





# James McCune Smith PhD SCHOLARSHIPS

Apply now to be one of the University of Glasgow's James McCune Smith Scholars!

The James McCune Smith Scholarships fund Black UK students to undertake PhD research at the University. They provide an enhanced experience through external mentors, placements, leadership training, community-building activities and networking opportunities. The Scholarships are named after James McCune Smith, who graduated from the University of Glasgow in 1837 as the first African American to receive a medical degree.

### **KEY FEATURES**

- PhD research can be in any discipline
- Funding covers stipend and fees for 4 years
- 6 month placement with industry, a government or non-governmental organisation or other employer
- Mentorship from outside academia to provide a broader perspective and network, in addition to the usual academic supervisors
- Leadership training and community building activities
- · Support for conferences and other networking opportunities.

## **WHO CAN APPLY?**

A candidate must be a UK domicile Black African, Black Caribbean, Black Other, Mixed White and Black Caribbean, Mixed White and Black African, or other mixed background (to include Black African, Black Caribbean or Black Other). The University is seeking to address under-representation by these groups in our PhD programmes.

This is a further opportunity for Black UK students to receive a funded PhD place at the University of Glasgow. Applying for a James McCune Smith Scholarship does not prevent a candidate from simultaneously applying for other schemes to obtain a funded place.





# HOW TO APPLY

There are a minimum of 12 James McCune Smith PhD Scholarships available to begin research in October 2024.

For information on how to apply see glasgow.ac.uk/scholarships/mccune-smith

We are keen to support you through the application process and to help you navigate this. If you need any assistance at all then please email: JMSPhD@glasgow.ac.uk

# WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY

"Beyond the academic support structures, the wider development programme has been pivotal to a richer university experience for me, enabling the kind of travel opportunities that meaningfully expands the research conversations I'm having and with whom; acting as catalyst for leadership and public speaking opportunities; and counselling/mentorship support outside of an academic setting."

"Since I have started my PhD journey with the JMS programme, I have been supported in many ways. The administrative team has been very responsive, and provides great support, highlighting different ways of doing things which have helped in making my researching process as smooth as possible."

"I've found the JMS programme so far to be amazing, I never felt like there was a place for me in academia because growing up I had never seen people that looked like me there. However, after meeting all the other scholars and getting to know them it's really shown me that there is a place for me and I deserve to be here."

"The JMS scholarship has given me the opportunity to follow my dreams of excelling in academia by providing continuous support and opportunity. The programme has also created a community of like-minded Black scholars that I am happy to be a part of."

