Postgraduate Study Guide
Research Degrees
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Welcome to the University of Leicester

Postgraduate Research at Leicester – Discover Your Potential

At Leicester we’re all about pushing the boundaries – we consider knowledge to be a power for good.

Members of our academic community are involved in creating new knowledge, whether in the sciences, social sciences, business, the arts or wherever their interests lie.

We’ve created a supportive and collaborative environment that empowers inventive minds to engage in innovative research. Your experience, energy and willingness to ask the difficult questions can benefit you, us and the global community.

What will you discover at Leicester?

For more information
www.le.ac.uk/study
A Global Research Pedigree
The University of Leicester is one of the UK’s leading research universities

We’re focusing on bringing together imaginative, insightful and inventive people to tackle global, intellectual, medical, scientific, cultural, environmental and economic issues.

During the last century we’ve created a university whose name is synonymous with outstanding research. We’ve developed pioneering medical techniques, discovered ancient civilisations, led the search for Richard III, travelled to Mars and more.

And it’s our strong research reputation that continues to encourage the best academic minds to join the University of Leicester.

Our research degree programmes are firmly rooted in this strong research culture and we offer research degree programmes in a wide variety of fields. You can benefit from working with internationally recognised scholars and researchers who are at the frontiers of their disciplines.

For more information

Research at Leicester

e: enquiries@le.ac.uk
w: www.le.ac.uk/research
About our Research Degrees

A research degree does not just require you to have an advanced knowledge of your discipline – it requires you to make an original contribution to that knowledge. Being a researcher means developing new ideas and improving understanding through the creation of new knowledge.

At Leicester we offer the following research degrees:

- MPhil
- MRes
- PhD
- Professional doctorate degrees

For more information
www.le.ac.uk/researchdegrees

Professional Doctorates

Professional doctorates are equivalent to a PhD but they have a focus on a specific professional context.

We offer five professional doctorate programmes:

- Doctor of Education (EdD)
- Doctor of Social Science (DSocSci)
- Doctor of Medicine (MD)
- Doctor of Psychology (PsyD)
- Doctor of Clinical Psychology (DClinPsy)

These programmes are designed for professionals in the public, private and third sectors. Your research will be informed by your own professional practice and will usually seek to develop understanding that contributes to professional practice more broadly.

For more information
www.le.ac.uk/professional-dctr-degrees
Doctoral Training Partnerships (DTPs) and Centres for Doctoral Training (CDTs) are multi-disciplinary, multi-institutional schemes designed to support the training of the next generation of world-class researchers.

The University of Leicester is a partner in four DTPs / CDTs through which we can offer funded PhD studentships in a wide range of research areas:

- Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) Midlands3Cities Partnership
- Biosciences and Biotechnology Research Council (BBSRC) Midlands Integrative Biosciences Training Partnership
- Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) Innovative Metal Processing Centre for Training
- Central England Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) Training Alliance

Studentships are available for highly motivated and qualified applicants and provide a generous support package, usually including a full fee waiver, annual stipend and research training support grant. Applicants joining us through these schemes will benefit from enhanced research skills training programmes and the opportunity to work with relevant external partners.

Studentships are, in most cases, offered early in the year for an October start, and open to UK/EU applicants only. Enquiries outside of the main application periods are welcome.

For more information
www.le.ac.uk/doctoral-training-partnerships

In addition, the University of Leicester hosts the Medical Research Council (MRC) Toxicology Unit, INTREPID (Interdisciplinary Training and Research Programme for Innovative Doctorates in Forensic Science), and a Cancer Research UK Centre. Funded PhD studentships offered through these schemes are advertised as they become available, along with other Research Council and University studentships.
A Supportive Research Community
We recognise that a sense of belonging is a key part of your postgraduate research experience. We have a large and vibrant Graduate School and take pride in supporting you – in terms of becoming a part of the Leicester community, and raising your profile within the University and beyond.

Postgraduates make up nearly 50% of our total student population. There are 1,800 postgraduate researchers based across the University representing a huge range of research disciplines. With an international reputation it’s no surprise that so many researchers from outside the UK choose to join us. Around 40% of our full-time campus-based postgraduate researchers come from outside the EU and our distance learning researchers are based all around the world.

For more information
Graduate School
e: enquiries@le.ac.uk
w: www.le.ac.uk/gradschool
As you would expect from a leading research university, you will benefit from access to excellent facilities at Leicester, including outstanding library resources, high-tech laboratories and dedicated postgraduate work spaces.

We’re continually developing our facilities with you in mind. A recent investment of £55 million, combined with our £1 billion development plan, will support our ongoing campus development – ensuring we provide comprehensive resources that meet the needs of modern and ambitious postgraduate students.

Each of our departments has facilities and support structures for postgraduate researchers, which may include lab or office space, technology and resources, and dedicated computing facilities and social spaces.

IT for Researchers

We have comprehensive information technology provision, comprising access to modern computer suites and high performance computing for research analysis, as well as:

- A personal ‘Z: drive’ to store files, backed up and available anywhere
- Leicester Digital Library – access to thousands of online journals, databases, and ebooks
• Specialist IT resources, including a research wiki to help you collaborate with researchers across the world, and a secure filedrop service

• Free WiFi on campus

• IT training comprising workshops and online study guides

ALICE (Advanced Leicester Information and Computational Environment) is our High Performance Computing (HPC) cluster. Since its launch ALICE has massively increased the computing power available to Leicester researchers across all disciplines. It is optimised to provide maximum performance for the most demanding data processing, analysis and simulation tasks.

Library

We invest over £6 million per year in our award-winning David Wilson Library. The light, airy, five-storey building provides a first-class study environment with state-of-the-art facilities:

• One million printed volumes
• A digital library of over 30,000 electronic journals and 350,000 eBooks
• Laptop loans
• WiFi throughout
• Self-service loan and return
• Graduate School Reading Room – exclusively for postgraduates
• Group study rooms
• Postgraduate PC Zone
• Help Zone – in the Library and online
• Rare books and archives from the 12th to the 21st centuries
• Leicester Research Archive – research papers and theses from the University
• Bookshop
• Café

Our Librarians – including a team specifically to support researchers – provide detailed advice on finding and using information, and help you make the most of the resources available. Our online guides help you find information for your coursework or research.

Library Opening Hours

Twenty-four hours a day, Sunday to Thursday, and until midnight on Friday and Saturday during term-time.

Our electronic resources can be accessed at anytime from anywhere you have an internet connection.

Supervision by Research Leaders

Research students are allocated a member of academic staff as their personal supervisor. They can help you to:

• Plan and manage your research
• Broaden your knowledge of research developments in your field
• Develop your understanding of relevant research methodology
• Develop your broader research and professional capabilities
• Build your profile within the research community

Through regular consultations your supervisor can monitor your progress, provide you with guidance and be your first point of contact for support and advice.

Your Support Network

Your supervisor will be just one part of a wider support network.

Outside of your immediate supervisory team, each department has a dedicated Postgraduate Tutor. They can also monitor your progress and can advise on progress and skills development and University procedures.

Across the wider Graduate School you can also access advice and support from:

• Your Head of Department
• The College Directors of Postgraduate Research
• The Graduate Dean

For more information

www.le.ac.uk/gradschool

For more information

www.le.ac.uk/library
The Researcher and the Supervisor
Anne Marie

I joined the University of Leicester after being awarded the Centre for Animals and Social Justice’s (www.casj.org.uk) first ever studentship for a PhD on the Political Representation of Animals.

My research aims to investigate the ways animals are represented in politics today and understand how we can change things to ensure that animals are effectively protected. My work also draws inspiration from debates concerning the representation of future generations and children, since they share similar characteristics with animals: they cannot enter into dialogue in the same way as humans would, yet they are, or will be, deeply affected by the decisions we make today. It is a new and very exciting area and up until now only a handful of academics have looked at this.

