

Postgraduate Study with WEDC

About WEDC

The Water, Engineering and Development Centre (WEDC) is one of the world's leading education and research institutes for developing knowledge and capacity in water and sanitation for sustainable development and emergency relief.

Founded in 1971, WEDC is based in the School of Civil and Building Engineering at Loughborough University, a top 5 UK University.



WEDC has pioneered research and skills development which promote practical solutions to improve water and sanitation service delivery in low- and middle-income resource constrained environments. WEDC is also known for practitioner outreach through an annual international conference, and high quality publications which can be downloaded free of charge from the WEDC Knowledge Base.

Postgraduate study opportunities

WEDC offers a range of flexible learning opportunities at postgraduate level. Students can come to WEDC or study at home by distance learning. Three postgraduate programmes are offered at Certificate, Diploma or Master of Science (MSc) levels:

- Water and Environmental Management
- Water and Waste Engineering
- Infrastructure in Emergencies

Individual modules can be studied for continued professional development.

Why do students choose to study with WEDC?

WEDC is based at a leading UK University

Loughborough University is currently ranked in the top 5 UK universities in the poll of all UK national newspapers. WEDC was awarded a Queen's Anniversary Prize in 1998. Loughborough University now has 7 Queen's Anniversary Prizes, only Oxford University has more.

High quality specialist courses are externally accredited, and highly regarded by sector employers. The structure of the programmes suits the needs of international students, or those who may be returning to study. There are introductory modules, and continuous and varied means of assessment enable students to monitor their progress.

Our in-house staff resource includes fifteen expert academic staff, who cover a wide range of disciplines. Staff are readily accessible to support students during their studies. All WEDC teaching staff have extensive experience working in low- and middle-income countries. They draw upon their field experience to explain how current theoretical approaches can be practically and realistically applied to address the challenges in resource-constrained working contexts.

Unique and bespoke facilities. WEDC facilities include a unique Resources Centre housing more than 19,000 sector-specific books, series, journals and reports managed by a specialist Information Officer. The WEDC outdoor teaching space includes facilities for learning practical skills such as concreting and the maintenance of our handpump collection. Our fully-equipped public health laboratory with technician support is also available to students.

A vibrant alumni network. Graduates will join a respected global community of WEDC alumni which numbers more than 1000 from over 70 countries. Alumni networks help to facilitate professional contacts for working in a wide range of country contexts. Many WEDC alumni work for international NGOs (MSF, Oxfam, SCF, GOAL, WaterAid, etc.) and agencies (such as UNICEF), or national governments.

A great learning environment. Loughborough University has one of the largest campuses in the UK with excellent sports facilities which match our reputation as the leading UK university for sport. Loughborough is a small market town, with a pleasant environment, where the cost of living is competitive. Loughborough has a lively and active social scene, and it is only an hour and a half by train to London.

Scholarships available for study in 2017/2018

Loughborough-based MSc programmes. Excellence Scholarships are available on our MSc programmes taught in Loughborough for **International** students commencing study in September 2017, as follows: 25% reduction in fees for any student in receipt of the equivalent of a UK first class honours degree; 10% reduction in fees for students with the equivalent of an upper second class degree. These scholarships are not available for UK or EU students.

Alumni Bursary. 20% Bursary to all EU/UK/International applicants.

Distance Learning Scholarships: Please check our website in the Spring for potential distance learning scholarships. Some may be offered by the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission for MSc programmes. For further details visit:

<http://wedc.lboro.ac.uk/learn/distance-learning.html>



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