

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.

Which programme are you interested in hearing more about?

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Hi everyone, welcome to our chat! I'm João and academic lead of the PhD in Global Sustainable Development and Director of the Institute for Global Sustainable Development. Glad to take any questions you may have!



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Hi everyone, I am a second year undergraduate studying GSD and Politics. If you have any questions about student life at Warwick (what the campus is like, transportation links, societies, volunteering, etc.) feel free to ask!



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Thank you for joining us today. I can help with any queries you may have on the practicalities such as application, student support, enrolling on PG optional modules etc.



Hello



Welcome Nithin!



Hello

Hello and welcome Nithin, is there anything we can help you with?



Masters



and got offer



Hello. Good after to every one. Greeting from SriLanka.



and got offer
Congratulations on your offer



and got offer
That's great news - well done!



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Can i get the decision of my scholarship soon within today because i need to decide among Warwick, UCL and Bath



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Which scholarship at Warwick have you applied for?



WMG Excellence Scholarship



Hello. Good after to every one. Greeting from SriLanka.

Welcome Abdul, we hope you are well!



WMG Excellence Scholarship

Hi Nithin, we are the Global Sustainable Development Division in the School of Cross-faculty Studies. WMG is a different department and you would need to contact them directly for a decision on your scholarship application which, I imagine, can only be used on a WMG Masters programme.



Hello Prof João and Heather, wanted to know if the shortlisting will still take place this April based on the timeline proposed in the Transform Website. Thanks



Hello Vivian, the shortlisting for TRANSFORM has taken place and interviewing/offers are in progress at the moment. We had 90 applications so it was extremely competitive especially as we are so limited in awards for overseas applicants.



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Thanks

Hi Vivian, thanks for your question. Indeed, as Heather says, results of the TRANSFORM scholarships should be available soon. We will have two more selection rounds in the academic years of 21/22 and 22/23.



Okay thank you for the feedback. I asked as I did not receive any communication from the department regarding the status of the application



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Hi, I can confirm that I received your documentation earlier this week. I am in the process of sending it around to potential supervisors who will respond to me if they are interested in discussing your research project with a view to supervising your PhD. If this is the case, I will be back in touch with you to initiate a dialogue.



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Hi Grace, congratulations on your offer! The following web page may be useful for finding out more information on accommodation, if you haven't seen it already:

<https://warwick.ac.uk/services/accommodation/studentaccommodation/postgraduate/>

Postgraduate student accommodation | Warwick Accommodation

Discover postgraduate living at the University of Warwick. Find out how to apply and view our on and off campus residences. We offer living options for all budgets and needs.



Thanks Madam.



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Hello Grace, there is campus accommodation available for students who come with their family and separate provision for families. I would advise that you contact the accommodation office to discuss what you need to do in order to apply for this accommodation. There will also be options in the locality if this is your preference and, again, our Accommodation Office can assist you with this.



This is helpful, thank you so much.



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Igne, do you mind sharing a bit with us about any societies you've been involved in?



This is helpful, thank you so much.

No problem. There is also a nursery on-campus which you may wish to consider depending upon your partner's plans.



This is helpful, thank you so much.

Glad the information was useful for your questions and I look forward to welcoming you in our PhD programme, Grace!



Heather, would you explain more on a nursery on-campus?



Yes, here's the link to the nursery which is available for both student and staff pre-school children:
<https://warwick.ac.uk/services/childrenservices/nursery/> There is a cost involved but if you are living on-campus it is very close-by and children can attend part-time.

University of Warwick Nursery

The Nursery Home Page



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If you're interested in sustainability, there are a lot of societies on campus that you can get involved in (Warwick has over 250 societies!) I am currently the marketing officer for Climate Reality Warwick, which is a group of climate activists. We organise events with high-profile academic or professional speakers, we hold discussion groups to reflect on sustainability issues, and have social events!



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I am also involved with Warwick Lithuanian Society as a way to connect with students who are Lithuanian like me. There are a lot of cultural societies where you can spend time with people who are from the same country / cultural background. Here's a list of all of the societies

<https://www.warwicksu.com/societies-sports/societies/>

Societies

Warwick Students' Union - creating a better experience for students at Warwick.





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Hi Vivian, perhaps I can help a little with this question. We will hold a Welcome and introduction to the PhD programme in the first week of term and then there will be weekly PhD student lunches and talks. Your supervisors will be your main point of contact academically but there will be other activities and skills training that you can access too.



Great thanks Heather!



Thank you so much



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Hi Vivian, congratulations for being accepted in our PhD programme in the first place! We will certainly organise an induction session for our PhD students starting this year, but as Heather says, feel free to contact supervisors to discuss academic matters, Heather for administrative issues and myself for questions related to the programme itself.



