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The Alliance Manchester Business School
PGR Virtual Open Day Session

Introduction: What are we doing here?

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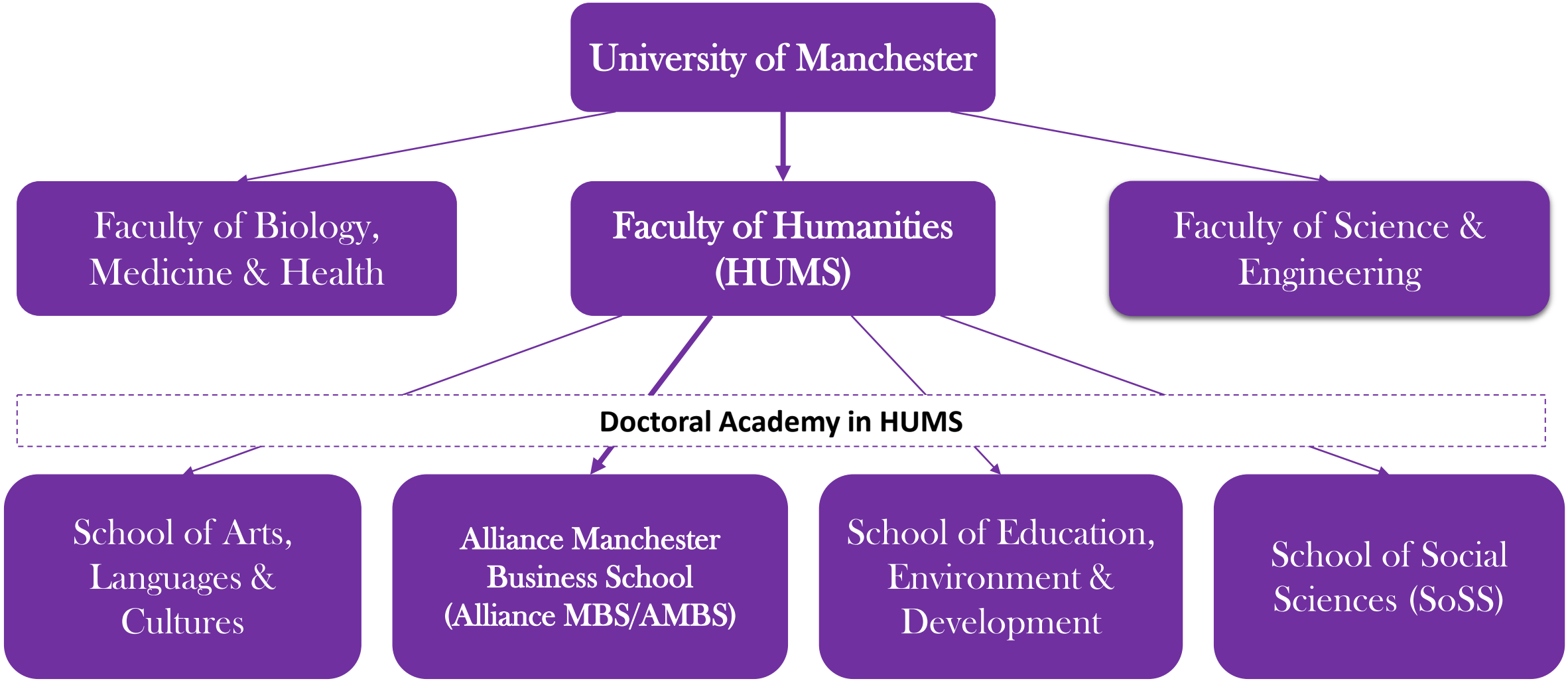
University Structure



Alliance MBS School Structure
Head & Deputy Head

Alliance Manchester Business School



Professor
Ken McPhail
Head of School



Professor
Stuart Hyde
Deputy Head of School

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Alliance MBS School Structure:
Four Heads of Division

Accounting & Finance	Innovation Management & Policy	Management Science & Marketing	People, Management & Organisations
			
Professor Javed Siddiqui	Professor Silvia Massini	Professor Michelle Carter	Professor Daniel Nyberg

Subject Area Group (SAG) Heads & Research Group Heads

Alliance MBS (PGR) Directors
Who are we?



