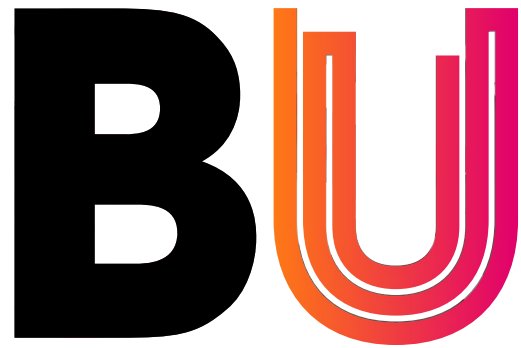


Welcome to



**Bournemouth  
University**

# Postgraduate Open Day

Postgraduate Research degrees at BU

19 March 2025

# PGR Team

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Denise George, Team Leader – Admissions and Awards

Adriana Manova & Ozlem Shepard, Research Administrators



# Who are we?



## Our vision

is to be recognised worldwide as a leading university for inspiring learning, advancing knowledge and enriching society through the fusion of education, research and practice



## 18,000 students

2,500 international students from across the world (130+ countries)



## Across two sites

Talbot Campus & Lansdowne Campus, and partner institutions

**Kate Adie**

CBE DL, BU Chancellor



- We're ranked as a top 10 university in the UK in the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2024 and joint 39th globally.
- We're 95th in the world and 3rd in the UK in the Times Higher Education Young University Rankings 2024.
- We're in the top 500 in the 2024 Times Higher Education World University Rankings.



# We are...



## Professionally orientated

Professional accreditations  
Placements  
Working with industry



## Incredible learning opportunities

Live research projects  
Guest lectures  
Study abroad



## Research that makes a real difference

Helping people live better for longer  
Contributing to the creative and cultural industries

**94%**

of research rated as internationally-recognised or above\*



# Campuses to be proud of



Talbot Campus





# Campuses to be proud of



Lansdowne Campus



# Facilities to be proud of



Chapel Gate:  
Multi-sports facility





# Sustainability at BU

What we've achieved so far:

**2,000+**

solar panels have enabled us to avoid releasing over 550 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e

Joint **1st**

for SDG 12 Responsible Consumption and Production.\*

Joint **39th in the world**

For our contribution to the UK Sustainable Development Goals.\*

**Refill campus**

Use your water bottle at one of our 45 refill points on campus.



# Our research strengths

01



Helping people to live better for longer.

02



Helping protect and preserve a sustainable environment.

03



Preparing for and recovery from crisis.

04



Challenging marginalisation, misinformation and under-representation.

05



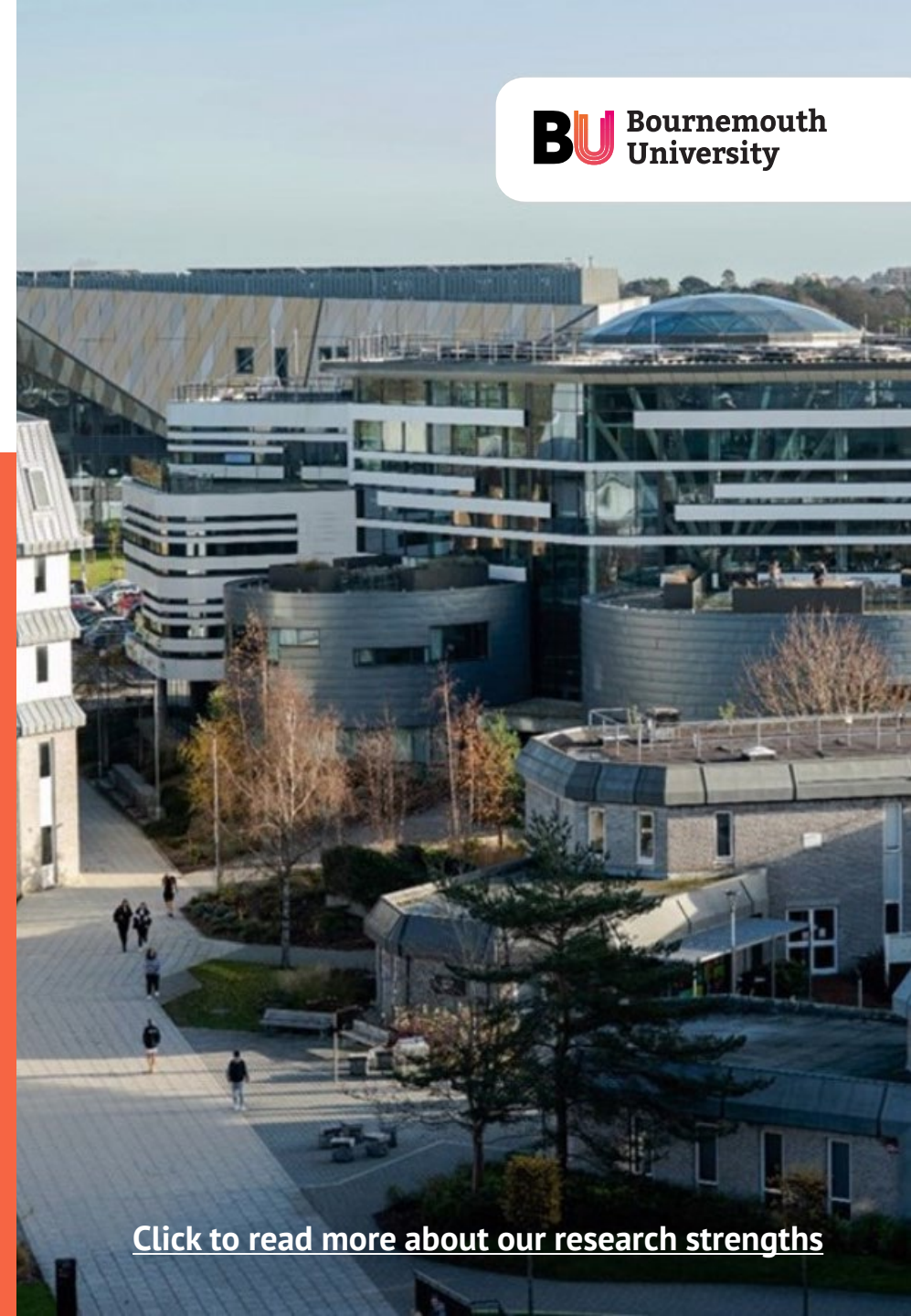
Helping creative industries and cultural heritage to thrive.