When the studentship opportunity at the University of Leicester presented itself, I couldn’t have wished for more: being funded to research a topic that I am passionate about and, to top it off, working with Professor Robert Garner, who is one of the leading experts in the field of animal protection.

My first year as a PhD student at the University of Leicester has been an intense and positive experience! The classes, conferences and the regular meetings with Rob have provided me with the foundations I need for the next two years. There is also a great research community here – one which I am very proud to be a part of. I recently participated in the University’s Festival of Postgraduate Research, where I won the College of Social Science award for best poster. It was a fantastic opportunity to meet people from many different backgrounds, receive feedback on my project and learn about the wide range of stimulating projects my colleagues are working on.

The support and encouragement I have received from my supervisor, the CASJ, the staff from my department and College of Social Science as well as from other students from the University, have really made this a satisfying year.

My hope is that this research will positively influence institutions and governments and their animal protection policies.

Professor Robert Garner

Department of Politics and International Relations

The focus of my principal research interest has been on the moral relationship between humans and animals, particularly from the perspective of political philosophy.

My role as a PhD supervisor is also to provide support and guidance in the whole academic enterprise – from how to structure and deliver a conference paper to, eventually, applying for post-doctoral posts and fellowships. I support Anne Marie through regular supervisory meetings in which various aspects of her thesis are discussed. The Department appoints a supervisory team for each doctoral student (including a main and second supervisor and the Director of PhDs). Each year progress is reviewed and advice and encouragement given.

The joy of supervising a doctoral student is that it gives the all too rare opportunity to support, on a one-to-one basis, a substantial piece of work and watch it develop over a sustained period of time. An added bonus is that doctoral students are working in similar, or identical, areas to their supervisors, so there is the satisfaction of knowing that I can offer a great deal of expertise, coupled with the likelihood that I will learn something new myself.
Your Research Career
Our Graduate School can help you to become an effective researcher.

Our skills and career development support is based on the Researcher Development Framework.

The framework is a UK-wide statement of the skills and capabilities you are expected to demonstrate as a professional and effective researcher. That means that any training you undertake is designed to meet the expectations of major research funders, employers and other higher education institutions. You can use the Researcher Development Framework to:

- Develop a training plan that meets your individual needs
- Keep a training record so you can monitor your progress
- Succeed in your research degree
- Achieve your longer-term personal and professional goals

For more information
Graduate School
e: enquiries@le.ac.uk
w: www.le.ac.uk/gradschool-training
Your Training Plan

You should discuss your training plan with your supervisors at the start of your research degree. It will reflect your specific needs – no two research students have the same plan. You can receive support and guidance to help you identify the skills needed during your research degree, as well as those you may need to achieve your longer-term personal and professional goals.

Your Training Record

As you progress your career development needs may change, so it is important that you review your training plan. Our researcher development advisers can also help you build an effective training record. This can be used to record your development, such as your academic progress, attendance at conferences, seminars, and other events, and published works.

Your portfolio will be particularly valuable as you move into your career beyond your degree. Employers and research funders appreciate employees who can demonstrate a commitment to their own personal and professional development – your portfolio will provide you with that evidence.

Skills and Career Development Training Programmes

As a research student you will need to plan and manage your own research project and apply appropriate research techniques and methodologies. Research skills training is therefore at the heart of your personal and professional development.
Your supervisors can provide support and there is a comprehensive programme of training workshops and events aimed at developing your confidence, professionalism and preparing you for important milestones in the research degree programme, for example:

- Probation review
- Thesis submission
- Viva voce examination

Towards the end of your research degree, we offer workshops to help you improve your CV, write effective job applications and give you the best chance of success in the employment market.

There is also a full range of e-resources, such as online study guides and videos, meaning you can support your development from anywhere in the world.

We also offer training programmes for international research students wanting to improve their academic English language skills.

Languages at Leicester allows you to pick up a new language, from French to Russian, Mandarin to Greek.

For more information
www.le.ac.uk/gradschool-training

Communicating Your Research

Being able to communicate your work effectively is a key skill for any modern academic. We’re keen to give you the chance to share your research with colleagues, other academics and the public.

- Departmental seminar programmes help you broaden your understanding of your wider research area and develop your ability to present and defend your ideas.
- Conferences held at the University and externally allow you to raise your profile as a researcher and present your research work to academics and researchers from further afield.
- Thesis Forum and Café Research are more informal events. They give you the chance to network and discuss your research in a supported environment. They are also social events where you can make new friends and contacts, and get to learn about current research in a range of different disciplines. We also offer a webcast of the Thesis Forum so that research students based away from Leicester can take part.

There is little doubt that having a postgraduate qualification can lead to career success...

Postgraduates earn a premium over graduates with a first degree.

Somebody with a postgraduate qualification can earn £200,000 more over a working life than someone with only a first degree.

2013 The Sutton Trust Report – The Postgraduate Premium
Doctoral Inaugural Lectures

The Graduate School’s Doctoral Inaugural Lectures series is one of the most exciting and innovative events designed specifically for research students.

The lectures celebrate and showcase doctoral graduates who are academically outstanding and who can present their work in an engaging and accessible way to the wider University and the public.

The Festival of Postgraduate Research

Our Festival of Postgraduate Research has established itself as a highlight of the University calendar and is hugely popular.

The very best of our doctoral researchers (selected competitively from our doctoral community) are invited to showcase their work and describe its real-world implications to a non-specialist audience from the wider University, employers and the public.

The Festival is a unique chance for you to develop your profile and to connect with employers and others in your field. For employers, the media and public, the Festival is an occasion to meet the next generation of innovators. And for us it’s an opportunity to celebrate the strength of our postgraduate research community.

The Festival concludes with an awards ceremony with many of these prizes sponsored by employers and organisations who value the unique opportunity that the Festival provides – to engage with up-and-coming researchers and hear more about the real-world applications of the ground-breaking work taking place across the University.

For more information

www.le.ac.uk/pgr-festival
We revolutionised crime detection when we invented genetic fingerprinting.

How will you change the world?

The implications of Professor Sir Alec Jeffreys’ discovery in the labs at Leicester were to become massively far reaching. His pioneering technique has become integral to modern criminal investigations, crime scene analysis, paternity testing, twin studies and immigration disputes.

Discover more: www.le.ac.uk/discover
Distance Learning
We have over 25 years’ experience of offering high quality distance learning courses

Distance learning research degrees give you the flexibility to study away from campus within a structured and supportive framework. This allows you to combine achieving a qualification with work and/or family commitments.

A research degree from the University of Leicester can be career changing. It may be the springboard to promotion with your current employer, the platform from which to launch a new career in academia or simply a way to become more effective in your current role.

Studying for a distance learning research degree gives a signal to employers that you are committed to developing your skills and knowledge. Distance learning has the benefit of allowing you to develop your career without having to leave employment. It also means that you can apply new knowledge and insights to your working life while you are still studying; many students choose to tackle work-related themes in their research.

For more information
Distance Learning
www.le.ac.uk/distance

Please see course directory for department contact details
How Distance Learning Works

Our distance learning courses are awarded at the same level and qualification as our campus-based courses.

How you study will be determined by the course that you take and your circumstances. You will need to think about how regular study time will fit into your life. You will also need to prepare a comfortable and convenient environment to study. This could be at your home or workplace.

All the Support You Need

Studying at a distance doesn’t mean that we will leave you to it. Our experience in this kind of delivery means that you can expect a strong network of support.

Students on our distance learning programmes are as much a part of our research community as their campus-based colleagues. Like all postgraduates you will become a member of the Graduate School and be able to access all their services and resources.

A team of academic tutors and administrative staff will be your main point of contact throughout your studies. A personal supervisor can monitor your progress and offer support and guidance to you in a variety of ways. This can include planning and managing your research, developing your understanding of relevant research methodology, building your profile within the research community and broadening your professional capabilities.