Professor
Heiner
Evanschitzky
Research Director



Professor
Jamie Burton
PGR Director



Dr Pietro Paolo
Frigenti
Research Training
Programme (RTP)
Director



Dr Stefan
Zagelmeyer
DBA Director

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PhDs at AMBS

- **Four year** degree (or **eight** part-time)
- Three pathways:
  - PhD Business and Management
  - PhD Science, Technology and Innovation
  - PhD Accounting and Finance
- First Year = Research Training Programme
- Annual Doctoral Conference
- Embedded in the School
- Scholarships: lots…

AMBS PhD Funding

- **AMBS PhD Studentship**
  - Open to all nationalities
  - Full PhD tuition fees for 4 years (full-time or part-time).
  - Stipend + research training support grant.
  - **Apply via submitting a Research Proposal**
  - **Deadlines – 1 December 2026** (offers by 13/01/27 and funding decisions by 29/01/2027)
  - **Second deadline: 15th March 2027.**

- **AMBS Master's + PhD (1+4) Home Studentships**
  - Open to Home (UK) students
  - Full PhD tuition fees for both master's and PhD study 1 year + 4 years (full-time)
  - Stipend across 5 years+ research training support grant for PhD.
  - **Deadline – 15th March 2027 (Apply via Research Proposal)**

- More details and other sources available: https://www.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-research/funding/list-of-awards

AMBS PhD Funding

- **President's Doctoral Scholar Award 2027 Entry**
  - Open to all nationalities
  - Seven available within the Faculty of Humanities
  - Full PhD tuition fees for 4 years (full-time or part-time).
  - Standard stipend + £1000 enhancement + research training support grant.
  - **Apply for a Supervisor led project**
  - **Announced on 30th October and Application Deadline – 18th December 2026.**
  - Interviews w/c 1st March and outcomes w/c 15th March 2027

- More details on all three and other sources available: https://www.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-research/funding/list-of-awards

Divisional Research

- Research At Alliance Manchester Business School | Alliance MBS
- www.alliancembs.manchester.ac.uk/study/phd/find-a-phd-supervisor/

Search: ‘AMBS Find a Supervisor’

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Alliance MBS PGR Who are we?

Divisional PGR Co-ordinators (DCOs)



IMP
Dr Gianluigi Giustiziero



MSM
Dr Ilma Nur Chowdury



PMO
Dr Kara Ng



A&F
Prof Hening Liu

Divisional **doctoral representatives, co-ordinators and academic mentors** who work with the **Doctoral Academy,** the PGR Director, supervisors and **you**.

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Questions?





Accounting and Finance PhD Programme

PGR Open Week | 2027 & 2028 entry

Prof Hening Liu
Professor of Finance & Director of PhD Programmes in Accounting and Finance

Friday 23 October 2026

Why Accounting & Finance at Manchester?

70+

faculty across accounting and finance

≈20

doctoral researchers in a focused PGR community

5 years

full-time PhD pathway

What distinguishes the programme

- Research excellence across accounting and finance — from theory and econometrics to qualitative and mixed-method research.
- Close supervision, a strong seminar culture and regular opportunities to present work in progress.
- Access to specialist financial and business data, methods training and wider University expertise.

Research-led training | **Global network** | **Data & methods**

Research specialisms across Accounting & Finance

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ACCOUNTING

Financial reporting, disclosure & capital markets

valuation • analyst information • debt contracting • textual analysis

Auditing, assurance & accountability

audit quality • regulation • ethics • public accountability • sustainability assurance

Management accounting, control & organisations

performance measurement • digital transformation • organisational change • field research

Sustainability, CSR, public & international accounting

ESG reporting • climate disclosure • public-sector accounting • international standards

FINANCE

Asset pricing, macro-finance & investments

risk and uncertainty • liquidity • derivatives • portfolio choice • macro-finance

Corporate finance, governance & innovation

investment • financing • M&A • payout • executive incentives • entrepreneurial finance

