

Postgraduate research in Global Sustainable Development

Chat with the Global Sustainable Development (GSD) Department to find out about our MPhil/PhD in Global Sustainable Development. You'll be able to speak directly to our Director of Postgraduate Research and our Postgraduate Programmes' Manager.



Hello and Welcome to the session. My name is Heather Robson and I am the Postgraduate Programmes Manager for the School for Cross-faculty Studies and the GSD PG programmes including the PhD. I can help you with any practical and admin queries you may have in connection with application for the programme and the support available to PhD researchers once registered with us.



Welcome slide



Hi everyone, I'm Daveena, a single honours GSD Finalist and I'm here to answer any questions you have about the student experience at Warwick! Please ask any questions you have no matter how big or small and I'll try to answer them all :)



Hello, I'm João Porto de Albuquerque, a Professor in Global Sustainable Development and Director of the Institute for Global Sustainable Development. I'm also the academic lead for the PhD in Global Sustainable Development and would be very glad to answer any questions about it.



Overview

Who is this programme for?
Potential research leaders who aspire to transcend disciplinary boundaries and have transformative impact on the complex challenges of global sustainable development.

Supervision

- Co-supervision: GSD, IGSD, LA and partner departments
- Mentoring from external organisation
- Bespoke skills training
- Diverse and engaged research community



Mphil/PhD Overview slide



Please post any questions you may have about the PhD programme or about Warwick and we will be happy to respond.



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With regard to the timeline for applications, for a September start date, the deadline to apply would be 31 July. It is, however, possible to start a PhD at any time of year. If you are looking for funding then some of the deadlines may have already passed for the 2021/22 academic year.



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Hi Jessica, many thanks for your question it is great to hear about your interest on sustainability. I would recommend you to check in the supervisor pages in our website and look for the best alignment with your interests. We have a broad range of supervisory capacity and many colleagues would be able to help you with topics that can be incorporated to a number of future career pathways.



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We are planning to go ahead with the programme for 2021/22 and don't envisage that the course will be impacted too much by Covid. The term 1 taught module is likely to be delivered via blended learning rather than 100% face-to-face teaching but this will not impact the quality.



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You may find this page detailing available supervisors interests:

<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/schoolforcross-facultystudies/research/supervisors/>

PhD supervisors - School for Cross-faculty Studies

Information on academic members of staff in the School for Cross-faculty Studies who are currently available for PhD supervision and in which areas.



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Hi Patience, thank you for your question, with regard to the timeline for application to the Leverhulme-TRANSFORM Scholarship programme, the closing date for a 2021/22 start was early March 2021 and all studentships have been allocated for this year now. We plan to advertise new TRANSFORM projects for 20221/23 towards the end of this year.



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Hi Patience, if you take a look at this page: <https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/schoolforcross-facultystudies/igsd/transform/themes/2021topics/> you will see the topics and themes advertised for this year to give you an idea of the types of projects TRANSFORM supports. The individual projects will be different for next year but the themes will continue. I hope this is helpful to you.

2021 Suggested project topics

Unless you are planning to submit your own project, you should select a project topic within which to develop your research. Applicants should limit their application to one research project and demonstrate how they would make the project their own in addition to evidencing their fit with the student specification and skillset which will vary with each project. All successful candidates will work with an external organisation which will provide mentorship. This organisation will be detailed on the proposed projects or agreed between the supervisory team and student for the open competition award-holder.



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Hi Jessica, we do have partnerships with external organisations for specific PhD topics and there is an opportunity for adding an external mentor to your PhD. Usually this relationship builds upon existing connections either from the supervisor or student.



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Yes, applications for 2022/23 will open in September and for this year as noted previously the cut off is end of July.



Thanks Heather.



Thanks that's great!



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Examples of IGSD's research projects and non-academic partners associated with these projects can be found here:

<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/schoolforcross-facultystudies/igsd/research/>

Institute for Global Sustainable Development Research

Our research crosses boundaries and extends our understanding of human-environment relationships and sustainable development. We develop world-leading research that engages with global sustainable development frameworks, including Agenda 2030 and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.



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I don't have statistics for this to hand but Careers and Skills will be able to help with this query and there is a link from their website which gives stats and info on graduate destinations here:

<https://warwick.ac.uk/services/careers/options/grads/>

What do Warwick graduates do?

You can access information about the career destinations of Warwick graduates on the Discover Uni website. Discover Uni is an official source of information about higher education and features statistics taken from national surveys and data collected from universities and colleges about all their students.



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As our PhD programme is brand new, we don't yet have any graduates so we don't have examples of job opportunities after the PhD. Traditionally a PhD leads to an academic career but there will also be opportunities in other sectors.

Employability and Placement Manager



- » Links with employers from the private, public, and third sectors
- » One-to-one, personalised support
- » MAsc capstone Workplace Project

Employability support slide



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We have our own Employability Manager, Bodrun Nahar, in the School who offers one-to-one support with professional skills and job search. Details here: <https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/schoolforcross-facultystudies/aboutus/people/employabilityandplacementmanager>

Bodrun Nahar - School for Cross-faculty Studies

Bodrun Nahar is the Employability and Placement Manager for the School for Cross-faculty Studies. Bodrun provides support for the School's Liberal Arts and Global Sustainable Development Divisions.



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Student activity slide



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Yes absolutely! I think something that makes the GSD community at Warwick so special is the close-knit community it creates, all the students and staff have a really good bond which means that teaching and learning is always centred around what is best for the current students. Learning throughout Covid has been quite tough but the staff have been so supportive and students set up peer support groups to make sure everyone was keeping in touch which is so lovely. As a finalist I particularly enjoyed my dissertation which was supervised by Dr Marco Haenssgen and funded by the GSD Department. I opted for a creative submission which was impacted by covid but I had many 1-to-1 meetings and extra guidance to make sure my project was still a success! I would recommend studying GSD at Warwick not just for the academic aspect but for the wonderful family that you become a part of - it is truly life changing!



Thanks Daveena, it's good to hear that your experience was positive, despite the Covid challenges!



Yes, I think studying during Covid tends to put people off but I found that the support never waned, if anything increased during the period of online learning and there were still many opportunities to have online socials and events with other students - hopefully this coming academic year will be better in terms of blended teaching but if not I would still suggest enrolling for the upcoming year!



For the first year of our postgraduate programmes (MAsc and PhD) we are anticipating cohorts for each of around 10 students so an overall PG community of 20+ students. We have plenty of support in place with Directors of PGT and PGR along with myself (full-time) and a Postgraduate Coordinator (part-time) to help with all practical aspects of studying at Warwick. We are very excited to be launching these new programmes and will do our very best to ensure their success!



We are coming towards the end of this session, so if you have any last questions please ask!



Full details of the PhD programme are available here:

<https://warwick.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/research/courses-2021/globalsustainabledevelopment> and if you have any queries you'd prefer to ask via email we'd be happy to help. Email address is pggsd@warwick.ac.uk

MPhil/PhD in Global Sustainable Development

Study MPhil/PhD in English Language Teaching at Warwick's Department of Applied Linguistics, ranked 2nd in The Times/Sunday Times Good University Guide 2020. Enhance your knowledge of teaching, learning, assessment and teacher development through research, under the supervision of field experts.



Thank you all. My queries have been answered.



Thank you very much for taking the time to join us today. We hope that you may consider applying for our PhD programme and that we will be welcoming you to Warwick in the future. Wishing you well,
Heather