PhD in Health and Related Research

Why study at ScHARR
ScHARR has the UK’s largest volume of world-leading or internationally excellent health services research and health technology assessment activity. You will work with some of the world’s leading scholars in these fields, and benefit from an environment in which teaching and research go hand-in-hand.

ScHARR covers a range of disciplines and research interests including public health, epidemiology, health services research, health economic and decision science, medical statistics, social sciences and mental health.

ScHARR is one of the UK’s top university departments for postgraduate research studies in the fields of health services research, health economics and public health. You may study for a research degree (PhD, MD, or MPhil in Health and Related Research) on a topic in these areas.

We offer excellent supervision and have outstanding facilities for research students.

Range of topics
Applicants are encouraged to develop their own research proposal in line with the research interests within ScHARR. You can view a list of the current students research topics at www.shef.ac.uk/scharr/staff-pgrs/pgra-z.

Examples of completed PhD titles
- A preliminary investigation into the Association Between Copa and Oropharyngeal Dysphagia, and its Impact on Health
- Evaluation of Community Heart Health Clinic
- A Methodological Framework for Developing Whole Disease Models to Inform Resource Allocation Decisions: An Application in Colorectal Cancer
- Domestic Violence in Pakistani Culture
- Exploring the relationship between sexualised media, young people and sexual health: a qualitative study
- Signalling Assimilation: A Narrative Indices Approach for Understanding Assimilation
- Identifying the Key Elements of Effective Leadership in Interdisciplinary Healthcare Teams: Their Impact on Services, Staff and Clinical Outcomes
- Managing Structural Uncertainty in Health Economic Decision Models

A full list can be viewed at www.shef.ac.uk/scharr/prospective_students/researchdegrees.

Full or part time
Students can register for full-time study (normally 3 years) or part-time study (normally 6 years). There are also Joint Location and Remote Location Schemes, available for international and EU candidates who wish to study away from the university.

Entry requirements
Applications are welcome from those who have:
- Upper Second Class (2.1) Honours degree
- Master’s degree
- Those without a Masters or with a 2.2 degree or a professional qualification can apply for MPhil entry
- A detailed research proposal (background to topic and how it is original, methods of sampling, data collection and analysis etc.).

Students whose first language is not English must have an IELTS 7.0 (with 6.5 in each component) OR equivalent gained within the past two years. Please note that from September 2013 entry, the level will be IELTS 7.5 with 6.5 in each component).

Two academic references which should be supplied by academic staff at institutions where you studied previously. If you have been out of education for a while then we will accept a reference from your current employer if they are able to comment on your suitability to study for a higher research degree.

Entry requirements for entry onto the MD in Health and Related Research differ slightly; please consult the website for further details.

www.shef.ac.uk/scharr/prospective_students/researchdegrees/apply

Fees
www.shef.ac.uk/scharr/prospective_students/fees

Funding
Funded PhDs for NHS staff
A number of free places are available to staff who work for the NHS in the Yorkshire and Humber and East Midlands Regions or NHS East Midlands. Please see the CPD web pages for more information www.sheffield.ac.uk/hscpd.

Other studentships / scholarships
Please see www.shef.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/scholarships.

Career opportunities
Career opportunities include research posts in public bodies, such as government departments and the NHS, and in commercial and business organisations such as pharmaceutical companies. A PhD or MD can also lead to research and lecturing opportunities in higher education.

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