



NEXT STEPS: WHERE TO FIND FURTHER STUDY

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AGENDA

- What is postgraduate study?
- Why do postgraduate study?
- Choosing the right course for you
- Where to look for courses?
- Summary
- On to PhD's!
- Q&A



WHAT IS POSTGRADUATE STUDY?

- Focused on one particular area of a wider subject, giving students a greater amount of specialist knowledge
- More flexible in terms of modules and study options
- More intense, advanced and faster-paced
- Smaller in terms of class size
- MSc cheaper (but more expensive than PGCerts, PGDips and PhDs).





WHY DO POSTGRADUATE STUDY?

Develop interests Career requirement Enables Progression
MSc Science Communication, vocational healthcare (occupational therapy), further research experience for PhD



Taught Masters – Typically 1 year – mainly taught-some research elements



Master of Research (MRes) – Typically 1 year – 1 large research project



Integrated Masters – ug and pg qualification in one



PG Diploma e.g. careers, healthcare, management



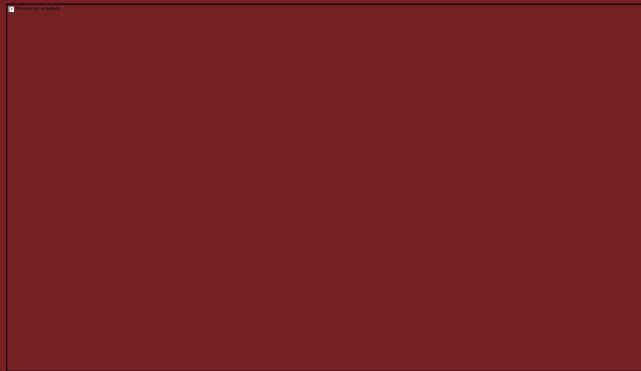
Conversion courses – e.g. GEM, BPS accredited course >clinical psychology, PGCE-1 year HE course - teacher training

CHOOSING THE RIGHT COURSE FOR YOU

Things to think about

- Career goals – particular profession or academia/PhD? (taught/research)
- Check modules not too generic and optional modules cover your specialisms
- Industry links – mentoring schemes, work with business, networking with employers & alumni
- Graduate employability / outcomes from course
- Course reputation, accreditations and student satisfaction rates, quality of teaching
- Location & flexible study options
- Fees & funding
- Support & facilities

WHERE DO I LOOK?



Web & social media

University webpages
UCAS
FindAMasters.com
Prospects.ac.uk
Social media – X
Professional body
websites - RSB, BNA,
Biochemical Society

PG study events

PG open days (virtual
/ in person)
Postgrad LIVE study
Fairs
Russell Group
postgraduate study
roadshows
PG summer
schools/internships
(UNIQ+)

University support

Careers Service
Faculty newsletters
Connect with your
School or faculty
alumni
Personal academic
tutors

SUMMARY

- PG Study – what, why, where
- Research options well in advance
- Get support from your academic tutor and /or careers service
- Attend open days
- Seek application support





THANK YOU



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WHAT IS A PHD?

- Spending 3 years full time (or 5 years part time) researching a project under the direction of a supervision team.
- Meeting with your supervisor regularly to talk about your research and assess your way forward.
- Writing a thesis of c. 100,000 words (300 pages)
- Undertaking a viva examination.
- Research
- Independent study
- Passion
- Originality and independent critical ability
- Cutting edge research!