You can keep in touch with your supervisor and other researchers in your department through our Virtual Learning Environment, Blackboard. Many departments now use email
groups and online forums to involve those on distance programmes in the day-to-day lives of their postgraduate communities, so you can interact with colleagues all over the world. Blackboard also contains online training materials, study guides, and multimedia resources to help you develop your effectiveness as a researcher.

Library
The David Wilson Library offers an extensive service for distance learning students. The Library’s comprehensive online resources can be accessed anywhere that has an internet connection.

You will have access to the Library’s extensive online catalogue comprising over 350,000 ebooks, 30,000 eJournals and specialist information databases. This includes the Leicester Research Archive, a digital collection of research papers and theses from members of the University.

As a Leicester student, you will be able to access the online catalogue and download these resources free of charge.

You can request to loan books by post or you may wish to make use of the photocopying service. You can also make use of your local university library if you live in the UK.

www.le.ac.uk/library/for/distancelearners

Network of Overseas Partners
To help in the running of selected courses we have developed a network of agent partners around the world to support you, some of which host local teaching events in conjunction with academic departments. Please contact the appropriate department directly to find out whether there is an agent in your country who supports the course in which you are interested.

Online Development Resources
You can support your academic development by using our wide range of e-resources.

We provide access to a range of online study guides, videos and other materials – including resources to help you:

- Prepare a literature review
- Find and use academic literature
- Manage and cite references
- Plan and manage the writing of your thesis
- Prepare for the viva voce examination

Coming to Leicester
As a Leicester student you are welcome to come on to campus and use our facilities at any time.

Distance learning PhD/MPhil students are required to come to Leicester for their probation review at the end of their second year and all research students are required to come to Leicester for their viva voce exam at the end of the degree. When you complete your degree you will be invited to come to Leicester to graduate, receive your degree and celebrate alongside campus-based students.

Global Alumni
Once you have completed your studies you become part of our global Alumni family maintaining strong links with graduates, parents, friends and supporters of the University through a programme of events, services and communications.

For more information
www.le.ac.uk/alumni
Postgraduate Life
Our campus offers the perfect environment for postgraduates.

It’s a campus that is big enough for you to meet new people but small enough that you will always see a friendly face. But we’re also ideally located right in the heart of Leicester – so you’re within easy reach of the city centre.

Our campus architecture ranges from the Victorian grandeur of the Fielding Johnson Building to the state-of-the-art David Wilson Library, all presided over by the three towers which form the University’s distinctive silhouette, including our world-famous Engineering Building.

You can also enjoy plenty of green space to relax – the city’s Victoria Park is right next door to campus.
Students’ Union

The Students’ Union provides a warm, welcoming and friendly environment for all students. Since 1923, generations of Leicester students have enjoyed live music, memorable nights out and discovered something new in the iconic Percy Gee building. If you’re eager to join a society, want to earn some money, fancy doing a bit of volunteering or just need a place to meet your mates for coffee, the Students’ Union provides all of those things.

At the heart of the Percy Gee building is the Square – your ‘living room on campus’, the perfect place to relax, unwind and catch-up with your friends. Throughout the year all manner of social and academic-related events are arranged – including, of course, a superb nightlife – and there are extensive support services available.

For more information
www.leicesterunion.com

Sustainability

We’re committed to sustainability in everything that we do and intend to reduce our carbon footprint by 60% by 2020. All new developments are designed to be as environmentally friendly as possible, including elements such as solar panels, rainwater harvesting, sustainable materials and natural ventilation.

If you’re a cyclist you can benefit from our huge underground bicycle park, subsidised D-locks and free on-campus ‘Dr Bike’ maintenance events.

Biodiversity is important too with more than 400 species of wild plants and animals recorded on University property.
Arts on Campus

There is a thriving arts scene on campus, whatever your artistic or cultural taste.

The Attenborough Arts Centre is the University’s own arts centre, offering a vibrant programme of events, music, spoken word, and exhibitions in its new gallery and performance spaces. The Attenborough Arts Centre offers you the chance to try something new, from a variety of arts courses to ballroom dancing or creative writing. There are special discounts for students. Or, if you just want a break from your studies, you can enjoy free lunchtime music performances every Tuesday or have a drink at the Arts Bar café.

The arts are also well catered for by the Students’ Union performance societies, whether you are interested in big band music, theatre or even burlesque.

For more information
www.attenborougharts.com

Live Music – The O₂ Academy

Situated in the Percy Gee Students’ Union building at the heart of campus, the O₂ Academy Leicester is a state-of-the-art live music and club venue and the place to go for gigs and nights out. With a 1,450 capacity, it can cater for the biggest live acts on the touring circuit.

The Percy Gee building has hosted some legendary live acts over the years, including The Rolling Stones, Led Zeppelin, The Smiths and the Arctic Monkeys. With O₂ Academy Leicester, this tradition has continued.

For more information
www.o2academyleicester.co.uk

Music Scholarships

Our music scholarships support students wishing to pursue their musical activities whilst at the University of Leicester.

Alumni Music Scholarship: £500 per year
Available to singers and all instrumentalists and comprises lessons with local teachers.

Philharmonia Scholarship: £500 per year
If you play an orchestral instrument, this scholarship enables you to have lessons with members of the prestigious Philharmonia Orchestra.

For more information
www.le.ac.uk/music-scholarships
It’s great to have gyms on campus and at Manor Road; they have all the facilities I need.

Chris, Geology

Whether you’re looking to stay fit and have fun doing it, or an elite athlete, our sports facilities can provide everything you need.

We have two state-of-the-art sports centres, so you can keep fit, healthy or unwind after a long day. At both, you can work up a sweat in the gym, enjoy a swim and luxuriate in the sauna, steam room and spa pool. There is also a packed programme of group fitness classes.

If you prefer playing sport with friends or just for fun, there are a variety of sports halls, outdoor courts and all-weather pitches that can be booked as and when the feeling takes you.

You can also gather together teams of friends to battle it out in our intramural competitions.

Sports Teams

Our diverse sports clubs welcome members of all abilities, from total beginners to casual and keen competitors. For those with a competitive streak, you can pull on the Team Leicester jersey and join our University sports clubs in their pursuit of glory in regional and national competitions.

Traditional sports such as football, rugby, hockey and rowing are all on offer but our clubs offer you the chance to try something new, for example, Ultimate Frisbee, mountaineering or surfing.
Scholarships

We offer sports scholarships aimed at students who have competed at county level and above.

The scholarships can give you the essential flexibility and support needed if you want to pursue both sporting and academic excellence at the University of Leicester. Our generous packages can contribute to an increased standard of performance on an individual level, as well as across the University, in our distinctive sports.

Applications are especially welcome in fencing, hockey, rugby union, basketball, tennis, squash, volleyball and lacrosse, although we do consider individuals that perform in other sports and meet our criteria.

For more information
www.le.ac.uk/sports

Let’s Do Leicester

Let’s Do Leicester is an exciting new project that gives all students the chance to have a go at a wide range of sporting activities, such as netball, dance fitness, basketball or even bubble football. If you fancy trying something new you just need to turn up to a session.

For more information
www.letsdoleicester.co.uk

Sports Teams

American Football Athletics Badminton Basketball Boat Club Cricket Dodgeball Fencing Football Golf Hockey Equestrian Jiu-Jitsu Judo Karate Kayak Lacrosse Mountaineering Netball Rugby League Rugby Union Running Snow Sports Squash Surf Club Swimming Table Tennis Taekwondo Tennis Trampoline Ultimate Frisbee Volleyball Water Polo
We want your time at Leicester to be as happy and fulfilling as possible. Across the University you will have a comprehensive network of support services.

**Student Welfare Service**

The Student Welfare Service provides guidance, information and support on practical issues including finance and advice for international students, particularly in relation to immigration.

