

Research Programmes (PhD and MPhil)

WEDC undertakes research that matters, driven by the need to understand what leads to effective and sustainable solutions in water and sanitation, and to contribute to the uptake of proven innovation and good practice. So we welcome enquiries from graduates wishing to undertake a WEDC research programme leading to the degrees of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) or Master of Philosophy (MPhil).

Types of research

We are involved in research in a wide variety of aspects of water and sanitation for both rural and urban environments in developing countries. Some projects are primarily concerned with technology, while others deal with sociological, economic and management factors.

Methodologies

Our research students use a wide range of methods. The data and evidence may be generated from laboratory-based studies, field studies or computer-aided



work. Some of the subject areas we currently cover include water resources, water treatment, wastewater, sanitation and solid waste.

Flexible study

The regulations of Loughborough University for the award of higher degrees are flexible, and we take full advantage of the benefits resulting from this. If you choose to study full-time at the University, then you can carry out research that is continuously supervised by a member of staff. Other options include part-time study at Loughborough, combined with research carried out externally.

Eligibility

A requirement for registration is normally a good honours degree, although in certain circumstances other qualifications may be accepted. Initial registration is



normally for an MPhil. If good progress is made with the research the registration may be transferred to PhD after one year. All candidates must demonstrate fluency in written and spoken English, either by English Language qualifications or by the previous use of English as a language of study.

Studentships

Apply for the doctorate programme at WEDC and you may be eligible for a part or full-time research studentship (subject to the nomination, approval and availability of funds and meeting eligibility criteria).

Further enquiries

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