



**Bournemouth
University**

Postgraduate Open Day Postgraduate Research degrees @ BU

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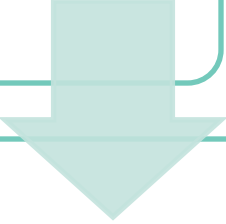
Our vision is to be recognised worldwide as a leading university for inspiring learning, advancing knowledge and enriching society through the fusion of **education, research** and **practice**.



Our students are a **key part of the research** we conduct, co-creating knowledge with us and playing a crucial role in everything that we do.



At BU our **research environment** supports the research capacity and capability of staff at all stages of their career.



Our **research culture** is ambitious, inclusive and innovative, focusing on the societal impact of our research and the co-creation of new knowledge with our students.

What are our Research Strengths?

- Our research has an impact on the world around us, helping to support a more sustainable, inclusive and healthy society.



- We've six interdisciplinary, core areas of strength which tackle some of the biggest issues the world is facing.

- 1. Helping people to live better for longer**
- 2. Helping protect and preserve a sustainable environment**
- 3. Preparing for and recovery from crisis**
- 4. Challenging marginalisation, misinformation and under-representation**
- 5. Helping creative industries and cultural heritage to thrive**
- 6. Using our expertise to be a catalyst for growth, boosting skills and advancing the region**

[Our research strengths](#)

