

Research degrees in the UK

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What is research?

- The heart of the knowledge economy
- Deepens understanding of the world around us
- Enriching and improving quality of life

Why do a research degree?

- ↘ Career development
 - academic careers
 - non-academic research careers
- ↘ Passion for the subject



Why research in the UK?

- World-class research in all areas:
science, engineering, technology, social sciences,
laws and humanities
- Impressive research output
- Global recognition and international significance
- Nobel Prize and other major award winners
- Research Assessment Exercise

Research degrees in the UK

- Original body of work
- Independent research with academic support
- Three years + writing up
- MPhil/PhD – what does this mean?
- Specialist Doctorates

How to get started

- Identify and contact supervisor/research group before you apply
- Outline research proposal may be required
- Location of research
- Plan as early as possible
- Be aware of funding deadlines

Supporting research students

- Academic supervisors
- Research student logs
- Skills development
- Tailored English language support
- Graduate Schools
- Graduate communities

Scholarships and funding

- Explore options early
- University scholarships
- Research grants
- Funding from Brazil (CAPES)
- Tuition fees & living costs
- British Council 'Sources of Funding' booklet
- University websites & relevant journals

Any questions?