The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences has a vibrant research culture where postgraduate researchers (PGRs) have opportunities to be involved in cutting-edge research and to work with world experts in their field. The breadth of expertise within our Schools creates exciting opportunities for genuinely original, innovative research that brings together diverse disciplines to make a positive impact on the world.

We provide our research students with first rate research training, access to conferences, and the opportunity to participate in a range of projects and collaborations. Using the University’s outstanding resources, we provide all the additional support necessary to successfully complete a PhD and to equip researchers for a career in academia or beyond.

Liverpool Doctoral College
PhD students automatically become part of the Liverpool Doctoral College (LDC), the home for all doctoral training and development across the University.

To find out more about the LDC, visit: www.liverpool.ac.uk/doctoral-college

The Schools in the Faculty are:
• School of the Arts
• School of Law and Social Justice
• School of Histories, Languages and Cultures
• University of Liverpool Management School.
DOCTORAL TRAINING CENTRES

The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences works in partnership with Doctoral Training Centres to provide PhD students with greater access to funding and quality research training in arts, humanities and social science disciplines. The University of Liverpool is part of the North West Consortium Doctoral Training Partnership (NWCDTP), which offers opportunities across a range of arts and humanities disciplines, and the North West Doctoral Training Centre (NWDTC), which offers PhD students access to funding and quality research training across the social sciences.

The NWDTC is one of 21 Doctoral Training Centres (DTCs) in the UK created in 2011 by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), and is the largest DTC in England. Awarding a minimum of 63 new postgraduate studentships per year, the NWDTC comprises the Universities of Liverpool, Lancaster and Manchester and provides masters and PhD students with access to funding and quality research training in social science disciplines. To date the NWDTC has granted studentships to University of Liverpool students in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences within pathways including: Business and Management; Economics; Economic and Social History; Language Based Areas Studies; Security, Conflict and Justice; Social Work and Sociology.

www.nwdtc.ac.uk
engage@liverpool is a cross-faculty research methods initiative at the University of Liverpool. Interdisciplinary in character, it supports research across the social sciences, the arts and humanities and the natural, life and physical sciences by stimulating and promoting excellence and innovation in the area of research methods and methodology.

engage@liverpool organises and supports regular talks, presentations, and seminars, masterclasses, workshops, and clinics, symposia and conferences.

Get in touch at engage@liverpool.ac.uk or visit: www.liverpool.ac.uk/engage or follow them on Twitter: @livuniengage

MY PhD

Dorota Opyd was awarded her PhD from the School of Law and Social Justice for her thesis, entitled ‘Why are women under-represented in the House of Commons and the Sejm of the Republic of Poland?’.

“This study explores the reasons for gender inequality in the lower chambers of the British and Polish Parliaments. The barriers to women’s political advancement are investigated through elite interviews with women MPs with the aim of identifying and exploring the socio-cultural, socio-economic and structural factors which account for gender imbalance in national parliaments.”

Dorota’s advice to fellow postgraduates: “Set yourself clear goals and do not give up. To be successful, set yourself fixed deadlines for each part of the research and keep to it. Be involved in the academic activities, enter as many conferences as you can and try to publish part of your research. Good luck as when the Viva comes, I promise you will enjoy it!”

LiNK

Liverpool Network of Knowledge Exchange (LiNK) is a pioneering PhD skills training and placement programme.

LiNK is designed specifically for PGRs to develop, as part of their doctoral training, research, professional and interpersonal skills. Linking postgraduate students from across all faculties with cultural and creative industry partners, the programme offers placement, training and networking opportunities as well as the Knowledge Exchange (KE) Fund supporting research and public engagement projects, such as public debates, conferences, and exhibitions.

LiNK is a competitive programme and successful applicants will receive a bursary to cover expenses in relation to a 15-day placement with an external partner. To find out more, visit: www.liverpool.ac.uk/arts/link/
MUSEUMS, SPECIAL COLLECTIONS & ARCHIVES

As a researcher in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, you will have access to a range of exceptional resources which are unique to the University of Liverpool.

The Garstang Museum of Archaeology houses one of the most important collections of antiquities in the UK, reflecting the long history of Archaeology at the University. The Museum, which has recently been refurbished, offers a unique teaching and research resource with a collection that includes objects excavated in Egypt, the Aegean, Sudan, Jericho, Anatolia and Great Britain.

Pottery vessel in the shape of the god Bes, part of the collections in the Garstang Museum

The Sydney Jones Library also boasts impressive Special Collections and Archives, which includes manuscripts and archives, medieval to modern; early and finely printed books, and science fiction collections.

The Science Fiction Hub in the University Archives holds the largest English language collection in Europe.

COMMUNICATION

Every fortnight, the Faculty sends a postgraduate research (PGR) bulletin, which contains essential funding opportunities, events and news for PGRs. The bulletin also encourages PGRs to submit their own items for inclusion. You can view previous bulletins here:

www.liverpool.ac.uk/humanities-and-social-sciences/postgraduate-research/funding/bulletin

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