

PSYCHOLOGY POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

TAKE YOUR RESEARCH FURTHER

Spend time researching an area of psychology that you are passionate about.

ENHANCE YOUR SKILLS

Helping you to take your research skills to the next level.

MAKE AN IMPACT

Work collaboratively with academic colleagues and external stakeholders to make a difference.

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Course Content

The PhD course provides students with training in psychological skills and methods including:

- research design
- professional skills
- qualitative and quantitative methods and analyses

In addition, the first year typically also requires a detailed literature review and pilot data collection. In the second year, students usually collect and analyse their data and then write-up their thesis for submission and oral examination in 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.

The Environment

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

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 seminar programme and research cluster meetings, and it is expected that new students will contribute to this research culture.

SKILLS

Psychological Knowledge

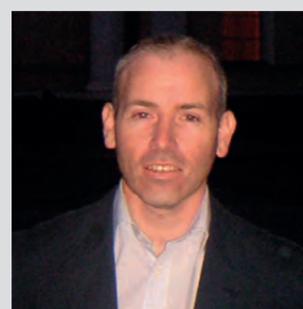
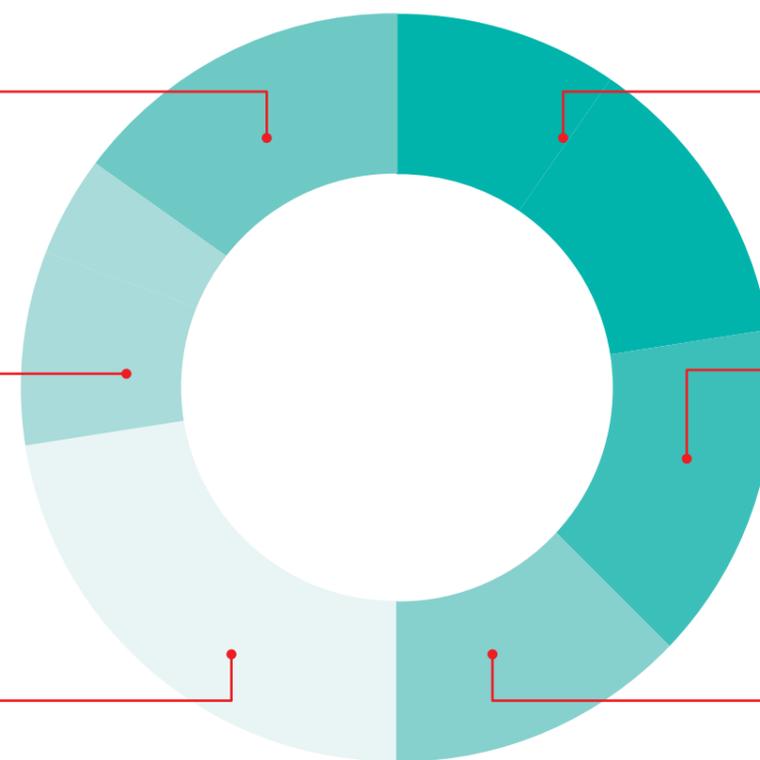
Research Design and Management

Research Methods and Analyses

Research Governance

Communication, Engagement and Impact

Managing Self and Others



Postgraduate Research Director
Dr Martin Dempster

Who will be teaching you?

You can look forward to being supervised to the highest standards by academics who are world-class researchers. The School has around 30 staff and research is organised into five research themes:

- Animal Welfare and Behaviour
- Development and Cognition
- Social Psychology
- Perception Action and Movement
- Health Educational and Clinical Psychology

During your studies you will be supported by your supervisors, as well as our Postgraduate Research Director. Dr Martin Dempster is a point of contact in the School for all research students, and provides general advice and pastoral care.

About you

You will have (or expect to have by admission) a First Class or 2:1 Honours degree in Psychology or in a discipline closely related to the topic (e.g. sociology, political science, sports science). Our current PhD Community are a mix of alumni, mature students, international students and students who are combining work and part-time study.

They are motivated, self-driven individuals who are fascinated by psychology and why we behave in the way we do.

Where could you be in five years?

Most students continue within academia to take up postdoctoral research positions, fellowships or lectureships in psychology. Some continue into practitioner psychology training while others take up research positions in local or central government or the NHS. Our students have also pursued successfully careers in the private sector across different industries.

Funding options

There are a range of sources of funding available for PhD students. Every year the Department for the Economy funds a number of PhD students to undertake research on pre-specified topics within the School of Psychology.

These topics and the names of the associated supervisors are typically advertised online in December with a closing date in February. Last year's topics spanned research topics across Development, Social, Cognitive and Biological Psychology. Selected applicants are invited to interview and the successful candidate is offered a fully funded place with fees paid and an annual maintenance stipend for the three years of the PhD.

Further information on sources of PhD funding can be found at: <http://www.qub.ac.uk/graduate-school/funding-scholarships/uk-eu-prospective-research/>

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 visit our staff webpages and to contact potential supervisors to discuss topics.

To discuss the course in more detail or if you have any questions contact:

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FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE COURSE:

<http://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/psy/Study/PostgraduateResearch/>