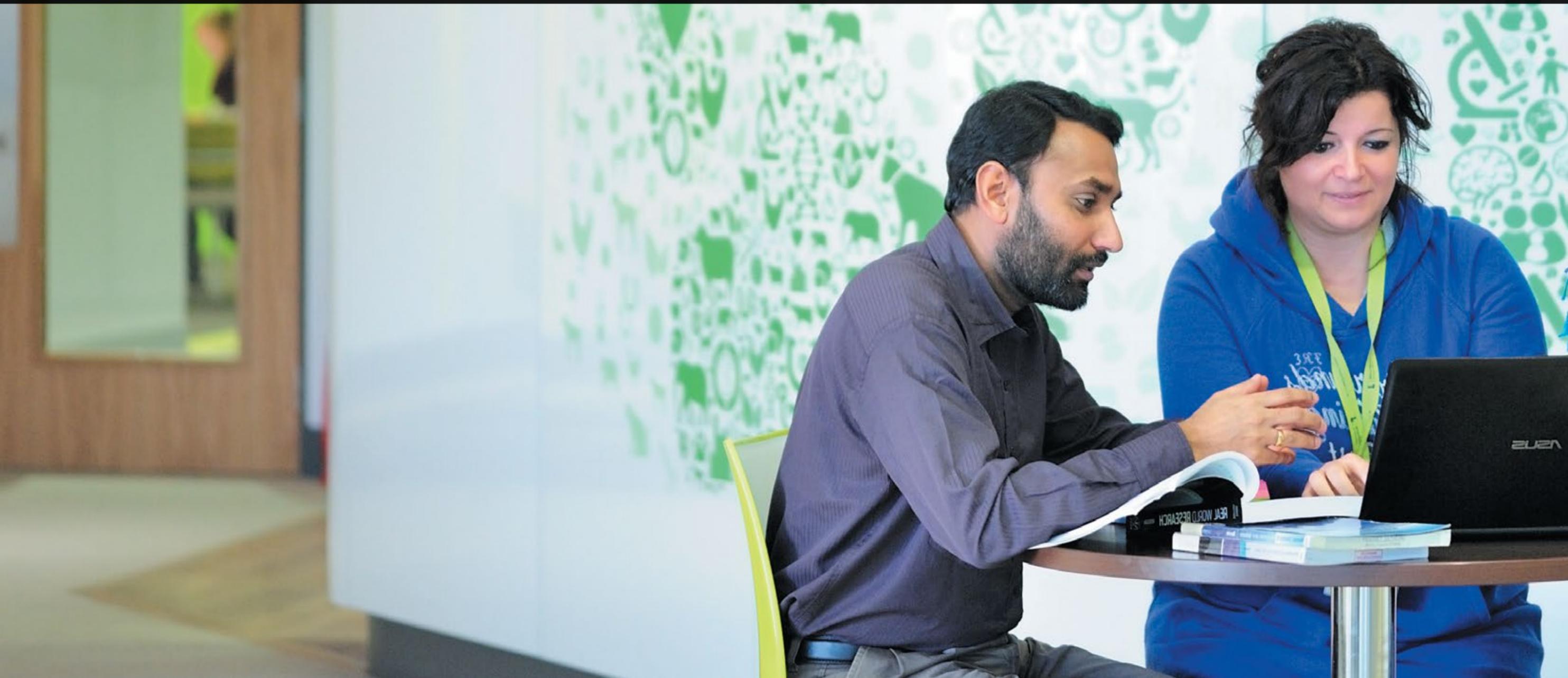


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## Introduction

Thank you for your interest in applying to study for your PhD at The University of Nottingham.

The School of Health Sciences prides itself on being an internationally recognised centre of excellence in health science research. Recent data suggests that we are the first choice for international PhD students studying nursing and midwifery. Similarly in the last research assessment exercise we were ranked 5th in the UK in terms of research power, with 90% of the research carried out by academics in the School being rated as international significance and 55% being defined as 'world-leading' or 'internationally excellent'.