Banking, household finance & intermediation

credit markets • financial institutions • household decisions • fintech and inclusion

Financial econometrics, market microstructure & risk

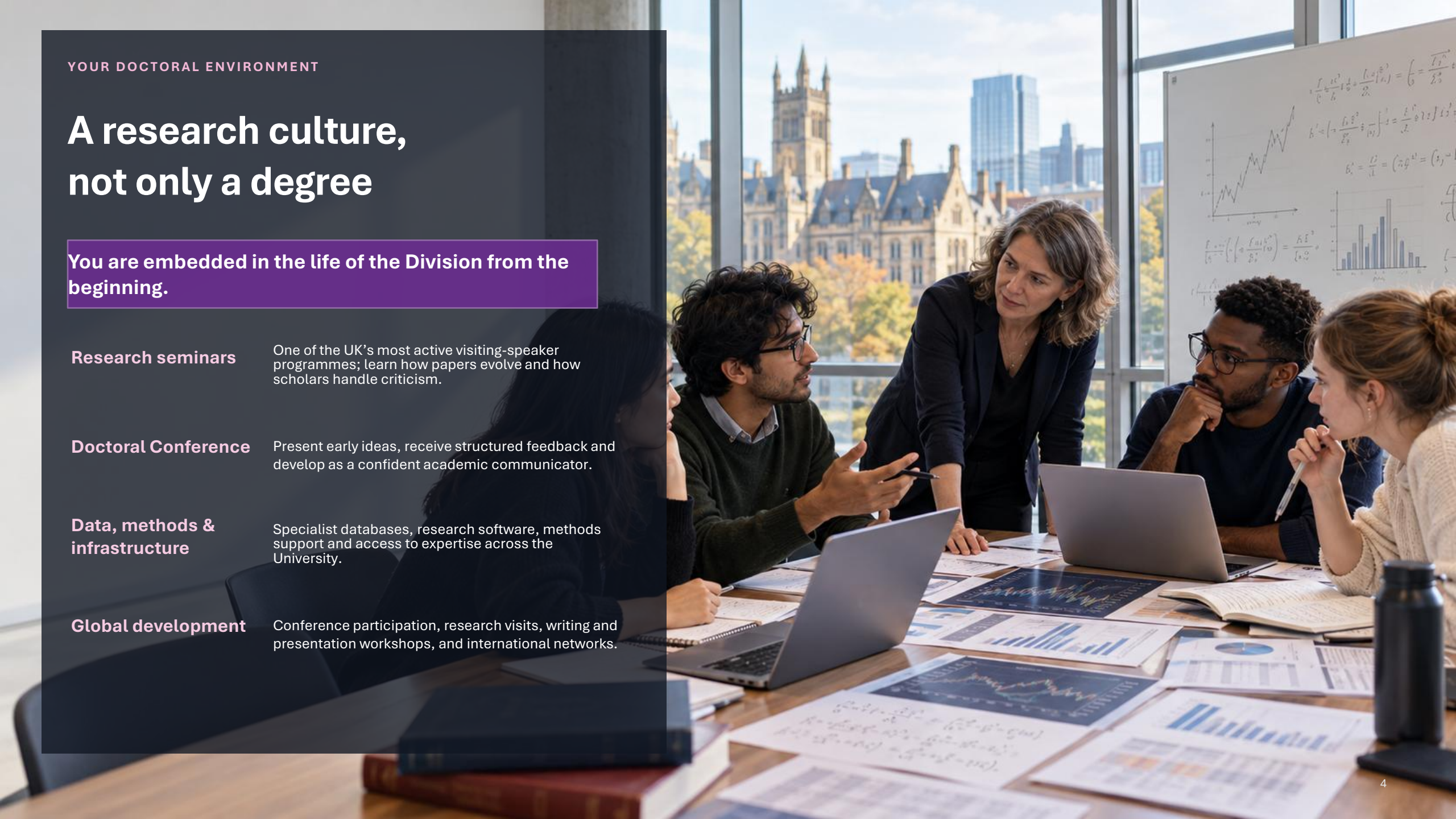
causal and structural methods • volatility • trading • AI/ML • climate and systemic risk

YOUR DOCTORAL ENVIRONMENT

A research culture, not only a degree

You are embedded in the life of the Division from the beginning.

