



Phelan United  
States Centre



Programme Report

# PhD Summer Research Grants 2023-2024

## 2023-24 PhD Summer Research Grant Recipients



**Albert Cullell Cano**

*Department of International Relations*

Post-Traumatic Peace. Liberal Peacebuilding, Transgenerational Trauma, and Identity Formation in Post-Brexit Northern Ireland



**Avi Cherla**

*Department of Health Policy*

Communication of information about new drugs: the role of the US Food and Drug Administration in protecting public health



**Ola Aboukhsaiwan**

*Department of Economics*

American Abortion Access and Advance: How Competition and Innovation Saved Lives And Money



**Gray Sergeant**

*Department of International History*

Between Two Chinas: Reconciling Anglo-American China Policies 1957-72

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**Ryoya Mizuno**

*Department of International History*

The International Thought of Arnold J. Toynbee: The World and the West from the 'Long' First World War to the Global Cold War



**Sophie Kaldor**

*Department of International Relations*

Narrative Thinking and Presidential Choice: The Story Behind U.S. Grand Strategy Under Uncertainty



**Ziqi Zhong**

*Department of Management*

Escaping the Green Dilemma: Marketing Interventions on Sustainability Adoption



**Susanne Klausning**

*Department of Management*

Privacy Regulation and Firm Innovation: Evidence from US Patents



**Michele Pajero**

*Department of International History*

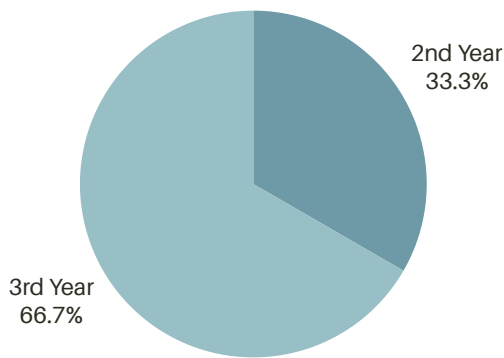
Fascist Rule and Oppression in North Africa: A Comparative Study of the Italian and French Empires at War, 1940-43

# The PhD Summer Research Grants at a Glance

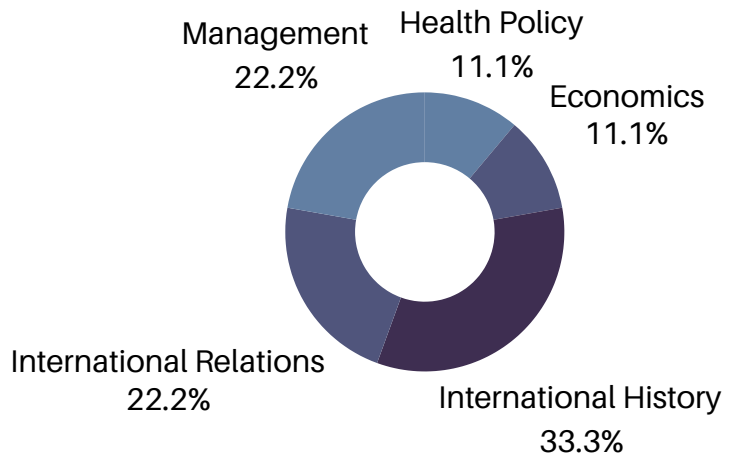
Our summer research grants programme aims to encourage innovative research on the United States and to support students pursuing postgraduate research on topics related to the Centre’s overall mission of promoting internationally-oriented scholarship on America’s changing role in the world.

## Total Applications In Numbers

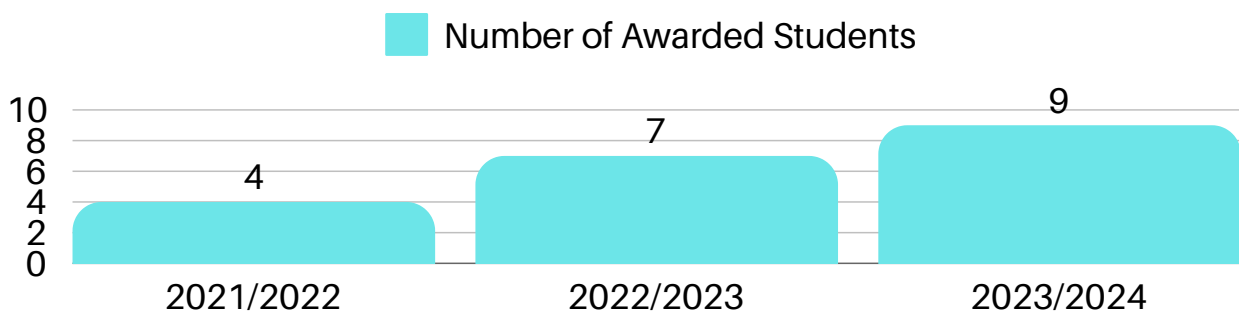
Total Applications by Year of PhD



Total Applications by Department



Awarded Students by Year



In 2023-24, the Centre offered the grant to nine students from five different departments at LSE. This demonstrates the multidisciplinary nature of our grant recipients and the growing reach of this student initiative.



## Feedback from our PhD Grant Recipients

Feedback from our PhD Grant Recipients helps us improve the programme and the experiences of our future PhD grant recipients. Their [research reports](#) published on our website give an insight into how they used the funding.

### Ziqi Zhong, Department of Management

*"The programme offers invaluable support, both financially and in terms of research opportunities. It provides the resources and dedicated time to make substantial progress on your research, collect data, and explore new avenues of inquiry. The grant also connects you with a vibrant community of scholars interested in US-focused research, fostering collaboration and intellectual growth. If your research aligns with the US Centre's mission and themes, I wholeheartedly recommend applying for this fantastic opportunity."*

### Susanne Klausning, Department of Management

*"The paper project that the grant money was used for is a part of my PhD and by getting the financial support to hire the research assistant, I could accelerate the project and submit to a conference to get feedback and progress the PhD in time for submission."*

### Sophie Kaldor, Department of International Relations

*"I appreciate the connection with the US Phelan Centre – the invitation to events, opportunity to write for the Centre (which I haven't done yet but hope to still do), and information about additional funding opportunities. I have of course also been very grateful for the funding to do my fieldwork."*

### Ryoya Mizuno, Department of International History

*"I think the Summer Research Grant will benefit PhD Students, allowing them to work on their respective research projects concerning American history and contemporary public affairs."*

### Ola Aboukhsaiwan, Department of Economics

*"Further into the future, I aim to be a professor at a research university and my experience with the Phelan Grant has been a crucial contributor to my ability to pursue archival and health-related economics research. These have definitely shaped my future research patterns and my knowledge and understanding of abortion access and technology over time. This will also shape my own teaching and curricula in the future and will let me contribute insights to policy debates on abortion access. The grant has been a significant catalyst in shaping this path, providing the foundational resources needed to advance my work towards publication and broader dissemination."*