# Electronic, Electrical and Computer Engineering PhD

## Electronic, Electrical and Computer Engineering PhD/MSc by Research

You can choose from a broad range of research specialisms offered by the School of Electronic, Electrical and Computer Engineering.

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| Course fact file |
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| **Type of Course:** Doctoral research |
| **Study Options:** Full time |
| **Duration:** PhD - 3 years full-time; MSc by Research - 1 year full-time, 2 years part-time |
| **Start date:** Registration for PhD and MSc by Research study can take place at the beginning of any month |

### Related courses

**Postgraduate doctoral research programmes - Electronic, Electrical and Computer Engineering**

### Contact

Read **FAQs** for this programme

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If you complete our **contact form** we will respond to your enquiry within two business days.

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**School of Electronic, Electrical and Computer Engineering**

## Details

We have a broad range of research specialisms:

- **Biomedical Informatics**
- **Communications Engineering**
- **Electrical Power, Energy and Control Systems**
- **Emerging Device Technology**
- **Human Interface Technologies**
- **Magnetic Resonance Imaging and Spectroscopy**
- **Multimodal Interaction Technologies**
- **Railway Systems**

**Related links**

**School of Electronic, Electrical and Computer Engineering**

## Why study this course

Our research and teaching stretches from materials, devices and systems - with close links with physics - through the generation and distribution of electrical energy, the railwaynetwork, communications and applied computing, to activities in serious games and human interaction technologies, which border on applied psychology.

With 30 academic staff andnearly 40 support staff, it's likely that we will be active inwhichever aspect of Electrical and Computer Engineeringis of interest to you. Our turnover on research is around £3million per year, which comes from a variety of sources includingUK government and industry as well as the EU. We are keen to welcome new students who have ability, enthusiasm and commitment.

Over 25 years, the Institution of Engineering and Technology(IET) has recognised our taught programmes as the first stepstowards professional chartered engineer status, and accreditationof our courses was confirmed by the IET in 2008.

In the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise, 85% of our research was judgedto be of international standing while 60% was internationally leading. Our aim is to maintain and improve on this high qualityin all aspects of our work.

## Fees and funding

**Standard fees** apply.
Learn more about **fees and funding**

**Scholarships and studentships**

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For home/EU applicants, full funding from EPSRC or from other sources can usually be arranged through us; the closing date for EPSRC studentships is late June, please contact the School directly for more information. Alternatively email **sfo@contacts.bham.ac.uk**.

International students can often gain funding through overseas research scholarships, Commonwealth scholarships or their home government.

## Entry requirements

The normal entrance requirements for MSc by Research or PhD study are a first degree of at least good UK upper second-class Honours standard, an appropriate standard of English and adequate financial support. The requirements also allow for entry based on comparable ability, as indicated by a good UK MSc performance or a lower first degree performance plus substantial relevant experience.

Learn more about **entry requirements**

**International students**
We accept a range of qualifications from different countries – learn more about **international entry requirements**

**Standard English language requirements** apply

## How to apply

Learn more about **applying**

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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**

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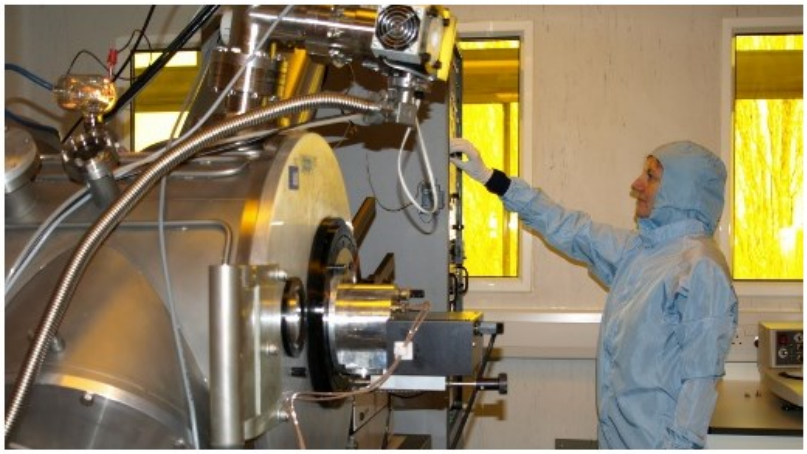
### Related links

**Postgraduate degree courses - Electronic, Electrical and Computer Engineering**

## Research interests of staff

The School of Electronic, Electrical and Computer Engineering (EECE) at the University of Birmingham employs some 30 full-time academic staff and approximately 60 research assistants, and has a population of around 100 Doctoral Researchers. EECE has an annual income of around ?3 million. Research is supported through grants from the European Union, UK Research Councils, the Ministry of Defence, and UK Industry.



