

Health Research MRes



We are in the process of bidding for further HEE/NIHR funding to offer studentships for September 2015. Please check regularly for updates.

This programme provides a first step in research training for health professionals currently working in clinical areas who want to develop a health related research component to their career. Guided by a supervision team you will undertake a research project and gain confidence in using research methods, project management, and research governance.

There is an opportunity to work alongside existing research staff on established research projects. In Nursing and Midwifery we are particularly interested in supporting applicants who wish to research palliative and end of life care across the life span, and in various healthcare settings.

[Study here and find out why the University of Birmingham was awarded The Times and The Sunday Times University of the Year 2013-14](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/news/latest/2013/09/20-sep-Birmingham-announced-as-University-of-the-Year.aspx)
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Course fact file

Type of Course: Combined research and taught, taught

Study Options: Full time, part time

Duration: Full time – minimum 12 months, maximum 2 years; part time – minimum 2 years, maximum 4 years

Start date: September

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Why study this course

Studying the Health Research (MRes) will give you research and project management skills that can be used in clinical research projects. You may be motivated to answer a clinical question, improve health, or be seeking to develop your research or academic career. The combination of flexible learning, taught modules and the research thesis makes this a flexible and stimulating programme which gives students skills, awareness and the intellectual discipline required to carry out rigorous, effective, patient centred research. The programme will provide you with support to acquire practical research skills, help you to develop your understanding of Good Clinical Practice in research, and to explore various research methodologies and methods.

You will be supported by a supervisory team in designing your research question, exploring the background to your project, designing rigorous methods, and completing ethical review (as appropriate). Your supervisors will also challenge you to develop your writing and interrogate your assumptions and conclusions.

Modules

You will study 3 taught modules (20 M level credits each) and submit a thesis which reports your research project findings (nominally 120M level credits). Compulsory modules (2x20 M level credits)

- **[Research Methods \(Distance Learning\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/med/pg-modules/research-methods-(distance-learning).aspx)** ([/postgraduate/courses/taught/med/pg-modules/research-methods-\(distance-learning\).aspx](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/med/pg-modules/research-methods-(distance-learning).aspx)) or **[Developing Evidence Based Practice](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/med/pg-modules/developing-evidence-based-practice.aspx)** ([/postgraduate/courses/taught/med/pg-modules/developing-evidence-based-practice.aspx](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/med/pg-modules/developing-evidence-based-practice.aspx))
- **[Programme Management and Research Governance \(Distance Learning\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/med/pg-modules/project-management-and-research-governance.aspx)** ([/postgraduate/courses/taught/med/pg-modules/project-management-and-research-governance.aspx](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/med/pg-modules/project-management-and-research-governance.aspx))

The taught modules provide opportunity for flexible learning, with the Research Methods and Programme Management and Research Governance both delivered online. The Developing Evidence Based Practice is delivered on campus.

You will select one option module from those on offer (20 M level credits), for example:

- [Epidemiology, statistics and research methods \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/med/pg-modules/epidemiology-statistics-and-research-methods.aspx\)](#)
- [Qualitative research methods \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/med/pg-modules/qualitative-research-methods.aspx\)](#)
- [Mixed methods in research \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/med/pg-modules/mixed-methods-research-designs.aspx\)](#)

Fees and funding

2015/16 course fees

UK/EU students

MRes - £4090

Non UK/EU students

MRes - £17,365

[Standard annual postgraduate research fees apply \(/postgraduate/dr-fees/tuition.aspx\)](#)

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

Scholarships and studentships

We have one NIHR CAT funded place for a nurse or a midwife to start in January 2015. The application deadline is on the 1st of December 2014. We are in the process of bidding for further HEE/NIHR funding to offer studentships for September 2015. Please check regularly for updates.

Scholarships may be available. International students can often gain funding through overseas research scholarships, Commonwealth scholarships or their home government. Visit our website for information about [scholarships for international students \(/International/students/finance/scholarships/index.aspx\)](#)

For further information contact the School directly or email sfo@contacts.bham.ac.uk (<mailto:sfo@contacts.bham.ac.uk>)

Entry requirements

If you have a first degree:

- A 2:1 honours degree (or equivalent) in a healthcare related subject

If you do not have a first degree:

- Postgraduate qualification and or experience in a relevant health related area will be considered
- Evidence of the capability to study at masters level

All applicants must have:

- Current registration with an appropriate healthcare regulatory body (e.g. NMC, GMC, BPS or HCPC)
- Access to a research population
- A minimum of 18 months post qualification experience
- Two academic/employer references in support of your application and professional and academic capabilities
- Transcripts of your degrees so far (certified and translated in to English if appropriate)

International students:

Academic requirements

We accept a range of qualifications, our [country pages \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/international/students/country/index.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/international/students/country/index.aspx) show you what qualifications we accept from your country.

English language requirements

You can satisfy our English language requirements in two ways:

- by holding an [English language qualification to the right level \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/requirements/requirements-pg/international/index.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/requirements/requirements-pg/international/index.aspx)
- by taking and successfully completing one of our [English courses for international students \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/requirements/requirements-pg/international/english-courses.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/requirements/requirements-pg/international/english-courses.aspx)

English to IELTS 6.5 (with a minimum of 6.0 in each component).

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 \(https://pga.bham.ac.uk/lpages/MDS029.htm\)](https://pga.bham.ac.uk/lpages/MDS029.htm)

Learning and teaching

As a Birmingham student, you will be joining the academic elite and will have the privilege of learning from world-leading experts, as well as your peers. From the outset you will be encouraged to become an independent and self-motivated learner. We want you to be challenged and will encourage you to think for yourself.

You will have access to a comprehensive support system that will assist and encourage you, including personal tutors and welfare tutors who can help with both academic and welfare issues.

Our facilities

The College of Medical and Dental Sciences houses state-of-the art facilities to support a range of teaching, learning and research activity.

Our facilities ensure that students receive the best possible learning experience by working in a modern environment. Among our most recent developments include a refurbishment of the Medical School foyer, Barnes library and Wolfson Centre for Medical Education.

Explore our facilities and take a tour by moving around our 360-degree panoramas:

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Adobe Flashplayer 10.1 (or higher) or a
HTML5 Browser with CSS 3D Transforms or WebGL support are required!

Employability

Careers Support for Postgraduate Students

Careers Network – We can help you get ahead in the job market and develop your career

We recognise that as a postgraduate student you are likely to have specific requirements when it comes to planning for your next career step. Employers expect postgraduates to have a range of skills that exceed their subject knowledge. Careers Network offers a range of events and support services that are designed for all students, including postgraduates looking to find their niche in the job market.

Here are just a few ways in which we can help postgraduates to get ahead:

- Careers Networking opportunities
- Effective careers strategy toolkit
- Year planner for all postgraduate students
- Masters Career Coaching Workshops
- One to one careers guidance

The Careers Network also have subject specific careers consultants and advisers for each College so you can be assured the information you receive will be relevant to your subject area. They also have a dedicated careers website for [international students \(http://www.as.bham.ac.uk/careers/international/index.shtml\)](http://www.as.bham.ac.uk/careers/international/index.shtml) where you can find useful resources and information.

For more information visit the [Careers Network website \(http://www.intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/careers\)](http://www.intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/careers).