Currently the School of Health Sciences comprises almost 100 doctoral students from a variety of backgrounds including nurses, midwives, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, psychologists, sociologists and scientists from around 20 different countries around the world. It is this international and interdisciplinary mix that makes the School truly unique and successful. In the recent Postgraduate Research Experience Survey (PRES), conducted by the Higher Education Academy, 97.6% of our students agreed that they were satisfied with their experience of our PhD programme.

The School has a vibrant and enthusiastic research culture which actively encourages student integration into the wider research environment, provides excellent research training opportunities and promotes the conduct, delivery and dissemination of high quality research. For example, PhD students have their own student committee which is represented on a number of wider School committees, including the Research Knowledge Exchange committee which determines the strategic direction of research within the School. In PRES 2013 90.2% of our students agreed that the School provides a good seminar programme and 68.2% feel that the research ambience in the School stimulates their work.

I wish you every success in your application and look forward to meeting you in the near future.

**Professor Joanne Lymn**  
Director of Postgraduate Research and Programme Leader

## The postgraduate research team

The School has a dedicated postgraduate research team which works closely with the students to ensure that they receive the best support throughout their period of study:

- Professor Joanne Lymn – Director of Postgraduate Research and PhD Programme Leader
- Dr Maria Michail – Deputy Director of Postgraduate Research
- Dr Catrin Evans – Chair of the School's International Strategy Group

The Postgraduate Research Community is overseen by the Postgraduate Research Steering Group which is comprised of senior academics. The Steering Group meet on a regular basis to develop, implement and monitor the School's Postgraduate Research Strategy.

## Your PhD programme

A Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) is the highest academic degree anyone can study and requires extended study and intense intellectual effort. To earn a PhD, a student must accomplish three things:

- They must master a specific subject completely
- They must extend the body of knowledge about that subject
- They need to become a successful independent researcher

The School of Health Sciences' doctoral programme offers students the opportunity to study on a full-time (three to four years) or part-time (six to eight years) basis. All new PhD students undergo an intensive doctoral induction programme.

Each student is allocated two supervisors with expertise in the student's area of research. Students are expected to meet regularly with their supervisors throughout their period of study; 10 times a year for full-time students and six times a year for part-time students. If data collection is being undertaken abroad, supervision continues via SKYPE, video conferencing or email.

### Research training

Depending upon individual needs, PhD students undertake specific postgraduate research training in their first year. This can be through attendance at University-taught and Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) accredited research courses.

It is compulsory for our PhD students to complete the Philosophy of Research module in their first year. This module runs in the Autumn term. We also strongly advise students to take either the Fundamentals of Quantitative Analysis module or the Foundations in Qualitative Methods module dependent on the methodology they intend to use in their study. The Quantitative module runs in the Autumn semester and the Qualitative module runs in the Spring.

Examples of other available modules are:

- Research Design, Practice and Ethics
- Evaluating Interventions, Services and Policy
- Principles and Processes of Systematic Review
- Mixed Methods in Health Research

A full list of available modules along with information on the content of each module can be found in our module guide. Students need to seek the support of their supervisors before registering for any modules.

Further research skills can be developed through attendance at training courses run by the University's Graduate School, which provides a world-class research training infrastructure. Some examples of the courses which can be accessed at the Graduate Centre are:

- Academic language and writing skills
- IT, library and information skills
- Research methods and approaches
- Working in teams
- Getting the most out of a conference
- Powerpoint presentation skills
- Developing a great poster presentation
- Writing for a publication

Visit the Graduate School website at [www.nottingham.ac.uk/graduateschool](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/graduateschool)

The postgraduate team prides itself in providing a supportive infrastructure to stimulate a strong PhD research culture. In addition to formal research training, doctoral students:

- Attend an annual lunchtime seminar series (meeting together approximately twice a month)
- Participate in research conferences and School-based research seminars
- Participate in the School's Researcher Shadowing Scheme

## The PhD Route

This table demonstrates the PhD route. It is based on the progression of a full-time student; part-time equivalents are given in brackets.