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There will be opportunities to undertake undergraduate teaching, however, we cannot guarantee this in advance - it will be a case of applying for roles which are available. It's a case of matching your expertise to roles available. I'm sure Joao will be able to give more detail!



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Thank you for the question Abdul and for sharing your extensive previous experience. Although this is not required in our programme, we would certainly support your engagement and contribution to teaching activities across the university and in particular in our undergraduate and postgraduate programme in Global Sustainable Development. Usually, these opportunities are discussed in a bespoke basis and agreed by the supervisor team to ensure students receive advice on the alignment between them and their PhD programme and future career aspirations.



Are there any more questions for us? No question is too small! If you'd like to know more about modules, the research environment at Warwick, the GSD Department... we're here to help



Great thanks Heather!

No problem, we are keen to build a PG community with students in GSD and beyond so that you are supported by your peers as well as your supervisors. We hope to make any training eg Masterclasses for the TRANSFROM programme available to all GSD PhD students. The Doctoral College organises skills sessions which you will be able to access as a PhD student too.



Thank you very much Professor & Madam Heather



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Hi! I am Abbey from Nigeria.



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All PhD students will undertake a PG module in the school 'Global Challenges and Transdisciplinary Responses. Details are here:

<https://courses.warwick.ac.uk/modules/2021/GD909-20> Other than this, your skills training is agreed with your supervisors according to your needs.

GD909-20 Global Challenges and Transdisciplinary Responses - Module Catalogue

Introductory description The module offers training in transdisciplinary approaches to significant Global Challenges, such as, but not limited to: global resource management, Climate Change and human inequalities. The term is divided into three units, each focusing on one defined Global Challenge, covering its foundational natural and social realities, a critical review of existing responses and opportunities for further positive transformation. Contact time sessions require active issue-based and response-focused thinking, using case studies embedded with key conceptual learning, substantive applied knowledge, and process skills (particularly those valuable to engagement as or alongside practitioner stakeholders as part of the transdisciplinary approach). Assessment provides the opportunity to create authentic and rigorous analysis and recommendations for positive intervention.

Module aims This module will explore current issues of global concern, which form reference points in the Sustainable Development agenda, and thus provide an important point of departure for critical engagement with global discourses and practices. Students will develop their aptitude for engagement with environmental, social and economic perspectives as they inculcate themselves into a transdisciplinary approach to responding to the 'wicked' nature of global challenges.

Outline syllabus This is an indicative module outline only to give an indication of the sort of topics that may be covered. Actual sessions held may differ. Module divided into three units of three weeks each, preceding a capstone issue-based, response-focused simulation week (assessment). Units initially comprise: Global Resource Management: Expanding human population and economy into environmental sphere. Economic models, resources and waste. Critical analysis of the conceptual

interpretation of resources in conventional economics and economic development. Responses: “Externalities”, recycling and closed loop supply network...



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Indeed, apart from the formal mandatory training in the module as explained by Heather, there will be a number of research skill training options across the Campus and your supervisor team will help you choose the options which are more important for your PhD project and your career goals.



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Hello Abbey, details of how to start an application for our PhD are here:
<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/schoolforcross-facultystudies/gsd/prospectivestudents/postgraduate/howtoapply/> The first step is to identify supervisors for your research project.

How to apply - Postgraduate study - GSD - University of Warwick

How to apply for taught or research postgraduate programmes in the Department of Global Sustainable Development at the University of Warwick.



We have under ten minutes left of this live chat - thank you for your questions so far. If there's anything else you'd like to know more about please do let us know



Interesting! Many thanks.



In the meantime, here's a short poll from us to find out about how you discovered our postgraduate programmes. If you'd be happy to fill this out we'd appreciate it!

How did you find out about our postgraduate programmes in Global S



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You may wish to take a look at this page: <https://warwick.ac.uk/services/dc/pgr/> to see what the Doctoral College offers in terms of research and professional development skills training.

Researcher Development

Researcher Development Skills Programme (RD) information on workshops, events and resources



More useful & interest. Many thanks.



Awesome!



Thank you for joining us today, if you have further questions, please don't hesitate to contact us on PGGSD@warwick.ac.uk. There is lots of information on our website too including a short video on our PG programmes. Wishing you all the best with your future plans!



Thank you for organising this chat, very helpful.



Thank you for joining us, we're now at the end of this session. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us: PGGSD@warwick.ac.uk



Good luck everyone on your postgraduate degrees! Hope you found this live chat useful!



More useful & interest. Many thanks.
You're very welcome!



Have a nice day . Thanks