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Using our expertise to be a catalyst for growth, boosting skills and advancing the region.

[Click to read more about our research strengths](#)





# Our faculties



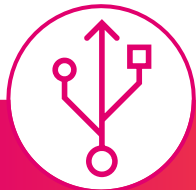
**Bournemouth  
University  
Business School**



**Faculty of Media &  
Communication**



**Faculty of Health  
& Social Sciences**



**Faculty of Science  
& Technology**



# Research at BU



Our students are a **key part of the research** we conduct, co-creating knowledge with us and playing a crucial role in everything that we do.



At BU, our **research environment** supports the research capacity and capability of staff at all stages of their career.

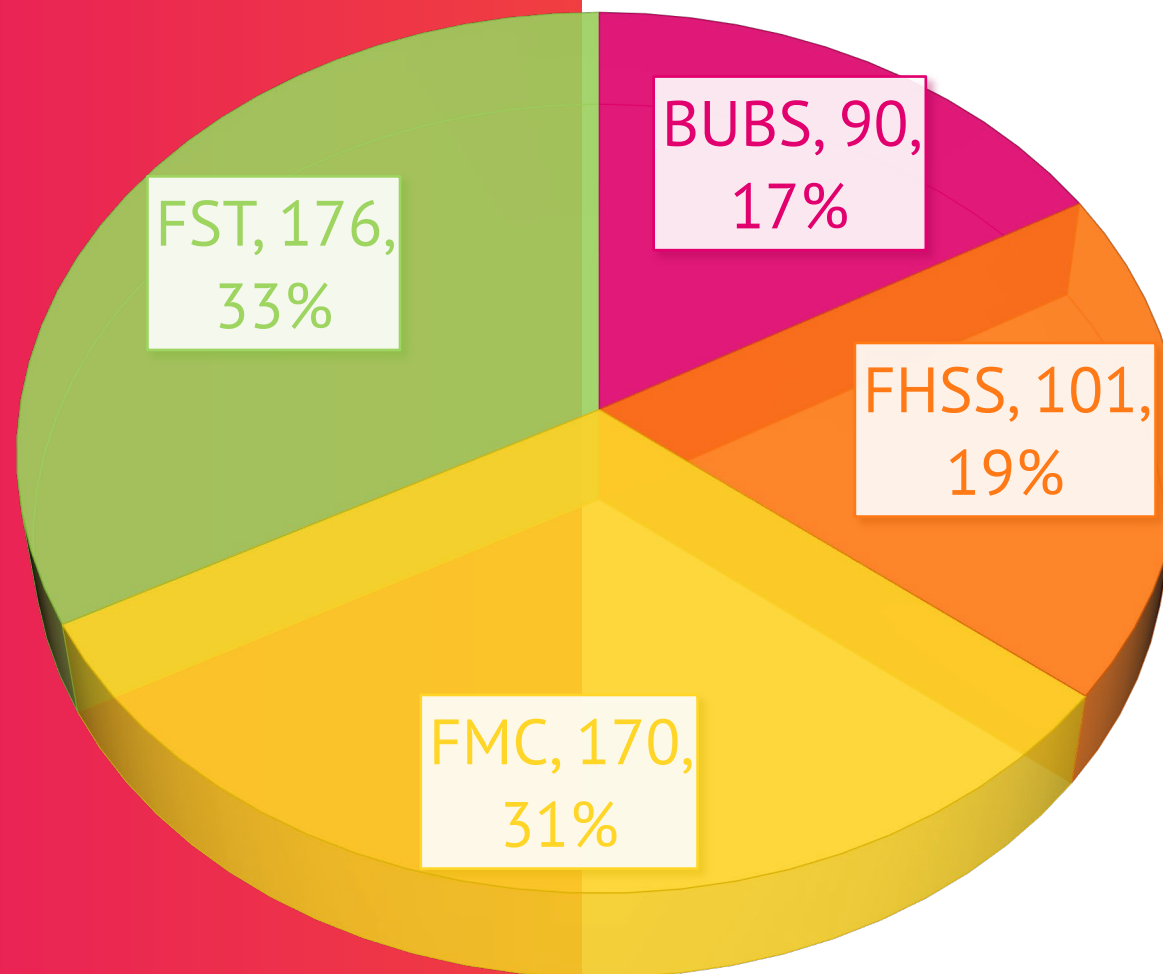


Our **research culture** is ambitious, inclusive and innovative, focusing on the societal impact of our research and the co-creation of new knowledge with our students.





# How many PGR students are at BU?



# What is a Research degree?

## Postgraduate Taught Master's degree (PGT)

- ☐ Like undergraduate degrees
- ☐ Complete a series of units
- ☐ Follow a set timetable
- ☐ Study independently in your free time
- ☐ Lectures will lead you through your course

## Postgraduate Research degree (PGR)

- ☐ More independent in nature
- ☐ No timetabled units or regular teaching sessions
- ☐ Focus on a single in-depth research project
- ☐ Supervised by experts
- ☐ Responsibility for your work is on you



# What Research degrees can you do?

Masters by Research (MRes)

Master of Philosophy (MPhil)

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Professional Doctorates (e.g. EdD)



# What disciplines can I research?

## BUBS

Accounting, Finance  
& Economics

Marketing, Strategy  
& Innovation

People &  
Organisations

Sport and Events  
Management

## FHSS

Medical Science &  
Public Health

Midwifery & Health  
Sciences

Nursing Science

Rehabilitation &  
Sport Sciences

Social Sciences &  
Social Work

## FMC

Communication &  
Journalism

Humanities & Law

Media Production

National Centre for  
Computer Animation

## FST

Archaeology  
& Anthropology

Computing &  
Informatics

Creative Technology

Design &  
Engineering

Life & Environmental  
Sciences

Psychology



# What is the Research degree process?

Process involves different research steps monitored by periodic reviews and regular supervisory engagement

Application

Enrolment

Getting Started

Probationary Review

Data Collection

Major Review

Data Analysis

Thesis & Submission

Viva Voce Examination

Corrections

Award

# PGR dedicated support

## Faculty

Academic Supervision:

Progression Monitoring

Pastoral Support

