

Find a supervisor

Find a potential supervisor(s) and identify your research area

All Doctoral Researchers are provided with a lead supervisor, who will act as the main source of academic supervisory support and research mentoring during your time as a Doctoral Researcher at the University. The same appointment would normally be expected to continue throughout your full period of study. In some cases Doctoral Researchers may require additional supervision from another member of academic staff. The appointment of a co-supervisor is generally decided between the prospective student and the lead supervisor.

You should ensure that the department to which you are applying is able to offer appropriate supervisory support in your relevant research area. Before submitting an application to the University, you will need to identify potential supervisors in your desired field of research and contact them directly about your research proposal.

Here are some tips for finding a prospective supervisor at Birmingham:

- Search for an advertised postgraduate research opportunity via our [Doctoral ReSEARCHers search engine \(http://www.bham.findaphd.com\)](http://www.bham.findaphd.com).
- Browse the course finder which identifies research leads by subject area.
- Browse the school websites. Most schools provide a list of research active staff and their research interests on their website and instructions on how to approach potential supervisors.