Research seminars	One of the UK's most active visiting-speaker programmes; learn how papers evolve and how scholars handle criticism.
Doctoral Conference	Present early ideas, receive structured feedback and develop as a confident academic communicator.
Data, methods & infrastructure	Specialist databases, research software, methods support and access to expertise across the University.
Global development	Conference participation, research visits, writing and presentation workshops, and international networks.



An indicative five-year PhD journey

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YEAR 1

01

RTP + pilot project
Doctoral Conference
Annual progression review

YEAR 2

02

Develop first core study
Deepen methods and data
Six-monthly reviews

YEAR 3

03

Build a coherent research portfolio
External conference exposure
Refine contribution

YEAR 4

04

Consolidate main studies
Publication strategy
Career preparation

YEAR 5

05

Complete and integrate thesis
Viva preparation
Placement / next step

Throughout the five years: close supervision • divisional seminars • regular reviews • research integrity • professional and career development

Preparing a strong application

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CORE ENTRY PROFILE

- Bachelor's (Honours) degree at 2:1 or above, or overseas equivalent.
- A relevant Master's degree — normally with strong overall performance.
- English-language evidence where required.
- Evidence of research potential, appropriate quantitative or qualitative preparation, and academic maturity.

THE PROPOSAL

1	**Question & significance**	What is the question, and why does it matter?
2	**Positioning & contribution**	What do we know, what is missing, and what will you add?
3	**Research design**	Methods, data or field access, feasibility and ethics.
4	**Fit & motivation**	Why AMBS, why this supervisory team, and why you?

AI may support background work, but the submitted proposal must demonstrate your own reasoning, planning and academic voice.

Finding and approaching a supervisor

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01 MAP THE FIT

Read faculty profiles and recent papers. Identify one or two academics whose current research genuinely overlaps with your question and method.

02 MAKE FOCUSED CONTACT

Write a concise, personalised email: your question, the fit, your preparation, and the current stage of your proposal. Attach a CV and a short outline.

03 REFINE — DO NOT OUTSOURCE

Use feedback to improve the project. Supervisors can advise, but the proposal must remain your own and show independent research thinking.

Fit between the proposal and the supervisory team matters in both admission and funding decisions.

Funding for 2027 entry

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AMBS PhD Studentships

ESRC / NWSSDTP

President's Doctoral Scholar

CSC–Manchester

Critical benchmark: submit a complete programme application by 1 December 2026 for major AMBS and ESRC funding competitions.

WHERE CAN THE PHD TAKE YOU?

