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## Postgraduate Employment Research Scholarships

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## Programme description

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) is launching a new series of scholarships for postgraduate students. The scholarships will support postgraduate students to conduct research based on DTI's employee and workplace surveys.

Up to seven individual student awards, of between £1,500 and £3,000, are available in 2007.

The programme's main aim is to encourage robust, quantitative research on employment relations, management practices, employee attitudes and perceptions, and equality and discrimination at work in Great Britain.

## Who can apply?

The competition is open to any research student studying for a Masters, PhD or MPhil at a UK university.

Applications are encouraged from across social science and law disciplines, including labour economics, employment relations, HRM/management, industrial sociology, organisational psychology and employment law.

## What data do you have?

The Department of Trade and Industry commission or co-fund seven large, periodic quantitative surveys on employment and workplace issues:

- The Fair Treatment at Work Survey
- The Work-Life Balance Study
- The Maternity and Paternity Rights Survey
- SETA: Survey of Employment Tribunal Applications
- BSAS: The British Social Attitudes Survey - Employment module
- The Employees' Awareness, Knowledge and Exercise of Employment Rights Survey
- WERS: The Workplace Employment Relations Survey

Background information and links to the datasets and documentation for all these surveys is available at the following DTI web page:

[www.dti.gov.uk/employment/research-evaluation/data](http://www.dti.gov.uk/employment/research-evaluation/data)

## How do I find out more?

An afternoon workshop to acquaint new researchers with these datasets and to launch the scholarships is being held as part of ESRC's Festival of Social Science at the DTI Conference Centre on **Tuesday 13 March 2007**. Scholarship applicants are encouraged to attend. Please see below for further information about this event.

## What we ask for in return

You will be expected to give a PowerPoint presentation of your preliminary findings at a research workshop hosted by DTI. You will also be required to prepare a research paper (approx. 5-7,000 words) of a publishable standard, along with the syntax files documenting the analysis.

DTI reserve the right to publish this research paper. However we also encourage authors to prepare papers for presentation at academic conferences, and for publication in refereed journals.

## How are scholarships awarded?

There will be a maximum of seven awards in 2007. They will be awarded to the best research proposal for each of the seven major surveys listed above. Research proposals will be assessed according to the following selection criteria:

- The proposal is of policy interest.
- A clear motivation or hypothesis underpins the proposal.
- There is an original or innovative use of the survey data.
- The approach to quantitative analysis is clearly set out and feasible.

You do not have to be a British Citizen to apply but applicants must be enrolled at a British university and be a current post-graduate student (i.e. studying for a Masters, PhD, MPhil). Please note that all applications must be endorsed by your research supervisor.

DTI reserves the right not to award a scholarship where we consider proposals do not adequately satisfy all selection criteria.

## How to apply

Applications must be made using the Application Form, which can be downloaded from [www.dti.gov.uk/employment/research-evaluation/data](http://www.dti.gov.uk/employment/research-evaluation/data)

The deadline for proposals to be submitted is **Monday 30 July 2007**. It is expected that the scholarship awards will be announced by the middle of September 2007.

# Researching Employment and Workplace Issues: DTI Postgraduate Data Workshop

**Tuesday 13 March 2007 12 pm – 4pm**  
**DTI Conference Centre, 1 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0ET**

**Workshop Funded and Organised by The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) as part of ESRC's Festival of Social Science**

The Employment Market Analysis and Research Branch of DTI commission or co-fund seven periodic large-scale, quantitative surveys on employment and workplace issues. This workshop will provide new researchers with an overview of each survey, including the survey aims, sample design and content, and identify possible research questions.

The workshop will also launch a new series of scholarships funded by DTI aimed at postgraduate students using DTI's employment datasets as a core element in their research proposals.

## **Sessions to include:**

- The Fair Treatment at Work Survey (employees)
- The Work-Life Balance Study (employer and employee surveys)
- The Maternity and Paternity Rights Survey (parents, employers)
- The Survey of Employment Tribunal Applications (applicants and employers)
- BSAS: The British Social Attitudes Survey - Employment module (annual survey of those in paid work)
- The Employees' Awareness, Knowledge and Exercise of Employment Rights Survey (employees)
- The Workplace Employment Relations Survey (workplace managers, employee representatives, employees)

Further information about these surveys are available at:  
[www.dti.gov.uk/employment/research-evaluation/data](http://www.dti.gov.uk/employment/research-evaluation/data)

The event will appeal to postgraduate students and new researchers across social science and law disciplines, including labour economics, employment relations, HRM/management, industrial sociology, organisational psychology and employment law.

## **Registration**

The event is free, but those wishing to attend need to register at least 48 hours before the event by emailing their name and institution to: [emar@dti.gov.uk](mailto:emar@dti.gov.uk) Please put 'Postgraduate workshop' in the subject line.

## **Further information**

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