Our Faculties



**Bournemouth University
Business School (BUBS)**



**Faculty of Health & Social
Sciences (FHSS)**

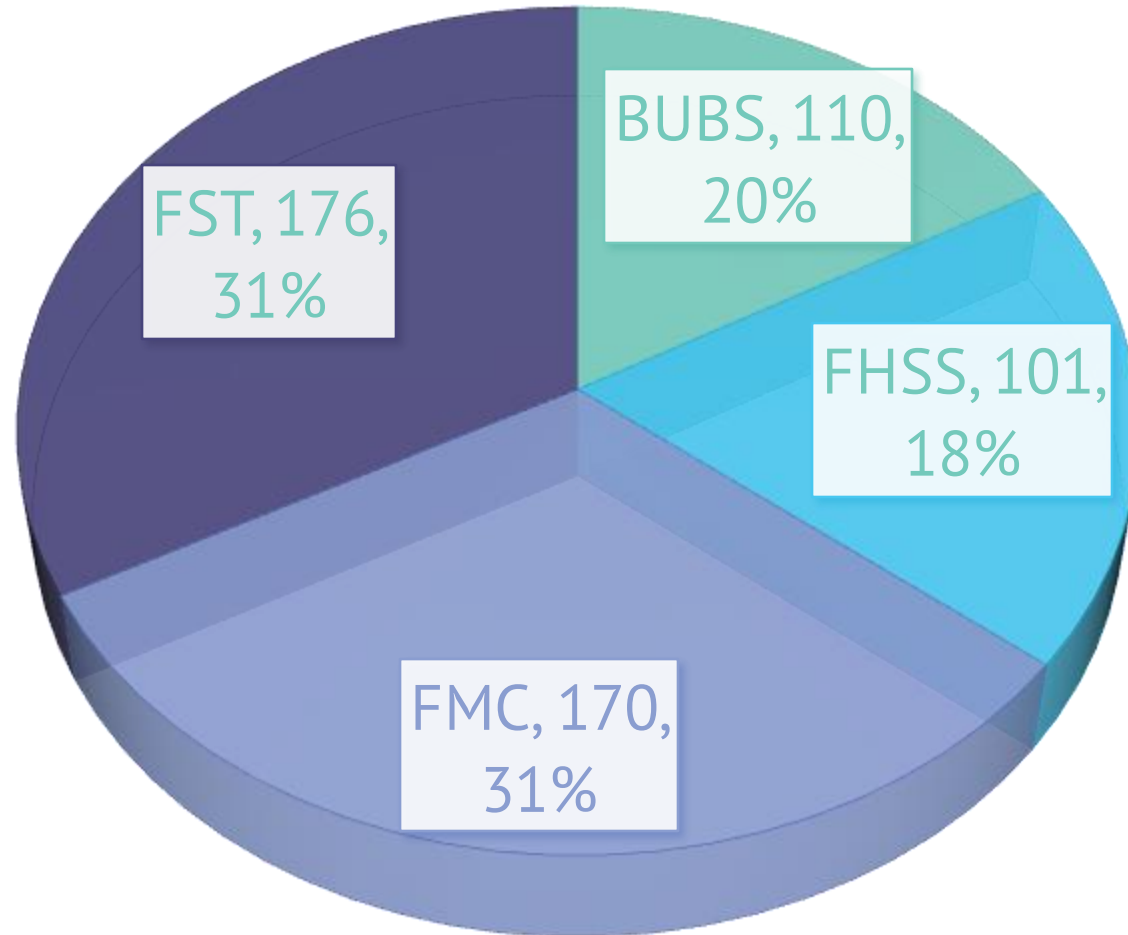


**Faculty of Media &
Communication (FMC)**



**Faculty of Science &
Technology (FST)**

How many PGRs are at BU?



What is a Research Degree?

Taught Master's (PGT) degrees

- Like undergraduate degrees:
 - complete a series of modules
 - following a set timetable of seminars, lectures and other activities.
- Studying independently in your free time
- Lectures will lead you through your course

Research (PGR) degrees

- More independent in nature
- No timetabled units or regular teaching sessions
- Focus on a single in-depth research project
- Supervised by experts
- Responsibility for your work is on you



What Research Degrees can I do?

Master's by Research (MRes)

Master of Philosophy (MPhil)

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Professional Doctorates (e.g.
EdD)



Master's by Research (MRes)

- Provides an opportunity for you to tailor your research to your specific interests or career aspirations
- Develops generic research knowledge and critical analysis skills applied independent research on an approved topic.
- Involves a literature study, an experimental or hypothesis-testing phase, an evaluation phase and a writing-up phase.
- Presented in a thesis (between 15,000, and 30,000 words depending on the discipline)
- Defended at a viva voce (oral) examination.

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

- A PhD is the result of an independent and original contribution to knowledge in a specific field of study.
- It involves an advanced and complex research project.
- Throughout your PhD you will work with a team of supervisors, who will provide you with expert advice and guidance, from directing you towards relevant literature or theory to ensuring that you stick to your deadlines and are prepared for your key milestones.
- PhD students at BU independently conduct original and significant research in a specified field or subject.
- Presented in a thesis of 40,00-80,000 words (depending on discipline).
- Defended at a viva voce (oral) examination.

Master of Philosophy (MPhil)

- An opportunity to critically investigate and evaluate a specific topic in one of our specialisms with a research supervisor
- Can be a precursor to a PhD
- Two years to delve into a subject that you are passionate about.

Doctor of Education (EdD)

- EdD in Creative & Media
- Online part-time course
- Supports educational professionals to conduct doctoral research into their own professional practice in education.

What disciplines can I research?

BUBS

Accounting, Finance
& Economics

Marketing, Strategy
& Innovation

People &
Organisations

Sport and Events
Management

FHSS

Medical Science &
Public Health

Midwifery & Health
Sciences

Nursing Science

Rehabilitation &
Sport Sciences

Social Sciences &
Social Work

FMC

Communication &
Journalism

Humanities & Law

Media Production

National Centre for
Computer Animation

FST

Archaeology
& Anthropology

Computing &
Informatics

Creative Technology

Design &
Engineering

Life & Environmental
Sciences

Psychology

What is the Research degree Process?

Process involves different research steps monitored by periodic reviews and regular supervisory engagement

Application

Enrolment

Getting Started

Probationary Review

Data Collection

Major Review

Data Analysis

Thesis & Submission

Viva Voce Examination

Corrections

Award

What support do I get?