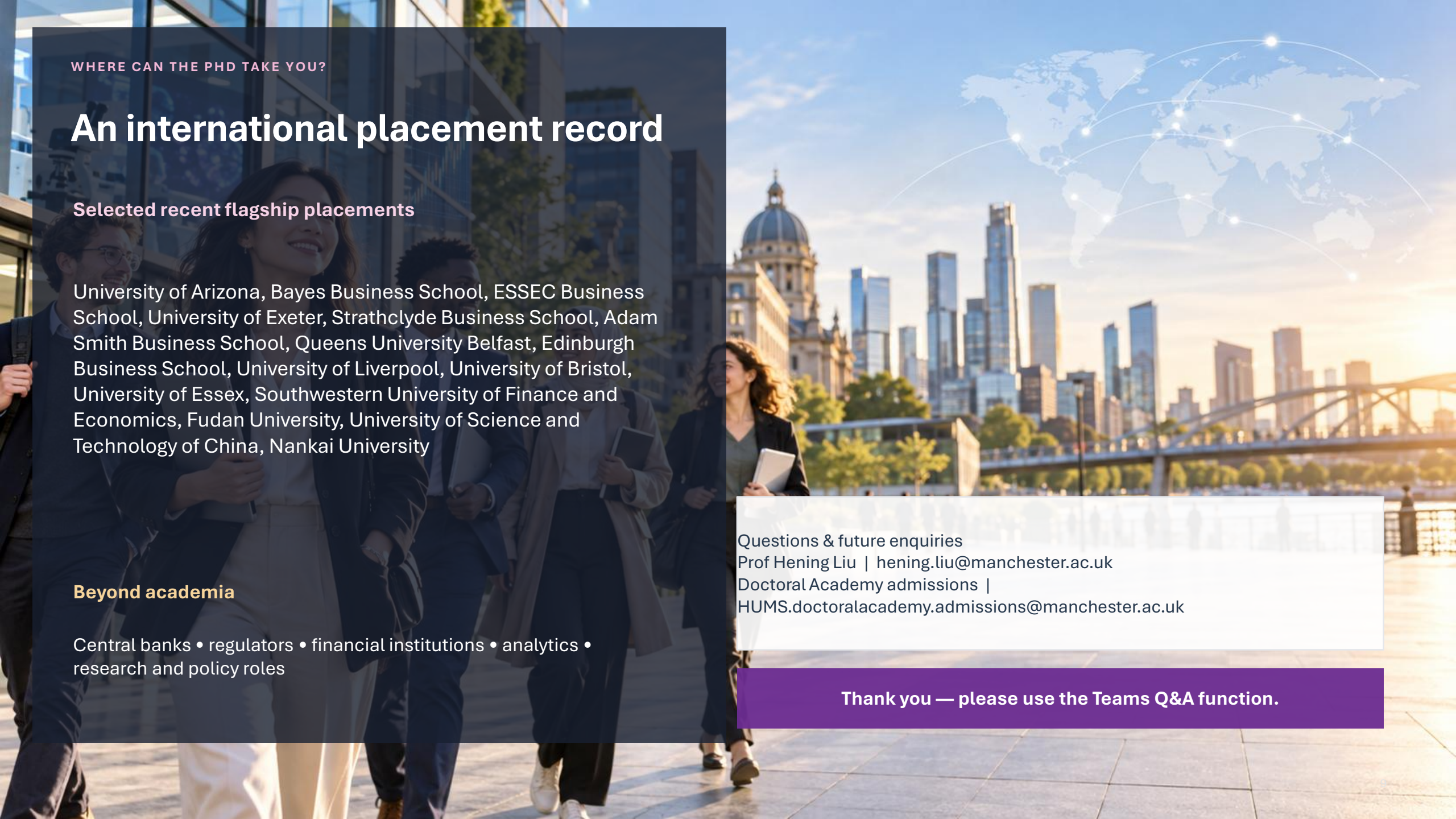
An international placement record

Selected recent flagship placements

University of Arizona, Bayes Business School, ESSEC Business School, University of Exeter, Strathclyde Business School, Adam Smith Business School, Queens University Belfast, Edinburgh Business School, University of Liverpool, University of Bristol, University of Essex, Southwestern University of Finance and Economics, Fudan University, University of Science and Technology of China, Nankai University

Beyond academia

Central banks • regulators • financial institutions • analytics • research and policy roles



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Thank you — please use the Teams Q&A function.



Innovation, Management, and Policy

PhD Program

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Overview

01

PhD Program Overview:

Innovation, Strategy & Sustainability

International Business

02

Institutes:

