - 3 Years	Future			Withdrew - 3 yrs		
PhD International Development - 3 Years	Future	8th Reserve	Award declined			
PhD Social Policy - 3 Years	Future	9th Reserve	Award declined	Withdrew - 3 yrs		
PhD African Studies - 3 Years	Future			8th Reserve - 3 yrs		
PhD Social Anthropology - 3 Years	Future	10th Reserve	Award declined	Withdrew - 3 yrs		
PhD Social Anthropology - 3 Years	Future			10th Reserve - 3 yrs		
PhD Sociology - 3 Years	Future	11th Reserve	Award accepted			
PhD Social Policy - 3 Years	Future	Award accepted		11th Reserve - 3 yrs		
PhD International Development - 3 Years	Current			4th Reserve - 2 yrs		
PhD Politics - 6 Years	Current			5th Reserve - 2 yrs		
PhD Social Anthropology - 6 Years	Current				2nd Reserve - 4 yrs	
PhD Politics - 6 Years	Current				1st Reserve - 4 yrs	
PhD International Development - 3 Years	Future				DNA	

Appendix

Scholarships statistics 2023/24 – applications by scholarship

Scholarship name	(All)
Row Labels	Count of UUN
PhD African Studies - 3 Years	29
PhD Global Health Policy - 3 Years	11
PhD International Development - 3 Years	56
PhD Politics - 3 Years	107
PhD Politics - 6 Years	7
PhD Science and Technology Studies - 3 Years	19
PhD Social and Political Science - 3 Years	27
PhD Social Anthropology - 3 Years	86
PhD Social Anthropology - 6 Years	1
PhD Social Policy - 3 Years	17
PhD Social Policy - 6 Years	2
PhD Social Work - 3 Years	33
PhD Social Work - 6 Years	1
PhD Socio-Cultural Studies - 3 Years	9
PhD Sociology - 3 Years	65
PhD South Asian Studies - 3 Years	14
Grand Total	484
Unique applicants	168

Scholarship name	Alice Brown PhD Scholarships
Row Labels	Count of UUN
PhD International Development - 3 Years	1
PhD Politics - 3 Years	1
PhD Politics - 6 Years	3
PhD Science and Technology Studies - 3 Years	1
PhD Social Anthropology - 3 Years	1
PhD Social Anthropology - 6 Years	1
PhD Social Policy - 6 Years	1
PhD Social Work - 3 Years	1
PhD Social Work - 6 Years	1
Grand Total	11

Scholarship name	The Chrystal Macmillan PhD Scholarship
Row Labels	Count of UUN
PhD African Studies - 3 Years	6
PhD Global Health Policy - 3 Years	2
PhD International Development - 3 Years	11
PhD Politics - 3 Years	13
PhD Science and Technology Studies - 3 Years	1
PhD Social and Political Science - 3 Years	6
PhD Social Anthropology - 3 Years	10
PhD Social Policy - 3 Years	3
PhD Social Work - 3 Years	8
PhD Socio-Cultural Studies - 3 Years	2
PhD Sociology - 3 Years	13
PhD South Asian Studies - 3 Years	2
Grand Total	77

Scholarship name		College of Arts, Humanities and Social Science Research Award - Social and Political Science
Row Labels		Count of UUN
PhD African Studies - 3 Years		7
PhD Global Health Policy - 3 Years		3
PhD International Development - 3 Years		14
PhD Politics - 3 Years		31
PhD Politics - 6 Years		1
PhD Science and Technology Studies - 3 Years		6
PhD Social and Political Science - 3 Years		6
PhD Social Anthropology - 3 Years		23
PhD Social Policy - 3 Years		4
PhD Social Work - 3 Years		7
PhD Socio-Cultural Studies - 3 Years		3
PhD Sociology - 3 Years		17
PhD South Asian Studies - 3 Years		4
Grand Total		126

Scholarship name		Edinburgh Doctoral College Scholarship - School of Social and Political Science
Row Labels		Count of UUN
PhD African Studies - 3 Years		8
PhD Global Health Policy - 3 Years		3
PhD International Development - 3 Years		14
PhD Politics - 3 Years		30
PhD Politics - 6 Years		1
PhD Science and Technology Studies - 3 Years		6
PhD Social and Political Science - 3 Years		8
PhD Social Anthropology - 3 Years		25
PhD Social Policy - 3 Years		4
PhD Social Work - 3 Years		8
PhD Socio-Cultural Studies - 3 Years		2
PhD Sociology - 3 Years		17
PhD South Asian Studies - 3 Years		4
Grand Total		130

