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PhD programmes

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Quick overview

- **PhD Education**
- **PhD Sport, Physical Education & Health Sciences**
- Face-to-face or by distance
- 3 to 6 years
- Start dates: 1 October or 1 January



Quick overview

- No compulsory courses
- Seminars and training courses
- Research Hubs



Entry requirements

Requirements:

- (1) UG – 2:1 degree, or its equivalent,
 - (2) PG – 60%+ at Masters AND 60%+ in the dissertation element of the Masters degree.
- IELTS Academic: total 7.0 with at least 6.5 in each component.
 - TOEFL-iBT (including Home Edition): total 100 with at least 23 in each component. We do not accept TOEFL MyBest Score to meet our English language requirements.
 - C1 Advanced (CAE) / C2 Proficiency (CPE): total 185 with at least 176 in each component.
 - Trinity ISE: ISE III with passes in all four components.
 - PTE Academic: total 70 with at least 62 in each component.
 - Your English language qualification must be no more than three and a half years old from the start date of the programme you are applying to study.
 - Degrees taught and assessed in English





PhD programme structure

A Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) is expected to take three years full-time or six years part-time.

Overview

At Moray House, we offer a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) taken three years full-time or six years part-time. The first full-time year of the PhD degree is probationary and progress to year two is subject to satisfactory progress and passing the first-year progression board.

All research degrees culminate in the submission of a thesis. The PhD thesis should be up to 100,000 words.

You may start your studies with us either on the 1st October or the 1st January of a year.

Courses

There are no compulsory courses or modules on research degrees as these programmes are purely research degrees.

There are several School and University seminars and training courses available for research students, as well as a large number of postgraduate courses that students may audit if they wish. You will be encouraged to attend such courses when appropriate during your studies as part of your skill development, following discussions with your supervisor(s).



Find out more on the PGR webpage



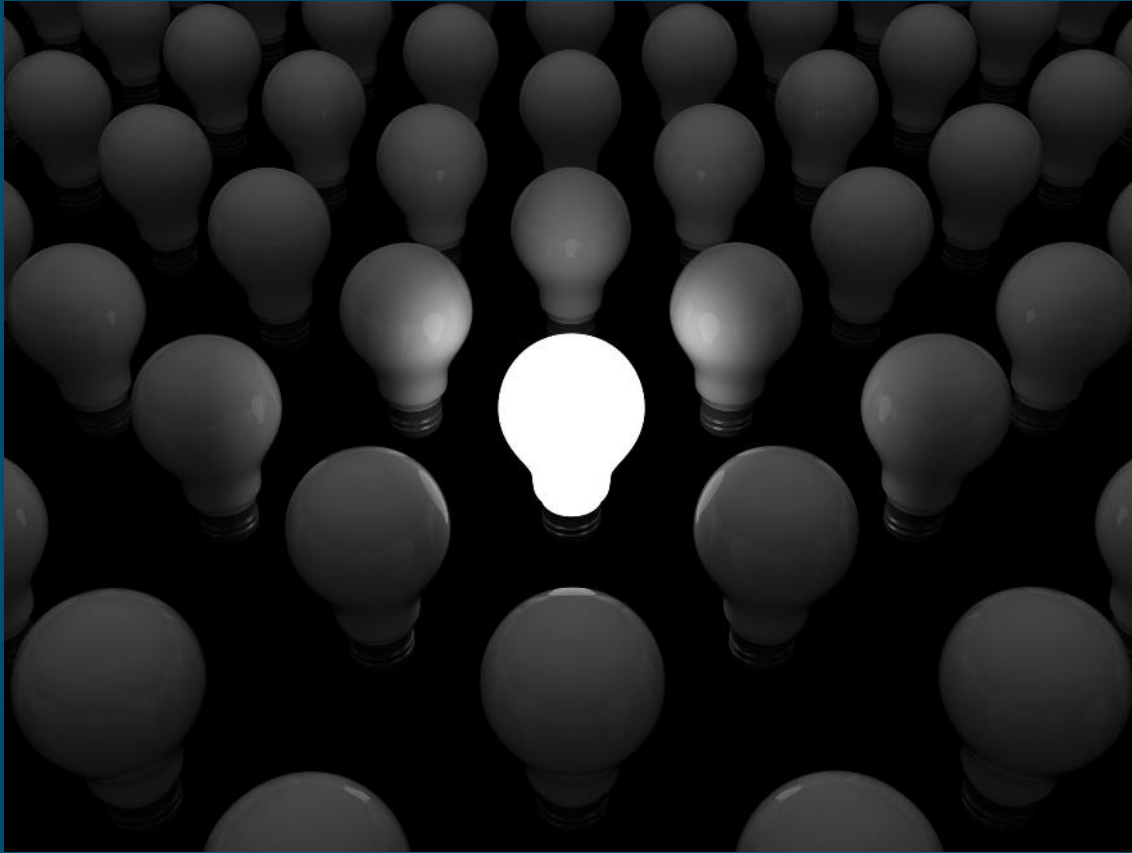
<https://education-sport.ed.ac.uk/graduate-school/research-degrees>



