

# GSD Postgraduate Study Live Chat

Join the Global Sustainable Development (GSD) Department to find out about our brand new transdisciplinary MASc and MPhil/PhD programmes.

### Further information

- Tuition fees at standard Warwick PG fee levels
- For MASc 10% tuition fee discount for Warwick alumni (UK and overseas) 21/22
- Further info available on our website soon
- PGGSD@warwick.ac.uk

**Applications**

- PG Admissions: [warwick.ac.uk/postgraduate](http://warwick.ac.uk/postgraduate)
- Additional statement
- References
- Master's for admission
  - to PhD, PhD proposal,
  - agree supervisor(s)
  - in advance of applying




### Overview

**Who is this programme for?**  
Students from a variety of backgrounds, including:

- Students with prior experience of GSD
- Students new to this field of study with a first degree and a strong interest in GSD
- Students with work and life experience relating to GSD

**Who will deliver it?**

- Global Sustainable Development (GSD)
- The Institute for Global Sustainable Development (IGSD)
- Liberal Arts (LA)
- Partner departments across the University



### Transdisciplinary teaching, learning, and assessment

**Teaching and learning**

- Research-led teaching via interactive lectures and task-guided reading
- Problem-based, response-focused learning
- Active, authentic, and applied student-self-construction of knowledge
- Development of applied process skills and academic subject content simultaneously

**Assessment**

- Authentic and innovative
- All assessments in core modules linked to practical applications
- Opportunities to demonstrate subject expertise and develop process skills



### Structure

<p><b>Term 1</b> Core modules (60 CATS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leading Transformation in the Anthropocene (20 CATS)</li> <li>Creating Knowledge for Change: Transdisciplinary Approaches (20 CATS)</li> <li>Global Challenges and Transdisciplinary Responses (20 CATS)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Term 2</b> Optional core modules (20-30 CATS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Qualitative Approaches to Sustainable Development (10 CATS)</li> <li>Quantitative Approaches to Sustainable Development (10 CATS)</li> <li>Sustainable Development Policy (10 CATS)</li> </ul> <p><b>+ Optional modules (30-40 CATS)</b> Offered by GSD/IGSD and partner departments</p>	<p><b>Term 3 and summer</b> Capstone project (60 CATS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workplace Project (60 CATS)</li> <li>Practice-based Project (60 CATS)</li> <li>Research Project (60 CATS)</li> </ul>
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All core modules will be led by the School for Cross-Faculty Studies



23-February-2021



Welcome to our Global Sustainable Development postgraduate live chat! We're really looking forward to speaking to you today. This is a straightforward questions and answers session, so please do send us your questions whenever you're ready



Hi everyone, my name is Amalia and I am a final year GSD PAIS student. Feel free to ask me any questions you may have about general student life!



Hello everyone. My name is Dr Mandy Sadan and I am with my colleagues to help answer your questions. Thank you for joining us!



Good wveryone my name is Mark



Good day



I'm Jess and I'm a Recruitment and Communications Officer in GSD. Today you'll also be speaking to Heather (Postgraduate Programmes Manager in GSD), Mandy (Director of Postgraduate Taught Programmes) and one of our current undergraduate GSD students, Amalia



Hello Mark. How can we help you?



I need to know some more about the Programme



Hello! I wanted to ask about the main differences between an MASc and an MSc. Am I correct in saying that the Master of Applied Science is more geared towards further study and/or a career in research, as opposed to industry?



Hi, I'm Patience . Glad to be part of this live chat



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Are you interested in the Masters or the PhD, Mark?



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Welcome



I am really interested in doing the Global Sustainable Development



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Hello everyone and many thanks for this opportunity!



I would like to do a master



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Hi Nicole, GSD PAIS is an undergrad joint honours course which stands for Global Sustainable Development with Politics and International Studies :)



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It is an MSc because we are interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary. This means we also offer students the opportunity to study across the range of Arts & Humanities and Social Sciences. We recognise this as an important part of our approach and this is reflected in the degree title. It goes beyond just a focus on the social sciences or the natural sciences.