Manchester Institute of Innovation Research

Sustainable Consumption Institute

Productivity Institute

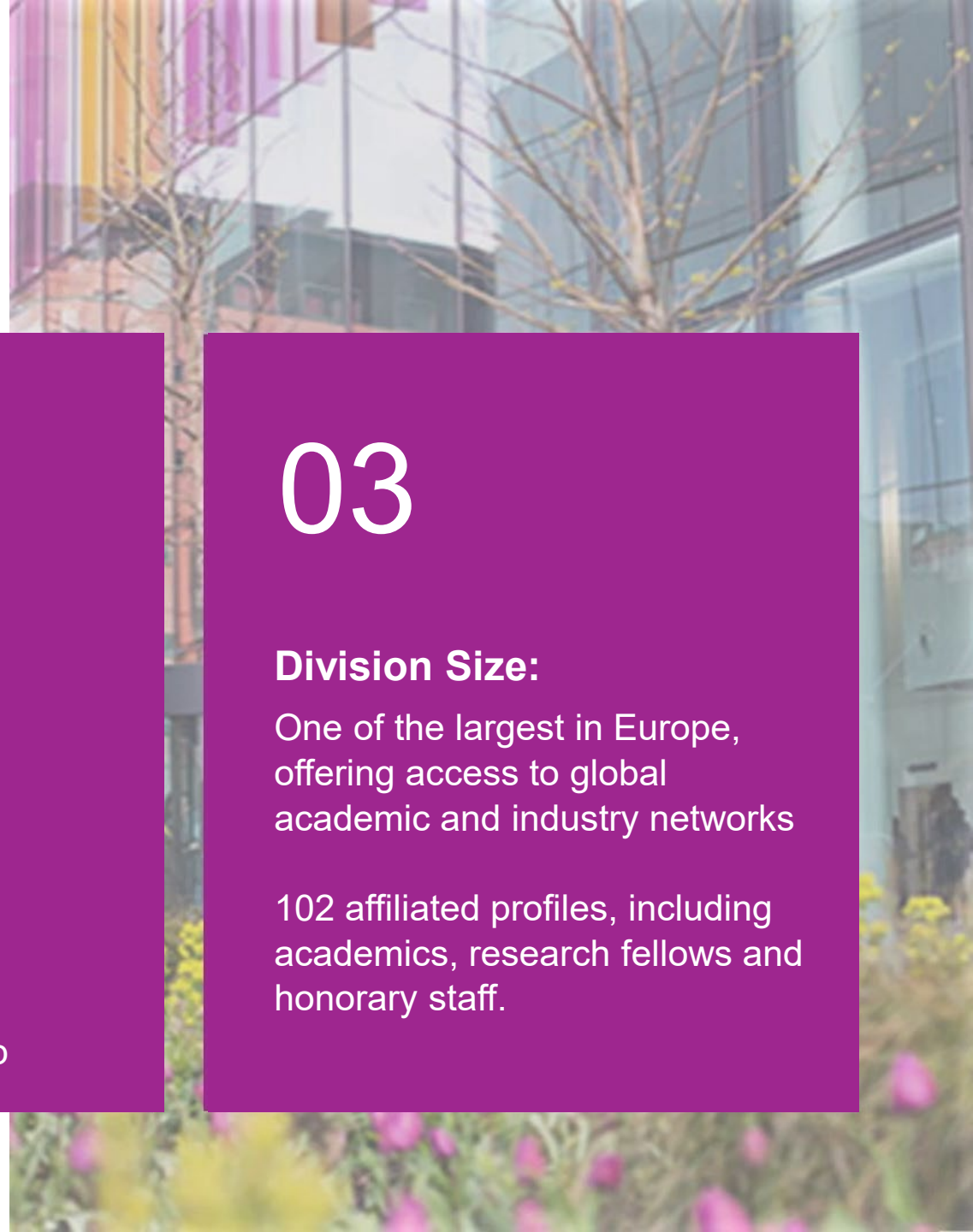
Behavioural Research Lab

03

Division Size:

One of the largest in Europe, offering access to global academic and industry networks

102 affiliated profiles, including academics, research fellows and honorary staff.



Research Focus

Global Challenges:

Public science, innovation, entrepreneurship and multinationals

Faculty Achievements:

Over 60% of faculty have publications in top-tier journals

Journals:

Management Science, Strategic Management Journal, Organization Science, Academy of Management Journal, Journal of International Business Studies, Research Policy, Journal of Business Venturing, Energy Research & Social Science





International Exposure

- **Interdisciplinary Collaboration:** Partnerships with Schools of Social Sciences, Environment, and Engineering.
- **International Partnerships:** strong relationships with leading institutions like Georgia Tech and University of Toronto
- **Alumni Network:** 50,000+ AMBS alumni across 180 countries, fostering lifelong global connections.
- **Opportunities Abroad:** International study and research collaboration with global institutions.
- **Global Conferences:** PhD students regularly present at international conferences, enhancing research visibility.



PhD Entry Requirements

Pathways: Science, Technology, and Innovation Policy (STIP) and Business & Management (B&M).