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(1) How could you start?



(2) Writing your research proposal

How to write your research proposal

The description of your proposed research should consist of 4-5 typed A4 sheets. It can take whatever form seems best, but should include some information about the following:

- The general area within which you wish to conduct research, and why (you might find it helpful to explain what stimulated your interest in your chosen research field, and any study or research in the area that you have already undertaken)
- The kind of research questions that you would hope to address, and why (in explaining what is likely to be the main focus of your research, it may be helpful to indicate, for example, why these issues are of particular concern and the way in which they relate to existing literature)
- The sources of information and type of research methods you plan to use (for example, how you plan to collect your data, which sources you will be targeting and how you will access these data sources).

In addition to the above, please include any comments you are able to make concerning:

- The approach that you will take to analysing your research data
- The general timetable you would follow for carrying out and writing up your research
- Any plans you may have for undertaking fieldwork away from Edinburgh
- Any problems that might be anticipated in carrying out your proposed research

Please note: This guidance applies to all candidates, except those applying to conduct PhD research as part of a larger, already established research project (for example, in the Institute for Sport, Physical Education & Health Sciences).

In this case, you should provide a two- to three-page description of a research project that you have already undertaken, as a means of complementing information given in the application form. If you are in any doubt as to what is appropriate please contact us:



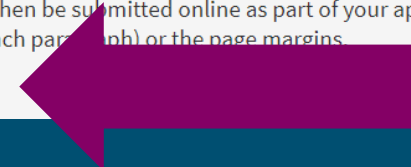
Contact us by email: Education@PhD@ed.ac.uk

All doctoral proposals submitted as part of an application will be run through plagiarism detection software.

Template form for your research proposal

All applicants for a PhD or MSc by Research are required to submit a research proposal as part of their application. Applicants **must** use the template form below for their research proposal. This research proposal should then be submitted online as part of your application. Please use Calibri size 11 font size and do not change the paragraph spacing (single, with 6pt after each paragraph) or the page margins.