Thanks Jess, I wish to find out how synergy between supervisors will be managed



The guidance says: "In order to be considered for a scholarship you must have submitted both a full application for admission to the University of Warwick PhD in Global Sustainable Development and the Leverhulme TRANSFORM application form by the deadline of 4pm on 7 March 2021." How does the references provision work? When will you send the link to my referees? Once they insert the letter in the system, is the application described as full? My worry is about the deadlines and timeline of events, so if you could give me reassurance and indications on those I will be grateful.



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Hi Chidi, I hope you're well! Heather/Mandy will likely get back to you on this question, but in the meantime please do make sure to check out the University's funding web page for further information:

<https://warwick.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/funding/funding-routes>

#### **Funding Routes Available**

We offer a variety of postgraduate funding options for study at the University of Warwick, from postgraduate loans, university scholarships, fee awards, to academic department bursaries.



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Hi Mark, I can see that you're interested in finding out more about the Master's programme. Please could you let us know a bit more specifically what you'd like to know and we'll be happy to answer



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I personally have really enjoyed my course so far as the modules I was able to take with PAIS tied really well into Global Sustainable Development. GSD in particular has been interesting as it's very interdisciplinary, so you're introduced to sustainability from environmental/ social and economic perspectives. At the moment I'm planning on doing a Masters in International Development :)



The Masters is very much focused on supporting students to develop their leadership skills and forms of practice in GSD. The core subjects in term 1 focus on providing introductions to the importance of leadership and developing your own rationale and ethos for what you want to do, as well as thinking about transdisciplinary skills. In term 2 you can take optional modules - including outside GSD in Arts and Humanities, or if you are eligible, in natural and life science modules, as well as focus on methods. YOU can also develop your understanding of work based practices. In the 3rd term, the capstone project can either be an academic dissertation or a research report or more focused policy directed output, or a work placement. We therefore hope to bring together lots of opportunities and challenges in a practical but also a rich methodological and philosophical and theoretical framework.



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Thank you, Dr. I appreciate that this is the first year that the MASc course will be run, but I was wondering about your view of transferability from non-science backgrounds (e.g. law). Do you see these students being at a disadvantage and, if so, presumably there would be some recommended pre-reading to help get up to speed?



I am very interested in GSD MASc .. I have a bachelor in Environmental science and want to know more about future careers in field of environment and development .. Thank you



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This would be an excellent grounding for the programme. Please see my longer explanation of the programme, Mark, which I put in the general thread. Does this interest you?



Thanks Amalia. Do you know of anyone that has gone into particularly interesting careers following GSD? Since it has not yet been run as a masters I cannot ask about jobs following this course.



How big will the cohort be this year (maximum)?



In terms of the timeline for applying for the Leverhulme Scholarship we would expect that your application is complete by 7 March to include references so that we can make an informed decision. The most important document is the Research Proposal.



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Yes, this is the first year the Masters is being offered



hi, what is the next intake?



We are hoping that the cohort will be 10-20 in size for the first year of the programme. Our maximum class sizes would be 25 for modules hosted in GSD (ie not options in other depts). Hope this helps?



Hello, I want to know. After completing the summer school, do I enjoy the Warwick alumni benefits?

Hi Victor, thank you for your question. I believe the alumni discount is 'available to Warwick graduates who have Home/EU or Overseas fee status. You must be a graduate of Warwick at any level of qualification.' Therefore, the summer school wouldn't come under this discount, unfortunately. You can find out more about the alumni discount here: <https://warwick.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/funding/fees/discount>

#### **Alumni Discount Scheme for postgraduate courses at Warwick**

Have you considered your options and next steps? If you are thinking about improving your skills and employability through undertaking postgraduate study, we want to help you by making the option of postgraduate study more affordable to our alumni and graduating students.



