

Pre-Doctorate

The Pre-Doctorate is specially designed around the needs of a doctoral-level international student, and will help guide you through the process of applying for a UK doctoral degree.

Course options:

1 term

Entry requirements: postgraduate qualification plus minimum UKVI IELTS 6.0 in all skills

Course start: September 2018, May 2019

Course length: 3 months

Degree entry: typically September or January following your Pre-Doctorate start date

Tuition fees: £4,460

Lower IELTS score?

If your English language level is lower than that listed above, but you have at least UKVI IELTS 5.5 (with no less than 5.0 in any skill), you can take a 2 or 3-term Pre-Doctorate that includes Extended English and Skills (EES). Contact us for more details.

Core modules

All students on the Pre-Doctorate course will take:

Academic Skills and Communication for Doctoral Study

- Become familiar with key terminology
- Develop your written and spoken critical thinking
- Understand your subject specialism

Research Proposal Design for Doctoral Study

- Develop a research topic
- Understand data collection methods
- Plan a viable proposal for your doctorate

The Doctoral Candidate

- Explore the key skills required for doctoral study
- Learn what makes a successful application
- Consider your future career



Degree possibilities

The Pre-Doctorate can lead to a number of doctoral degree research areas at the University of Liverpool. For example, you could progress to:

- Architecture
- Biological Sciences
- Business and Management Studies
- Chemistry
- Computer Science and Informatics
- Earth Systems and Environmental Sciences
- Economics
- Electrical Engineering and Electronics
- General Engineering
- Geography, Environmental Studies and Archaeology
- History
- Law
- Mathematical Sciences
- Medicine
- Physics
- Politics and International Studies
- Psychology, Psychiatry and Neuroscience
- Public Health, Health Services and Primary Care
- Sociology

Guaranteed interview

When you study the Pre-Doctorate, you're guaranteed an interview for a doctoral degree at the University of Liverpool if your research topic matches their priority areas. If they do not match, or if you do not pass the interview, you'll be advised on other universities you can apply to.

Have any questions?

Contact our team for help:

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