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OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

When you choose to undertake a PhD with us, you will be joining a community of researchers and academics working at the forefront of their disciplines. We will support you in every step of the way. You will be provided with:
1. A supervisory team of at least two qualified supervisors, who will nurture your development continued academic and pastoral supervision with regular progress monitoring to help you complete your degree successfully and within expected timescales
2. A collegiate, supportive environment where you can draw on the expertise of a highly respected faculty
3. bespoke training and professional development opportunities
4. dedicated PhD oral examination (the viva voce) support and training including events with former PhD students for peer to peer advice
5. integration into the body of the School through participation in seminars and away-days
6. appropriate facilities and resources to complete your studies
7. regular opportunities to present work in PhD student workshops
8. annual PhD dinner providing an opportunity to build networks and develop new contacts and connections

You will also achieve Masters level qualifications on your way to your doctorate:
1. - Masters qualification in Social Science Research Methods (backed by the Economic and Social Research Council) after one year of research training (Business & Management route)
2. - two years of advanced course work, the first at MSc Economics level in core subjects and the second, compulsory completion of MRes Advanced Economics (Economics route)

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In addition to conducting your research and completing your degree, we are committed to providing appropriate and valuable training opportunities that will nurture professional development, enhance your skills and contribute to future employability.

An annual training and development plan is provided by the University’s Graduate College (UGC).

UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COLLEGE (UGC)

The training, identified by the needs analysis, is facilitated by the UGC. An extensive programme is available.

There are around 2000 active research students, the large majority of whom are enrolled for PhDs at Cardiff University. The UGC helps to foster an intellectual and stimulating environment, where students are encouraged to share and develop research interests with peers from other Schools. Funding is often required for a competitive basis, to enable students to engage in interdisciplinary activities and study.

FUNDING

A number of Doctoral Studentships are available annually for students of any nationality. Each year we offer a number of ESRC studentships for UK and EU students in Business and Management, and Economics, awarded via the ESRC Wales Doctoral Training Centre. We also offer a Cardiff Business School Studentship for overseas students. If you would like to be considered for a studentship, please indicate in the funding section of the online application form that you wish to apply for either the ESRC or Cardiff Business School studentship.

For more information on fees and studentships, please visit the Cardiff Business School and Cardiff University websites.

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The PhD is a unique process whereby you have 3 to 4 years to complete a large research project without any intermediate deadlines. Make some deadlines, enforce them upon yourself, and plan meetings. Tell your supervisor you will get this piece of work done and stick to the deadlines. You can only get advice on what you show your supervisor.

I couldn’t wait to finish my PhD but I look back at my time at Cardiff with great fondness. The skills and techniques I have learnt at Cardiff Business School are proving to be invaluable to me in my career as an Economic Analyst at the Water Authority.

Dr Charlotte Pounton
PhD Student 2015

I am a Professor at the University of London, Royal Holloway College following an associate professorship at Warwick Business School and a Lectureship at Cardiff Business School. Cardiff Business School has contributed hugely towards advancing my academic career and fulfilling my career aspirations. I firmly believe that the School gave me wings when I was offered a scholarship to complete a PhD and my training as a doctoral student laid the foundations for my future in academia.

I found the UK to be my home away from home and the experience was comprehensive because I left my family behind in India. However, I found a new family at Cardiff Business School.

Professor Sukanya Sen-Gupta
PhD Student 2005