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I joined Warwick last August and - although these are strange times - it is really striking to me how dynamic and rich the environment is for students and for staff. I came from very research and teaching intensive institutions, but Warwick has a different kind of feel. There is so much opportunity to discover and to create. That is what I like about it. The students seem to feel that they have the opportunity to develop creatively as well as academically. For example, a lot of GSD UG students are actively involved in trying to influence for the better the Warwick estate with a sustainability agenda. They have developed initiatives for recycling and other things and have an immediate, tangible impact. The campus is a fantastic space - but we are on the doorstep of Coventry with its industry and Warwick, as well as Birmingham and, to the south, Oxford and London. It is all reachable and creates a vibrant atmosphere.



Next and first intake is Sept 2021



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Hi, yes, ideally, as the references give an indication of suitability for pursuing a PhD to completion.



Are you there Dr?

Hi Mark! I am here and I had to put answers to your message in the main thread! I hope you can see them. For some reason it is not accepting my responses to individual messages every time. Sorry! Does the description of the course I posted a few moments ago seem of interest to you?



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So far I am personally aware of a few of my friends being offered placements in various sustainability start-ups, and others have applied for things like the Civil service



@Heather, thanks. It is very limited time, indeed! But i will try. thank you!



For the masters course is the approach to sustainability a more physical or human-based one? Can you give any examples of the kind of projects one might work on in the final term?



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The PhD is brand new so we haven't had any intakes before. One of the projects for Leverhulme is geared towards people with a planning background.



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For the first year we aren't offering a part-time option but will monitor demand for this. We are, however, developing a part-time distance-learning version of the MASc for a Jan 2022 start.



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In terms of the scheduling for the MASc, central timetabling determine the class times. For term 1, there will be around 10 contact hours per week. Term 2 will depend upon optional choices and from the Easter break it will become much more flexible.



Thanks Heather. How do you envisage the distance-learning course differing from the full-time version currently on offer? Gaining practical experience is really a priority for me.



I want to apply but i really would appreciate if you can give me a feedback asap



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Hi Chidi! Most of our applications to date are from international applicants, and this is really important to us. They come from all over the world. Of course, the main issue relates to funding opportunities. We hope to increase these over time - but for this year (we only started the program a couple of months ago) we have funding for the Leverhulme scholarships and various other scholarships through the school (Midlands 4 Cities and the Chancellor's scholarships, for example). Many of these have funding opportunities for international applicants. We have also supported international applicants who have funding from their own governments or from, for example, the Commonwealth scholarships. International applicants can also apply for the Leverhulme scholarships, but we can only give one of these per year to international researchers because of a limitation set by the funder, rather than ourselves. Does this answer your question, Chidi?



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PG Admissions handle this part of the process and it will happen automatically - there shouldn't be any delay.



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Hi Nicole, just following on from what Amalia has said, our undergraduate students in GSD go on to a wide variety of job roles/industries after graduation. We're still awaiting Graduate Outcomes data (as the undergraduate courses are still fairly new), however, from our own research I'll provide you with some examples of job roles: Consultant, Risk Analyst, Energy Procurement Coordinator, Social Value Advisor, eCommerce Trading and Marketing Executive (and that's just to mention a few!). In terms of sectors: Recruitment, Public Policy, Accounting, Retail, Think Tank, International Affairs... I could go on! Hopefully this gives you a flavour of what our students do next





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Hello Ji-ae! Yes, for the scholarships, the references would need to be received before the deadline. They form an important part of the selection process. Deadlines were very tight this year because it is the first time the programme has operated. From next year, obviously, people will be aware of the programme and the opportunities over a longer period and will be able to prepare better. But yes - you will need to submit the references with the application.



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Hi Mark, thank you for your messages. Are you hoping to get in touch with us directly, e.g. for a call? If so, please get in touch with us via [PGGSD@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:PGGSD@warwick.ac.uk)



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Hello, yes, you can certainly customise your PhD to your interests bearing in mind that it is an interdisciplinary programme and therefore needs to straddle at least two disciplines and involve two supervisors. The key is to find supervisors in your area of interest.



