



Manchester
Metropolitan
University

Research Degrees

**Join our Vibrant and Diverse
Research Community**



Research Excellence

Manchester Metropolitan University has a strong research profile and we pride ourselves on conducting world-class, relevant research which informs curriculum development, shapes business and professional practice and influences policy making, both nationally and internationally.

The University is **research rich** with many of its research themes rated as world leading or internationally excellent.

Our researchers benefit from working within a community of highly qualified, leading-edge research experts and you will have the opportunity to develop your own research expertise with support from your peers and a dedicated research office team.

We would like to invite you to become part of our research community and to discover your potential.

www.mmu.ac.uk/research

Why do a research degree?

A research degree at Manchester Metropolitan University will enable you to determine your own field of study within a range of subject areas. There is a dynamic culture of research and enterprise throughout the University, which creates countless opportunities for you as a research student to base your own work on many of the very latest developments. You will work closely with your appointed supervisor to help formulate your research topic and ensure you are making progress towards completing your research on time.

You will receive comprehensive training in research methods and have the opportunity during your time at the University to develop a range of transferable skills by attending the numerous workshops, seminars and conferences organised by departments, faculties, research institutes and by the central research office. There is also the possibility of gaining teaching experience and attending external workshops and conferences.

We cover a wide variety of research areas including:

- Engineering
- Environmental Science
- Computer Science
- Human Performance
- Health and Social Change
- Healthcare Sciences
- Education
- Sociology
- Business and Management
- English
- Art and Design
- Music and Performing Arts
- Information Management
- Humanities and Social Science

Degree types

What research degrees are available at Manchester Metropolitan University?

- MA, MSc and LLM (by Research)
- Master of Research (MRes) in Education and Society*
- Master of Research (MRes) in Business and Management*
- Master of Philosophy (MPhil)
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Also available:

- **PhD by Published Work**
There are two routes available for PhD by Published work, which are suitable for candidates who have acquired substantial experience of research and who have publications or research outputs in the public domain, which together make a significant contribution to research in a given field.
- **PhD by Practice**
This route is suitable for established practitioners and recent postgraduates engaged in professional practice in the creative arts field.
- **Professional Doctorates in Education (EdD) and Health**
This route is aimed at professionals who wish to develop their research expertise within their own professional practice.

“*The combination of an active and open research environment, a large, welcoming community of scholars and opportunities to collaborate with outside partners made MIRIAD an ideal department for me.*”

Former PhD student

*These programmes have external recognition from the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC).

Experts in their field

Academic Expertise

We are a university with award-winning staff at the forefront of their fields. You will find teaching and research academics who advise the United Nations on climate change, education specialists who have influenced the shape of primary education, international prize-winning artists, creators of high performance clothing for explorers and elite athletes, award-winning health professionals, internationally renowned researchers in the fields of sciences, arts, humanities, education and social sciences.

Did you know?

PhD graduates are highly employable. Only 3.2% of graduates described themselves as unemployed on the 1st of January after graduating the previous year, and 14.8% of those were due to start a job within one month.

Gaining a PhD is often thought of as a prerequisite for those looking to work in academia. However of the 73% of UK domiciled PhD graduates who entered the workplace only 48% were employed in the education sector according to national statistics.

Dedicated Support

As a post graduate student, you will have access to comprehensive and dedicated student support services. This includes learner development, funding and financial support and a dedicated research team that will help you to spot the potential for opportunities within your research and teaching.

Our professional and support staff are here to help you get the most out of your studies by offering advice and support in the libraries, and in the research offices. Our technicians will also provide you with expert assistance in our laboratories and workshops.

“ *There are tutors and students who constantly inspire me through the integrity and passion they have for their subject. It is a place where I feel I can strive to be all I can be.* **”**

MA by Research student

Fees and financial support

Postgraduate Research Fees 2012/2013

Home/EU (Full time) **£3,828**

Home/EU (Part time) **£1,914**

International Student Fees

Courses are organised by fee bands and depending on the subject you wish to study you will fall into one of the fee category bands below:

Category 1 – £9,500

- Business
- Education
- Humanities
- Law

Category 2 – £12,500

- Art & Design
- Fashion
- Health, Psychology and Social Care
- Hospitality
- Information Management
- Physiotherapy
- Science and Engineering (bench fees also apply)
- Tourism

Additional fees may be charged for professional body registration/membership and exam fees.

Bench fees (Research Support Fees) may be charged to research students for the use of materials (consumable products and equipment) in laboratory, clinical or studio-based programmes, or for specialist equipment such as high-performance computing.

For more information on postgraduate funding and financial support visit

www.mmu.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/fees/

Studentship Opportunities

We are pleased to be able to offer a number of studentships and funding opportunities, across a diverse range of subjects and interests throughout the year. More information is available at

www.mmu.ac.uk/studentships

Entry qualifications and applying

What entry qualifications are required?

For masters (M) level

Applicants must normally hold a first or second class honours degree or equivalent.

For doctoral (D) level

Applicants must normally hold a relevant masters degree or equivalent.

NB:

Students who do not hold a relevant masters level qualification but wish to undertake a PhD register initially for an MPhil and subsequently apply to transfer to a PhD. Both Business and Education Research Degrees follow the ESRC Research Training Programme and students may be required to complete the MRes before they can proceed to PhD.

Applicants whose first language is not English must provide evidence of proficiency in the English Language. The normal level of proficiency for acceptance is IELTS 6.5 with no element below 6.0 although some disciplines may require a slightly higher IELTS score.

Applying

To apply for a research degree at Manchester Metropolitan University you will need to complete the Application Form to Study for a Postgraduate Research Degree and you can download this at

www.mmu.ac.uk/research/applicationform

If you wish to discuss your enquiry with a researcher in your particular area of interest, please contact the relevant member of support staff on page 5 and they will provide you with the contact details of a subject specialist in your area who you will be able to talk to.

If you meet the appropriate entry criteria, you will then have preliminary discussions about your proposed research project followed by an interview. When the University is satisfied that the proposed project is generally sound, and the appropriate supervision and resources are available, you will then be sent a letter offering you a place.

“*Studying here has helped me to see that communication is also an art, one necessary in the transferal of practical and theoretical knowledge into life beyond research.*”

PhD student

For more information please contact the research staff in the relevant faculty below.

Art and Design

Contact Matthew Scarbrough on 0161 247 4609 or email m.scarbrough@mmu.ac.uk

Health, Psychology and Social Care

Contact Emma Reilly on 0161 247 2569 or email emma.reilly@mmu.ac.uk

Institute of Education

Contact Barbara Ashcroft on 0161 247 2320 or email b.ashcroft@mmu.ac.uk

MMU Cheshire

Contact Kathy Clarke on 0161 247 5122 or email k.clarke@mmu.ac.uk

Food, Clothing and Hospitality Management

Contact Aly Goncharova on 0161 247 1435 or email a.goncharova@mmu.ac.uk

Humanities, Law and Social Science

Contact Deborah Bown on 0161 247 1744 or email d.bown@mmu.ac.uk

Business School

Contact Paul Duffy on 0161 247 6798 or email p.duffy@mmu.ac.uk

Science and Engineering

Contact the department on 0161 247 5925 or email sciengresearchdegrees@mmu.ac.uk

After you apply

Contact PGR admissions at pgradmissions@mmu.ac.uk or the Research Degrees Administrator within the Faculty you have applied to.

International Applicants

If you are an International students you can also call our International Office on:

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