



## Postgraduate Online Application

**Will you be studying your course full time or part time?**

Full time

Part time

Continue

The applicant has selected part time.

**How long you will be studying for?**

2 years

3 years

4 years

Continue

For both Full Time and Part Time study, applicants are currently asked to enter their length of study (FT study 1 or 2 years and PT study 2, 3 or 4 years).

At present SLC is analysing feedback from students about the helpfulness of this question. Initial feedback suggests that rather than using the study length to filter results of the subsequent course search, applicants would prefer to see all Full Time or Part Time courses associated with the course name, regardless of the course duration. As such, the continued inclusion of this question to drive the course search is to be reviewed.

Having selected Provider, the applicant is asked what course will you study.

The search offers matching courses as the student starts typing:

**Course name**

For example: Mathematics Msc

animation

If you are unsure which course to select, please contact your university.

**ANIMATION (MA)**

Equal to 1 year full time 5 September 2016 MANCHESTER Taught Master's

**Animation (MFA)**

Equal to 2 years full time 5 September 2016 MANCHESTER Taught Master's

**SUSTAINABLE AVIATION**

3 years 5 September 2016 MANCHESTER Taught Master's

Please note that as described above, the filter for the Part Time course search has now been updated to show all courses/duration associated with the search (regardless of length of study selected), for both taught and research Master's.

Where eligible courses have been entered into Courses Management Service (CMS) as a full-time equivalent (FTE) course, the duration of the full time course is shown, if the part time course does not have an equivalent full time course the actual number of years study are shown.

Using the example above, equal to 1 year full time, the student would be studying for 2 years. Equal to 2 years full time, the length of course will be 3 or 4 years.

Please note: Where courses are between 13 and 23 months, for the purposes of Postgraduate Loans these are classed as 2 year courses.

If the applicant is unable to find their course, they are re-directed to the Provider to discuss course details:

## You can't find your course

The following can affect the course search results:

- your university
- whether you'll be studying full or part time
- how long you'll be studying for

Go back and make sure you've told us the correct information.

If you still can't find your course, you'll need to contact your university to check the course details you have are correct and that your course leads to a master's qualification.

If you can't continue with your application at this time, you'll need to cancel it and then re-apply once you have confirmed your course details.

Cancel your application



## Part-Time Intensity Requirement

It should be noted that when advising students of the correct version of their course, consideration is given to the intensity of study.

Where students undertake a postgraduate Master's course on a part-time basis (in attendance or distance learning), and the course is one or two years full-time equivalent they must study at an average full-time equivalent (FTE) intensity of 50% average across the course. Where the course is a three year part-time course with no FTE course, there is no average intensity requirement. Students undertaking part-time courses that last three or four academic years will have payments allocated as per students who are undertaking two year courses, i.e. the full loan amount requested will be scheduled over the first two years of study only. No payments will be made in years three or four of the course.

Example scenarios as used within the Q&A Courses document version 4, are given below. The Q&A documents can be found on our [HEP Services website](#).

### Part-Time Study

#### Example Scenarios

**Eric** is undertaking a Master's course on a part-time basis over two years. The course is equivalent to a one year full-time course. Eric's study intensity pattern is as follows:

Year 1: 25%

Year 2: 75%

Eric is eligible for support as his average intensity across the course is 50% per academic year. Note that if Eric reverses his study pattern and undertakes 75% in year one and 25% in year two, he is still eligible for PGL.

**Roman** is undertaking a Master's course on a part-time basis over four years. The course is equivalent to a two year full-time course. Roman's study intensity is as follows:

Year 1: 25%

Year 2: 50%

Year 3: 75%

Year 4: 50%

(Note that the part-time study intensity percentages are relative to one full-time year of an equivalent course being 100%. As the course is equivalent to a two year full-time course, part-time intensity in this example equates to 200% in total.)

Roman is eligible for support as he is studying at 50% or greater intensity throughout the course.

Further information relating to Postgraduate Loans can be found on our [HEP Services website](#).