<b>Year one</b> (Years one and two for part-time students)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is the 'probation year'. This year should be spent developing the research proposal and conducting the literature review.</li> <li>Students should undertake taught modules where relevant to their study/development.</li> <li>Regular supervision should be undertaken; 10 meeting a year for full-time students, six for part-time students.</li> <li>Ethics permissions are sought where relevant to the study.</li> <li>At the end of the first year the student will take a Confirmation Review. This involves the student submitting a written report and undergoing an oral examination of their progress so far. The student needs to pass this stage before proceeding to year two.</li> <li>Students are allowed two attempts at the Confirmation Review.</li> <li>Part-time students undertake an Annual Review at the end of year one, then a Confirmation Review at the end of year two.</li> </ul>
<b>Year two</b> (Years three and four for part-time students)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is the year in which students undergo their 'data collection'. This can either be done in the UK or abroad.</li> <li>Regular supervision continues; for those students collecting data abroad this can be undertaken via Skype.</li> <li>At the end of the second year the student will undergo an Annual Review. This involves completing a progress report on the development of the study so far. The student needs to be viewed as making satisfactory or good progress before proceeding to year three.</li> </ul>
<b>Year three</b> (Years five and six for part-time students)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is the year in which students analyse their data. Students who have collected data abroad return to Nottingham to do this.</li> <li>Students undertake relevant taught modules.</li> <li>Regular supervision continues.</li> <li>The student starts (and sometimes completes) writing up their thesis (no more than 100,000 words).</li> <li>At the end of the third year the student will undertake another Annual Review. The student needs to be viewed as making satisfactory or good progress before proceeding to the 'thesis pending' period.</li> </ul>
<b>Year four</b> (Years seven and eight for part-time students)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is the 'thesis pending' year - students are not 'registered' and so tuition fees don't apply.</li> <li>Regular supervision continues.</li> <li>The student must submit their thesis by the end of this year.</li> <li>The thesis is assessed through a viva voce exam. The viva is an oral exam which will normally include questions designed to ascertain that the thesis embodies the candidate's own research. It will test the candidate's general comprehension of the field of study within which the subject of the thesis falls. The viva will also test the candidate's acquaintance with the general literature of the subject, knowledge of the relation of the work to the wider field of which it is a part, and the respects in which the work advances, modified, or otherwise affects this wider field of scholarship. The examiners of the viva can recommend award of the PhD: without conditions; with corrections within one month; with corrections within three months; with corrections within 12 months with the possibility of needing to complete another viva.</li> </ul>

## Our facilities

### Doctoral student office

The School has a purpose-built office specifically designated for doctoral students. Full-time students are entitled to apply for an allocated desk and a computer; part-time students have access to a number of hot-desks. All students have the opportunity to apply for file storage facilities.

The air conditioned office is equipped with a printer and paper, a stationery cupboard and two internal telephones. The design of the office reflects the needs of the students, as they were consulted on their requirements prior to its refurbishment. In the recent Postgraduate Research Experience Survey (PRES) 2013, 75.6% of our students agreed that they have a suitable working space and 73.2% felt that they had adequate provision of computing resources and facilities.

The office provides a positive environment for enhancing a sense of a doctoral community. In a recent School survey, 95.2% of the students that use the office space agreed that it is a conducive working environment.

### Libraries

The University's Information Services has a number of different sites including Hallward Library on the main campus, the Learning Resource Centre on Jubilee Campus and the Greenfield Medical Library in Queen's Medical Centre.

The libraries provide a vast array of resources to aid students in their studies, including books, articles and training sessions. The online UNLOC library information system allows students to check catalogues, manage their library accounts and reserve items. Our libraries also allow students to order items which we do not stock via inter-library loans.

