

PhD in Geography

Start Dates: January and August

Description

The basic concept of geographical research is to address the influence of space. This space can be a determinant, i.e. it has the power to affect processes and outcomes. So geography examines how these processes and outcomes vary across space, and investigates the causes behind these variations across space. This basic concept can be applied to many different issues, such as human perceptions, economic development, urban design and community identity. Research can focus on how space has helped form and modify many different social, economic and environmental entities.

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.

The programme is designed to develop institutional, national and international capacity building that promotes innovative research in the study of the geography. The inter-disciplinary research can focus on any aspect of socio-cultural, economic or environmental issues that contains some form of a spatial component. This may involve physical space that lends itself to a mapping approach, but can also consider conceptual space, such as the idea of neighbourhood or spatially-determined shared experiences.

Areas of Research / Specialization

Candidates will develop their research agenda in line with expertise currently within the Geography & Development or Tourism programmes, but may also incorporate expertise from other programmes across the university.

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.