

Upgrade to Doctoral Studies

Applicants should be aware that the demands of PhD research are much higher than the Research Masters in terms of the maturity of use of methodology, the significance of the research findings and the contribution of knowledge to the discipline.

Applications

Applications must include:

1. A completed cover sheet.
2. A resume of all relevant work and qualifications.
3. A submission making a claim to the quality and scope of the work completed. This should be demonstrated by the inclusion of pieces of written analysis, or other documents, which support the claim. In particular, evidence will need to be provided to illustrate that the project has the breadth and depth required for Doctoral Studies.
4. A statement of the proposed changes in the project if it was to become a PhD project (including changes to the timetable and resource needs).
5. Other evidence that supports the three criteria listed above.
6. A statement of support from all members of the supervisory panel.
7. International students will be required to show evidence that they have approval from their funding body and/or employer in their country of origin (if applicable) and UWS International.

Process

The application will be considered by the College Research Committee and the UWS Research Studies Committee.

Criteria

1. The quality and originality of the research already completed:
General quality will be reflected in an original methodology or procedure of originality and merit and/or an original analysis of compelling significance.
2. The scope and complexity of the project:
It must be shown that the scope and complexity of the project are beyond that which could be reasonably expected of a Research Masters degree. However, the complexity must be well thought out and the project must be shown to have a clear focus.
3. Research capabilities of the applicant:
The assessment of the research capability of the applicant will normally be demonstrated by the completion of a significant body of material, including written research design and analysis.

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