

# Application Form for Research Degrees



# Employment Experience

## Present Appointment

Employer's name and address:

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Title of post:

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Date of commencement:

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Current responsibilities:

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## Previous Experience (in chronological order)

**Employer's name  
and address**

**Full-time or  
Part-time**

**From  
month/year**

**To  
month/year**

**Position and duties**

Employer's name and address	Full-time or Part-time	From month/year	To month/year	Position and duties
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# Education

**Academic and Professional Qualifications** (including, where applicable, English Language qualifications indicating an IELTS score of at least 6 or a TOEFL score of at least 550).

Please attach copies of your certificates.

Awarding body/place of study	Subjects	Award	Date of award	Class/grade
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# Referees

Please nominate two referees to whom the University can refer.

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Position:

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Tel. no:

Fax no:

E-mail:

Name:

Position:

Address: 

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Tel. no:

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E-mail:

# Please answer all questions

1. General subject you wish to study:

2. Specific specialisation:

3. Proposed title of your thesis:

4. Who will fund your studies?

*(Please provide evidence of financial support)*

5. Do you intend to study:  full-time/ part-time\*

**If full-time please complete question 6, if part-time please go straight to question 7.  
(international students only).**

## Full-time only:

6. What date would you expect to arrive at the University of Huddersfield to begin your research?

## Part-time international students only:

7. Please confirm that you will be able to spend on average, six weeks per year at the University:  Yes/ No\*

8. Please confirm that you will have adequate facilities and resources in your home country:  Yes/ No\*

9. Please give the name of a possible supervisor or supervisors in your home country:

\*delete as appropriate

## Your research proposal

Please enclose a summary of your proposed research of approximately 1,000 to 2,000 words. Your proposal should begin by explaining the subject area in which the research is to be located, and provide an indication of the key theoretical, empirical or policy debates it plans to address.

## Literature review and research questions

The proposal should then present a brief review of the literature you plan to contribute to in conducting your own research. You need to demonstrate a familiarity with the relevant academic literature and theories relating to your research proposal, and an awareness of the major lines of argument that have been developed in your chosen research field. You then need to discuss the

research questions you plan to address. Importantly, you need to demonstrate the manner in which you have determined your research questions, for example: from gaps in the existing empirical literature; from the application of a particular theory, or from a synthesis of a number of bodies of literature.

## Methodology

Depending on the nature of your subject, it is desirable to give some indication of the research methods that will be used to conduct the research. A variety of different research methods exists, so you should seek to identify the method that is most suited to your area of research.

Most doctoral work involves empirical research. The successful completion of doctoral work in the time allotted thus often depends on the ability to obtain the data needed. If your proposed research involves empirical work you should provide an indication of how you might collect any relevant data. For example, you might like to say something about access to particular sources of information. Importantly, you need to explain the manner in which the data you collect will enable you to address your research questions.

You should give special attention to the feasibility of data collection. Your proposal may contain interesting and highly relevant research questions, and it may be well grounded in the literature, but it may not be a practical research enterprise. You must balance the scope of your proposal against the practical problems of data gathering.

## Contribution to knowledge

Although no indication of the research findings can be presented, it is often beneficial to conclude the research proposal by indicating the contribution you envisage that your research will make to the literature in your particular subject area, or by indicating the potential implications of your research. This means providing an indication of the extent to which you feel your research will make an original contribution, suggesting how it may fill gaps in existing research and showing how it may extend understanding of particular topics.

## Presentation

Your research proposal should be word processed and written in good English. Particular attention will be paid to clarity of expression and also the structure, coherence and flow of argument. Finally, always include a bibliography with your research proposal that lists books and articles to which you make reference in your proposal.

You will not be obliged to adhere to the specifics of your proposal if you are offered a place as a research degree candidate, but as the proposal is the foundation of your working relationship with your prospective supervisors it cannot be altered substantially without discussion and consultation with them.

Signed:

Date:

This application form should be returned to:

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