Further Study in the UK

Where to find graduate study courses and research opportunities

If you are looking for a Masters programme or doctoral research opening, here are some suggested sources.

FindAMasters.com
www.findamasters.com
A large database of courses, including some international ones.

FindAPhD.com
www.FindAPhD.com
A large database of funded research opportunities. Useful if any of these are close enough to your field of research interest.

FindAPhD.com
www.professionaldoctorates.com
Database of research opportunities combining academic and vocation/professional training.

FindAPostDoc.com
www.findapostdoc.com
A database of post-doctoral research jobs rather than courses.

Hobsons Postgrad
www.postgrad.hobsons.com
Search for postgraduate courses in the UK and find information on sources of funding.

Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (KTP)
www.kptonline.org.uk
KTP is a programme helping businesses to improve their competitiveness and productivity through the better use of knowledge, technology and skills that reside within the UK knowledge base. Through a KTP project you can simultaneously work and do academic study/research towards a postgraduate qualification.

Prospects
www.prospects.ac.uk/links/pgdbase
Within the section of the prospects website devoted to postgraduate study there is this courses database. The other pages about types of study, funding, choosing a course, etc. are also worthwhile.

Postgrad.com
www.postgrad.com
This site has course listings as well as plenty of advice about finding and choosing a programme, university rankings, life as a postgraduate student, online forums and some events information such as open days.

Postgraduate Studentships
www.postgraduatescholarships.co.uk
Information about the different types of funding opportunities open to potential postgraduates (master’s and doctoral level).

TARGETcourses
http://targetcourses.co.uk
Website that compares postgraduate courses in the UK for graduates considering further study. It has been compiled with UCAS and also has institution profiles with information on research and funding.

UKPASS
www.ukpass.ac.uk > Students > How to apply
Site for searching graduate courses (taught and research). It also has a central applications system for use with certain participating universities (King’s is not currently among the participants)

Unistats
www.unistats.com
Quick search engine for universities and courses where you can compare average UCAS points achieved, career prospects and student satisfaction between colleges.

Funding Sites

King’s Postgraduate Funding Pages
http://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/pg/funding/sources/index.aspx
Excellent range of resources and advice for King’s applicants.

Research Professional
www.researchresearch.com
A complete funding opportunities alert service for researchers with daily news from over 30 countries around the world.

Scholarship search
www.scholarships-search.org.uk
Search tool for scholarships, covering both undergraduate and postgraduate study

Other useful sources of information

Developing your own research proposal
If there are no established programmes researching in the area that interests you, you can develop your own proposal and hawk this around academics who know enough about the field to supervise your research. If accepted by a supervisor you will then need to search for funding.

Vitae
www.vitae.ac.uk
This website supports the personal, professional and career development of doctoral researchers and research staff in higher education institutions and research institutes.

**Funding**
Some of the sites mentioned above also have information on funding. Other sources of information are:

### Research Councils
For UK students the main source of grants for graduate study is the appropriate subject research council. Your subject falls on the borderline between different research councils apply to both. Each council has a different application deadline and procedure, but you must apply for them through your institution and certain residency criteria apply. If you receive an award, it will cover your tuition fees, as well as providing you with a maintenance grant.

**Arts and Humanities Research Council**
http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/Pages/Home.aspx

**Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council**
www.bbsrc.ac.uk

**Economic and Social Research Council**
www.esrc.ac.uk

**Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council**
www.epsrc.ac.uk

**Medical Research Council**
www.mrc.ac.uk

**Natural Environmental Research Council**
www.nerc.ac.uk

**Science and Technology Facilities Council**
www.stfc.ac.uk

*formed from a merger of Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council (PPARC) and Council for the Central Laboratory of the Research Councils (CCLRC)

### Professional and Career Development Loans
https://www.gov.uk/career-development-loans/overview

You may choose to fund your studies through one of these loans – but don’t mistake them for a variety of student loan because the repayment terms are much more stringent.

**Life Long Learning**
www.lifelonglearning.co.uk/cd

Information on Careers development loans.

### Funding for students with disabilities
There are other sources of funding available that aim to help students with disabilities cover additional expenses incurred as a result of their disability (such as a note taker for lectures, adaptive equipment, additional travel expenses). Contact the disability or welfare advisers at your prospective institution or go to www.skill.org.uk

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