Academic Requirements: Master’s degree with distinction in relevant fields (Management, Economics).

Research Proposal: 3,000-word proposal outlining original research contribution and significance.

Academic Transcripts: Bachelor’s and Master’s transcripts (official translations if required).

Additional: Updated CV and two academic references; English proficiency evidence (IELTS, etc.).

Programme Structure

DURATION:
4 YEARS FOR FULL-TIME PHD.

YEAR 1:
RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAMME, PILOT PROJECT, AND AMBS DOCTORAL CONFERENCE.

YEAR 2-4:
FOCUS SHIFTS TO RESEARCH AND DISSERTATION, PLUS PARTICIPATION IN DIVISIONAL SEMINARS.



Placements

- **University Placements:** Graduates placed in top universities.
- **Top Employers:** Graduates also move into senior roles in business, government, and international organizations.
- **Global Reach:** PhD alumni spread across 180 countries, providing a global career network.



Funding Opportunities

Competitive support for doctoral research at AMBS

01

AMBS Studentships

School-funded awards

- 4-year PhD: tuition fees + stipend
- Research training support
- 1+4 route for eligible UK applicants

02

China Scholarship Council

CSC–Manchester joint awards

- For eligible Chinese applicants
- Manchester covers tuition fees
- CSC funds living costs and travel

03

UKRI / ESRC / NWSSDTP

Social science studentships

- Business & Management pathway
- Tuition fees + maintenance funding
- PhD and master's + PhD routes

Apply early: AMBS programme applications for 2027-entry funding are due 1 December 2026.

Check eligibility and scheme-specific deadlines on the Faculty of Humanities funding page.

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Thank you!

We welcome your application!

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PEOPLE, MANAGEMENT, AND ORGANISATIONS (PMO)

PhD in Business and Management

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PGR Open Week 2026, Faculty of Humanities

Dr Kara Ng, Senior Lecturer in Organisational Psychology

About PMO

- An interdisciplinary division of researchers aiming to create **healthy, meaningful workplaces and societies**
- Active division with **three distinctive subject area groups**, over 45 academics, 30+ PhD students
  - World-leading research and impact (91% of research judged as 3-4* in REF 2021)
- **Strong interdisciplinarity**
  - Qualitative, quantitative, mixed methods
  - Employment relations, psychology, sociology, anthropology, organisational behaviour, history, law, organisation studies, critical management studies

PMO: Home to three subject groups

Research topics include, but are not limited to…

Human Resource Management, Employment Relations, & Law

- Work and employment
- Labour markets and regulation
- EDI at work
- Comparative HRM
- Technology at work

Management and Organisational Studies

- Responsible management
- Business ethics
- Sustainability
- Critical management studies
- Business history

Organisational Psychology

- Leadership
- Safety and well-being
- Workplace mistreatment, EDI
- Personality
- Work design

PMO: Divisional activities

- Subject area groups host regular **seminar series** with visiting guests
- Paper development sessions
- Career prep (e.g., about the academic job market, annual CV drop-in clinics)
- **Work and Equalities Institute:**
  - Cross-university research institute with a focus on promoting inclusive, equal, fairer employment and work



Work and Equalities Institute

Programme format

4 years full-time; 8 years part-time

Year 1

Research Training Programme (RTP)

Exploring research project

Years 2-3

Research electives (optional)

Refining research project

Ethics, fieldwork, data collection

Years 3-4

Data collection, data analysis

Writing up and submitting thesis

Viva and pass!

Before you apply

1. Make sure that you meet the school's entry requirements

   http://alliancembs.manchester.ac.uk/study/phd/

2. Develop a strong research proposal showcasing original, independent work

   https://www.alliancembs.manchester.ac.uk/study/phd/how-to-write-a-postgraduate-research-proposal/

3. Contact and (ideally) have an academic agree to supervise your research project

   https://www.alliancembs.manchester.ac.uk/study/phd/find-a-doctoral-supervisor/

4. Explore PhD funding options

   https://www.alliancembs.manchester.ac.uk/study/masters/scholarships-and-funding/

Points of contact



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Good luck!