0116 223 1185  
welfare@le.ac.uk  
www.le.ac.uk/welfare

**AccessAbility Centre**

**Dyslexia and Disability Support**

The AccessAbility Centre offers a wide range of support for students with a disability, chronic health condition, including mental health issues, and also students with a specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia.

If you need help with any of the above, you should contact the AccessAbility Centre at the earliest opportunity and before you commence your course.

(minicom) 0116 252 5002  
accessible@le.ac.uk  
www.le.ac.uk/accessability
The Healthy Living Service
The Healthy Living Service provides direction to appropriate health care and also coordinates events to support a balanced lifestyle.

0116 223 1268
healthyliving@le.ac.uk
www.le.ac.uk/healthyliving

Counselling Service
The Counselling Service offers confidential, face-to-face emotional support. Counselling can help you to make personal choices, cope with life changes and support your personal development.

0116 223 1780
counselling@le.ac.uk
www.le.ac.uk/counselling

Mental Wellbeing Service
The Mental Wellbeing Service offers support and advice to students who are managing mental health issues.

0116 223 1780
mentalwellbeing@le.ac.uk
www.le.ac.uk/counselling

Chaplaincy
The Chaplaincy welcomes everyone regardless of faith, as well as being a base for many student Christian societies. Chaplains provide support, and advice, and are happy to discuss matters of faith with you. The Chaplaincy is also an information resource for world faiths. World Faiths Advisors exist for Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Baha’i, Sikh and Buddhist students.

0116 285 6493
chaplaincy@le.ac.uk
www.le.ac.uk/chaplaincy
University Campus
1. Student work space, George Porter Building
2. ‘Jane’ the dinosaur – located in the Geology department
3. Astronomical clock, Rattray Lecture Theatre
4. Fielding Johnson Building and lawn
5. Students’ Union terrace
6. Students on Victoria Park
7. Attenborough Building
8. Students on the Fielding Johnson lawn
9. View of Victoria Park
10. Engineering Building
Accommodation
Choose accommodation that suits you best

It’s really important to us that you feel at home and part of the University community.

Our accommodation for postgraduates comprises a variety of packages so you can choose a place to live that suits you and your budget.

Whatever option you choose, the self-catered accommodation gives you the independence and flexibility you need within the secure surroundings of our sites. Adapted rooms for students with disabilities are also available. Most accommodation sites are ideally located within easy walking distance of the main campus, the train station and the amenities of the city centre.

We guarantee an offer of a place in University allocated accommodation for new postgraduate students who apply by 1st September.

There are also fantastic opportunities to join our Residence Life team and enjoy a rewarding job supporting residents alongside your studies.

For more information www.le.ac.uk/accommodation
Location
Most of our postgraduate accommodation is ideally located a short walk from the main campus. And because our campus is located in the centre of Leicester, getting around is easy. Leicester train station is within walking distance of all our postgraduate accommodation, and there are regular bus routes that run into and around the city.

Looking After You
The Residence Life team provide support and guidance to students living in halls of residence. They are students themselves and actively promote a sense of community within each residence to maintain the safety, health and wellbeing of all students.

Social Life
There is a rich and varied social life in all our accommodation and social events are organised throughout the year by our Residence Life team, including trips and community events. All accommodation is close to the vibrancy and amenities of the city centre. The University’s Danielle Brown Sports Centre on main campus is within easy reach of each hall of residence, but if you’d prefer to watch live sport, Leicester City’s King Power Stadium and Welford Road, home of Leicester Tigers rugby club, are just a short walk away.

Renting Private Accommodation – SUlets
If you prefer to live in private accommodation, or you need to find accommodation suitable for a family, SUlets is a lettings agency run by our Students’ Union. They can help you find an affordable and convenient place to live.

For more information
+44 (0)116 223 1173/1180
www.sulets.com
Postgraduate Halls of Residence

Opal Court is a private development located around five minutes’ walk from campus and within easy reach of the city centre and main train station.

- 500m from campus
- Self-catered
- All En-suite
- Common Room
- Laundrette

Contract Length: 42 weeks
Price per week: From £128.80
Price per year: From £5,409.60

Nixon Court is a short walk from campus and offers a mix of standard and modern en-suite facilities. Nixon Court has benefited from a recent development with over 200 new rooms and new kitchens.

- 500m from campus
- Self-catered
- Standard and En-suite
- Common Room
- Laundrette

Contract Length: 42 weeks
Price per week: From £105.70
Price per year: From £4,439.40

Freemen’s Common is a popular choice for postgraduate students looking for less expensive accommodation. Each block contains ten single study bedrooms with shared kitchen and bathroom facilities.

- 300m from campus
- Self-catered
- Standard and En-suite
- Common Room
- Laundrette

Contract Length: 42 weeks
Price per week: From £83.30
Price per year: From £3,498.60

Prices shown are for 2015/16 academic year. Prices for 2016/17 will be set in February 2016.
Welcome to Leicester
The city centre is just a short walk from campus so you are never far from the action.

Leicester is large enough that you will always be able to find something new and exciting to do, but compact enough that you will feel as though you have got to know it as somewhere you can call home.

With two universities in the city centre, 12% of Leicester’s population are students so there is always something happening whether you’re into sport, culture and the arts, shopping or going out.

You can explore Leicester’s rich history, from its Roman origins, associations with King Richard III and the recent past, through its varied museums. New Walk Museum and Art Gallery near the campus is particularly worth visiting and holds a permanent exhibition of Picasso ceramics.

Ideally located in the centre of England, Leicester is well connected by road, rail and air. London and Birmingham are only around an hour’s journey on the train, while East Midlands and Birmingham airports are close by, making the city easily accessible from other parts of the world.
Shopping and Eating

During my time in Leicester, I have made an effort to see the attractions that this wonderful city has to offer. Linda, Victorian Studies

Leicester can satisfy any shopaholic’s needs – the Highcross Shopping Centre is 110,000 square metres of leading high-street shops and restaurants, centred around the Showcase De Lux cinema and a flagship John Lewis store.

For something more unusual, the Leicester Lanes are home to fantastic boutiques and speciality shops with a dash of vintage couture. Leicester also has the largest outdoor covered market in Europe where you can pick up a bargain – anything from fruit and veg, to clothes, bags and books.

Leicester’s cultural diversity is reflected in the stunning range of cuisine available, with restaurants representing all corners of the globe. Leicester is home to the magnificent Golden Mile on Belgrave Road – a ‘must visit’ for any curry fan.

As a true student city, Leicester has a huge variety of bars and clubs offering student nights and discounts, as well as hidden gems off the beaten track. Near the campus, Queens Road offers some more quirky bars and shops with a more relaxed, bohemian feel – a favourite with students.
Want to know more?

Leicester International Music Festival
www.leicesterinternationalmusicfestival.org.uk

Leicester Comedy Festival
www.comedy-festival.co.uk

Curve Theatre
www.curveonline.co.uk

De Montfort Hall
www.demontforthall.co.uk

Phoenix Square
www.phoenix.org.uk

Leicester Museums
www.leicester.gov.uk/museums
Arts and Culture

There are always new restaurants, places to go out and loads of festivals throughout the year.

Nathan, Physics

Leicester is famous for its diversity and offers you an amazing chance to dive into many different cultural celebrations.

Leicester’s renowned and spectacular celebration of Diwali (the festival of light) is one of the largest outside India with up to 35,000 people attending.

The Arts are well catered for in Leicester: Curve and De Montfort Hall host theatre and musicals, whilst there is always an eclectic mix of live music at the O2 Academy and venues around Leicester. The University’s Attenborough Arts Centre also hosts Leicester’s new contemporary art public gallery.

Film buffs can enjoy the luxurious Showcase De Lux or the art-house Phoenix Square. Leicester Comedy Festival is one of the world’s top comedy festivals with big names and experimental shows.
Sport in Leicester

The Foxes, the Tigers and Grace Road – Leicester is a city of sporting excellence.

