**Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health**

**President’s Doctoral Scholar Awards (PDS)**

**Fully-funded International Scholarships**

**Call for PhD Projects and Candidates 2024/25**

**We are looking for an outstanding candidate to work on one of the projects in the Grzechnik lab:**

* **Negative transcriptional regulators**
* **Functions of non-coding RNAs in nuerdevelopmantal diseases**
* **Cap-dependent turnover of mRNAs in human cells**

Each year the Faculty receives an allocation of funding via the President’s Doctoral Scholar Awards scheme. This is to support the most outstanding International (non-UK) postgraduate researchers.

**Funding**

The 3.5-year fully-funded scholarships will cover:

* Tuition fees at the international rate at *maximum* Band 2
* Includes stipend (at UKRI rate) plus a £1000pa enhancement

**Criteria**

The applicant must meet the following criteria to be considered suitable for PDS funding. They must:

* hold a conditional/unconditional offer for a PhD programme to commence in September 2024;
* hold (or are about to obtain) a **First Class Honours** **undergraduate degree** (or the equivalent qualification gained outside the UK) from a reputable institution. Potential supervisors should contact the Admissions Team to clarify the degree classification of potential candidates if they are unsure of eligibility before progressing with an application.
* ideally, hold a master’s-level qualification at merit or distinction (or the equivalent qualification gained outside the UK);
* have a track record of engaging with research. This may include contributions to publications/articles, promoting their research to a wider audience, prizes for research or project work;
* be interested in attending a series of exclusive events to facilitate interactions with our academic community and network with other PDS awardees.

More information about the PDS Scheme can be found on the [President's Doctoral Scholar Award](http://www.presidentsaward.manchester.ac.uk/). This includes details on the bespoke suite of training activities that have been developed for all Presidential Scholars.

Send your CV and a cover letter to Pawel Grzechnik pawel.grzechnik(at)manchester.ac.uk if you are interested!