The eLibrary Gateway is the University's gateway to electronic information sources and allows students access to bibliographic databases, electronic journals and subject gateways.

In the PRES 2013 survey, 85% of our students agreed that they have adequate provision of library facilities, both physical and online.

### Student representatives

The School has a number of doctoral student representatives which are elected in November of each year. The representatives are responsible for seeking out and articulating the views of all groups of doctoral students. This allows us to ensure that we are providing the most positive and supportive service to our students and that they are happy with the opportunities available to them.

Here's what one of our current Student Representatives had to say about their role:

*"The key to a meaningful and productive doctoral student experience is being an integral part of a vibrant and supportive postgraduate community. A cardinal function of the doctoral student representative's role is to ensure that this community is maintained and developed, providing a framework of contacts, advice and support.*

*Doctoral student representatives fulfil many remits. They represent the interest of postgraduate students on a number of the School's strategic committees ensuring that there is a functional dialogue between students and academics. On occasions they act as conduits for the School, disseminating information, seeking student opinion or distributing surveys for quality assurance purposes. They also act as points of contact for individual students with specific issues or queries such as navigating the University system, selecting training courses and dealing with problems. Recently, student representatives have started to work closely with the PGR team, particularly in the design and delivery of the School's doctoral student training programme.*

*Of course, it's not all about academic work - the current student representatives ensure an active social calendar too! Being a student representative is a valuable and rewarding experience. It is an opportunity to develop transferable skills, make new acquaintances and gain a greater understanding of the academic world and The University of Nottingham."*

## Funding

Each of our PhD students is allocated a research training fund of £750 to cover the course of their registered period of study. These funds are primarily used to support attendance and presentation at a conference.

Further funding for this kind of activity can be applied for through the Graduate School Travel Prize. Find out more at [www.nottingham.ac.uk/graduateschool/funding/currentresearchpostgraduates/travelprize.aspx](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/graduateschool/funding/currentresearchpostgraduates/travelprize.aspx)

The University also operates a Universitas 21 Prize Scholarship which allows PhD students to spend a period of a month at a U21 partner institution. This prize funds activities that will give an added element to the student's research and career development opportunities. Find out more at [www.nottingham.ac.uk/graduateschool/funding/currentresearchpostgraduates/u21.aspx](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/graduateschool/funding/currentresearchpostgraduates/u21.aspx)

## Research Saturdays

The School holds four 'Research Saturdays' each year to which all doctoral students are invited. The day provides a forum for doctoral students to meet and to present and discuss their work as a peer learning community. It is held on a Saturday to make it more accessible for part-time students. At each event there is also a keynote presentation from one of our experienced research staff.

Here is what some of our students have had to say about previous Research Saturdays:

*"Enjoyed networking, variety of topics all interesting and good professional presentation, always find it energising and helps me to focus on my own study."*

*"Good range of approaches from each of the speakers which helps to make the day more enjoyable and encourages a wider discourse on methodologies."*

*"Good opportunity for students to share ideas and build their self-confidence on what they are doing."*

*"I was very surprised at how much I learned despite the fact that none of the topics were related to my field of study. I enjoyed the range of presentations, styles and delivery approaches. Networking was a great opportunity as I am part-time."*

*"Opportunity to hear from others the challenges they have faced and how these have been approached. Gave a much-needed boost to my own enthusiasm for current position (halfway through 1st year of PhD). Good to catch up with fellow students."*

## Our students

Our PhD programme attracts a vast array of students from all corners of the globe which has resulted in our PhD community being richly multicultural.