Premier League Leicester City Football Club has a colourful history and plays host to the likes of Manchester United, Liverpool and Arsenal at the King Power Stadium.

Rugby fans will need no encouragement to watch the formidable Leicester Tigers, England’s most successful rugby club. With a squad full of world-class players, an afternoon at the boisterous Welford Road stadium is not to be missed.

Leicester is also home to the Leicester Riders, recent British Basketball League (BBL), Play off and Cup champions.

In the summer months, head over to Grace Road Cricket Ground to watch Leicestershire pile on the runs in the county championship or watch Friday night T20 action in the NatWest T20 Blast competition.

Many other sport interests are available in the city and county, including golf, speedway and athletics. Nearby Rutland Water is a favourite for cycling, sailing and windsurfing.
Fees and Funding
How much your course costs and financial support available

We understand that funding yourself through postgraduate education can be complicated, but the right preparation and advice can make financing your studies easier.

Fees
Fees for research and taught courses vary between courses and for Home/EU and international students.

Home/EU Students
Full information on fees for Home/EU students.
www.le.ac.uk/gradschool

International Students
Full information on fees for international students.
www.le.ac.uk/international

Distance Learning Courses
Fees for distance learning courses vary.
www.le.ac.uk/distancelearning

For more information
Fees and Funding
e: pgradmissions@le.ac.uk
w: www.le.ac.uk/fees
It is important that you have enough funds to cover the full cost of your course and living expenses. Therefore, you need to begin your research into possible funding at the same time as investigating courses.

**Studentships**

Every year we have a number of full- and part-funded studentships, which are sponsored by the University and Research Councils.

These studentships can benefit from financial packages including fee waivers, stipends, training support grants, and travel/conference allowances. Studentships are advertised as they become available – this is mainly in January/February each year.

The University is a host member of doctoral training centres for the Arts and Humanities Research Council, the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council and the Natural Environment Research Council – making us one of a limited number of UK universities offering PhD studentships from those bodies.

Research Council sponsored studentships are open to UK/EU applicants only. University sponsored studentships are usually open to UK/EU and international applicants, but restrictions may apply.

ℹ️ For more information
www.le.ac.uk/studentships
Graduate Teaching / Research Assistantships

Graduate Teaching/Research Assistantships allow you to fund your PhD through part-time teaching or research work at the University. These posts are normally available for full-time PhD students only – both UK/EU and international applicants. You receive a financial package including a fee waiver, stipend and salary. Posts are advertised as they become available.

For more information
www.le.ac.uk/studentships

Sponsorship

Some of our research students are sponsored and you may wish to investigate external sources of sponsorship. Some international students are offered studentships from their home government, while many part-time and distance learning students are sponsored by their employer to complete a research degree alongside their employment.

Bank Loans

Professional and Career Development Loans are currently offered by a number of high street banks. They can pay for courses and training that help with your career or help get you into work.

You should apply well in advance of your course starting to give the bank enough time to process your application.

For more information
www.gov.uk/career-development-loans

Government Loans

In March 2015, the Government announced plans to introduce Postgraduate Student Loans for those entering postgraduate research education in 2016. The Government is still developing its plans for these loans but it is anticipated that some English or EU postgraduate researchers* will be able to borrow £25,000 to use towards paying their tuition fees and maintenance costs. It is proposed that the system will be managed by Student Finance England and will operate in a similar way to undergraduate loans, with repayment through automatic salary deduction when you earn above a set level.

For more information
www.le.ac.uk/pgloans

*Alternative student finance arrangements exist in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland

Trusts and Charities

There are organisations that offer small amounts to students on postgraduate courses. Frequently, these grants are only open to those who match restricted eligibility criteria in terms of where they live, vocational choice, family background, or similar.

Larger UK public libraries and British Council libraries overseas may have reference copies of the following guides that you can use to find grants for postgraduate study:

- Educational Grants Directory
- Charities Digest
- Grants Register
- Directory of Grant Making Trusts
How do I know whether the Home/EU or International fee applies to me?

Campus-based students are charged the Home/EU fee if they can show they have been normally resident in the UK or the EU (i.e. not for the purposes of education) for at least three years before the start of their course. We will assess your fee status when we receive your application and our assessment will be included in any offer made to you. We regret that we are unable to advise on fee status until we receive an application. If you are resident outside the EU, you will normally be charged the appropriate international student fee. Distance learning fees are determined by country of residence rather than by nationality or citizenship.

Can I pay by instalments?

Campus-based students may pay their fees in two instalments during the year. Distance learning students will usually pay their fees in three equal instalments each year; however, this may vary by course. Please contact your department for details.
We solved the mystery of the burial of England’s most controversial monarch, Richard III.

What will you discover?

Archaeologists from our School of Archaeology and Ancient History have discovered and exhumed the body of Richard III. Using cutting-edge scientific and archaeological techniques from field excavation to ancient DNA analysis, we have proven his identity and unlocked the secrets of his death.

Discover more: www.le.ac.uk/discover
Entry Requirements and How to Apply
Academic qualifications and experience

Applicants must meet the University’s academic and English language entry requirements for research degree programmes.

Academic Entry Requirements

You should have – or expect to obtain before starting – a First or Upper-Second Class (2:1) honours degree from a UK university or an equivalent qualification.

In some cases it is expected that you will also hold a Masters degree in a discipline relevant to the area you want to research.

If you are applying for a specific studentship or other funding opportunity, please be aware of any additional entry requirements associated with this.

Non-Standard Qualifications and Professional Experience

Other academic and professional qualifications and experience may be taken into account and, in some cases, form an integral part of the entry requirements. Where other academic/professional qualifications or experience are required this will be stated in the online programme description.

For more information
Postgraduate Admissions
t: 0116 252 5381
e: pgradmissions@le.ac.uk
w: www.le.ac.uk/pgapplyonline
International Qualifications

Our Departments have considerable experience in evaluating qualifications and accept a wide range from all over the world. International applicants needing advice on whether their qualifications are sufficient should contact the Postgraduate Admissions Team.

e: pgradmissions@le.ac.uk

English Language Requirements

In addition to the academic entry requirements, all applicants for research degree programmes must satisfy the English language entry requirements.

For more information

www.le.ac.uk/englishskills
English Language Requirements

The University welcomes applications from academically qualified and highly-motivated applicants for whom English is not their first language and whose potential to work successfully at research degree level can be realised with a limited amount of pre- or in-sessional English language training.

Applicants whose first language is not English will normally be expected to have successfully completed one of the three approved English language tests:

- IELTS (International English Language Testing Systems) – Academic Version
- TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) – Internet Based Test
- PTE (Pearson Test of English) – Academic Version

In all cases the English language test must have been successfully completed no more than two years before the start date of the research degree programme.

For PhD/MPhil programmes in science subjects (astronomy, chemistry, computer science, engineering, geology, mathematics, physics) applicants must hold a minimum overall test score of 6.0 (IELTS), 80 (TOEFL), or 56 (PTE) with a minimum score in each component of 5.5 (IELTS), 20 (TOEFL), or 51 (PTE).

For PhD/MPhil programmes in most other subjects, applicants must hold a minimum overall test score of 6.5 (IELTS), 90 (TOEFL), or 61 (PTE) with a minimum score in each component of 5.5 (IELTS), 20 (TOEFL), or 51 (PTE). Higher test scores are needed for PhD/MPhil programmes in English, health sciences and law.

For more information
www.le.ac.uk/pgr-english-language

English Language Support

The English Language Teaching Unit (ELTU) offers a range of services to help international students with English skills needed for academic study. The ELTU is accredited by the British Council and is an Authorised Centre for University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations.