Faculty

Academic Supervision:

Regular meetings; timely feedback

Progression Monitoring:

Probationary, Major & Re-Enrolment Reviews; *Viva Voce* Examinations

Pastoral Support:

Departmental PGR Leads;
Postgraduate Research Administrators

Research Culture & Community:

Seminars, Conferences, Development;
Faculty Reps

Resources:

Office Space; IT Equipment;
Laboratory access; etc.

Doctoral College

Overarching Policy Guidance:

Codes of Practice; Academic Procedures; Administrative Processes

Research Development Programme:

Seminars; Workshops; Masterclasses;
Online Resources; Brightspace

Research Culture & Community:

Regular Newsletters; Facebook;
Annual Conference, Social Events;
Research Hu

Administrative Support:

Admissions; Enrolment; *Viva Voce* Arrangements; Conferment

BU

Academic Services:

Library, Study Skills; Graduation

Student Services:

Health & Wellbeing, Additional Learning Support; General Advice; SportBU; Faith & Reflection

IT Services:

Hardware and software support

SUBU:

Representations; General Advice; Networking; Clubs and Societies

Researcher Development

Research Centres

Faculty Conference

Annual PGR Conference

PGR Representatives

Faculty Research Seminars

Virtual Poster Exhibition

PGR Society

Coffee Mornings

Settling In Session

Supervisor PGRs

Faculty Blogs

Re-Orientations

PGR Peer Support Units

Research Ethics Panels

Blog Posts

Research Institutes

Faith & Reflection

What are the Entry Requirements?

- **Master's by Research (MRes) and Master of Philosophy (MPhil):**
 - A first or upper second class (2:1) honours UK Bachelor's degree, or overseas equivalent, in a discipline which is appropriate to the proposed research
- **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD):**
 - A first or upper second class (2:1) honours UK Bachelor's degree, or overseas equivalent, in a discipline which is appropriate to the proposed research, or
 - A UK Master's degree, or overseas equivalent, in a discipline which is appropriate to the proposed research.
- Candidates for whom English is not their first language must have an IELTS (Academic) score of 6.5 minimum (with a minimum 6.0 in each component, or equivalent)

How much does it cost?

Fees for 2024 -25

- Full-time Home: £4,712
- Part-time Home: £2,356
- Full-time Overseas: £19,000 (Lib)
- Full-time Overseas: £21,000 (Lab)
- Deposit for Overseas: £5,000
- Completion Status: £600

[Postgraduate research fees](#)



Tuition Fee Discounts

- BU Graduates - 20% discount
- Student family – 10% discount
- Staff – 25% discount (up to 100%)
- Staff Family – 20% discount
- MRes Scholarships (for academic achievement):
 - Home £2,000 fee reduction
 - Overseas £3,500 fee reduction

[Postgraduate research fee discounts](#)

Sponsorship (Company / Organisations)

- Employers
- Governments
- Other organisations
- Must be stated during Online Registration

Doctoral Loan

- UK Government Doctoral Loan
 - up to £29,390 for 2024/25
 - Apply [here](#)

External Funding

- [The Alternative Guide to Postgraduate Funding](#) -
- [British Council](#)
- [jobs.ac.uk](#)
- [jobs.guardian.co.uk](#)
- [newscientistjobs.com](#)
- [Prospects](#)
- [scholarship-search.org.uk](#)
- [The UK Council for International Student Affairs](#)

What routes are there?