## Case studies

Here's what some of our current studies have to say about their PhD studies at Nottingham:

### Home student - Andrew Dainty

*"I am a registered nurse with a passionate interest in the psychological aspects of gastrointestinal disease and, in particular, the treatment of Irritable Bowel Syndrome."*

*I chose to study both my MA in Research Methods and my PhD at The University of Nottingham in the knowledge that I was able to access research expertise within one of the world's leading universities. The University is also proud to have an excellent gastrointestinal Biomedical Research Unit at Nottingham which enabled me to work in partnership with internationally renowned gastrointestinal experts.*

*Life in Nottingham is fantastic and Nottingham has something to offer any student, whether you prefer to spend your spare time shopping, enjoying nights out or being surrounded by Nottingham's beautiful open countryside.*

*Postgraduate study at The University of Nottingham has been an incredible experience. Students have access to a plethora of postgraduate activities which makes study at the University exciting and stimulating. Students are also given access to postgraduate short courses, which are extremely useful for developing essential skills which will serve students well for the rest of their careers.*

*What's most notable about studying at The University of Nottingham is the sense of camaraderie that is evident among researchers and students. We frequently meet, share knowledge and help support each other, particularly with the challenges one can expect to face with PhD level study. We have students from all over the world studying within the School of Health Sciences which also helps to add an international perspective to the School's research activity. I would not hesitate to recommend a postgraduate programme at The University of Nottingham."*

### International student - Basharat Hussain

*"My PhD research project is on the implementation of race equality policy in the UK National Health Service (NHS). I did my Masters in Research Methods from The University of Nottingham in 2006. I found plenty of opportunities for personal and professional development. The academic environment is very supportive, exciting and world class. The University also has a range of funding opportunities for home/EU and international students."*

*The University has very good air and road transport linkages, and soon we will have tram passing through the lush, green University Park campus.*

*My experience so far at the University and Nottingham has been very pleasant. The supervisors are very cooperative and expert in their area. The library and information services provide up-to-date and broad literature on my subject area. There are many research groups and forums, which one can benefit academically and also socially. You do not find yourself alone, rather in the community of researchers. There is much emphasis on applied and interdisciplinary research.*

*I found city of Nottingham beautiful. Its local population represents multiculturalism of the UK society, with people from various cultural and religious background. Moreover, it is not very expensive and cold."*

### International student - Ni Gusti Ayu Eka

*"My PhD research project is 'Incivility in Indonesia Nursing Education: A case study'."*

*I chose to study my PhD at The University of Nottingham because of the rank of School which is in the top five for all of the UK. Additionally, when I began to apply, I asked so many questions and they always were quick to respond me. The University also helped me find the suitable supervisors related to my topic area.*

*Studying at The University of Nottingham has been a great experience. The supervisors are very supportive, and are not only concerned in our academic life, but also in our personal life. There are many courses that can improve both my academic and social skills.*

*I like living in Nottingham, especially as I live in nearby QMC that is only a 10 minute walk. I also live nearby the primary school for my son's education. We enjoy being in this community and the community has made us feel at home."*

## Employability

Undertaking a PhD with the School of Health Sciences will prepare you for a fulfilling career as a health researcher. You'll develop a wide skillset through our Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Doctoral Training Centre (DTC) accredited modules and Graduate School researcher training.

Following graduation, doctoral students from our School have sustained fulfilling careers as researchers, academics and clinicians. Here are some examples of the professions our past PhD students have achieved:

### Doctoral graduates - UK students

- Director of Research for Nursing and Midwifery, Nottingham University Trust Hospitals, UK
- Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University of Nottingham, UK
- Deputy Manager of the Mental Health Research Network, UK
- Lecturer in Midwifery at the University of Nottingham, UK
- Research Manager at Christie Hospital, UK
- Associate Director of Operations for Nottingham Healthcare NHS Trust, UK
- Nurse Researcher at University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust, UK

### Doctoral graduates - international students

- Dean of the School of Health Sciences, Kabarak University, Kenya
- Senior Instructor in Advanced Nursing, Aga Khan University, Kenya
- Head of Department of Nursing, Chang Jung Christian University, Taiwan
- Associate Professor, University of Jordan, Jordan
- Research Fellow, Kingston University, UK
- Senior Lecturer in Nursing, University of Northumbria, UK

