Postgraduate Research Degrees

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Sheffield University Management School has created a resilient research environment that builds specialist capacity and nurtures the next generation of management academics focused on sustainability, ethicality and social responsibility. We pride ourselves on a vibrant and inclusive research community. Our research students are a vital part of this community and take an active role in the School. Sheffield offers students a friendly and supportive environment in which to undertake their research.

We offer a large number of additional training and development opportunities through our Doctoral Development Programme and membership of the White Rose Social Sciences DTC and NARTI.

Our research ethos underpins a stimulating and dynamic environment in which to study, with dedicated postgraduate research facilities and the freedom to explore your own ideas.

Dr Caroline Oates
Programme Director for Postgraduate Research

Our main areas of supervision

At the University of Sheffield, our research has a global reputation. It influences policy, changes lives and helps us to understand the world so we can make it better. Sheffield University Management School has a critical mass of academics in a range of disciplines making our research centres, clusters and groups a hub for research that pushes the boundaries.

**ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT:**
- Social and Environmental Accounting
- Responsible Finance and Social Banking

**MANAGEMENT:**
- Environmental Sustainability
- Regional Development
- Entrepreneurship
- Logistics and Supply Chain Management
- Corporate Social Responsibility

**WORK PSYCHOLOGY:**
- Individual, Team and Organisational Effectiveness
- Employee Wellbeing, Motivation and Stressors at Work
- Leadership
- Creativity and Innovation at Work
- Organisational Change and Development

**MARKETING:**
- Socially Responsible Marketing
- International Marketing and Consumer Research
- Cultural and Creative Industries

**HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND ORGANISATIONAL BEHAVIOUR:**
- Employment Relations
- Work Organisation
- Health Organisation
- Work and the Labour Market

**INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY AND BUSINESS:**
- Emerging Markets
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Strategic Alliances
- Corruption
- Resilience
- Climate Change Related Risk

You can read about our research centres in detail here:
[www.sheffield.ac.uk/management/research/groupsandclusters](http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/management/research/groupsandclusters)

Discover our A-Z of research interests here:
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Entry requirements

The decision to make an offer takes into account the quality of your research proposal, your qualifications, references and the availability of two supervisors with relevant expertise, interest and capacity.

You will need a first degree of upper second class honours (2:1) or above and a good Masters level qualification of merit or above.

Our English language requirement is IELTS 7.0, with at least 6.0 in each component.

Your research proposal

This document is vital to the success of your application. It should be fully referenced and approximately 3,000 words (excluding footnotes and bibliography) in length.

It must also include the following:

- Title of proposed thesis
- The main aims of your research
- Identification of links to any previous work
- Any resources available and any required
- The methods of research proposed and a plan and timetable of work

Sheffield University Management School gave me the chance to interact and exchange views with my fellow PhD candidates, which has proved to be very valuable. I also had the good fortune to work with some of the best academics in my field who have been very influential in shaping my academic career and outlook. Sheffield University Management School made my transition to the academic world as seamless as possible and I am delighted to have made the journey from PhD to lecturer at the very same place.

Dr Smitha Nair (India)
Reverse Knowledge in Transfer in Indian MNEs, graduated 2014

Sheffield is a fantastic place to study, work and live. It is a very student friendly city, and my positivity about it extends beyond the University – the city offers a wonderful all-round quality of life.

Being a PhD student at Sheffield University Management School is very challenging. You are learning a lot, but receive a great deal of support. It’s important that you have good relationships with your supervisors – I did, and got an amazing level of advice. They are world leaders in their field, but cared about my work and my personal life. The Management School offers a comprehensive, friendly and authentically caring environment – representatives were always interested about how I was settling into Sheffield as an international student, which was comforting.

The community between PhD students at the Management School’s Doctoral Centre was very important to me. It fosters a vibrant cluster of people all studying different things, though with a strong sense of collaboration and support – we were able to share expertise and advice within this community, and I appreciated the help from other students going through similar things to me.

I always felt very welcome in the Management School and the city. It has given me access to a new culture and a new life – it is very multicultural, yet totally integrated. The School also has very good industrial connections and international links.

Dr Hector Madrid (Chile)
Innovation as an Effective Driven Work Behaviour, graduated 2014

Sheffield University Management School is a member of the ESRC White Rose Doctoral Training Centre. The Centre brings together academics and PhD students from across the universities of Sheffield, Leeds and York, and provides students with a wide range of training and networking opportunities. Read about the opportunities it provides at [www.wrdtc.ac.uk](http://www.wrdtc.ac.uk)
How to Apply:

A formal application should be made using the University’s online application form.

These key supporting documents must be supplied with your application:

- Proof of your previous degrees and transcripts
- Two academic references. If you have attended a UK institution, at least one reference should come from there
- English language certificates
- The research proposal
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Application Checklist:

- I have a first degree which is 2:1 or equivalent
- I have a Masters level qualification with over 60 per cent in the dissertation and research project element, or equivalent experience
- English is my first language, or I have an IELTS score of 7.0 with at least 6.0 in each component
- I have a research proposal ready to upload
- My proof of previous degrees, academic references, English language certificates (if required), research proposal and CV are ready to upload

Apply here: www.sheffield.ac.uk/postgradapplication

Fees and Funding:

There are a number of scholarships available for students interested in studying for a PhD at the University of Sheffield. Visit www.sheffield.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/scholarships for up-to-date information.

For details on fees, visit: www.sheffield.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/finance

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