EECE has a long-standing international reputation in research related to **Microwave Engineering and Radar Systems** and to **Power and Control**, particularly in **Rail Systems**. Over the past decade, it has been investing in, and growing, research in areas related to **Computer Systems Engineering**.

### Research themes

**Microwave systems and devices**

The primary (but not only) concern of this research centre is the development of devices and systems for communications and radar. The centre's research covers both basic science and applications. An example of basic science is the work on materials such as dielectrics, ferroelectrics and superconductors. This basic work is complemented by the development of devices such as new, passive and active microwave circuits for real world applications. In addition there is significant work on radar and communication systems.

**Birmingham Centre for Railway Research and Education**

The Birmingham Centre for Railway Research and Education brings together a multidisciplinary team from across the University to tackle fundamental railway engineering problems. The team actively engage with industry, other universities through Rail Research UK-A, and international partners. The centre also delivers the MSc postgraduate programme in Railway Systems Engineering and Integration.

**Human computer interaction**

Research at the HCI Centre includes intelligent interaction, natural interaction, utilizing speech, gesture, activity and emotion, social computing, digital economy, future digital technologies, fusing physical and virtual domains, mobile and ubiquitous computing, and the psychology of interaction.

## Related research

- **Electronic, Electrical and Computer Engineering Research**

## Employability

About ten per cent of our higher degree students work externally, employed full-time. We have particularly strong links with BT, the Defence Research Agency, London Underground Ltd and Kodak Ltd. Our research is funded roughly 50:50 by the EPSRC and industry/EU.

**University Careers Network**

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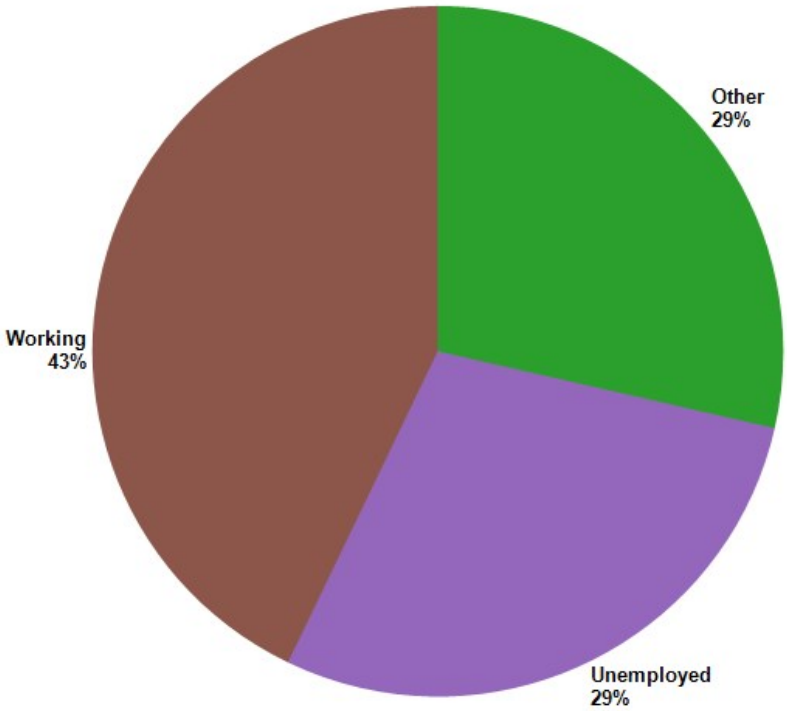
Preparation for your career should be one of the first things you think about as you start university. Whether you have a clear idea of where your future aspirations lie or want to consider the broad range of opportunities available once you have a Birmingham degree, our Careers Network can help you achieve your goal.

Our unique careers guidance service is tailored to your academic subject area, offering a specialised team (in each of the five academic colleges) who can give you expert advice. Our team source exclusive work experience opportunities to help you stand out amongst the competition, with mentoring, global internships and placements available to you. Once you have a career in your sights, one-to-one support with CVs and job applications will help give you the edge.

If you make the most of the **wide range of services** you will be able to develop your career from the moment you arrive.

### Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) 2011/12 (postgraduate taught graduates)

The DLHE survey is conducted 6 months after graduation.




### Examples of employers

Aero Engine Controls

Jaguar Land Rover

Ministry of Defence

Price Waterhouse Coopers

Ernst and Young

Arup

Glaxo SmithKline

NHS

Talk Talk

Autologic

### Examples of occupations

Electronic Engineer

Applications Engineer

Communications (Electronic) Engineer - Officer

Optimisation Consultant

Manufacturing Engineer

Junior Business Analyst

Test Engineer

Service Specialist

IT Analyst

Development Engineer

### Further study - examples of courses

- MSc Project Management
- MSc Radio Frequency and Microwave Engineering
- MSc Electronic and Computer Engineering
- MSc Physics and Technology
- Postgraduate Certificate in Education - teaching
- AAT accountancy

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