

## About

There are 3 types of research programmes available at Birmingham Business School; PhD, MPhil and MSc by Research.

### Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

- A programme, normally of 3 years' duration, in which the key activity is undertaking research, combined with appropriate training. Registered students must produce a thesis which makes an original contribution to knowledge, worthy of publication in whole or in part in a learned journal.

### Two-year Master of Philosophy (MPhil)

- A programme of study, normally of 2 years' duration, in which the key activity is undertaking research, combined with appropriate training. Registered students must produce a thesis containing original work of merit, worthy of publication.

### One-year MSc by Research

- A programme, normally of 1 year's duration, in which the key activity is undertaking research, combined with appropriate training. Registered students must produce a thesis containing research work of merit.

Each programme requires a dissertation, the word length of each thesis depending on the programme choice. All students are required to undertake some research training.

### Part-time study

Home/EU students can undertake these programmes on a part-time basis:

- PhD will take 6 years
- MPhil 4 years
- MSc by Research 2 years.

### Split location PhD

Research programmes cannot be undertaken by distance learning, however in some circumstances we do accept split location registrations for PhD students, where the student stays in his/her own country for the majority of the programme and has a supervisor in Birmingham, with whom they keep in regular contact by phone and email.

The student would still be required to spend a minimum period of 6 months in Birmingham to undertake research training. This 6 months period does not have to be continuous. Students can undertake this split location study on a full-time or part-time basis.

### Additional programmes

Business School also has an MA Social Research (Business) and a PhD with Integrated Study (Social Sciences – Business and Management).

The **MA Social Research (Business)** is a one year taught programme. This programme aims to provide students with a solid foundation in a broad range of social science research methods as well as basic research skills. Students are required to take a minimum of 120 credits of taught modules and will write a 14,000-word dissertation (60 credits). This MA is recognised by the ESRC for the provision of research methods training as Year 1 of a '1+3' programme of doctoral study. It is also available as a stand-alone Masters.

The **PhD with Integrated Study** is a 4 year PhD programme which allows students to gain added value from taught subject-based modules as well as undertaking original research. 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. Students on a PhD with Integrated Study are required to do a minimum of 120 credits of taught modules.