

Post-Graduate Research in the School of Social Sciences

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SOSS PGR DIRECTOR



Our PGR Provision

- Member of the North-West Social Science Doctoral Training Partnership (ESRC) and the North-West Consortium Doctoral Training Partnership (AHRC).
- Each department has its own PhD Programme with its own specificities, but all form part of SoSS PGR and share rules/resources/practices.
- We have around 300 active PhD students in the School across all departments (a further 100 are in various stages of submission pending, awaiting their viva, etc).
- Research students are a valued part of our research culture and environment.

Duration and funding sources

- Duration: normally 3/3.5 years; up to one year for writing up (“submission pending” or “SubP”)
- Funding:
 - Internal
 - ESRC/AHRC
 - Other funding bodies

Who can supervise

- To be a main supervisor:
 - Salaried member of UoM academic staff with a PhD in a field/subject close to that of the PGR being supervised
 - Research active*
 - Employed for the duration of the proposed PhD
 - Have already supervised to completion*
- Second supervisor possible if on probation

* Exceptions can be made with HoD support and Faculty approval (e.g. for colleagues on T&S contracts)

Structure

- Departmental PGR Coordinators (+ admission tutors in some departments)
- School PGR Director (me)
- Associate Dean for PGR (Admos Chimhowu)
- Doctoral Academy (HUMS managed by AnnMarie Walsh)

Role	Department	Name
PGR Director	Criminology	Laura Bui
PGR Director	Economics	Craig Webb
Admission Tutor	Economics	Patrick Macnamara
PGR Director	Law	Dimitrios Doukas
PGR Director	Philosophy	Thomas Smith (semester one only)
PGR Director	Politics	Paul Tobin
Admission Tutor	Politics	Lotte Hargrave
PGR Director	Sociology Anthropology	Chika Watanabe
Admission Tutor	Social Anthropology	Michelle Obeid
PGR Director	Social Statistics	Kingsley Purdam
PGR Director	Sociology	Nicholas Thoburn
Admission Tutor	Sociology	Meghan Tinsley

Doctoral Academy

- Since 2022/23, all professional services support moved into the new DA.
- DA now located in Ellen Wilkinson, ground floor.
- Can be contacted at hums.doctoralacademy@manchester.ac.uk
- In practice, you will interact mostly with Jackie Boardman, responsible for Progression, Welfare and Experience for SoSS PGRs; incoming Officer for PGR Recruitment & Admissions will be Charlie Rhodes

How to get involved...

- Let your Program Director/Admissions tutor know that you are keen on supervising, and your area(s) of interest.
- Talk to our PhD students, attend their seminars/events, be supportive.

HEADS UP

- Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for PGR supervisors:
 - University-wide requirement, in response to changing PGR landscape as identified and being promoted by UKRIs and UKCGE
 - More 'systematic' approach toward cultivating quality supervision in this context
 - Mandatory training (e.g. EDI, unconscious bias, supporting mental health)
 - Engagement with online PGR Supervision Toolkit
 - Expectation that supervisors attend two CPD events per year

NEW RESOURCE FOR PGR SUPERVISION SUPPORT

- <https://www.se.manchester.ac.uk/doctorsal-academy/supervisors/>

