

# How to Apply

Research degrees at the University of Worcester are individually tailored to be flexible to your needs and can be undertaken on either a part-time or full-time basis.

The normal requirements to enable an applicant to be considered for admission onto a University higher degrees programme of study are as follows:

## MPhil

- First or Second Class Honours Degree or equivalent award in an appropriate discipline  
*or*
- Appropriate research or professional experience which has resulted in appropriate evidence of achievement.

## PhD

- A Postgraduate Masters Degree in a discipline which is appropriate to the proposed programme of study  
*or*
- First or Upper Second Class Honours Degree or equivalent award in an appropriate discipline  
*or*
- The applicant has appropriate research or professional experience at postgraduate level which has resulted in published work, written reports or other appropriate evidence of achievement.

International students will also be required to demonstrate that they have the appropriate level of written and spoken English (normally IELTS score of 6.5 with a minimum score of 6 in written English). Entry qualifications for international students are guided by the National Academic Recognition Information Centre's (NARIC) advice on international qualifications.

If you are interested in applying for a research degree, telephone 01905 855214 and we will post an application form to you, or [download the research degree application form](#).

Please post back the application form to the Graduate Research School at the address given on the form or e-mail as an attachment to [research@worc.ac.uk](mailto:research@worc.ac.uk)

When we receive your application, this will be passed, where appropriate, to a Research Coordinator from the appropriate Academic Institute, who will review the quality of your application and the potential of providing supervisory support.

If we feel that your research proposal displays potential and that we can provide a suitable level of supervision, you will be called to interview by at least two members of staff from the University of Worcester. International students will normally be interviewed by telephone. The interview panel usually comprises staff who will form part of your supervisory team, should you be successful.

The Graduate Research School have designed an interview checklist which is used to ensure that all of our applicants are given equal treatment across Academic Institutes and to ensure that all candidates are made aware of the support and training that is available at the Worcester.

Following interview, the application is passed back to the Graduate Research School for the purposes of taking up references, language checks and processing on to the student record system. All international students will also receive contact from the International Office about becoming an international student at the University of Worcester.