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Hi Nicole, no worries! We have an Employability and Placement Manager in the GSD Department and she has established lots of links with employers, which our undergraduate students currently tap into and, once we have our first intake of postgraduate students, they will be able to too. You can find out more about Bodrun, our Employability and Placement Manager here: <https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/schoolforcross-facultystudies/aboutus/people/employabilityandplacementmanager>

**Bodrun Nahar - School for Cross-faculty Studies**

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Thank you so much Heather!



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We would advise that the application to the PhD programme is made this week to allow for references to be requested, written and submitted. In terms of your proposal, this is part of the scholarship application and can be submitted any time up to the closing date/time. Although you may wish to submit a little earlier to make sure that you don't run out of time completing and uploading documents.



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Hi Tomas! An important question for you to consider in terms of how your research ideas may fit with GSD would be the extent to which you want to push your thinking in an interdisciplinary way. If your project was something that fitted into a single discipline (e.g Economics) model, then GSD may not be the best place for you - although someone from GSD could potentially contribute to your supervision within another department. But if you wanted to consider your topic from a different perspective in addition to the economic so that you would bring an interdisciplinary or transdisciplinary slant to it, then GSD would be a good place to consider. We would work to bring in a supervisory team to support the project holistically. Does this help?



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Thanks!



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Thanks Jess. At the moment I am really torn between career choices. I am not sure whether I want to work with small start-ups on specific sustainability issues or go into something like sustainable finance/business as this can have a larger impact. I know this comes down largely to personal preference but from your experiences do you have any advice about the benefits/drawbacks of each pathway?



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We have a co-supervisory arrangement where we create bespoke arrangements for each PhD programme with supervisors contributing different amounts of time depending on what is needed. It can be a challenge in single discipline departments for supervisors to work together collaboratively on interdisciplinary projects, but all our staff on GSD/IGSD and the wider school are familiar with this kind of research themselves and are used to respecting and understanding the challenges involved. We will also develop a strong supervisory support network as well, where we also engage reflexively on our own positionality and how we support PhD students. Does this answer your question, Patience?



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Hi Nicole, the work-based and pracice-based capstone projects are a defining feature of the programme so we would plan to retain these for the DL version. The programme would possibly be sequenced differently but would be based on the f2f version.



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Hi Mark - please look higher up the chain and in my messages below! Let me know if you need more information.



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Thanks for your question Mark. The Masters is a 12 month programme



Further to my question about transferability from a non-science background on the MASc, could you advise as to the sort of person/traits that this course might require for a person to be successful? What sort of people do you want to apply/would be suited to the course?



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Thank you for all your great questions so far! Please bear with us while we work our way through your questions



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Hi Xintong! You will have 2 or even 3 supervisors who will be expected to support different aspects and approaches within your research project. We expect all projects within GSD to be interdisciplinary and so this will be a very common situation. The supervisors are all used to working with transdisciplinary projects and so will also be prepared, when necessary, to enlist the support of other people who will give you guidance. Also, in developing your own autonomy as a researcher, you will learn to network and get support from people where gaps appear in your knowledge. I hope this helps!



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Hi, we certainly value professional experience and this is incorporated into our transdisciplinary approach. Each student would bring something to the group and 'real-world' experience is highly valued and relevant.



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This is something to discuss with your supervisor as your project develops. The most important thing from a GSD perspective is that you want to push your research into areas that extend beyond one disciplinary approach - but this will be discussed with you as your project develops.



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Yes there is the option to study the GSD PhD part time over the course of 7 years, instead of 4 years full time. Hope that answers your question?



Thanks Heather for the response.



How can we know more about the Doctors who are going to teach the Master?



