

# UNIDIRECT<sup>®</sup>

## PhD and Research Degree Support



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Undertaking a PhD is one of the most rewarding academic experiences. The skills and experiences you will gain from achieving your PhD will provide a unique grounding for you to succeed in whatever career you choose. It is, however, a big commitment and you will face a wide range of challenges. At Uni Direct, we are here to help.



## Applying for a PhD

A PhD application is a highly competitive process, particularly if you want to obtain a scholarship. There are two pathways for applying for a PhD in the UK:

- ◆ Applying for advertised PhD posts - we can support you in identifying existing PhD opportunities and we will then help you apply
- ◆ Developing your own research proposal - we can help you in developing your own research proposal and support you to identify suitable university departments. Uni Direct can then help you to submit your proposal

Both routes are highly competitive and have a rigorous application and interview process. We can support you to:

- ◆ Identify suitable referees
- ◆ Produce your cv, covering letter and personal statement
- ◆ Submit an application form or proposal
- ◆ Prepare for interview
- ◆ Evidence your English language proficiency

Our guidance will help you prepare all the correct documentation needed to make a successful PhD application. We have advisers qualified at doctorate level and who will build your confidence throughout the process. Their success in PhD applications and knowledge of working in academia will provide the guidance to secure the right PhD for you.



## Succeeding in your research

Undertaking a PhD requires commitment and focus. You will be a pioneer in your chosen field, breaking new ground and adding to the global knowledge base. This is an exciting prospect but it is a journey that will test you and require a high level of discipline and self-determination.

Just as the topic of your PhD will be unique, so will the challenges. We can offer a tailored package of support - some examples of the support we can offer are:

- ◆ Regular mentoring
- ◆ Help with research planning and thesis structure
- ◆ Proof reading
- ◆ Identifying industry and academic links
- ◆ Statistics advice
- ◆ Helping to publish your work in journals

## Alternative postgraduate research degrees

If your ambition is to do a postgraduate research degree but are not quite ready to commit to a PhD, then undertaking an MPhil or MRes might be the suitable next step. As with a PhD, there are two routes to apply - either for a structured programme or proposing your research idea. We would be happy to discuss the best option for you.

Whether you are considering a postgraduate research degree, or currently undertaking your research, we are here to help. Please contact us to discuss your specific requirements.