If you need to obtain a Tier 4 visa for an English Language Pre-sessional course, you must take a Secure English Language Test (SELT) at a UKVI approved centre.

For the latest information visit www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa

For further information on the English language services offered by the ELTU, contact:

For more information
e: eltu@le.ac.uk
w: www.le.ac.uk/eltu
Applicants for research degree programmes should:

1. Have a good idea of what you want to research and use the information on the following website to make sure this is compatible with the research interests of members of staff and/or a specific research group in one of our departments: www.le.ac.uk/researchdegrees
   - Select the subject/discipline you want to work in and see the advice on Research Areas and Supervision for details on specific topics in which we provide research degree supervision.

2. Follow the advice on the website to establish whether you need to prepare a research proposal and/or personal statement.

3. Prepare your supporting documents – with your application you will need to provide:
   - Two references (at least one of your referees must be able to comment on your academic abilities – such as a tutor from a previous course)
   - Copies of your degree/qualification certificates
   - Copies of your degree/qualification transcripts – showing modules taken and marks received
   - Evidence that you meet our English language entry requirements (if English is not your first language)

4. Submit your online application and electronic copies of your supporting documents – please go to www.le.ac.uk/pgapplyonline
   - Please note that all applications should normally be submitted online; applicants for campus-based courses unable to use the online form can submit their application by post – please go to www.le.ac.uk/pgr-application-form
Things to Remember

- Read all information carefully before submitting your application.

- Most of our postgraduate degrees start in October – you should check with departments to see if other start dates are available. Places in many departments fill up fast so you should submit your application as early as possible. Flexible start dates are often possible on distance learning programmes.

- Make sure you provide all required supporting documents – we cannot consider your application without these.

- Please allow at least 28 days for us to consider your application and inform you of our decision.

Professional Doctorate

Please note that applicants for the Professional Doctorates should follow the advice on the department websites.
Our departments offer research degree supervision in the areas listed. Use the links to departmental websites to find research degree supervisors in your subject specialism.
Adult Education

Research Degrees
- PhD Full-time or Part-time
- MPhil Full-time or Part-time
- Distance Learning also available

Research Areas
Lifelong learning; Adult education; Mature students and higher education; Disadvantaged learners; Transitions from school to university and from education to work; Changing patterns of education, work and identity; Teaching and learning in higher education.

Find research degree supervisors and learn more
Campus-based: www.le.ac.uk/education-research-campus
Distance learning: www.le.ac.uk/education-research-dl

Archaeology and Ancient History

Research Degrees
- PhD Full-time or Part-time campus-based
- PhD Part-time by Distance Learning
- MPhil

Research Areas
Mediterranean studies; Roman Empire; Ancient Greek and Roman history; Historical archaeology; Environmental archaeology; Bioarchaeology; Social archaeology and history; Early to late prehistory; Medieval archaeology; Landscape archaeology; Southeast Asian archaeology; North African archaeology.

Find research degree supervisors and learn more
Campus-based: www.le.ac.uk/arch-research-campus
Distance learning: www.le.ac.uk/arch-research-dl

Biology

Research Degrees
- PhD Full-time or Part-time
- MPhil Full-time or Part-time

Research Areas
Plant genetics and biotechnology; Plant cell and molecular biology; Developmental and reproductive biology; Genomics and molecular cytogenetics; Crop genetics and genomics; Plant taxonomy and evolution; Molecular ecology and evolution; Animal behaviour and population biology; Fish behaviour, health and disease; Evolutionary biology; Mechanisms and evolution of social behaviour; Host-parasite interactions; Gene-environment interactions; Sensory, motor and behavioural neuroscience.

Find research degree supervisors and learn more
www.le.ac.uk/biology-research-campus
Cancer Studies

Research Degrees
• PhD Full-time or Part-time
• MPhil Full-time or Part-time
• MD

Research Areas
Cancer cell mechanisms; Chemoprevention; Early detection; Radiation research; Stratified medicine and targeted therapies; Forensic pathology.

Find research degree supervisors and learn more
www.le.ac.uk/cancer-research-campus

Cardiovascular Sciences

Research Degrees
• PhD Full-time or Part-time
• MPhil Full-time or Part-time
• MD

Research Areas
Cardiovascular genomics and proteomics; Cardiovascular cell biology and cell signalling; Cardiovascular physiology, pathophysiology and clinical trials.

Find research degree supervisors and learn more
www.le.ac.uk/cardiovascular-research-campus

Chemistry

Research Degrees
• PhD Full-time or Part-time
• MPhil Full-time or Part-time

Research Areas
Atmospheric chemistry and Earth Observation Science; Chemical biology; Biotechnology; Materials and interfaces; Spectroscopy and dynamics; Sustainable synthesis and catalysis.

Find research degree supervisors and learn more
www.le.ac.uk/chemistry-research-campus
Civil Safety and Security

Research Degrees
- PhD Full-time or Part-time
- MPhil Full-time or Part-time

Research Areas
Risk management in commercial and military aviation; Flight deck human factors; Sociology of disasters; Disaster risk reduction; Health security in disasters; Gender and disaster; Human security and securitisation of disaster and development (particularly in South Asia and developing nations).

Find research degree supervisors and learn more
www.le.ac.uk/civilsafety-research-campus

Computer Science

Research Degrees
- PhD Full-time or Part-time
- MPhil Full-time or Part-time

Research Areas
Algorithms: Complexity and Engineering (ACE); Foundations of Computation (FoCo); Interaction Design and Evaluation of Socio-technical Systems (IDEAS); Software Modelling and Evolution (SOME); Validation and Verification (VALVE).

Find research degree supervisors and learn more
www.le.ac.uk/compscience-research-campus

Criminology

Research Degrees
- PhD Full-time or Part-time and Distance Learning
- MPhil Full-time or Part-time

Research Areas
Hate crime; Domestic, sexual and targeted violence; Feminism in criminology; Gender, sexuality and crime; Policing; Crime and the media; Sentencing; Penal policy; Prison architecture; Commercial victimisation; Retail crime and loss prevention; Forensic mental health and secure mental health provision; Forensic psychology; Probation work; Desistance; Offender management; Organised crime and money laundering; Crime prevention and evaluation research; Drugs and drug policy; Security in post-conflict regions; Female offending and experiences of criminal justice.

Find research degree supervisors and learn more
www.le.ac.uk/crim-research-campus
Economics

Research Degrees

- PhD Full-time

Research Areas

Microeconomics; Macroeconomics; Econometrics; Game theory; Behavioural economics; Experimental economics; Contract theory; Applied microeconometrics; Consumer theory; Health economics; Political economics; Economic growth; Public economics; Labour economics; Economics of immigration; Economics of education; Economics of fertility; Market microstructure; Globalisation and poverty; Applied economic theory; Applied general equilibrium; Labour microfoundations; Personal sector finance; Research and development; Time series analysis; Cointegration; Information economics; Evolution of preferences and social norms; Theory of corporate finance; The evolution of social norms; Banking, financial development and systematic risk; Poverty and development; Mechanism design; Online trading; Simulation and Monte Carlo methods in empirical economics and finance; Empirical models based on the New Keynesian Phillips Curve; Microfoundations and empirical models of inflation; Social and economic networks; Innovation and intellectual property rights; Competition policy; Social choice theory; Patents and growth; Demographic transition and environmental quality; The role of emotions in decision-making; Vertical relations and adoption of “greener” manufacturing technologies; Empirical industrial organisation; Foreign direct investment; Transition in Eastern Europe; Globalisation and firm-level adjustment; Privatisation and performance; Network and coalition formation; Models for predicting corporate failure; Asset replacement decisions; The impact of the introduction of international accounting standards on the information content of company financial statements; The economics of skill training; The effects of trade and technological change on occupational and skill structure; Computational and numerical approaches; Segregation and ability tracking; Peer/social effects; Exchange rates; Monetary economics; Tax evasion and the hidden economy; Fiscal federalism; The economics of the arts; Industrial organisation.