Thank you all! @Heather and @Dr Mandy Sadan



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Hi, the projects are purposely broad with the scope to take it in your own individual direction and this can be discussed with the supervisors to ensure they would be able to supervise effectively in the direction you plan to go with it. In terms of additional supervision, if this is appropriate we can look at putting this in place.



In regards to the GSD PhD, is the core module the only planned module? How is the rest of the programme organised? Thanks!

Hi Massimo, thanks for your question. You're correct - for the PhD the core module is the only planned module. You will also have a personal and professional development plan to complement your research. The rest of your time is spent undertaking your research and having supervision with your supervisors. I hope this might be helpful!



Thank you, Dr. I appreciate that this is the first year that the MASc course will be run, but I was wondering about your view of transferability from non-science backgrounds (e.g. law). Do you see these students being at a disadvantage and, if so, presumably there would be some recommended pre-reading to help get up to speed?

Actually Rachel, I have a background in Arts & Humanities! A background in Law will be a great asset because you will already have familiarity with really important social and political issues that underpin a lot of discussion within GSD - rights, governance etc. We expect students to come from lots of different backgrounds - like our UG students. It is absolutely right for Law students, too!



@Dr thank you so much for the clarification!



@Dr, thank you. This is reassuring!



Thank you so much Jess!



Further to my question about transferability from a non-science background on the MASc, could you advise as to the sort of person/traits that this course might require for a person to be successful? What sort of people do you want to apply/would be suited to the course?

The MASc is inter and transdisciplinary so does not require a Science background. In the term 1 methods module we will teach both quantitative and qualitative techniques for example.



@Heather, thank you! So if I think for now Dr Tan and Dr Bernards can be my supervisors but later when my research project develops more, do you think my supervisors and I can look for an additional supervisor or change one of my initial supervisors?



I am very interested in GSD MASc .. I have a bachelor in Environmental science and want to know more about future careers in field of environment and development .. Thank you

Hi Hala! We have a dedicated members of staff, Bodrun Nahar, whose job it is to support students at all levels in their career development. I think that the opportunities are extensive and likely to increase further as the Green Economy approach strengthens. You will be given the opportunity to explore career pathways in the course and to undertake modules or gain experience that actively support what you want to do. There are so many varied options, it is difficult to generalise - so the key point is really that you will have the time within the course to dedicate to this specific future path in a way that is not always possible in programmes that are less directed towards practice and practical applications of your studies.



How can we know more about the Doctors who are going to teach the Master?

As this information specific to Masters is not currently online I would recommend you drop an email to [PGGSD@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:PGGSD@warwick.ac.uk) (addressed to Heather Robson) to find out more :)



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In terms of personal traits, I guess openness to new approaches and a willingness to work out what the questions as well as potential solutions might be. There is a lot of scope to go in your own personal direction in term 2 and 3 where we have options.



@Heather, thank you!



How big will the cohort be this year (maximum)?

Hi Nicole, it is difficult to predict because everything is so uncertain and many people are delaying decisions etc. However, we anticipated in the first year that there might be about 12 students. We anticipate a maximum of about 40 when it is established. I am sorry to be vague but I hope this gives you a benchmark - but it is very uncertain this year ...



Hello everyone, Please I'm GSD PhD applicant. I would like to know if there is any available work and study option.  
Thank You

Please note that if you are an international student requiring a tier 4 visa, then p/t study is unfortunately not an option.



Dear Professors! This is me, Aidana. I would like to inquire how many PhD candidates applied for this academic years?



Re-posting my question: Hi, This is addressed to the Admissions Team. If a candidate has more years of professional experience than typical student profile in the MSc class, is that going to be an advantage or a disadvantage in terms of assessment for overall suitability of the application?

Hi Atif - hopefully you've spotted my response above to your original question?