Research Culture &  
Community

Resources

## Doctoral College

Overarching Policy  
Guidance

Research Development  
Programme

Research Culture &  
Community

Administrative  
Support

## BU

Academic Services

Student Services

IT Services

SUBU

# Research community and culture

Researcher Development

Research Centres

Faculty Conference

Annual PGR Conference

PGR Representatives

Faculty Research Seminars

Virtual Poster Exhibition

PGR Society

Coffee Mornings

Settling In Session

Supervisor PGRs

Faculty Blogs

Re-Orientations

PGR Peer Support Units

Research Ethics Panels

Blog Posts

Research Institutes

Faith & Reflection





# What are the entry requirements?

- **Master by Research (MRes) and Master of Philosophy (MPhil):**
  - A first or upper second class (2:1) honours UK Bachelor's degree, or overseas equivalent, in a discipline which is appropriate to the proposed research
- **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD):**
  - A first or upper second class (2:1) honours UK Bachelor's degree, or overseas equivalent, in a discipline which is appropriate to the proposed research, or
  - A UK Master's degree, or overseas equivalent, in a discipline which is appropriate to the proposed research.
- Candidates for whom English is not their first language must have an IELTS (Academic) score of 6.5 minimum (with a minimum 6.0 in each component, or equivalent)

# Fees and funding

## Fees for 2025/26

☐ Full-time Home: £4,683

☐ Part-time Home: £2,432

☐ Full-time overseas: £20,000 (Lib)

☐ Full-time overseas: £23,000 (Lab)

☐ Completion status: £600

## Funding options

☐ Self-funded

☐ Externally funded (e.g. employer)

☐ BU funded (e.g. studentship)

☐ Postgraduate loan (student finance)

# When do I apply?

## Start dates

Three main entry points for research degrees annually:

- September
- January
- April

## Application windows

The application windows close as follows:

- September intake - 16 June
- January intake - 31 October
- April intake - 31 January



# What routes are there?

## Standard Research Degree

Your own project

More research freedom

Liable for fees

Liable for living costs

Less competitive

[Apply for a Postgraduate research course](#)

## Studentship

Pre-defined project

Less research freedom

Fee waived

Receive a stipend

Highly competitive

[Funded PhD & MRes studentships](#)

# Next steps

1.

- Identify your area of interest

2.

- Contact a potential supervisor

3.

- Develop your research proposal

4.

- Submit an online application

6.

- Prepare for your interview



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We've provided the latest information available at the time of delivery (March 2025).