Find research degree supervisors and learn more
www.le.ac.uk/econ-research-campus

Education

Research Degrees

- PhD Full-time, Part-time or Distance Learning
- EdD Part-time

Research Areas

Pupil voice and participation; Teachers’ professional learning; Educational leadership and school improvement; Developing processes and practices of stakeholder participation through educational systems leadership; Challenges of leading Higher Education institutions/departments in a globalised context; The impact of education policy on leadership; The impact of postgraduate research on professional educations’ practice and identity; Faith schools; Leadership and diversity; Gender and intersectionality; Islam, education and society; Teachers’ lives, careers and experiences; Language testing and assessment; Second language teacher education; Second language learner and/or teacher autonomy; Corpus linguistics: methodology and applications, including teaching applications; Current and recent linguistic change in English, e.g. grammatical and/or lexical change; Regional and national varieties of English: including World Englishes, American vs. British English, standard Englishes, and dialects of England; Inquiry-based science and/or mathematics education as a theme; Education and social justice.

Find research degree supervisors and learn more
Campus-based: www.le.ac.uk/education-research-campus
Distance learning: www.le.ac.uk/education-research-dl
Engineering

Research Degrees
- PhD
- MPhil
- MRes

Research Areas
Bioengineering; Control systems; Embedded systems and communications; Electrical power and power electronics; Mechanics of materials; Thermofluids.

Find research degree supervisors and learn more
www.le.ac.uk/engineering-research-campus

English

Research Degrees
- PhD Full-time or Part-time

Research Areas
Old English and Middle English; Renaissance and early modern; Eighteenth century; Romantic and Victorian; Twentieth century and contemporary; English language and linguistics. Specialised research areas: Text, image and iconologies; Medievalism; Gender and sexuality; Creative writing; Literature, medicine and science; Life writing; Lexis and the slang and cant dictionary tradition; Narrative theory; Language and gender studies and new media; Early Germanic languages; Literature and adolescence; Literature and war; Literature, art and film; Postcolonial and world literatures.

Find research degree supervisors and learn more
www.le.ac.uk/english-research-campus

Genetics

Research Degrees
- PhD Full-time or Part-time
- MPhil Full-time or Part-time
- MRes Full-time or Part-time

Research Areas
Genetic variation; Mutation and evolution; Human genetics; Medical genetics; Genome dynamics; Genomics and bioinformatics; Neurogenetics and genetics of complex behaviours; Microbial genetics and pathogenicity.

Find research degree supervisors and learn more
www.le.ac.uk/genetics-research-campus
Geography

Research Degrees
• PhD Full-time or Part-time

Research Areas
Biogeochemistry; Quaternary environmental change; Catchment system science; Landscape and climate interactions; Forest and peatland systems; Pollutants in the water cycle; Environmental governance and the valuation of nature; Energy transitions; Urban sustainability; Geo-political geographies; Urban and rural gentrification; Internet geographies; Emotions and embodiment geography. Furthermore, we support PhD research in Geographical Information Science and Remote Sensing/Earth Observation in a number of geographical themes.

Find research degree supervisors and learn more
www.le.ac.uk/geography-research-campus

Geology

Research Degrees
• PhD Full-time or Part-time
• MPhil Full-time or Part-time

Research Areas
Our research encompasses a broad range of earth sciences, with a particular focus in three areas:
• Crustal processes
• Geophysics, rock physics and borehole research
• Palaeobiology, palaeoenvironments and palaeoclimates

Find research degree supervisors and learn more
www.le.ac.uk/geology-research-campus

Health Sciences

Research Degrees
• PhD Full-time or Part-time
• MPhil Full-time or Part-time
• MD

Research Areas
Biostatistics; Genetic epidemiology; Social Science Applied to Healthcare Improvement Research (SAPPHIRE); The Infant Mortality and Morbidity Studies (TIMMS); Quality and service delivery; Social and epidemiological psychiatry; Research support units including: NIHR Research Design Service for the East Midlands.

Find research degree supervisors and learn more
www.le.ac.uk/hsc-research-campus
History

Research Degrees
• PhD Full-time or Part-time
• MPhil Full-time or Part-time

Research Areas
Medieval, early modern and modern history in the British, European and global contexts; Political, social, economic, intellectual and cultural history. The School is home to two internationally renowned research centres: the Centre for English Local History and the Centre for Urban History. There are four multidisciplinary centres: the Centre for American Studies; the Stanley Burton Centre for Holocaust and Genocide Studies; the Medieval Research Centre and the Centre for Medical Humanities.

Find research degree supervisors and learn more
www.le.ac.uk/history-research-campus

History of Art and Film

Research Degrees
• PhD Full-time or Part-time
• MPhil Full-time or Part-time

Research Areas
Country House and heritage/preservation studies (note: the Department is home to the pioneering Centre for the Study of the Country House, the first of its kind in the UK); American cinema and television history; British cinema and television history; British popular culture and comics; Early twentieth century through to contemporary art; Funerary monuments and commemoration; Gender and popular film and television; History and theory of architecture and town-planning; Italian art and theory 1400-1800; Medieval and Renaissance painting, sculpture and architecture; Popular fiction in film and television; Pure and applied aesthetics; Seriality in film and other media; Tudor and Elizabethan art, furniture and sculpture.

Find research degree supervisors and learn more
www.le.ac.uk/artfilm-research-campus

Infection, Immunity and Inflammation

Research Degrees
• PhD Full-time or Part-time
• MPhil Full-time or Part-time
• MD

Research Areas
Immunology; Microbial sciences; Respiratory sciences; Nephrology.

Find research degree supervisors and learn more
www.le.ac.uk/infection-research-campus
Law

Research Degrees
• PhD Full-time or Part-time
• MPhil Full-time or Part-time
• Distance Learning also available

Research Areas
The research expertise of our staff covers most areas in legal research and we welcome research proposals from all areas of law.

Find research degree supervisors and learn more
Campus-based: www.le.ac.uk/law-research-campus
Distance learning: www.le.ac.uk/law-research-dl

Management and Labour Market Studies

Research Degrees
• PhD Full-time or Part-time
• MPhil Full-time or Part-time
• Distance Learning PhD also available
• DSocSci by Distance Learning

Research Areas
Alternative organisations; Application of physics concepts in social science; Asset pricing; Behavioural finance; Branding and relationships; Business ethics and corporate social responsibility; Business history and institutional analysis; Consumption and identity; Critical marketing; International business; Management of science and technology; Methodological innovations for organisational research and discourse analysis; Performance measurement; Philosophy, politics and organisational theory; Public finance; Public sector management; Small business finance; Sociology of finance; Management of culture; Work, employment and education; Work-life balance; Youth transitions to work, Employability and locality; Work and worker organisation; Academic practice and distance learning; Skills performance and development.

Find research degree supervisors and learn more
Campus-based: www.le.ac.uk/management-research-campus
Distance learning: www.le.ac.uk/management-research-dl
DSocSci: www.le.ac.uk/lms-research-dsocsci
Mathematics

Research Degrees
• PhD Full-time or Part-time
• MPhil Full-time or Part-time

Research Areas
Maths research can loosely be allocated to three groups: Pure Mathematics (PM), Numerical Analysis and Modelling (NAM), and Mathematics of Data and Finance (MDF), with specific and often interlinked research themes of Algebra; Algebraic topology; Geometry; Mathematical physics (within PM); Numerical analysis; Computational modelling; Model reduction; Fluid dynamics; Mathematical ecology; Physical, chemical and biochemical kinetics; Neuro-mathematics; Adaptive control (within NAM); Financial and actuarial mathematics; Stochastic modelling; Data mining; Data visualization; Dimensionality reduction (within MDF).

