Complete your PhD in a World Top 100 university
Welcome to the University of Sheffield

Our research has a global reputation because we welcome the most talented researchers from all over the world.

Postgraduate research students are central to the life of the University. As a PhD student, you join a community whose research influences global policy and change lives. You’ll join a multi-disciplinary community with like-minded people who are as passionate about research as you are.

You’ll work closely with your research supervisor and you’ll benefit from their expertise and experience. They’ll provide new perspectives on your research and motivate you to become a confident researcher and gain the skills you need for the next steps in your career.

The University of Sheffield has fantastic facilities for its research students with a dedicated space, The Graduate Research Centre, which is for exclusive use by postgraduate research students. We know that all of our students have their own particular needs and we meet these by providing a supportive environment for everyone.

Good luck with your research and we hope you decide to choose Sheffield for your graduate experience!

“Professor Dave Petley
Vice-President for Research and Innovation

A world top 100 university
(75th in the QS World University Rankings 2019)

99% of research rated as internationally recognised, excellent or world leading (REF 2014)

Member of the UK’s prestigious Russell Group of research-intensive universities

28,000 students from more than 140 countries

Top 5 in the UK for accommodation for five years in a row (Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey 2014-2018)

Top 50 most international universities in the world (Times Higher Education 2018)
What can you study?

You can search for PhD opportunities on our webpages or get in touch with one of our departments if you find an academic who is working on the kind of research which is of interest to you.

These are a guide to the most popular PhD subject areas where opportunities may be available.

- Architecture
- Business & Management
- Dentistry
- Economics
- Education
- English
- Engineering
  - Aerospace
  - Automatic control and systems
  - Bio & chemical
  - Civil & structural
  - Computer science
  - Electronic and electrical
  - Materials
  - Mechanical
- Geography
- Modern languages
- Health and related research
- History
- Journalism
- Law
- Medicine and subjects allied to Medicine
- Politics

- Science
  - Animal and plant sciences
  - Biomedical science
  - Chemical and biological science
  - Chemistry
  - Mathematics & Statistics
  - Molecular biology and biotechnology
  - Neuroscience
  - Physics

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Find a full list of the PhD opportunities currently available at www.sheffield.ac.uk/postgraduate/phd/search

Life-changing research with global impact

Our research has a global reputation, it influences and shapes international, national and regional policy. We are in the top ten per cent of all UK universities for research excellence.

Our research makes a difference to people’s lives, whether we are developing a cure for motor neurone disease or making policy recommendations to improve literacy levels among children.

To find out more about our research areas and strengths, visit www.sheffield.ac.uk/research

I’m planning to go back to my home country to spread the knowledge I have acquired here to improve the quality of education and research. I want to be one of the influencers in academia and contribute to both local and global societies.

Rayan Binduhayyim
2nd year PhD candidate Clinical Dentistry
Saudi Arabia
Our supportive community

We have expert advisors who can support you through every stage of your journey to Sheffield. We welcome thousands of students from 140 countries to our campus every year so we have a wealth of experience at supporting international students to study with us.

English language pre-sessional courses

We support more than 1,000 students every year to improve their English language skills. Our English Language Teaching Centre is accredited by the British Council and is a test centre for both IELTS and the Cambridge English Language Assessment exams.

We run courses throughout the year to help you gain the academic English skills and language proficiency you need to carry out your research and complete your PhD.

Our Graduate Research Centre

The Graduate Research Centre offers research students dedicated work spaces at the heart of the campus. The centre has been designed with students’ needs in mind. It has wireless internet access, social space with soft seating, flexible work space, a seminar room and kitchen facilities. Research students can access one-to-one guidance and advice in areas related to careers, employability and personal effectiveness.

A welcoming Muslim community

The University has a welcoming Muslim community with an active student society and a team of faith advisers led by Imam Sheikh Mohammad Ismail. We have prayer rooms and wudu facilities at various locations across campus. Halal food is available on campus and throughout the city.

Imam Sheikh Mohammad Ismail
Sheffield
a safe, friendly and affordable city

Home to half a million people, Sheffield is a vibrant major city in the north of England. The city has award-winning theatres, two major football clubs and one of the most exciting music scenes in the UK. The city hosts the World Snooker Championships, a major music festival attracting more than 60,000 people and the UK's premier documentary film festival.

Sheffield is centrally located in the UK so it's easy to travel to other cities and places of interest. You can reach Manchester by train in 45 minutes and London in two hours. The city is a popular study destination with more than 50,000 students and has a reputation for being welcoming, affordable and friendly. Sheffield is ranked among the top 10 most affordable UK university cities (Student Living Index 2018).

More than a third of the city is in an area of outstanding natural beauty called the Peak District National Park, which is a centre for hiking, climbing and mountain biking. There are more than 200 parks, gardens and areas of woodland throughout the city.

Outstanding facilities

We know that world-leading research requires excellent facilities so we continually invest to ensure that they are globally-leading too.

24/7 library

Our library, the Information Commons, is open 24 hours, 7 days a week. It has 1,300 study spaces, 100,000 books, 500 PCs and full wireless access throughout.

UK's best students' union

Sheffield's Students' Union is the hub of student life. It has been rated number one in the UK for 10 years running (THE Student Experience Survey 2018).

The Diamond

This £81m building redefines the study of engineering. This multidisciplinary teaching facility has 2,540 study spaces, nine lecture theatres and a range of specialist engineering facilities.

Guaranteed accommodation

We can help you find a home in Sheffield which suits your needs and budget. We offer a 100% guarantee on University accommodation, providing you meet a few simple conditions.
There are two ways to apply for a PhD

1. **DEVELOP YOUR OWN IDEA AND FIND A SUPERVISOR**

   - Search for a suitable supervisor using our supervisor directory on our find a PhD page.

   - Apply for Postgraduate Research using our Postgraduate Online Application Form.

   - Guidance about the documents you should include to support your application, and how to supply these, is provided on our webpages.

   - We recommend you start in September/October, although it is often possible to start postgraduate research at any point in the year.

   - When we have made a decision on your application we will email you what that decision is and what to do next.

2. **APPLY TO WORK WITH A UNIVERSITY SUPERVISOR ON ONE OF THEIR EXISTING PROJECTS**

   - Search our webpages for an existing project on our find a PhD page. Some projects already have supervisors assigned to them.

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Advice and guidance

We make regular visits to Saudi Arabia and the Middle East in order to strengthen our partnerships and meet prospective students. We’d be happy to meet you if you would like to find out more about studying at The University of Sheffield.

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