## Entry requirements

The School and the University have certain eligibility criteria on which we base the selection of candidates for admission. The following are our minimum entry requirements for **all** applicants:

- A Masters qualification in an appropriate discipline of Merit level or above, or its equivalent
- The applicant's previous research experience and potential to pursue research
- The availability of suitable supervisors with the relevant expertise and capacity to oversee the research project

These additional eligibility criteria are relevant to **international** applicants:

- Applicants must have a good command of the English language. Our English language requirement is IELTS 6.5, with at least 6.0 in each element.

## Prior to application

We welcome applications from enthusiastic, talented and highly motivated individuals with a passion for research and for using research to make a difference. The School has six main research groups:

- Centre for Evidence Based Healthcare
- Education and Technology for Health
- Maternal, Child and Public Health
- Mental Health
- Rehabilitation
- Sue Ryder Care Centre for the Study of Supportive, Palliative and End of Life Care

View our research group websites at [www.nottingham.ac.uk/healthsciences/research/research-groups](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/healthsciences/research/research-groups)

Doctoral research applications that are directly aligned to existing research groups are encouraged, but applications in any research area will be considered. When choosing which research topic to pursue it is important to ensure that we will have potential supervisors that will be suitable to work with you. You may wish to look through our list of supervisors along with their research interests and methodological expertise. Visit [www.nottingham.ac.uk/healthsciences/postgraduate/research-supervisors.aspx](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/healthsciences/postgraduate/research-supervisors.aspx)

## How to apply

### Application form

The University of Nottingham uses an online application system. An application form can be found on the Applicants' Portal at [www.nottingham.ac.uk/pgstudy/apply](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/pgstudy/apply)

A complete application will include copies of your academic transcripts, two academic references and a research proposal.

Whilst completing the application you will be asked for a start date, please note that we only allow students to start the programme in September, we do not allow registration throughout the year.

### Research proposal

A research proposal needs to be submitted alongside the application. This allows the School to be able to see your academic and research abilities, as well as help us to pair you with a suitable supervisory team.

A research proposal should either be included in the 'Personal Statement' section of the online application form or a copy should be emailed to the Postgraduate Research Administrator once the application form has been submitted.

A typical research proposal should be between 1,000 and 3,000 words in length, clearly define the topic you're interested in, and show you understand your research area. It should show that you have started to identify and develop an original and interesting research question and demonstrate that you understand how to conduct research.

Your research proposal should look professional; it should be typed, in good English and be clear and legible. It should also be well-structured with suitable headings.

Your research proposal should contain:

- An introduction to the proposal, identifying the subject for research in terms of theoretical issues and relevant empirical applications
- Review of relevant literature and theories relating to your proposed research area that shows you understand the major lines of argument that have been developed and the ideas and findings of key researchers working on your topic
- An indication of the research methods you will use and the form and location of any empirical work you plan to undertake; where and for how long might you collect any relevant data? For example:
  - Outline the sources of information you might need
  - Comment on the geographical area in which the study will take place – what are the advantages and disadvantages of this choice?
  - Discuss the subjects of your research – individuals? Groups? Companies? And why?

- An indication on how you envisage your research will contribute to debates and discussions in your particular subject area. Will it make an original contribution? How might it fill gaps in existing work or extend understand of particular topics?
- A bibliography noting the books, articles and websites you have referred to

You can still make changes to your proposal once you have been accepted for a research degree, however, as it is the foundation of your working relationship with your supervisor, it cannot be radically altered without discussion and consultation.

Enquiries regarding the application process should be directed to the University Admissions department:  
t: +44 (0)115 951 4749  
e: [pg-applications-enquiries@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:pg-applications-enquiries@nottingham.ac.uk)

## Assessing your application

Once your application has been submitted it will be reviewed by the Postgraduate Research Administrator to ensure that it meets our eligibility criteria. If your application meets our entry requirements it will then be circulated among potential suitable supervisors who have expertise in your proposed field of research.

