



Queen's University
Belfast

Postgraduate research opportunities

(3 years full time or 6 years part time)

Entrance Requirements

Applicants must normally possess or expect to possess by admission to the course, a First Class or 2.1 Honours degree in Psychology or in a discipline closely related to the topic of study (e.g. sociology, political science, sports science). In these cases, individuals will need to demonstrate a good understanding of psychology theory and practice.

Additional information for International Students

For overseas students, an equivalent UK Honours Degree, tertiary level qualification is required.

International students are also required to provide documentary evidence of their competence in English (7.0 overall score on the IELTS, with a minimum of 6.5 in each section).

For more information, please visit:
<http://go.qub.ac.uk/EnglishLanguageReqs>

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Doing a PhD in Psychology

As a PhD student you will pursue specialised, ground-breaking investigations, supported by your supervisor who will be a leading expert in the field. You will have access to local government, schools and hospitals that can facilitate your work and will benefit from the results of your research.

You will be able to apply for funding for conference attendance and international exchanges, to enrich your PhD experience and develop personal networks and collaborations with researchers in other leading universities.

Our students have access to specialised research facilities including a child-friendly development lab, eye-tracking equipment, EEG lab and movement innovation lab. Along with this you will have your own desk space within our PhD offices.

Our cohesive and supportive community of more than 50 PhD students runs a peer-mentoring programme and also organises its own annual conference with invited external speakers. Our PhD students are an integral part of our weekly seminar programme and research cluster meetings, and it is expected that new students will contribute to this research culture.

Why choose to study at Queen's?

The School provides excellent research opportunities, based on the expertise of its staff and state-of-the-art facilities, combined with a student-centered supportive and nurturing environment. Students receive training in transferrable employability skills through our Postgraduate Centre, along with advanced research skills training. This enables are students to pursue their research and career aspirations.



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The PhD course provides students with training in psychological skills and methods in their first year, including access to a range of modules on research design and data analysis, as well as opportunities to attend relevant sessions on our MSc courses.

In addition, the first year typically also requires detailed literature review and pilot data collection.

During the second and third years, students usually collect and analyse their data before writing their thesis for submission and oral examination at the end of the third year.

Students will also have the opportunity to attend specialist training in their subject area as well as international academic conferences to present their research

Studying at the School was an immensely enjoyable and rewarding experience. Staff and fellow students created a warm and supportive atmosphere, which enabled me to succeed. My positive experience on the PhD program at Queen's equipped me with the necessary skills and confidence to take up my current post, as a post-doctoral researcher in psychology.

Dr Emma O'Dwyer

Funding options:

There are a range of sources of funding available for PhD students. Every year the government funds a number of PhD students to undertake research on pre-specified topics within the School. The topics and names of the associated supervisors are typically advertised online and on the Schools postgraduate research pages.

Selected applicants are invited to interview and the successful candidate is offered a fully funded place with fees paid and an annual maintenance stipend (£14,057 in 2015/16) for the three years of the PhD. Eligibility criteria can be found at: <http://go.qub.ac.uk/delterms>

In addition, we welcome applications from students interested in applying for an Arts and Humanities focused PhD, through the Northern Bridge funding scheme: <http://www.northernbridge.ac.uk/studentships/>

Other opportunities exist to attract funding from nongovernmental sources. Current and previous PhD sponsors include professional services firms, international Governments, local charities and technology companies. We also welcome self-funding students on a full-time or part-time basis. Students who wish to self-fund or explore external funding sources are advised to peruse our staff webpages at: <http://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/psy/Connect/SchoolStaff/> and to contact potential supervisors to discuss potential topics.

Careers

There are a number of opportunities available to our postgraduate research students on completion of their work. Many students continue within academia to take up postdoctoral research positions, fellowships or lectureships in psychology. Some continue into clinical psychology training while others take up research positions in local or central government or the NHS. Our students have also pursued successful careers in the private sector across different industries.