Scholarship name	School of Social and Political Science PhD Scholarship
Row Labels	Count of UUN
PhD African Studies - 3 Years	8
PhD Global Health Policy - 3 Years	3
PhD International Development - 3 Years	16
PhD Politics - 3 Years	32
PhD Politics - 6 Years	2
PhD Science and Technology Studies - 3 Years	5
PhD Social and Political Science - 3 Years	7
PhD Social Anthropology - 3 Years	27
PhD Social Policy - 3 Years	6
PhD Social Policy - 6 Years	1
PhD Social Work - 3 Years	9
PhD Socio-Cultural Studies - 3 Years	2
PhD Sociology - 3 Years	18
PhD South Asian Studies - 3 Years	4
Grand Total	140

Scholarships statistics 2023/24 – individual applicants/candidates by Subject Area

Individual applicants by Subject Area	
<i>Note - some applicants applied for multiple programmes</i>	
<i>Note - PhD SPS applicants have been added to appropriate programme for stats per Subject Area</i>	
Row Labels	Count of UUN
PhD African Studies - 3 Years	11
PhD Global Health Policy - 3 Years	4
PhD International Development - 3 Years	21
PhD Politics - 3 Years	44
PhD Politics - 6 Years	4
PhD Science and Technology Studies - 3 Years	6
PhD Social Anthropology - 3 Years	31
PhD Social Anthropology - 6 Years	1
PhD Social Policy - 3 Years	7
PhD Social Policy - 6 Years	1
PhD Social Work - 3 Years	9
PhD Social Work - 6 Years	1
PhD Socio-Cultural Studies - 3 Years	3
PhD Sociology - 3 Years	21
PhD South Asian Studies - 3 Years	4
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Grand Total	168

Scholarships statistics 2023/24 – award allocations by Subject Area

Programme	(All)
Row Labels	Count of UUN
Alice Brown PhD Scholarships	11
College of Arts, Humanities and Social Science Research Award - Social and Political Science	126
Edinburgh Doctoral College Scholarship - School of Social and Political Science	130
School of Social and Political Science PhD Scholarship	140
The Chrystal Macmillan PhD Scholarship	77
Grand Total	484

CENTRE FOR AFRICAN STUDIES (CAS)

Programme	PhD African Studies - 3 Years
Row Labels	Count of UUN
College of Arts, Humanities and Social Science Research Award - Social and Political Science	9
Edinburgh Doctoral College Scholarship - School of Social and Political Science	8
School of Social and Political Science PhD Scholarship	9
The Chrystal Macmillan PhD Scholarship	7
Grand Total	33

Initial award – none

Reserves awarded scholarship – 1st Reserve – 1 x School of SPS 3-Year (accepted then declined for ESRC at another University)

CENTRE FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES (CSAS)

Programme	PhD South Asian Studies - 3 Years
Row Labels	Count of UUN
College of Arts, Humanities and Social Science Research Award - Social and Political Science	4
Edinburgh Doctoral College Scholarship - School of Social and Political Science	4
School of Social and Political Science PhD Scholarship	4
The Chrystal Macmillan PhD Scholarship	2
Grand Total	14

Initial award – 1 x School of SPS 2-Year (accepted) & 1 x School of SPS 3-Year (accepted then declined for College Research Award)

Reserves awarded scholarship – 2ND Reserve –1 x College Research Award (accepted after declining SPS 3-Year award)

GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT (GPHU)

Programme	PhD Global Health Policy - 3 Years
Row Labels	Count of UUN
College of Arts, Humanities and Social Science Research Award - Social and Political Science	3
Edinburgh Doctoral College Scholarship - School of Social and Political Science	3
School of Social and Political Science PhD Scholarship	3
The Chrystal Macmillan PhD Scholarship	2
Grand Total	11

Initial award – 1 x College Research Award, 1 x Chrystal Macmillan, & 1 x Edinburgh Doctoral College offered to same candidate. (EDCS accepted.)

