
DOCTORAL RESEARCH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
EXETER BUSINESS SCHOOL



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The University of Exeter Business School is one of the UK's leading centres for business education and research - renowned for the depth and breadth of its research and the calibre of faculty who conduct it.

The University of Exeter Business School research has global impact, with 73% of Business School research rated as either world-leading or internationally excellent. (Research Excellence Framework 2014)



Doing a PhD is inarguably tough, but definitely meaningful – and the University of Exeter Business School is highly research-driven, so it's a great place for completing a productive PhD.

HONGQIN LI,
PhD LEADERSHIP STUDIES

A global research environment

Study for a doctoral research programme with us at the University of Exeter Business School and be part of our global research community.

- Part of a global top 100 and a UK top 10 university
- A business school whose research has global impact
- Our academics and doctoral researchers conduct research with international partners, investigating interconnected questions of local and global significance

A doctoral research community

As a member of our doctoral research community, you would be supported through your programme by a close-knit team of academics, doctoral researchers and administrative staff, within your research area, across the Business School and beyond.

Our doctoral students are part of:

- The University of Exeter's Doctoral College, a world-class research hub, committed to a vibrant research culture and community, to sector-leading training and development and to providing outstanding facilities and resources
- The GW4 and the ESRC South West Doctoral Training Centre (SWDTC), a broader network of researchers and facilities across the universities of Bristol, Bath, Cardiff and Exeter. All of our research students have access to a wide range of training and networking opportunities from across all four universities



YOUR PROGRAMME

The University of Exeter Business School offers the opportunity to study for research degrees in:

- Accounting
- Finance
- Economics
- Leadership Studies
- Management (including Tourism)

You can study for a research degree as a full or part-time student, and in exceptional cases as a distance learning student.

Embarking on an MPhil or PhD at Exeter, you'll work alongside some of the finest minds in your field of research, contributing to research projects that are consistently recognised as internationally significant as part of one of our interdisciplinary research clusters.

Our research clusters

Sustainable and Circular Economies:

This cluster includes themes around sustainable supply chain reliance; business nature and value; accounting for sustainability; circular economy; framing sustainability; innovation for sustainability; ecological economics.

Behaviour, Identity and Decisions:

This cluster include themes around behaviour and decision making; behavioural economics; uncertainty; gender; health and wellbeing; co-operation and social dilemmas.

Firms, Markets and Value:

This cluster includes themes around financial governance, regulation and CSR; asset pricing and firm valuation; investment and markets; firm decision making.

Public Policy:

This cluster includes themes around tax policy and administration; risk and reputation; fairness and responsibility; governance and organising.

Organisations in Transition:

This cluster includes themes around business model innovation; data and analytics for organisational change; open innovation and networks.

YOUR RESEARCH TEAM

A team of academics will form the foundations for your success. Each of our research students is allocated a minimum of two supervisors. Your supervisors are vital to the success of your doctoral studies and will guide you through your work from the early stages of reading, through to the submission of your thesis and your oral defence at the viva voce.

In the most recent Postgraduate Research Student Experience Survey (PRES 2015) 96% of Business School doctoral students agreed that the feedback from their supervisors helps them direct their research activities.



The dedicated approach of my supervisors has been a great support towards my academic development, with their extensive knowledge and continual encouragement making a positive contribution towards shaping my research.

HUGH WATERS,
PhD LEADERSHIP

Dedicated support

Each discipline has a Director of Doctoral Students who supports induction activities, training and reviews your progress annually.

This team is the academic side of a network of support we provide for all our research students. The Director of Doctoral Students will help you find a research mentor, to provide you with support and advice as you progress through your programme.

The Business School has a dedicated doctoral support team of administrative staff who are available to provide advice and guidance to you from when you apply, through to your graduation.

We will support your progress through regular supervision and training. You will have progress reports at 9, 18 and 36 months to help you feel confident that you are on the right track. You will have opportunities to present your research, and develop your presentation skills at our annual doctoral conferences.

Outside the Business School, you will receive research training and employability guidance from the Researcher Development Programme, and support from the Students' Guild and other University support services.

Resources

We understand that doctoral researchers need to have the tools for their research close to hand. Each project has different requirements, ranging from databases to fieldwork and data collection, and we provide you with access to the facilities you need to be a success.

As a Business School doctoral researcher based at the Streatham Campus, you will have access to:

- Our Doctoral Research Centre, Hope Hall
- An annual research allowance to enable you to access training and research activity from outside the Business School
- Membership of a student-led forum for doctoral students to allow your voice to be clearly heard in requests for new resources, events or activities
- Our social media sites for doctoral students provide ways for you to share ideas with your fellow doctoral students across the school informally whether you are based in Exeter or beyond

YOUR RESEARCH COMMUNITY

- Research students work alongside a community of researchers, academic and administrative staff giving an opportunity to enrich your experience through teaching and assessment, events, networks and connections beyond your discipline
- An annual student conference is held by each discipline in early summer, with academic staff and doctoral and postgraduate taught (PGT) students in attendance
- Each discipline has its own academic seminar programme to which doctoral students are invited and encouraged to attend
- There are frequent pre-seminar discussions and/or meetings with the seminar speakers, to make the papers more accessible and contextualised for research students
- Some departments within the Business School lead weekly doctoral seminars which provide a forum for students presenting current research to peers
- A student-led doctoral discussion group meets fortnightly to discuss methodological and theoretical ideas, to which all doctoral students are invited

We can access a wide variety of learning opportunities, such as taught modules, workshops, and presentations across the whole university. I have found these very useful in growing my wider knowledge and discovering ideas that resonate with my work.

**HELEN ALLEN,
PHD MANAGEMENT STUDIES**



There is a wonderful atmosphere at the Business School and all the necessary facilities to make it a very conducive study environment. I have enjoyed making friends with people from diverse nationalities and cultures, as well as having the greenery and beautiful calmness around the Streatham Campus to soothe my mind and enrich my years of stay here.

**SUPARNA RAY,
PHD ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE**

Our facilities

The Business School is based at the heart of The University of Exeter's Streatham Campus, which is widely acknowledged as one of the most spacious and attractive campuses of any UK university.

The campus is easily accessible from London by train and European flights are available from Exeter.

The facilities that we have available on campus for doctoral research students are second to none. Our Doctoral research Centre, Hope Hall, is an exclusive research space for Business School doctoral students, providing tailored research, meeting and social space for study, supervision and networking.

You also have access to all of the other Business School facilities, housed in three main buildings:

- Streatham Court
- The Xfi Building and
- Building:One

Each building incorporates state of the art lecture theatres and seminar spaces.



How to apply

You can apply online for one of our doctoral programmes. Please visit our website for further information:

www.exeter.ac.uk/postgraduate/apply/process/

Funding and fees

For details of the current fee rates, please see: www.exeter.ac.uk/postgraduate/money/fees/

There are a number of funding opportunities offered by the Business School. To apply or to find out more information about opportunities available, please visit: www.business-school.exeter.ac.uk/doctoral/funding/

The University also offers a wide range of scholarships and bursaries. More information on these can be found online: www.exeter.ac.uk/studying/funding/phd/

If you have your own funding, or sponsorship, our International Student Support Team and Doctoral Support Team can provide support in managing the relationship with your sponsor, if required.

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