Find research degree supervisors and learn more
www.le.ac.uk/maths-research-campus

Media and Communication

Research Degrees
• PhD Full-time or Part-time
• MPhil Full-time or Part-time
• PhD by Distance Learning

Research Areas
The departmental research strategy is to enhance our reputation for media research grounded in theory whilst tackling ‘real world’ social issues. Current research topics include:

National and international regulation of the media industries; Production, content and influence of media messages on social and political issues such as the environment; The internet and multimedia developments; Gender and media; Film as mass communication; Globalisation and technology.

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Campus-based: www.le.ac.uk/mediacomm-research-campus
Distance learning: www.le.ac.uk/mediacomm-research-dl
Medical Research Council Toxicology Unit

Research Degrees
- PhD Full-time or Part-time
- MPhil Full-time or Part-time

Research Areas
The mission of the MRC Toxicology Unit is to deliver field-changing mechanistic insights into toxicology and disease. The Unit pursues an integrated scientific programme, using an unbiased systems approach to examine the effects that occur following cellular exposure to chemicals, radiation and external biological agents. This detailed analysis allows the development of new models that are better able to predict adverse drug reactions and to elucidate the molecular mechanisms of diseases that are associated with toxic exposure. The research in the Unit impacts directly on human health, with implications for reducing adverse drug reactions, drug attrition and brings new insights leading to novel treatments for disease. The Unit interacts closely with industry and related stakeholders.

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www.le.ac.uk/toxicology-research-campus
www.tox.mrc.ac.uk

Modern Languages

Research Degrees
- PhD Full-time or Part-time
- MPhil Full-time or Part-time

Research Areas
Cultural studies in French and Francophone studies; Translation studies and interpreting studies; International communication and culture; Italian and Spanish and Latin-American studies, with special interests in literature, visual culture, gender, cultural geographies and identities, intercultural communication, global studies, media studies, post-colonialism and cultural politics and memory.

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Molecular and Cell Biology

Research Degrees
- PhD

Research Areas
Structure and function of proteins and protein complexes; Single molecule methods to study complex biological mechanisms; Regulation of gene expression; Cancer, cell, molecular and developmental biology; Channels, receptors and cell signalling; Physiology and pharmacology of human diseases; Microbial diseases.

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Museum Studies

Research Degrees
- PhD Full-time or by Distance Learning
- Conventional or practice-based routes

Research Areas
Art museums; Artist collaborations with museums; Museum ethics; Museum education, learning and visitor studies; Anthropology and museums; Post-colonial theory in museum studies; Feminism in museums; Gender in museums; Sensory engagements in museums; Museum objects and collections; Museum histories; National museums; Science and museums; Technologies in museums; Policy and politics in museums; Museums and social justice.

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Campus-based: www.le.ac.uk/museum-research-campus
Distance learning: www.le.ac.uk/museum-research-dl

Physics and Astronomy

Research Degrees
- PhD Full-time or Part-time
- MPhil Full-time or Part-time

Research Areas
Condensed matter physics; Earth observation science; Radio and space plasma physics, Space research centre; Theoretical astrophysics; X-ray and observational astronomy.

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Politics and International Relations

Research Degrees
- PhD Full-time or Part-time
- MPhil Full-time or Part-time
- PhD by Distance Learning

Research Areas
Violence, war and conflict and their legacies; Global ethics; Politics of nuclear weapons; Defence, intelligence and security studies; British foreign policy; Governance and corruption; Multiparty politics in the UK; Religion and political behaviour; Political parties and public opinion; US social policy; Comparative party politics; Liberal, feminist and environmental political theory; Gender and representation.

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Campus-based: www.le.ac.uk/politics-research-campus
Distance learning: www.le.ac.uk/politics-research-dl
Popular Culture and Religion

Research Degrees
- PhD Full-time or Part-time
- MPhil Full-time or Part-time

Research Areas
Supervision areas can include: Critical study of particular cases from the arts, media or popular culture as they relate to religion, theology and spirituality; Theoretical frameworks for understanding how the arts and popular culture feature in, or are responded to by, religious traditions; Topics in modern Christian theology relating to education, culture or the arts.

Find research degree supervisors and learn more
www.le.ac.uk/culturereligion-research-campus

Psychology

Research Degrees
- PhD Full-time or Part-time
- MPhil Full-time or Part-time
- Doctor of Clinical Psychology (DClinPsy)
- Doctor of Psychology (PsyD)

Research Areas
 Behavioural neuroscience; Vision and language; Memory and cognitive science; Applied, social and psychological processes. Please note: applicants for the Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (DClinPsy) or Doctorate of Psychology (PsyD) should follow the guidance at www.le.ac.uk/professional-dctr-degrees

Psychology Research Degrees are run through the Department of Neuroscience, Psychology and Behaviour. Applications should be made to Department of Neuroscience, Psychology and Behaviour.

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www.le.ac.uk/psychology-research-campus
Sociology

Research Degrees

- PhD Full-time or Part-time
- PhD by Distance Learning
- MPhil Full-time or Part-time
- MPhil by Distance Learning

Research Areas

Advanced research methods (conversation analysis and computer simulation); Elias and figurational sociology; Gender, sexuality, consumption and the body; Language and interaction; Migration and ethnicity; Political sociology; Sociology, science and nature; Social movements and civil society; Social theory; Work and employment.

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Campus-based: www.le.ac.uk/sociology-research-campus
Distance learning: www.le.ac.uk/sociology-research-campus
Department Locations

**Adrian Building**: Biological Sciences

**Astley Clarke Building**: Economics

**Attenborough Building**: Arts, Social Sciences, Film Theatre

**Bennett Building**: Geography, Geology

**Bennett Link**: Astronomy

**Charles Wilson Building**: Accommodation Office, Restaurants and Cafés, Sports Hall

**Fielding Johnson Building**: General Enquiries, Admissions, Corporate Services, International Office

**George Porter Building**: Chemistry

**Henry Wellcome Building**: Psychology, Biochemistry

**Ken Edwards Building**: School of Management

**Medical Sciences Building**: Medical School, Audio Visual Services, Television Studio

**Percy Gee Building**: Students’ Union, Career Development Service, Welfare Service, Banks, Bars, O2 Academy Leicester, Shop

**David Wilson Library**: AccessAbility, Bookshop

Car Parking

Car Parking on campus is very limited! Students, other than disabled students, are only allowed to bring motor vehicles on to any part of the University site after 5.30pm on Mondays to Fridays, and all day on Saturdays and Sundays. There are alternative car parks located within 5 to 15 minutes walk of the campus. You will be sent details if you are visiting the University.

Visiting disabled applicants should contact the Student Recruitment Office:

- t: 0116 252 2674
- e: study@le.ac.uk
Location of University Departments not primarily housed on Campus

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Leicester Area Map

How to Find Us

By Train: Leicester lies on the London St Pancras–Sheffield, the Birmingham–Norwich/Stansted, and the Coventry–Lincoln lines. Journey times are: from London 70 minutes; Sheffield 75 minutes and Birmingham 60 minutes.

The University may be reached on foot in 15 minutes from the station.

By Air: There are direct bus services to Leicester from the regional airports: Birmingham International and East Midlands International airports and from London Heathrow and London Gatwick airports as well as direct trains from London Stansted.

By Car: From M1 (North and South) Junction 21/M69: Follow A563 Outer Ring Leicester South/East for four miles to lights at junction with A50/A5199 Northampton road. Turn left, signposted A50/A5199 City Centre, and follow the Welford Road for 1.4 miles to junction with University Road. In detail note sequence along Welford Road: two sets of lights; past shops and filling station; New Road Inn and Homebase on left. At next set of traffic lights turn right onto University Road.

Note playing fields and Sports Centre on right.

Postcode LE1 7RH
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- 4* World Leading
- 3* Internationally Excellent
- 2* recognised Internationally
- 1* Recognised Nationally

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