If a minimum of two relevant supervisors are found that have the capacity to support your project then it is likely that you will be invited to interview. For international applicants interviews are ordinarily conducted via SKYPE. The interview will usually involve both supervisors and you will be questioned on your interest in research, your academic and career histories, as well as your proposed research project.

We try to find all applicants a supervisory team that has the relevant expertise and capacity to support their proposed research. In cases where we cannot find suitable supervisors for an applicant we may not be able to make them an offer. However, in these cases we would encourage you to consider revising your proposal so that it better aligns with the research expertise of the supervisors in the School, and submitting it alongside a new application.

## Offers

If you are accepted for doctoral study with the School of Health Sciences then you will be made an offer. The Admissions department issues three categories of offer:

- **Conditional** – a conditional offer enables you to study at Nottingham if you meet certain conditions. In some cases your offer may be conditional to the submission of two references, achieving a certain grade at Masters level or a specific English Language score.
- **Unconditional** – an unconditional offer means that you have met all the academic requirements set by the University and you will be able to accept your place at Nottingham straight away.
- **Provisional Unconditional** – a provisional unconditional offer means that you have met all the academic requirements set by the University; however you will need to provide original proof of your qualifications.

Once you have been issued with an offer you will receive a formal offer letter from our Admissions department which details:

- Method of study
- Start date
- Fee status
- Tuition fee
- Supervisors of study
- Conditions of offer, where applicable

You can view and firmly accept your offer by logging into the Applicant's Portal at [www.nottingham.ac.uk/pgstudy/apply](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/pgstudy/apply)

## Registration

All new students must register with the University when they first begin their studies.

Students need to register online via the portal at <http://portal.nottingham.ac.uk>

Online registration will be available three weeks before your official course start date.

New full-time students will also need to confirm their attendance in person. You will be asked to provide your name and date of birth or your student ID number to confirm your attendance at the University. International students (from outside the EEA) should ensure that they take their passport and visa with them to 'in person' registration so that Points Based System (PBS) may be undertaken.

If there are conditions attached to your offer of a place at the University, you must provide evidence that these have been met before your registration can be confirmed.

If you are an international applicant and one of your offer conditions is to supply us with original evidence of a qualification then you must bring your transcript with you when you register in person. Where applicable you should also bring a sponsor letter/evidence of funding if this hasn't already been sent in.

## Fees and scholarships

The cost of tuition fees to undertake a PhD with the School of Health Sciences for the 2015-2016 intake is:

- £4,060 for home students
- £14,140 for international students

Information on paying tuition fees can be found on the Finance Department's website at [www.nottingham.ac.uk/fabs/finance/services/payingtheuniversity](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/fabs/finance/services/payingtheuniversity)

The University offers a number of different scholarships, the details of which can be found on our School's website at [www.nottingham.ac.uk/healthsciences/postgraduate/finance](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/healthsciences/postgraduate/finance)

The International Office's website also has a scholarship section at [www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationalstudents/scholarshipsfeesfinance/scholarships/research-scholarships.aspx](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationalstudents/scholarshipsfeesfinance/scholarships/research-scholarships.aspx)

The International Office also has a list of external sources of funding for international students. Visit [www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationalstudents/scholarshipsfeesfinance/scholarships/externalscholarshipssponsors.aspx](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationalstudents/scholarshipsfeesfinance/scholarships/externalscholarshipssponsors.aspx)

Our internal scholarships are very competitive. If you intend to apply for one of the University's scholarships please ensure you are aware of when the application deadline is, and submit your PhD application enough time in advance to allow for it to be processed by our Postgraduate Research Administrator.

