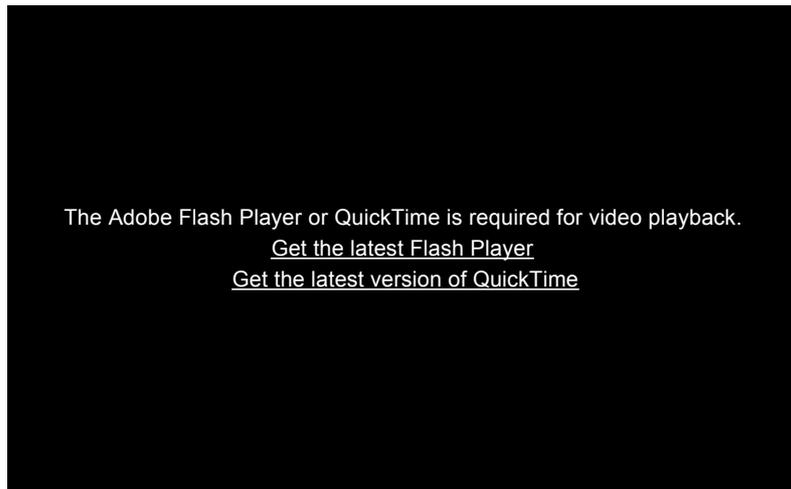


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PhD Local Government Studies (2012)

Katherine Tonkiss describes her experience of studying a PhD in the Institute of Local Government Studies during her recent graduation.



My name's Katie Tonkiss and I did a PhD in the Institute of Local Government Studies.

I did my masters here beforehand, and so it was natural for me to progress on to the PhD programme but also I felt that the institution had a really good reputation for the subject area that I was involved with primarily so I was really keen to come to the department.

Probably doing the PhD, something that is really important is to have a lot of people around you who are really supportive and really involved in the programme that you do and so that was something that I really valued within my department where not only my peers but also the staff were really supportive of my programme and actually knew quite a lot of them personally by the end of it which was nice.

Well I've already got a job in the Institute of Local Government Studies as a research fellow which was great and clearly I was well equipped for that with my research programme.

I would say really try and make the most of the people that are here and that are really ready to support you all the way through your programme to get involved as much as possible with what you're studying so yeah I would say really try and make the most of that opportunity."

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