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The School of Sociology and Social Policy undertakes cutting-edge research in a lively interdisciplinary context and prides itself as a site of creativity and innovation within and across sociology, cultural studies, social policy, public policy and social work.

**Our applied and theoretical research is brought together in our four research centres:**

- Identity, Citizenship and Migration Centre
- Centre for Well-being, Health and Social Care
- International Centre for Public and Social Policy
- Child and Family Research Centre

These interdisciplinary research centres link into our postgraduate taught courses, research degree programmes, and undergraduate studies. Postgraduate students coming to Nottingham can expect to be taught and supervised by leaders in the field in a way that will open up many avenues of enquiry.

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## MA in Research Methods (MARM) (with pathways in: sociology, social policy, public policy and management, and social work)

This taught programme, delivered over one year full-time or two years part-time, is recognised by the Economic and Social Research Council as an appropriate training for those intending to proceed to PhD study. It offers rigorous training in all aspects of social research methods. Four pathways are offered through this programme: public policy and management, sociology, social policy and social work.

The aim of this course is to equip students with the theoretical understandings and practical skills required to carry out independent research using a wide range of methodological approaches and research techniques. (There is a separate insert containing further information about this MA.)

## MPhil/PhD research programme

We are able to offer supervision in many areas of sociology, social policy, health and social care, and public policy. The School has a lively community of full- and part-time postgraduate students who meet regularly to discuss their research. Students on our programmes may be jointly supervised by colleagues from other Schools and institutes, including:

- Institute for Science and Society
- School of Nursing
- School of Veterinary Science

Our research training programme is recognised by the Economic and Social Research Council. Normally students are registered for an MPhil in the first instance and then, subject to satisfactory progress, proceed to PhD registration towards the end of the first year.

### The School offers research students:

- advanced research training, including qualitative and quantitative methods and philosophy of social science
- an extensive programme of skills-based training
- high quality supervision (each student is allocated two supervisors)
- regular, uninterrupted, individual supervisory sessions
- frequent reviews and feedback on progress
- well-equipped work bases, with excellent library and IT facilities
- full participation in the academic life of the Research Centres.

## Funding

The School has in the past been very successful in securing a number of ESRC 1+3 awards. This combines the MA in Research Methods and a three year MPhil/PhD programme. For those of you who have already received an ESRC recognised MA the School will be able to advise you as to the availability of +3 scholarships.

Candidates who intend to apply to the ESRC or any other funding body are advised to apply early. The funding window for those wishing to apply for an ESRC award is usually between the middle of January and February each year. Candidates are advised to check our website and the national press during this period. The closing date for applications from self-funded students is the end of August.

A limited number of overseas studentships are awarded by the University each year, for more information please visit [www.nottingham.ac.uk/international](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/international)

## Applications

Candidates are encouraged to apply online at <https://pgapps.nottingham.ac.uk>

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