Please do remember that we've got Amalia in this chat who's a current undergraduate GSD student and can therefore answer your questions on the GSD community and student life at Warwick, should you have any questions on these topics



@Heather, thank you for all your answer! One of the 2021 suggested themes is Financing 'Green' and 'Sustainable' Transitions. And I see there is already a supervisory team (Dr Bernards and Dr Tan). Is it a must to contact them with my research proposal? It is very tight timeline to have all in place! Secondly, I see they are not "finance" professors, so should/can I find a different supervisor in the uni?

Hi, I think I've responded to this already? Let me know if you need more info



I'm interested in the PhD of GSD. Have you had architects on this program before?

Hi Lateefah! It would be fantastic to have an architect on the programme! I say this because we have strength within GSD and IGSD on Urban spaces and cities and one of our colleagues, Jonathan Clarke, is a trained urban planner - so there will be many synergies and ways in which your own interests could be located in a wider conversation (depending, of course, on what kind of architecture you are interested in!)



I do not see the threads

What do you want to ask in addition, Mark?



I am interested to apply PHD in GSD program



My last question is : the entry requirement for Mphil/Phd is "undergraduate degree and a Master's (or equivalent) in a related subject". I have a undergraduate + M.Sc. (60ECTS). Is the 60-ECTS master qualified for entry requirement?



@Heather, thank you! So if I think for now Dr Tan and Dr Bernards can be my supervisors but later when my research project develops more, do you think my supervisors and I can look for an additional supervisor or change one of my initial supervisors?

A change of supervisor would be unusual but it would generally be possible to consult with other Warwick academics for a specific area if this coincides directly with their research area. There may also be reading groups or talks organised by research groups which you can tap into.



thank you Heather!



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I want to ask about the suggested topics. Am I going to be able to customise it or I have to leave it as suggested? For example, Data, Community and the Post-Pandemic City. Can I modify it to make it more specific to my research proposal?



I am foreign student, do the foreign students consider to the PhD program is GSD?



Dear Professors! This is me, Aidana. I would like to inquire how many PhD candidates applied for this academic years?

Hi there! We have recently had 13 applications so far for the PhD programme, due to some international scholarship deadlines



For the masters course is the approach to sustainability a more physical or human-based one? Can you give any examples of the kind of projects one might work on in the final term?

Nicole, it could be either - you could choose to work on something related to biodiversity or water or energy, or you could choose something more related to the social domains of sustainability. We have colleagues working across all areas and so you would define your project and we would aim to find someone to support you.



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Hi, we ask for a Master's or the equivalent of a Master's degree so if this equates in terms of ECTS then that would be fine.



We're now into the final 10 minutes of this live chat. Thank you for all of your wonderful questions so far - you've kept us very busy! Please do have a think about what you'd like to ask us in these final ten minutes



hello everyone! My name is Xintong, I am interested in the PHD in GSD. I have one question about the potential supervisors. I may use two different analysis theories to conduct the possible research project. Therefore, will it affect the application if there is no supervisor who fully fits both of my research methods? Thank you for helping!

Hi Xintong! I think I answered this question further up in the thread. Please get back to us if you cannot find it.



Currently my research interested energy economics, particularly renewable energy, and sustainable development economics, how I could find my potential supervisor in that field?



Thank you!





Must I contact my potential supervisor with a well written proposal already?

Hi Patience, We do advise that you contact your preferred potential supervisor(s) with a clear but short proposal (500-1,000 words) along with your CV and any relevant transcripts prior to making an application.



Do also please look back in the chat higher up. Many questions were answered in detail there as the thread extended quickly below!



Thanks Jess. At the moment I am really torn between career choices. I am not sure whether I want to work with small start-ups on specific sustainability issues or go into something like sustainable finance/business as this can have a larger impact. I know this comes down largely to personal preference but from your experiences do you have any advice about the benefits/drawbacks of each pathway?

Hi Nicole, for this sort of query our Employability and Placement Manager, Bodrun, would be best placed to advise you. If you drop this message to [PGGSD@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:PGGSD@warwick.ac.uk) addressed to Bodrun Nahar, then she will be able to get back to you with a full answer on this. Thanks!