CHOOSING A RESEARCH DEGREE

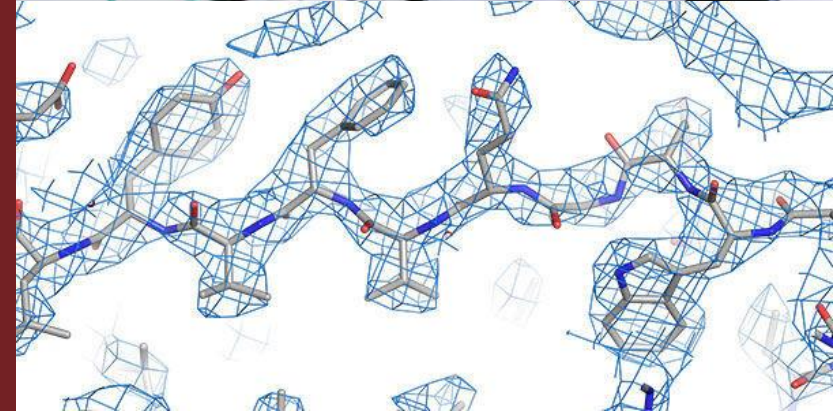
Considerations to make

- Were there any modules you really enjoyed and got higher marks in, either during your Undergraduate or Master degree?
- Was there a subject area you really wanted to learn more about?
- Do you have a question about something you have learned but cant find much research on the subject area?
- Would you like to continue working with one of the academics from your Master degree, having them as your PhD degree supervisor?
- Would you like to feel more in control of your research and influence the direction you take?

These are all good signs that a PhD degree, or other research degree, is a good option for you to pursue further.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

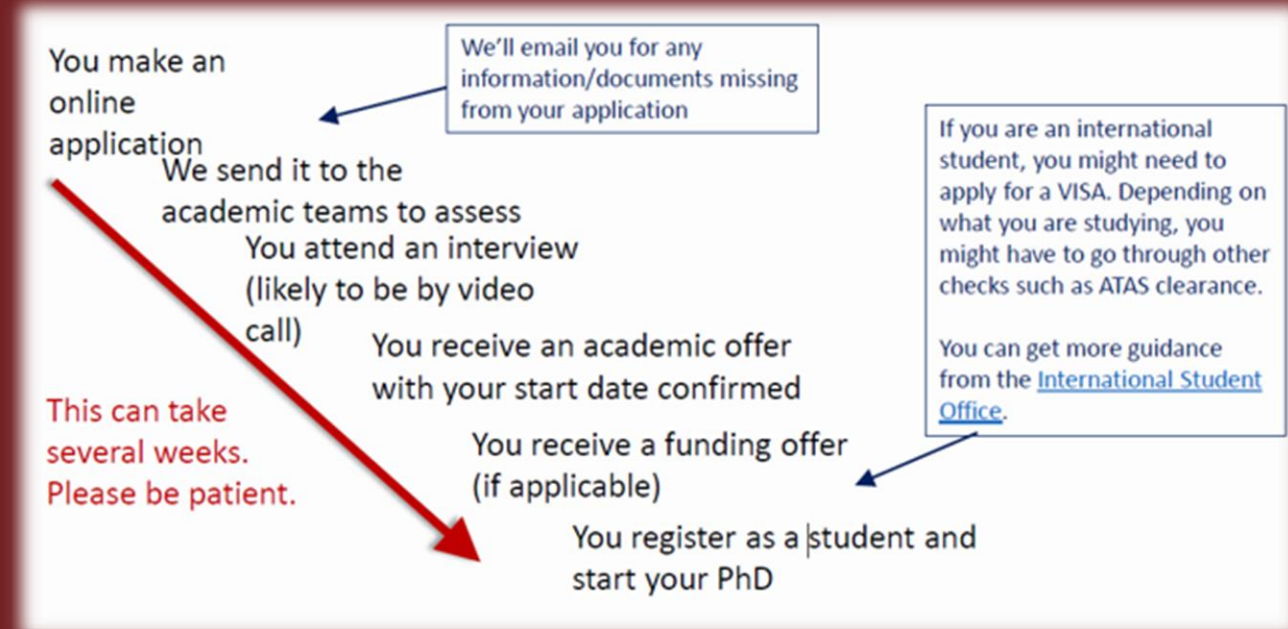
- The academic entry requirements for a PhD can vary per Faculty/PhD programme. Details on specific entry requirements can be found [here](#).
- We generally ask for a minimum of a 2:1 honours in a British Undergraduate degree or equivalent for International applicants.
- The minimum English language entry requirement for research postgraduate study is an IELTS of 6.0 overall with at least 5.5 in each component (reading, writing, listening and speaking).
- IELTS results must be dated within two years of the start date of the course in order to be valid.



