



University of Brighton

Doctoral College



POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BRIGHTON

Advising and recruiting international students to study for a
PhD at the University of Brighton

The University of Brighton

The University of Brighton Doctoral College oversees postgraduate research which is at the forefront of our mission. The university supports research that contributes to economic, cultural and social wellbeing on a global scale. Our community of over 500 postgraduate research students embodies this ideal, in terms of scope, depth and spatial reach of their work.

The college is one of the most globally diverse parts of the university, with more than 100 international students from over 30 countries undertaking MPhil and PhD degrees.

Recruiting the right applicants

With your help and recruitment expertise we want to encourage more high achieving international students to join our postgraduate research community.

Our approach to admissions is designed to support you throughout the recruitment process. This includes advising prospective students to:

- choose their subject
- develop a proposal
- make a strong application to the university.

We also provide guidance on all aspects of postgraduate student life including fees, visa requirements and accommodation.

For students who need additional support to achieve the required English language level for admission, we can advise on a range of courses available at the University of Brighton Language Institute.

Your dedicated contact

Sarah Longstaff is our International Partnerships and Recruitment Officer. As your dedicated contact, she can answer all your enquiries quickly and provide any information you need about postgraduate research study at the University of Brighton.

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A message from Professor Neil Ravenscroft, Director of Brighton Doctoral College



Doctoral research is the lifeblood of all universities; not only does it prepare the next generation of researchers and scholars, it also underpins our essential quest for new knowledge about the big problems that face us all.

At Brighton we believe that doctoral research has an additional function in helping people from all professions achieve and apply the higher level analytical skills at the core of doctoral research. We have therefore created a suite of doctoral programmes that maintain the traditional focus on research while having the flexibility to meet the needs of a broad range of students, whether they choose to study full or part time, in Brighton or in their home or work environment.

We hope that you will join with us in encouraging these students to enrol on our doctoral programmes so that they can experience the many life and career-enhancing benefits that doctoral study offers.”

The Brighton choice

Programme	Who's it for?	Overview
PhD	Applicants who want to study a conventional doctorate and follow an academic related career	This three-year programme is suitable for applicants with a masters degree who are ready to engage with a major research project. Students can undertake optional additional training in teaching, academic writing and related activities.
Integrated PhD	For students who need additional research training or who don't have a masters degree, we offer a four-year integrated PhD programme	The first year includes both taught and assessed modules. English language and study skills training are offered on both PhD programmes.
Professional Doctorate	We offer professional doctorates in education (EdD) and engineering (EngD) for applicants who work in these sectors.	These vocationally relevant programmes allow students to reflect in depth on their practice and gain high-level analytical skills. Admission to these programmes requires employer commitment.
International PhD	Applicants who are early or mid-career professionals. This programme is particularly well-suited to academics who have not yet gained their PhD, or who want to develop high level analytical skills.	This flexible programme allows students to gain their PhD through a range of modes and locations designed to fit around their lives and work schedules. Students begin by studying full time at Brighton for between four and twelve months. They continue their studies part time through distance learning, allowing them to return home or to work. Most students return to Brighton once or twice during their studies, depending on their circumstances and the needs of their research.
Master of Research (MRes)	Applicants who want to spend a sabbatical year undertaking a research degree at Brighton, but who do not necessarily want to commit to doctoral study	This one-year programme combines taught modules and a major research project. Students who successfully complete the programme can progress to the doctoral programme, either full time or through distance learning.

Application essentials

Doctoral College entry requirements

To join the Doctoral College students need a recognised masters degree or equivalent, or appropriate research or professional expertise.

English language entry qualifications differ across the university depending on the area of study. To find out more visit www.brighton.ac.uk/researchstudy/keyfacts

If your applicant does not currently meet the required language proficiency, we can advise on enrolling them on an appropriate course at the University of Brighton Language Institute.

How to apply

Applications are made online and need to be submitted before the relevant deadline. To find out more visit www.brighton.ac.uk/researchstudy/keyfacts

To complete the online application process you will need:

- degree certificates and transcripts (translated copies should be provided where necessary)
- evidence of English language proficiency
- a research proposal
- a personal statement
- two references: one from the applicant's most recent period of study, and both references should be written within the last 12 months. Alternatively we can contact applicants' referees on their behalf.

To find out more and make an application online visit www.brighton.ac.uk/researchstudy/keyfacts

Research proposal requirements

Requirements for research proposals vary by field of study. Our website provides up-to-date advice for writing research proposals on the relevant college 'Applying' page: www.brighton.ac.uk/researchstudy/apply

If your applicant doesn't have a research proposal or needs support to develop one, contact us. We can help by putting them in contact with potential supervisors who may be able to help them develop their proposal.

Skype interviews

Once your applicant has identified a potential supervisory team, we'll invite them to an admissions interview. Your applicant will have the opportunity to discuss their research project with the Director of Postgraduate Studies and at least one prospective supervisor. We usually conduct interviews by Skype.

The decision and offer

We make and communicate our decision as soon as possible after the interview. We aim to complete the application process within 4 weeks.

Fees and funding



The university publishes its fees annually. For up-to-date information visit www.brighton.ac.uk/researchstudy/keyfacts

In addition to fees, some students, particularly in life, health and physical sciences, need to cover the costs for course consumables. Our offer letters set out the full fees and consumables budget for each student, along with the terms and conditions for payment.

International funding schemes

The University of Brighton's Doctoral College participates in a number of international funding schemes which could help towards the costs of your applicant's course fees. These include:

Studentships

The university has committed £3.6 million to 60 studentships since 2012. School studentships are also sometimes available and we advise to check our funding page regularly for updates.

International scholarships

The university has two international research scholarships which are worth the full tuition fee for each year of a research degree (for up to a maximum of three years). These scholarships are available to outstanding international research students in all areas of study. To apply for this scholarship applicants must have an unconditional offer.

For information about available scholarships and guidance on how to apply visit www.brighton.ac.uk/scholarships/internationalresearch

Our postgraduates



My experience of studying here has been fantastic due to informative learning through the technological facilities and resources available, complemented with highly qualified academic and non-academic staff. Living in Brighton has been wonderful as the city is very friendly with lots of attractions.

I recommend the University of Brighton to international students who are looking forward to gaining first class knowledge and skills through education in an exciting and cosmopolitan city."

Adewale Olalemi, PhD student



The University of Brighton offers great facilities and resources to research students such as up-to-date library facilities, a wide range of web-based materials, offices and laboratories. The Doctoral College's researcher development workshops provide valuable academic and professional skills; the Doctoral College also encourages and supports attendance at local and national conferences and workshops.

I consider myself very much part of a research community at Brighton; I have a great relationship with fellow students, academic staff and my supervisors, who are always encouraging and supportive."

Sabrina Barbosa, PhD student

If you have any questions about postgraduate research study at the University of Brighton, or need any advice or guidance get in touch today:

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