

Thank you for your enquiry regarding our MPhil/PhD programme. The following information is provided to support you towards a successful application.

Entry requirements:

To register for a PhD you normally need a first or upper second class Honours and a higher degree (e.g. Masters).

To register for an MPhil you normally need a first or upper second class Honours.

English Language Ability:

If your first language is not English you will be required to provide proof of your English language ability. You must provide evidence of competence in English. The English Language test results that you need to submit must be dated within the last two years i.e. two years prior to the start of the course. **Our English Language entry requirements are:**

	Overall	Written Test
• IELTS	7.0	6.0
• TOEFL Computer Based:	250	5.0
Internet-based	100	5.0

Please note these are **MINIMUM** entry requirements. However, you may be exempt from this English Language condition if you have:

- completed either a Bachelors/Masters degree at a University in the United Kingdom within the last ten years;
- if you can provide evidence that you undertook all of your schooling up to A level standard in the medium of English;
- if you are from a country that has English as the medium of instruction.

Each case will be considered on its own merits.

Information for suitably qualified applicants:

Is the School of Education the right place for you? We advise you to visit the School website (<http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/education>) and look at the information we provide on our Research Centres (<http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/Education/Research>) and Postgraduate Research (<http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/Education/Prospective/ResearchDegrees>).

To determine whether we can offer supervision for your research area you should look at our academic supervision profiles (you can also go to <http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/education/prospective/researchdegrees/researchsupervision.aspx> and follow the links) to supervision areas offered in our Research Centres). If you think there is a member of staff whose research interests reflect your own we suggest you contact them to discuss your area of research. If they are able to supervise you they should suggest that you develop a research proposal and make an application.

Start dates:

Full time programmes

The MPhil/PhD programmes usually start toward the end of September each year. You should normally apply at least three months prior to the start date, particularly if you are applying from overseas, as this will allow time for your application to be processed and for any appropriate visa application to be processed. It may be possible to process overseas applications within nine weeks but this cannot be guaranteed.

Part time programmes

Different part time degrees start at varying times and for some this can be at several points during the year. You should normally apply at least three months prior to the start date. It may be possible to process overseas applications within nine weeks but this cannot be guaranteed.

Further information relating to visa applications can be found by visiting the International Office website at: <http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/InternationalOffice/index.aspx>.

Duration:

A full-time **MPhil** will last one year full time/two years part time.

A full-time **PhD** usually takes the equivalent of at least 36 months. However, it can take between 36-48 months. The part-time programme is a minimum of four years.

In order for us to process your on-line application quickly we will require the following documentation (all these should be sent to the Admissions Office and include your application ID number*):

- **Completed On-line Application Form.** You can apply online by visiting <http://my.nottingham.ac.uk/pgapps/welcome/>.
- A **Research Proposal:** the following link to the on-line prospectus gives guidance on what you should include as part of your research proposal: <http://pgstudy.nottingham.ac.uk/Apply/Pages/ResearchProposal.aspx>. We expect an applicant to submit a high quality research proposal.
- **Two Academic References** (at least one of these should be from the most recent institution where you have studied).
- **Original Bachelors / Masters Degree Certificates and Transcripts** (or certified copies) (you will be required to show your original certificates at Registration should we be able to offer you a place).
- **An appropriate IELTS test score dated within the last two years (as appropriate).**
- **A Curriculum Vitae.**

*** Once you have submitted your on-line application you will be given an identification number.**

Doctoral Training:

All full-time students on the MPhil and PhD will need to undertake compulsory doctoral training and further details will be sent to you prior to your arrival. Doctoral training will start in early October. Part-time students are welcome to take part in this. Further details of this can be found on the School of Education website at:

<http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/Education/Prospective/ResearchDegrees/index.aspx>.

Sources of Funding:

To find out about funding opportunities visit the International Office ('prospective students' tab) at:

<http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/InternationalOffice/index.aspx>.

Tuition Fees:

To find out about tuition fees please visit:

<http://pgstudy.nottingham.ac.uk/postgraduate-funding/fees.aspx>.

Living Costs:

In addition to tuition fees, we estimate that a full-time postgraduate student will need around £700 per month to cover accommodation, maintenance, recreation and other expenses.

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