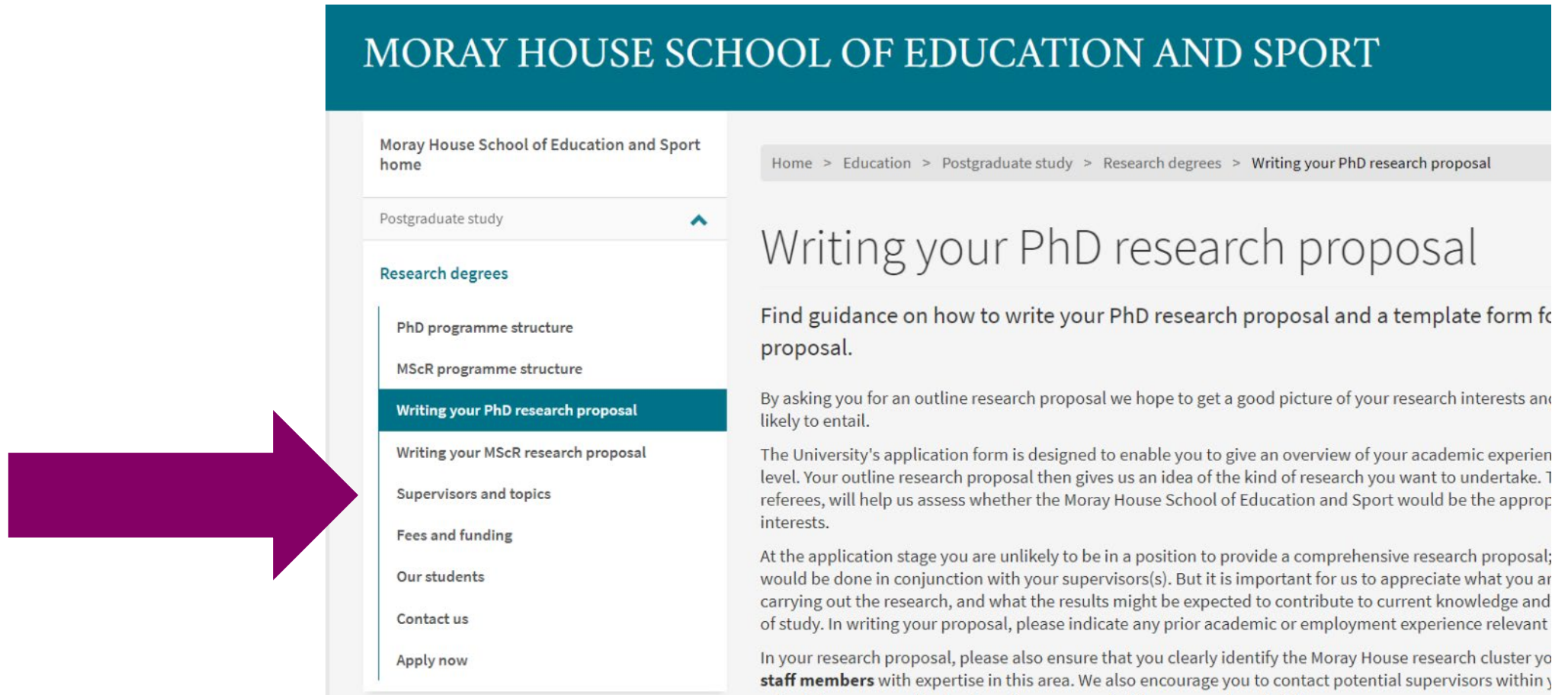
 [MHSES Research Proposal Template Form 21 \(80 KB Word\)](#)



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(3) Contact 2 potential supervisors



The screenshot displays the Moray House School of Education and Sport website. The header is a teal bar with the school's name in white. Below the header, a breadcrumb trail reads: Home > Education > Postgraduate study > Research degrees > Writing your PhD research proposal. The main content area is titled 'Writing your PhD research proposal' and includes a sub-header 'Find guidance on how to write your PhD research proposal and a template form for proposal.' The text explains that by asking for an outline research proposal, the school aims to get a good picture of the student's research interests and likely to entail. It further states that the University's application form is designed to enable students to give an overview of their academic experience level. The outline research proposal then gives an idea of the kind of research the student wants to undertake. The text mentions that referees will help assess whether the Moray House School of Education and Sport would be the appropriate interests. It also notes that at the application stage, students are unlikely to be in a position to provide a comprehensive research proposal; this would be done in conjunction with their supervisors(s). However, it is important for the school to appreciate what the student is carrying out the research, and what the results might be expected to contribute to current knowledge and of study. In writing the proposal, students are asked to indicate any prior academic or employment experience relevant to the research. Finally, it advises that in the research proposal, students should clearly identify the Moray House research cluster they are interested in, and **staff members** with expertise in this area. The school also encourages students to contact potential supervisors within the school.

Navigation menu items on the left:

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 - Writing your PhD research proposal
 - Writing your MScR research proposal
 - Supervisors and topics
 - Fees and funding
 - Our students
 - Contact us
 - Apply now



(4) Refining your proposal

- Open dialogue with the potential supervisors
- Research Hubs (lead supervisors)

+ Advanced Quantitative Research in Education

+ Children and Young People

+ Digital Education

+ Language, Interculturality and Literacies

+ Social Justice and Inclusion

+ Sport-Related Research

+ Teacher Education, Curriculum and Pedagogy



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(5) Submit...and wait

- Does the application meet the requirements?
- Is it a good proposal? Do the nominated supervisors have capacity?
- Should we make you a(n) (un)conditional offer?



