

Criteria for the MA Programme

1. First or upper second degree OR a masters from a UK academic research organisation

Degree qualifications gained from outside the UK, or a combination of qualifications and/or experience that is equivalent to a relevant UK degree, may be accepted.

However, those able to demonstrate relevant work experience in lieu of a graduate qualification may also be admitted at the discretion of the School. To apply via this route, you will need to have held a position of responsibility relevant to the programme for a minimum period of two years. You will also be required to satisfactorily complete an interview and a 1500 word essay on a subject determined by School staff.

2. Applicants whose first language is not English will be expected to provide evidence of English proficiency.

IELTS exam results showing an overall grade of 6.5 or above are acceptable for this programme, with a minimum of 5.5 in each sub score.

If you have obtained a full bachelor or higher degree which has been taught through the medium of English and awarded by a UK institution or you have obtained a full bachelor or higher degree which has been taught (in its entirety) in a country on the UKVI list of exceptions (excluding Canada) or

you are a national of Canada and have obtained a full bachelor or higher degree which has been taught (in its entirety) in Canada and awarded by a Canadian institution.

If you are a national of, and have the equivalent of a pass in a High School qualification from, a majority English speaking country on the UKVI list of exceptions, including Canada.

Criteria for the MA Scholarship

The student must fulfil the criteria for the MA and also: -

1. A first class or very high upper-second class honours degree in a relevant subject (Religious Studies, Islamic Studies, Social Sciences, Philosophy or History) from a UK university
2. Full awards are open only to UK and EU nationals who satisfy UK residency requirements
3. Priority will be given to candidates with a demonstrable record of interest in, and/or enthusiasm for, working with British Muslims
4. Preference may be given to those able to live in, or near Cardiff, for the duration of the Scholarship

Criteria for PhD eligibility:

1. First or upper second degree OR a masters from a UK academic research organisation

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you are a national of Canada and have obtained a full bachelor or higher degree which has been taught (in its entirety) in Canada and awarded by a Canadian institution.

If you are a national of, and have the equivalent of a pass in a High School qualification from, a majority English speaking country on the UKVI list of exceptions, including Canada.

Criteria for PhD Scholarship:

1. Those applying for a PhD scholarship should have, or be studying for, a Master's degree or similar postgraduate qualification in a relevant subject (e.g. Religious Studies, Islamic Studies, Social Sciences, Philosophy or History) from a UK university. In exceptional circumstances, applicants with only a BA degree will be considered.
 2. Full awards are open only to UK and EU nationals who satisfy UK residency requirements
 3. Evidence of a clear ambition to develop a career in the area of Islam and Muslims in Britain
 4. Familiarity with, and/or proven competence in, the use of qualitative research methods and associated data analysis techniques at postgraduate level
 5. Demonstrable record of interest in, and/or enthusiasm for, working with British Muslims
 6. Excellent written and oral communication skills
 7. Willingness to attend all Islam-UK Centre activities and events (e.g. weekly Spring Semester Public Lecture Series) and to undertake some voluntary work with local Muslim communities in South Wales
- Research proposals must demonstrate very high academic standards, align closely with the research interests of the Islam-UK Centre staff, and at least one of the following:
- o Potential social policy significance
 - o Potential creation of an evidence-base that might inform changes and developments within or for British Muslim communities
 - o Potential to promote better understanding of Islam and Muslim communities in Britain and in wider society
 - o Scope for capacity-building amongst those who work with, or for, Muslims in Britain