Standard Research degree

Your own project

More research freedom

Liable for fees

Liable for living costs

Less competitive

[Apply for a Postgraduate research course](#)

Studentship

Pre-defined project

Less research freedom

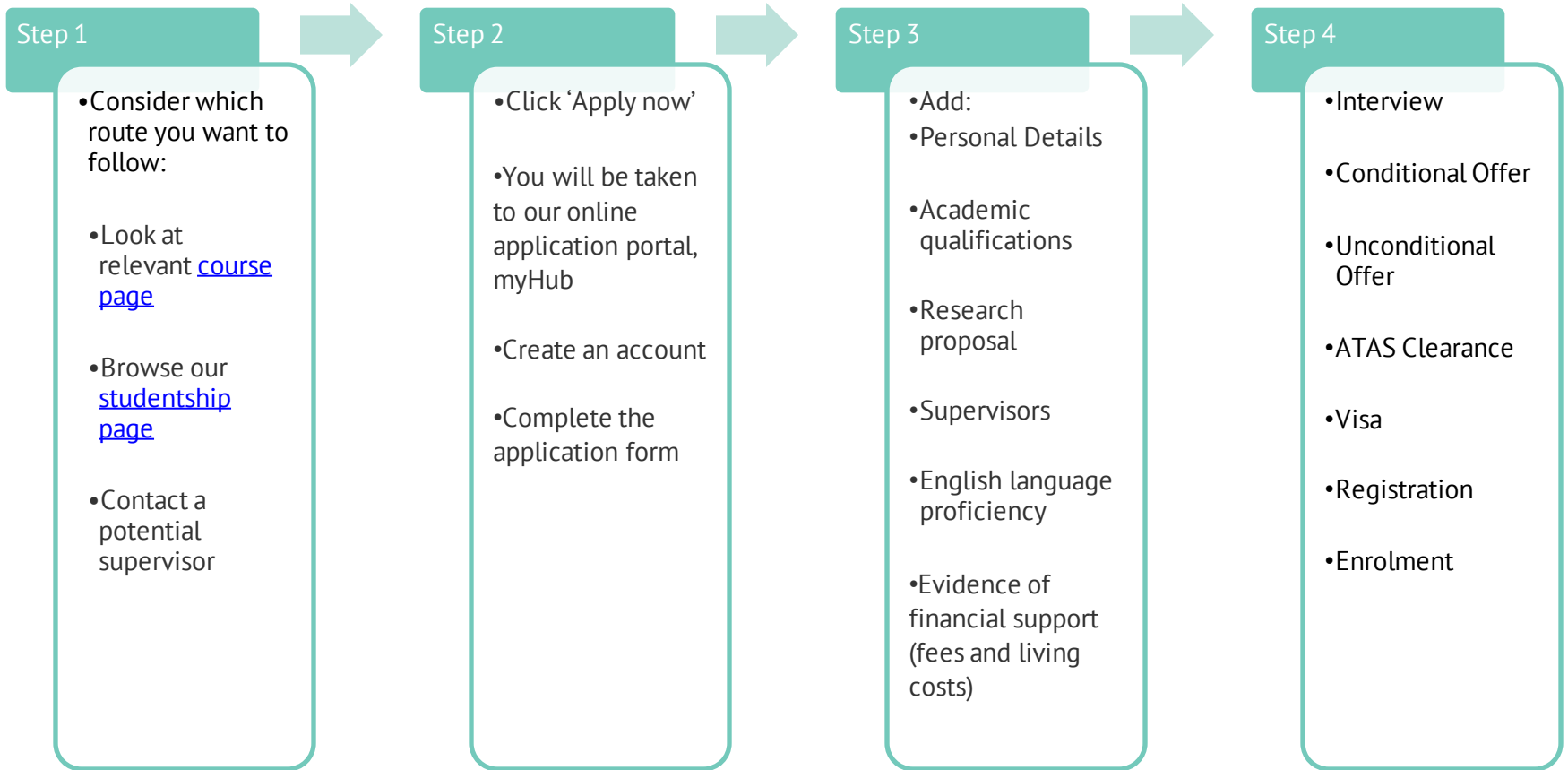
Fee waived

Receive a stipend

Highly competitive

[Funded PhD & MRes studentships](#)

What is the application process?



Start dates

- Three main entry points for research degrees annually:
- September
- January
- April

Application windows

- The application windows close as follows:
- September intake - 16 June
- January intake - 31 October
- April intake - 31 January

Any Questions?

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