

## **A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO THE INTEGRATED POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME**

An integrated PhD programme of studies aims to be very flexible programme allowing candidates to join at various entry points. A candidate may exit with one or all the following degrees: English Language Certificates (ELTS/TOFEL), Postgraduate Certificate (Pg Cert), Postgraduate Diploma (Pg Dip), Master of Science (MSc.), Master of Philosophy (MPhil) and or Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D).

Depending on experience and qualification, candidates can be enrolled at various entry points: Candidates with appropriate IELTS points can join directly on our second year (see below) of the programme.

Candidates with a recent (less than five year old) MSc from an approved academic institute and can demonstrate that such an MSc had an appropriate element of Research Method training then they can be registered for a PhD direct (i.e. joining the third year of the programme).

The programme runs over 4 years comprising research training, taught courses and a research project.

Upon enrollment, candidates will be assigned a supervisory team and be associated with one of our research groups (see above). The supervisory team will build a Skill and Education Profile of the candidate identifying the level of entry on the programme.

### **Year 1: English Language and Research Methods Training**

This year is dedicated to English and Research Methods training. There are several levels and starting points and you should choose the one that is most relevant to your needs. You may need to take more than one level depending on your English language ability to start with.. All courses are made up of lecture-based teaching.

You will be also required to attend a number of research training courses which vary from compulsory generic courses to more specialised depending on the specific subject area identified in your Skill and Education Profile.

### **Year 2: Taught Master**

In this year you will choose a total of eight modules from a large portfolio of taught MSc which we are offering. In addition to a project, the taught element runs over two semesters of 15 weeks each and are made up of lecture-based teaching. The other element constitutes a project which occupies the three month period over the summer.

The modular nature of the courses means that a number of qualifications are available depending on the number of modules taken and passed. Successful completion of four modules leads to the award of a Postgraduate (PG) Certificate and a PG Diploma can be obtained from completion of a further four modules or the project. Alternatively, completion of all eight modules and the project earns the full MSc.

### **Year 3 and 4: Research Thesis**

In this phase of the programme, you are required to conduct an independent research project which result in a written thesis.