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Hi, yes, that's fine. The projects are deliberately broad in scope and we would expect you to shape it in the direction of your interests and expertise as long as it is still within the remit of the named supervisors. We advise you check this with them prior to submitting your application.



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Lateefah, we would expect you to bring your own take on a subject and your own insights. So you can adapt as long as it fits within the wider remit of the project outline.



Thank you very much for answering all our questions!!! I was just going to quickly ask any advice for writing the Statement of interest for the masters? (as a current history undergrad I was thinking of talking about the concepts behind environmental history!)



Can you save this thread after so we can look back over questions we missed please?



@Alban, good question! I was wanting to ask something similar



Also, are there any application fees for the masters?



Thanks @Heather



I am foreign student, do the foreign students consider to the PhD program is GSD?

We have had many applications from international students. We are an international department in terms of students and staff and it is very important to us that we are as diverse an environment as possible. So international students are most definitely encouraged to apply!



I looked at the email and selected a course I am interested in. However, I would be willing to have a one-on-one discourse with any of the lecturers regarding the course.



If I did not find the potential supervisor until the deadline, is it possible to apply without a potential supervisor for the PhD program?

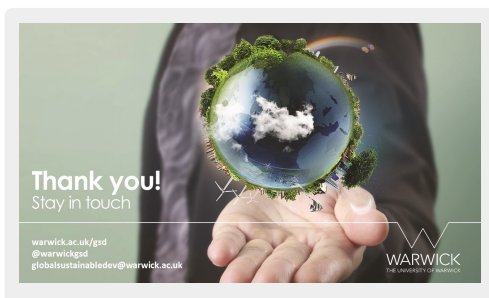


Thank you so much, it was a very useful session.



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Hi Nicole, please email me ([Jess.Holt@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:Jess.Holt@warwick.ac.uk)) and I will send you a copy of this live chat transcript.



Thank you very much for answering all our questions!!! I was just going to quickly ask any advice for writing the Statement of Interest for the masters? (as a current history undergrad I was thinking of talking about the concepts behind environmental history!)

Hi Alban, we give you some broad guidelines but your focus is up to you and if that is what interests you most then go for it. You may wish to think about which options you would wish to take and the capstone project and how it all ties together and relates. My colleague, Mandy, is a historian so may be able to advise too.



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If you are applying for the Leverhulme programme grants, then we would need you to have been in contact with a potential supervisor. However, if you send in an outline to the general enquiry account, it can be forwarded to see if suggestions can be made to help you identify someone. But it is also best for you, too, to talk to a potential supervisor to make sure that you have a good 'fit' with each other!



Thank you for joining us! We hope you found this live chat useful. We're running these sessions monthly, so please keep an eye on your emails for the next one. As always, please get in touch with us with any further questions: [PGGSD@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:PGGSD@warwick.ac.uk)



Thank you so much for this session!



Thank you!!



Thank you very much!!!



@Dr I highly appreciate all you response



Much appreciated and useful



Thank you !!



Thank you very much



Also, are there any application fees for the masters?

Yes, I believe that the University charges a standard application fee of £50 to ensure that applicants are serious. There is no UCAS central system so potentially applicants could apply for many programmes!



Thank you very much for answering all our questions!!! I was just going to quickly ask any advice for writing the Statement of interest for the masters? (as a current history undergrad I was thinking of talking about the concepts behind environmental history!)

As a fellow historian, this sounds great, Alban! But make sure that you bring it into a conversation with sustainable development as a distinct focus upon the environment and its meanings for human history to make it clear how you apply your learning to contemporary contexts, too. But we definitely welcome those with a historical background!



We hope we were able to answer most of your questions! We really appreciate your interest and taking the time to join us today. Thank you!



Thanks for organising this session. It's been very helpful and inspiring. Bye



Thank you all your prompt response



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The best place to start is the 'people' page on GSD where all academics list their research interests.



@heather Thank you. I will do that



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