

International Development PhD with Integrated Study

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Course fact file

Type of Course: Combined research and taught

Study Options: Full time

Duration: 4 years full-time

Start date: September

Contact

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Details

The PhD with Integrated Study has been developed to provide a new route to the internationally respected British PhD degree by incorporating subject knowledge, research training and the development of transferable skills.

While the traditional PhD programme requires students to engage entirely in research training, culminating in the production of a thesis, the PhD with Integrated Study enables you to gain added value from taught, subject-based modules.

The taught modules allow students to broaden, as well as deepen, their subject knowledge at the same time as undertaking their own research and developing a set of transferable professional skills in preparation for careers as professional educators and researchers, and for senior positions in public and private sector organisations.

Programme content

The programme consists of taught modules and a thesis. Taught modules include core skills and subject specific modules, and the thesis is 80,000 words.

Research activity will begin in year one and will continue alongside taught modules in years two and possibly three. In year four, students will focus entirely on their research, culminating in the production of the thesis. Students will be expected to take assessed modules in basic and specialist research methods.

Fees and funding

Fees for 2014 - 15:

- UK/EU full-time: £5,940
- International full-time: £12,565

Please check with the Department for the latest fees information.

Learn more about **[fees and funding \(/postgraduate/pgt-fees/fees.aspx\)](/postgraduate/pgt-fees/fees.aspx)**

Scholarships and studentships

Scholarships may be available. See the **[departmental scholarships and funding pages \(http://www.bhamtest1.bham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/courses/scholarships.aspx\)](http://www.bhamtest1.bham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/courses/scholarships.aspx)**.

[International students \(/International/students/finance/scholarships/index.aspx\)](/International/students/finance/scholarships/index.aspx) can often gain funding through overseas research scholarships, Commonwealth scholarships or their home government.

For more information visit **[studenthelp.bham.ac.uk \(http://www.studenthelp.bham.ac.uk\)](http://www.studenthelp.bham.ac.uk)**

Entry requirements

You should possess either an excellent undergraduate degree with evidence of research ability; or undergraduate and postgraduate degrees which are not necessarily in fields directly related to the intended area of research. Besides formal qualifications, a key factor determining whether the Department decides to accept a candidate is the quality of his or her research proposal and its relevance to our own interests. Successful completion of a research thesis demands a high level of self-discipline, motivation and commitment to the subject of research. Great importance is placed on work experience, when relevant. Please contact the Department for more details.

International students:

We accept a range of qualifications from different countries – learn more about [international entry requirements \(/postgraduate/requirements-pgt/international/index.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/requirements-pgt/international/index.aspx)

How to apply

When clicking on the Apply Now button you will be directed to an application specifically designed for the programme you wish to apply for where you will create an account with the University application system and submit your application and supporting documents online. Further information regarding how to apply online can be found on the [How to apply pages \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/apply-pg/index.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/apply-pg/index.aspx)

[Apply now \(https://pga.bham.ac.uk/lpages/COSo71.htm\)](https://pga.bham.ac.uk/lpages/COSo71.htm)

Learning and teaching

Learning and support

IDD is committed to encouraging new thinking in the fields of development and public management. Studying for a combined research and taught degree with IDD means being part of an active research and practitioner community that will support you in accomplishing your academic goals.

An individual training plan is drawn up to meet the needs of each student, based on a training needs assessment, covering both discipline-specific and transferable skills. Any gaps in their own skills portfolio identified by students can be filled during their period of study through attending courses offered by the Department or the University

Each student is assigned their own space and computer within the Department.

Facilities

Departments from across the School of Government and Society are all based within the recently refurbished Muirhead Tower. Following a £50million refurbishment, Muirhead Tower offers **state-of-the-art teaching and research study facilities** including free wifi throughout the building and dedicated study areas for postgraduate research students.

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Muirhead Tower comprises 12,000sq.m of floor space between two towers. The tower includes a number of sustainable features including solar shading (known in the trade as brise soleil) to control temperatures, as well as low energy fans; timed lighting to reduce energy waste; natural ventilation systems and a heat source taken from the University's combined heat and power generator.

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The space has been designed to create modern, **attractive spaces for teaching and research** accommodating 150 academic offices, 230 "hubs" for post graduate research students, teaching rooms for up to 100 people and a 200 seat lecture theatre.

Employability

Graduates from the School have gone on to work in a range of careers, with recent graduates working with organisations such as the United Nations, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, local authorities in the UK and overseas and the Department for International Development.

The School takes employability very seriously and as well as linking students to the central careers services, also incorporates opportunities to enhance their employment prospects, including highlighting work experience opportunities, encouraging volunteering in extra-curricular projects (such as student seminars and events) and by inviting backgrounds for students to meet.

[More information about careers and employability \(http://www.bhamtest1.bham.ac.uk/students/careers/careers-and-employability.aspx\)](http://www.bhamtest1.bham.ac.uk/students/careers/careers-and-employability.aspx)

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