

## Applying for a CASIX PhD

The Centre for Observations of Air-Sea Interactions and fluxes (CASIX) is a NERC Centre of Excellence in Earth Observation (further details can be found at [www.pml.ac.uk/casix](http://www.pml.ac.uk/casix)). Two PhD studentships will be funded for 2008 out of the topics advertised. These places will be allocated to the highest caliber candidates on a competitive basis. All applicants should hold or be expected to gain a first class or upper second class honours degree in a relevant discipline and meet the eligibility requirements for [NERC studentships](#).

### How to apply

Applicants should apply to the host institution or department following discussion with the lead supervisor. Methods of application will vary between institutions. Applicants can apply for any number of projects in which they are interested. Applicants should contact lead supervisors directly, preferably using email, to discuss the proposed research and any aspects of funding or procedure that may need clarification.

### Deadlines & Timetable

The suggested deadline for applications for entry in October 2008 is **1st March**, although earlier application is advisable. Later applications may be considered, depending on the policy of the host institution or department, however, all completed applications and references must be received by the CASIX Director by **1st April** for considering in the first round. If all studentship places are allocated during the first round then applications received after **1st April** will not be considered for October 2008 entry.

### Funding

The studentships advertised on our web site are all available for October 2008, some may be available sooner if full funding has already been obtained.

CASIX is allocated a number of quota studentships from [NERC](#), which are awarded to the highest calibre UK resident applicants. Applications for these are very competitive, since there are only two awards available. A number of our NERC studentships are also Co-operative Awards in Sciences of the Environment (CASE) studentships. These are to encourage research students to gain additional experience outside academia, and involve the joint supervision of the student by a member of staff of an academic institution and a scientist from industry, business, commerce or a public sector research institute.

### Funding for non-UK students

NERC funding is not available for non-UK students (EU students are now eligible for NERC funding if they have been resident in the UK for 3 years), however, CASIX will consider self-funded applicants from overseas.