Scholarships: CRA & EDCS

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Research Award (CRA)

- Moray House School of Education and Sport offers one fully-funded College Research Award across any area of study within our doctoral programmes, for studies commencing in 2024-25.
- The award provides full tuition fees with an annual stipend. The stipend will be set to the UKRI level for 2024/25. The UKRI level for 2023/24 is currently £18,622 for full-time students, or the pro rata equivalent for part-time students.

- Need to have secured an offer BEFORE you apply for the scholarship(s)



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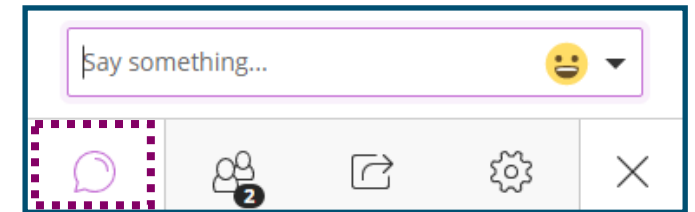
Thank you

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Asking questions (Collaborate)

- Please hold all questions until the end of the formal presentation
- Always use the ‘hand raise icon’ to queue up your question
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Next steps...

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<https://edin.ac/student-chat-pg>



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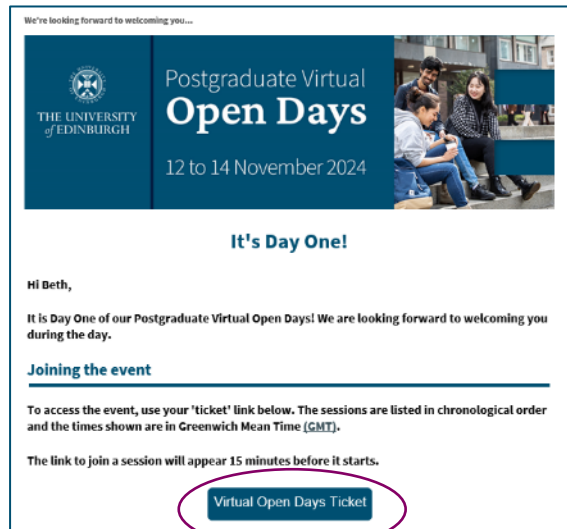
Contact details for follow-up questions

- We apologise if we did not get through all of your questions in the time allotted for this session. If you have further questions that have not been answered, please email: futurestudents@ed.ac.uk
- Education.PhD@ed.ac.uk

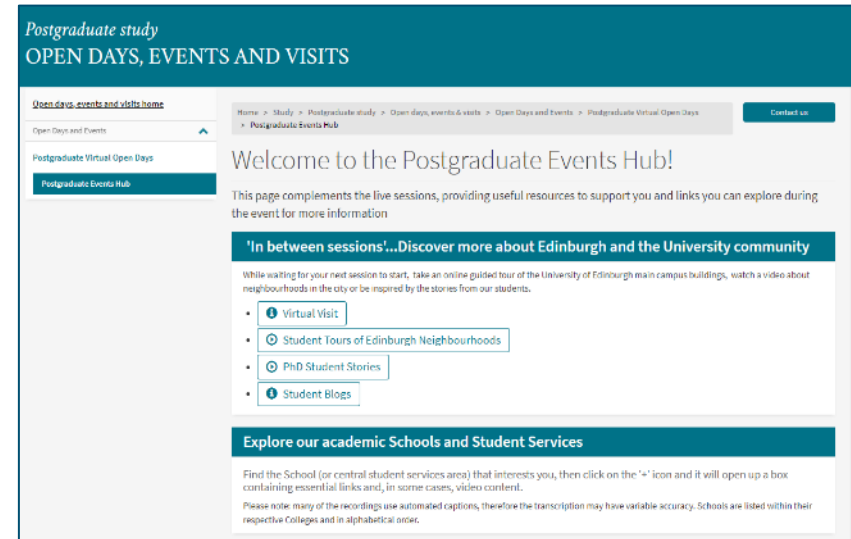


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