**Bursary available for Women interested in studying for a PhD degree in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine (STEMM) related Subjects**

**Sellafield Ltd - University of Cumbria Bursary for PhD study**

***Faculty of Health & Science, University of Cumbria***

£3000 per year over a maximum four-year period (up to £12,000)

Applications are invited for the [Sellafield Ltd](http://www.sellafieldsites.com) - [University of Cumbria](http://www.cumbria.ac.uk/research) bursary for a part time or full time PhD studentship from 2015-2018. The bursary is available for a maximum of up to 4 years of study. This is an exciting opportunity for females, a group typically under-represented in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine (STEMM) subject areas, who seek to develop their research capability in the UK. The 2015-2018 bursary is offered across the discipline fields of Science, Health technology and Medical Science related subjects and provides a first step towards a research career for a female UK citizen. The bursary, funded by Sellafield Ltd and managed by the [University of Cumbria Graduate School](http://www.cumbria.ac.uk/AboutUs/Research/GraduateSchool/Home.aspx), is expected to commence in January 2015. Doctoral degrees undertaken at the University of Cumbria are awarded by Lancaster University.

Through a competitive application process, one student will be selected to receive the bursary of £3,000 per academic year for the duration of their PhD, up to a maximum of £12,000 over a four-year period.

The annual allocation of bursary will offer:

1. £2000 towards the PhD tuition fee
2. £500 towards equipment costs, software, or field trips for data collection
3. £500 towards research dissemination, such as conference fees, travel, and publication costs.

[Sellafield Ltd](http://www.sellafieldsites.com) is the company responsible for safely delivering decommissioning, reprocessing and nuclear waste management activities on behalf of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority. As a major employer, they undertake significant community engagement projects and are involved in a number of socio-economic initiatives, both locally and nationally. [Sellafield Ltd](http://www.sellafieldsites.com) have recently become a signatory of the [Your Life Campaign](http://www.yourlife.org.uk/signatories-details?ID=5BF0-16052014091551-680), a government led campaign aimed at inspiring women to pursue careers and education in STEM. Their pledge to support this campaign includes the creation of a bursary programme, and the University of Cumbria is proud to be able to administer this exciting opportunity on their behalf.

**If you are female UK student with an interest in STEMM subjects and would like to undertake a PhD, or have recently begun a PhD (currently in the first year),** **but not already in receipt of a bursary or financial support from an employer, you are encouraged to apply for this bursary to fulfill your research ambitions and to be an ambassador for active inspiring women in Science.**

**Applicants should preferably have a Master’s degree in a related subject, as well as a First class or upper 2:1 Bachelor’s degree or equivalent in STEMM related fields.**

**Application Procedure:**

To apply for the Sellafield Ltd - University of Cumbria Bursary, you will need to submit a University of Cumbria Graduate School application form and an additional word document and email it to sonia.mason@cumbria.ac.uk with **“Sellafield Ltd- University of Cumbria Bursary”** in the **subject line** **before 17:00 hours on Monday 15th December 2014**.

The information about the University of Cumbria Graduate School application form can be found at;

<http://www.cumbria.ac.uk/AboutUs/Research/GraduateSchool/HowtoApply.aspx>

Fields of Study for graduate research at University of Cumbria can be found at:

<http://www.cumbria.ac.uk/AboutUs/Research/GraduateSchool/FieldsofStudy.aspx>

Candidates need to complete an application form, a 7000 word research study proposal and provide the name of a proposed supervisor (if you have one in mind, otherwise please leave blank). This bursary is competitive so the proposal needs to be as detailed and articulate as possible.

The word document must contain the following information:

* Full Name
* Telephone and email contact details
* A 1000 word essay: discuss and analyse a recent scientific paper or a discovery from peer reviewed scientific journal and its future impact
* A 300 word essay: describe how the award of the Sellafield Ltd - University of Cumbria Bursary will impact on your study.

***Please Note:*** *If you are successful in your application you would be expected to act as an ambassador for the University of Cumbria and take part in ambassador activities on behalf of Sellafield Ltd with associated media coverage and promotional events.*