HOW TO APPLY

To apply for a PhD degree you need to complete an [application online form](https://www.leeds.ac.uk/research-applying/doc/applying-research-degrees) which can also be found at <https://www.leeds.ac.uk/research-applying/doc/applying-research-degrees>. With the form you should upload the following documentation:

- A copy of your academic CV
- Degree certificates and transcripts for both undergraduate and postgraduate study
 - it is really useful to include your marks so far if you are still studying
- A research proposal
 - This isn't needed in all Faculties, so please check the specific requirements before you apply. If you are applying for an advertised project a proposal is not required
 - Use this link for help writing a research proposal
- Evidence of your English language ability (if applicable)



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Advertised Projects

These can be searched for in the projects section of phd.leeds.ac.uk.

| Directly funded projects | Competition funded projects |
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| Some advertised projects come with guaranteed funding. | Some projects are linked to multiple possible funding opportunities. You might be successful in getting an academic offer, but you aren't guaranteed a funding offer. |

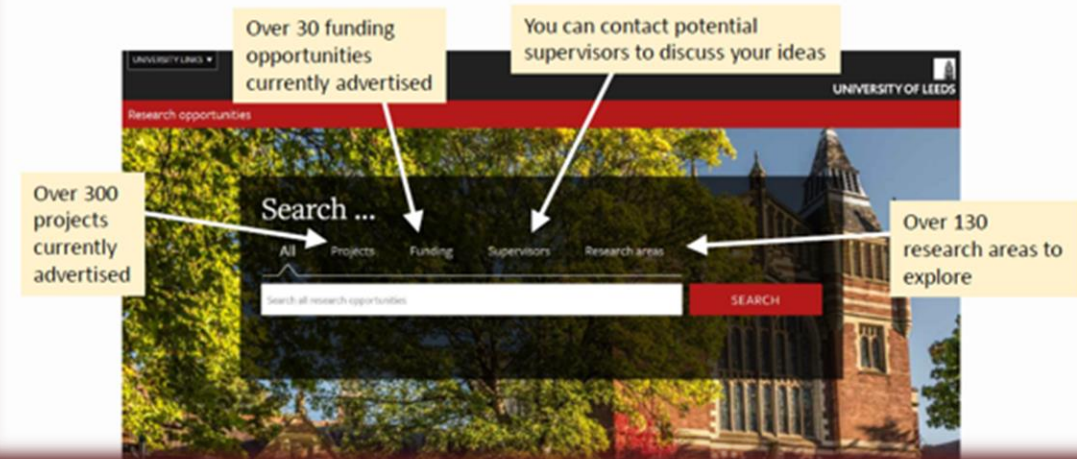
Common offers can include:

- Full fees
 - Partial fees (this is often for international students)
 - Maintenance grant to cover living costs
- Different scholarships will fund different lengths of study, usually 3-4 years full time.

Make sure you check the UK/International eligibility criteria.

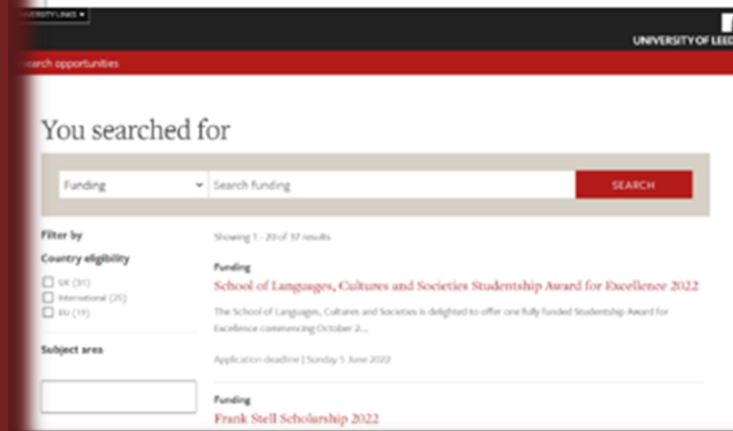
These are often Research Council Studentships – the main source of public funding in the UK.

Explore phd.leeds.ac.uk for inspiration!



Applying with your own research proposal

Search the funding section of phd.leeds.ac.uk to look for scholarships applicants could be eligible for.



Example: China Scholarship Council – University of Leeds Scholarships