

PhD in Environmental Studies

Start Dates: January and August

Description

The interactions between society and nature are at the heart of Environmental Studies. Applicants should consider research topics that explore these interactions, particularly from a quantitative perspective. We encourage applications that focus on Brunei Darussalam or, on a wide scale, Borneo.

Application Requirements

A research proposal outlining the scope of work by independent research should be submitted. The proposal should include, but not be confined to: Introduction to subject; Research aims and objectives, including any working hypotheses if applicable; Literature review; Methodology, including any data requirements; Resource requirements, and; Timetable of work. The research proposal should be approximately 1,500 words in length.

Entry Requirements

A minimum second class undergraduate degree along with a Master's degree in relevant subjects is required. Those holding a first class undergraduate degree in a relevant subject without a Master's degree may also be considered.

Language Requirements

Minimum GCE O Level English Grade 6 or equivalent.

Aims and Scope

Following the submission of a successful application, the candidate will, with the guidance of an assigned supervisor, design a suitable agenda to carry out the research project. The research agenda will utilise any necessary resources that the university holds while developing the student's academic and management skills. The final thesis must show intellectual originality and contribute significantly to a body of work.

This programme is designed to develop institutional, national and international capacity building that promotes innovative research in the study of the natural environments found in Brunei Darussalam. The inter-disciplinary research will focus on the natural environment, focussing on the drivers that control the environment, and the response to any changes in the drivers.

Areas of Research / Specialization

Some research areas in which we encourage applications include, but are not confined to, forestry resources, environmental impacts, climate change, risk and hazard assessment, ecosystem dynamics, wetlands and mangroves.

Attendance Type

Full-time and part-time

Period of Candidature

Full-time: 36 months; Part-time: 72 months

Assessment

The degree is assessed from a submitted thesis of up to 100,000 words.

Examination

Examination of the thesis is by internal (UBD) and external (international) examiners.