



Enterprise Research Centre PhD Research Studentship Warwick Business School

Innovation, Exporting and growth in the mid-market companies – A comparative analysis

Applications are invited for an Enterprise Research Centre PhD studentship focussed on innovation, exporting and growth in mid-market companies in the UK and other large EU economies. The studentship will adopt an econometric approach and will build on an initial analysis undertaken by Warwick Business School in association with GE Capital in [2012](#). The project will cover mid-market firms in the UK, France, Germany and Italy and during the course of the studentship it is hoped that comparable data may also be available for the US, Australia and Japan. The student would be supervised by Prof Stephen Roper and Prof Andy Lockett.

The studentship will be based in the Enterprise Research Centre, Warwick Business School with research training being provided through the [Warwick Social Sciences Doctoral Training Centre](#). The student would be part of a community of over 150 doctoral researchers within [Warwick Business School](#).

The [Enterprise Research Centre \(ERC\)](#) is an independent research centre which provides trusted, robust and independent commentary on SME research and policy. The ERC is a partnership between Warwick Business School, Aston Business School, Imperial College Business School, Strathclyde Business School, Birmingham Business School and De Montfort University. ERC funding is provided by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), the Department for Business, Innovation & Skills (BIS), the British Bankers Association and the Technology Strategy Board. More details on the work of the ERC can be found [here](#) and on doing a PhD in Warwick Business School at: <http://www.wbs.ac.uk/courses/doctoral/phd/>

Funding and Eligibility

Funding is provided on a +3 basis and assumes that the applicant will already have completed research training via an ESRC-recognised MSc degree. The studentships will commence in late September 2013 and will cover tuition fees as well as a maintenance grant (currently £13,590 p.a.). The person appointed will also be able to access additional funding for conference attendance etc. through the Enterprise Research Centre.

We are seeking exceptional applicants with a first-class or very good upper second Honours degree and a related Masters degree with an average mark of at least 65%. Ideally, applicants will have a strong grounding in the micro-economics of business and good econometric skills.

Full eligibility is limited to students who:

- (a) have been ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom for the previous three years;
- (b) other than citizens of European Union countries, whose residence during that period has not been wholly or mainly for the purposes of full-time education; and
- (c) who have permission to reside permanently in the United Kingdom.

Fees-only awards are available to citizens of European Union countries who do not qualify under (a) above. These awards cover fee payments but do not include a maintenance grant. Potential applicants who are uncertain as to their eligibility should contact Hazel.Rice@warwick.ac.uk.

Applications must be made online by **30th April 2013** at the latest. The online application form can be accessed at: <http://go.warwick.ac.uk/pgapply>. Please state clearly on the form that you are applying for this project and email Professor Stephen Roper (Stephen.roper@wbs.ac.uk) so that we can identify your application easily.

For queries relating to the application procedure: phdadmissions@wbs.ac.uk.

If you already hold an offer of a place at WBS, please email phdadmissions@wbs.ac.uk by 30th April 2013 to say you wish to be considered for this studentship.

Shortlisted applicants will be interviewed at a date to be confirmed.