## Additional information for international applicants

### The International Office

The University has its own department which is designed to specifically support international applicants and students. The International Office can provide advice and support on an array of topics such as international scholarships, visas and immigration. Visit [www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationaloffice](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationaloffice)

The International Office has a wide range of guides and leaflets to assist you with immigration and visa applications. These guides include instructions for completing application forms, information on how to extend your visa, information on your right to work during your studies and advice on how to invite friends and family to visit you. Visit [www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationalstudents/visasimmigration/guides-and-leaflets.aspx](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationalstudents/visasimmigration/guides-and-leaflets.aspx)

The International Office also has a designated guide on bringing your family to Nottingham. This guide gives specific immigration information about bring your dependents to live with you in the UK, as well as information about the services available for you and your family once they have arrived.

Guidance on living costs and budgeting can also be found on the International Office website, which also has a student calculator facility. Visit [www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationalstudents/scholarshipsfeesfinance/financial-advice/costs.aspx](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationalstudents/scholarshipsfeesfinance/financial-advice/costs.aspx)

### The Centre for English Language Education

The Centre for English Language Education (CELE) offers English Language preparation courses for international students. These courses can be used as an alternative to an IELTS or TOEFL test, where completion of one is needed to meet our English Language entry criteria.

Pre-sessional courses differ in length so it is important to refer to your offer, or contact CELE, to see which course you would need to take. You will need to have additional funding to cover the cost of a course at CELE.

You need to submit an application to gain a place on one of CELE's courses; application deadlines can be found on the CELE website.

Visit the website at [www.nottingham.ac.uk/cele](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/cele)

### Reusable Learning Objectives

The School has collaborated with some of our current international students to create some Reusable Learning Objects (RLOs). These RLOs have been specifically tailored for our international students to act as an introduction to Healthcare and Health Education in the UK.

You may find it useful to complete the RLOs before undergoing the registration process so that you have a knowledge base of our healthcare system prior to commencing your studies:

#### Navigating NHS Services

After completing this RLO, international students will be able to describe a number of the principle services offered by the NHS, and how they may access those services appropriately as users. [www.nottingham.ac.uk/nmp/sonet/rlos/placs/navigating-nhs](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/nmp/sonet/rlos/placs/navigating-nhs)

#### Understanding Nursing within the UK

After completing this RLO, the learner will be able to understand and describe nursing education and career pathways in the UK. [www.nottingham.ac.uk/nmp/sonet/rlos/placs/uk-nursing](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/nmp/sonet/rlos/placs/uk-nursing)



## Useful links

### Postgraduate Accommodation

This webpage has information on University-arranged accommodation and private sector accommodation, as well as information for couples and families.  
[www.nottingham.ac.uk/accommodation/prospectivestudents/postgraduates](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/accommodation/prospectivestudents/postgraduates)

### The Graduate School

The Graduate School provide training and development opportunities, workshops and events, as well as help with funding, for Postgraduate students.  
[www.nottingham.ac.uk/graduateschool](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/graduateschool)

### Chaplaincy and Faith Support

The University's Chaplains are here to support students of any faith or none. Whatever your background, the Chaplaincy will support you in your journey of faith; your practice of your own faith, or your exploration of faith.  
[www.nottingham.ac.uk/chaplaincy](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/chaplaincy)

### Nottingham Life

This website is a good resource to use to find out more about what it's like to live in Nottingham.  
[www.nottingham.ac.uk/studywithus/nottinghamlife](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/studywithus/nottinghamlife)

### Student Life

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### Postgraduate Students' Association

The Postgraduate Students Association (PGSA) is the representative body for all postgraduate students at the University of Nottingham. Throughout the year, the PGSA plans trips, nights out, activities, pub quizzes, sports socials and much more to help you make your time at Nottingham as rewarding as possible.  
[www.su.nottingham.ac.uk/organisation/PGSA](http://www.su.nottingham.ac.uk/organisation/PGSA)

### Students' Union

The Students' Union makes sure you have the best student and academic experience possible. The Students' Union acts as the recognised representative body of all students at the University.  
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