PhD IN EDUCATION
Postgraduate research at Reading
PhD AT THE INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION

Postgraduate research students are an important and integral part of the research community at Reading. During your time with us, we encourage you to take an active role in the wide range of opportunities available to research students at the Institute.

The Institute currently has about 70 PhD students from the UK and abroad, both full-time and part-time. Examples of recent research topics include:

- The Masters in Teaching and Learning (MTL): a study of policy into practice and its impact on teacher participants.
- The impact of current UK educational reform on the role and professional identities of the FE middle manager.
- Developing effective CPD models for ICT in Saudi Arabia.
- Literacy learning experiences of deaf secondary school students in Nigeria.
- Values of higher popular music education: perspectives from the UK
- Language teaching strategies and lexical acquisition in high school English as a foreign language (EFL) context in China

We can offer you

- Support from world-class researchers
- A dedicated doctoral research base for quiet study and social meetings
- Termly postgraduate research seminars
- Weekly research seminar series
- Three research groups:
  - Language and Literacy in Education: First and Second Language Research Groups
  - Equity, Inclusion and Improvement
  - Values in Practice

The University library

Over a million volumes, 24-hour computer laboratory, online virtual learning and a wide choice of professional development courses.

The University Graduate School

The University provides a wide range of skills training through the Reading Researcher Development Programme within the Graduate School. The RRDP offers a wide range of symposia, seminars, development workshops and activities of relevance to research students at all stages of the research process.

A world-class university and Institute of Education

Ranked in the top 1% of universities worldwide, the University of Reading enjoys a global reputation for teaching, research and enterprise. It is ranked as one of the UK’s 20 most research-intensive universities, with the high quality of its work recognised in the 2014 Research Excellence Framework. In that assessment, over 75% of the research conducted by the Institute of Education was rated as world-leading or internationally excellent.

Through recent investment, the University of Reading offers twenty-first century facilities, vibrant and centrally placed campuses and fast links to London, Heathrow and international transport hubs.
**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

You will be expected to meet the entry requirements for our PhD programme. For further information see: [www.reading.ac.uk/study-pg.aspx](http://www.reading.ac.uk/study-pg.aspx)

**FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

- **University of Reading Studentships**
  For details see: [www.reading.ac.uk/gs-pgstudahss.aspx](http://www.reading.ac.uk/gs-pgstudahss.aspx)
- **Institute of Education Postgraduate Research Studentships**
  The Institute of Education offers a number of open studentships, offering PhD fees (Home/EU) for three years full-time study (or its part–time equivalent) at the Institute of Education. For further information see: [www.reading.ac.uk/ioe-pgrfunding.aspx](http://www.reading.ac.uk/ioe-pgrfunding.aspx)

**FEES**

- **Home/EU** £3,996 full-time
- **Overseas** £13,750 full-time

Students pay fees for each year of registration. Part–time option also available.

**Working away**

In certain circumstances students are allowed to work in approved institutions while pursuing their research with the supervision of both the University of Reading and the other institution.

Fees for ‘working away’ and Part–time options can be found on: [www.reading.ac.uk/graduateschool/prospectivestudents/gs-funding-opportunities.aspx](http://www.reading.ac.uk/graduateschool/prospectivestudents/gs-funding-opportunities.aspx)

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**The Institute of Education**

The Institute of Education is ranked ‘Outstanding’ by Ofsted: a place where world-class research combines with excellence in teaching and learning. Scholars come to our historic campus from all corners of the globe to accelerate their professional development, extend their network and enhance their intellectual satisfaction.

We are one of the leading providers of teacher training in the UK with around 500 students qualifying as teachers each year from our various programmes. We deliver a world-class student experience, research-led teaching and our graduate employability record is excellent. The numbers of our students going on to higher level study is well above the national average.

The Institute of Education continues to evolve, reflecting an ever-changing world, which drives the development of our research excellence. Our focus is a high-quality experience for students on our leafy, cloistered campus, where facilities include a bar/cafeteria and a Resource Centre with Library drop-box.

The main Whiteknights campus, where full library services are provided, is a short walk away and the University’s Museum of English Rural Life is just next door. Centrally located in Reading, we are close to restaurants, bars, cinema and the Oracle Shopping Centre and easily accessible by public transport.
Application
Enrolment takes place in January, April and September.

Formal applications to be made via our online service www.reading.ac.uk/pgapply. The system allows you to attach electronic copies of your academic transcripts, certificates and other supporting information; it also provides a facility for an email request to be sent to your referees enabling them to send your supporting references directly to us.

Prior to application, you are welcome to send us a draft proposal for comment and feedback. We can put you in contact with potential supervisors, and arrange meetings where you can discuss your initial idea in greater detail.

Information on requirements can be found on our website www.reading.ac.uk/education