Reserves awarded scholarship - none

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (ID)

Programme	PhD International Development - 3 Years
Row Labels	Count of UUN
Alice Brown PhD Scholarships	1
College of Arts, Humanities and Social Science Research Award - Social and Political Science	15
Edinburgh Doctoral College Scholarship - School of Social and Political Science	15
School of Social and Political Science PhD Scholarship	17
The Chrystal Macmillan PhD Scholarship	12
Grand Total	60

Initial award – 1 x College Research Award (accepted, then declined)

Reserves awarded scholarship – 2nd Reserve - 1 x Chrystal Macmillan (accepted then declined for ESRC)

POLITICS & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (PIR)

Programme	Politics & International Relations (Multiple Items)
Row Labels	Count of UUN
Alice Brown PhD Scholarships	4
College of Arts, Humanities and Social Science Research Award - Social and Political Science	35
Edinburgh Doctoral College Scholarship - School of Social and Political Science	37
School of Social and Political Science PhD Scholarship	38
The Chrystal Macmillan PhD Scholarship	16
Grand Total	130

Initial award – 1 x School of SPS 3-Years (accepted then declined for College Research Award)

Reserves awarded scholarship – 1st Reserve – 1 x College Research Award (accepted then declined for ESRC – same candidate as above) / 4th Reserve - 1 x SPS 3-Years (declined for another University)

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION STUDIES (STIS)

Programme	PhD Science and Technology Studies - 3 Years
Row Labels	Count of UUN
Alice Brown PhD Scholarships	1
College of Arts, Humanities and Social Science Research Award - Social and Political Science	6
Edinburgh Doctoral College Scholarship - School of Social and Political Science	6
School of Social and Political Science PhD Scholarship	5
The Chrystal Macmillan PhD Scholarship	1
Grand Total	19

Initial award – none

Reserves awarded scholarship – 2nd Reserve –School of SPS 3-Years (accepted)

SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Programme	Social Anthropology (Multiple Items)
Row Labels	Count of UUN
Alice Brown PhD Scholarships	2
College of Arts, Humanities and Social Science Research Award - Social and Political Science	23
Edinburgh Doctoral College Scholarship - School of Social and Political Science	25
School of Social and Political Science PhD Scholarship	27
The Chrystal Macmillan PhD Scholarship	10
Grand Total	87

Initial award – none

Reserves awarded scholarship – 4th Reserve – 1 x Chrystal Macmillan (declined for another university)

SOCIAL POLICY

Programme	Social Policy (Multiple Items)
Row Labels	Count of UUN
Alice Brown PhD Scholarships	1
College of Arts, Humanities and Social Science Research Award - Social and Political Science	4
Edinburgh Doctoral College Scholarship - School of Social and Political Science	5
School of Social and Political Science PhD Scholarship	8
The Chrystal Macmillan PhD Scholarship	4
Grand Total	22

Initial award – 1 x Alice Brown 4-Years award (current student, accepted)

Reserves awarded scholarship – 3rd Reserve – 1 x Chrystal Macmillan (accepted then declined for another university) / 12th Reserve - 1 x College Research Award (accepted)

SOCIAL WORK

Programme	Social Work (Multiple Items)
Row Labels	Count of UUN
Alice Brown PhD Scholarships	2
College of Arts, Humanities and Social Science Research Award - Social and Political Science	7
Edinburgh Doctoral College Scholarship - School of Social and Political Science	8
School of Social and Political Science PhD Scholarship	9
The Chrystal Macmillan PhD Scholarship	8
Grand Total	34

Initial award – none

Reserves awarded scholarship – 1st Reserve – 1 x Chrystal Macmillan (declined for another University)

SOCIOLOGY & SOCIO-CULTURAL STUDIES

Programme	Sociology & Socio-cultural Studies (Multiple Items)
Row Labels	Count of UUN
College of Arts, Humanities and Social Science Research Award - Social and Political Science	20
Edinburgh Doctoral College Scholarship - School of Social and Political Science	19
School of Social and Political Science PhD Scholarship	20
The Chrystal Macmillan PhD Scholarship	15
Grand Total	74

Initial award – none

Reserves awarded scholarship – 5th Reserve – 1 x SPS 3-Years (accepted) / 1 x Chrystal Macmillan (accepted)

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