

PhD by Published Works

The award of PhD by Published Works is a route available to current and former staff who have considerable published works and do not already hold a PhD. The award and admissions eligibility criteria set out below must be met.

1. Award criteria

- 1.1 To be awarded a PhD by Published Work a candidate must show that the published work makes a significant contribution to knowledge in a particular field. The published work must also provide evidence of the capacity of the candidate to pursue further research. It should represent a coherent contribution to research in a given field and demonstrate a depth of scholarship and originality comparable with that required in a PhD thesis. The material submitted shall be sufficiently extensive as to provide convincing evidence that the research constitutes a substantial contribution to knowledge or scholarship. The submission should normally include a substantial proportion of peer-reviewed work.
- 1.2 'Published Work' refers to: refereed articles, chapters, monographs, books, scholarly editions of a text, edited collections of essays or other materials, software and creative work (including fine art, audio/visual works, design, music or performance) or other original artefacts. The precise selection of work undertaken by the candidate will depend on the discipline concerned.
- 1.3 'Work' shall be regarded as 'published' only if it, or a record of it, is publicly available and traceable through papers, books, catalogues, abstracts, citations indices or equivalent sources of information.
- 1.4 Any work that has been or is to be included in a submission for any other award in any University, whether successful or unsuccessful, is not admissible in whole or partial fulfilment of the requirements of this degree.

2. Admissions criteria

- 2.1 Candidates must normally be graduates of at least 5 years' standing and have already obtained a Master's degree or be able to provide evidence of having received research training or equivalent experience.
- 2.2 Candidates must normally be current employees of the University with a contract which extends beyond the registration period of the PhD by Published Works, and whose contract falls within one of the following categories: Teaching and Research; Research; or Teaching and Scholarship.
- 2.3 Exceptionally, the Head of School may recommend a candidate to the Doctoral School Board who does not meet the admissions criteria, if they can demonstrate that submission of the work for PhD by Published Works is in the interests of the institution.
- 2.4 It is expected that published works will have been carried out during employment at the University.
- 2.5 To ensure currency of research, published works submitted should normally have been carried out no more than eight years prior to registration (noting the potential impact of periods of parental or sick leave).

3. Admissions process

- 3.1 Applications can be made at any time by the normal online application process.
- 3.2 There will be three standard admission points during the year as with other research degrees, but admission may be exceptionally approved at the start of any calendar month.
- 3.3 In place of a research proposal, candidates should provide the following:
 - i. A list of the published work to be submitted.
 - i. A supporting proposal that outlines the case for the published work to be considered for the award based on the criteria outlined above.

- ii. A signed declaration that the published work has not been and is not to be submitted as part of any other degree.

- 3.4 Applications will be considered by the relevant Director of Doctoral Studies in consultation with the relevant Research Convenor or Head of Department, as appropriate.
- 3.5 Successful applicants will be assigned a supervisory team in the normal way.

4. Registration and Fees

- 4.1 Successful applicants will be registered and that submission of the thesis must occur within the minimum and maximum periods prescribed by University Regulation 23.
- 4.2 Fees will be set by the Finance Department.

5. Submission requirements

- 5.1 Submission will be in the form prescribed by University regulation 23.
- 5.2 Theses must be submitted online. Candidates should upload their theses to a limited permission Box file set up by the Assessment and Examination office. Candidates are not permitted to submit revised versions of their submission or additional elements after the original submission.

6. Examination

- 6.1 The examination and conferment of award will be conducted in accordance with University regulation 23, as per conventional doctorates.

Review / Contacts / References	
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