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Welcome to the Management School!

At the University of Liverpool Management School, you'll have the opportunity to explore your own ideas and undertake innovative research, with the support of world leading experts in accounting and finance, economics and a variety of areas in management.

Our postgraduate research programmes

Accounting and Finance PhD
Accounting and Finance MRes

Economics PhD
Economics MRes

Management PhD
Management MRes



We offer three specialist PhD programmes and MRes pathways, all delivered in-person at our emblematic Liverpool campus.

If you choose to do a PhD with us, you can start your doctoral studies at any time throughout the year¹, with full-time and part-time options also available for UK students.

Doing a postgraduate research degree is a very demanding journey, so we're here to ensure your time with us is not only intellectually

challenging but also academically enriched, rewarding and fulfilling at a personal and professional level.

As well as receiving thought-provoking advice and guidance from our academic staff, you'll have access to seminars and conferences where prominent international speakers present their latest ideas and research.

We'll also provide you with additional opportunities for your professional development, including research workshops,

higher education teacher training and careers support, all complemented with a wide variety of wellbeing services and social activities.

Continue reading to find out more about our programmes and funding opportunities available at the Management School.

We're looking forward to receiving your application and for you to become part of our exciting research community.

¹ Although you can start at the beginning of any month, we recommend doing so in October or January where possible. This coincides with the start dates of our training modules.

Join our excellent research environment

The University of Liverpool is an exciting place to start your academic career, with unique opportunities to get involved in cutting-edge interdisciplinary research across multiple areas.

Our PhD and MRes students are a vital part of our research community.

By joining us you'll become part of our live research ecosystem and gain access to a number of professional networks, which bring together PhD students, faculty industry partners and public sector organisations.

Our University is part of the Russell Group of universities, acknowledged as the UK's leading academic establishments for excellence in teaching and research.

The Management School itself is a research powerhouse with international experts shaping world-class academic thought and making an impact on business practice, policymaking and society.

Our research encompasses a wide range of topics in accounting and finance, economics, marketing, operations and supply chain management, strategy, international business, entrepreneurship, organisational management and HR.

As well as publishing in leading scholarly journals, our academic staff also conduct research projects for companies and governments worldwide, focusing on growing enterprises, innovation and communities.

Our research strength is reflected in the latest Research Excellence Framework (REF 2021), with our School reaching the Top 20 out of 108 UK business and management schools:

- 12th place for research classified as 'world leading' (4*) or 'internationally excellent' (3*)
- 100% of research supported by a 'world leading' (4*) or 'internationally excellent' (3*) environment
- 9th place for research power, which considers strength in numbers of research staff and research performance.

These excellent results reflect our commitment to developing outstanding academic knowledge with a direct benefit for a wide range of institutions.

We're also in the 1% of academic institutions across the world to hold the gold standard triple accreditation from the Association of MBA's (AMBA), the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) and EQUIS.

These are the three most rigorous quality assessments for business and management schools, which means we provide the highest standard in educational experiences, including faculty, staff and facilities.



Research centres

The Management School supports pioneering and interdisciplinary research via six research centres specialised in contemporary issues in business and society.

All our research students are welcome to join any of these centres and take advantage of funding opportunities, as well as accessing internal and external research networks around cutting-edge themes.

Our research centres bring together researchers from different areas to explore complex challenges that require an interdisciplinary approach and provide actionable insights for organisations and policymakers.

Brett Centre for Entrepreneurship

Inspiring excellence in entrepreneurship and enterprise

The Brett Centre for Entrepreneurship addresses opportunities and challenges for entrepreneurship, self-employment, start-up generation and enabling business growth for small and medium enterprises.

The centre focuses on examining how entrepreneurship contributes to solving society's most pressing challenges and helps foster an entrepreneurial culture across the Liverpool City Region and beyond.

Its research encompasses a variety of topics connected to entrepreneurship, including opportunities and barriers for different demographic groups, organisational forms, technology and innovation, and policy change.

Centre for Supply Chain Research

Enhancing business productivity, responsiveness and resilience

The Centre for Supply Chain Research is a forerunner in offering new, technologically innovative and global solutions to improve productivity, responsiveness and resilience.

With strong links to public and private organisations, it promotes collaborative research, knowledge exchange and advisory services on current and emerging issues affecting supply chains, operations and technology.

Its research covers a wide range of topics, including transport and logistics, agri-food production, sustainable supply chain management, agile operations, and application of new technology and analytics to mitigate risk.

Centre for Sports Business

Advancing knowledge and practice in the business of sport

The Centre for Sports Business produces world-leading research in the business of sport, from understanding audience behaviours to addressing gambling, with specific studies in football, cricket, horse racing, etc.

The Centre is a leading hub for sports business knowledge and practice for sporting organisations, governing bodies, leagues and clubs from all over the world.

Its research is aligned with key business and policy issues facing the sports industry, in areas, such as finance, governance and regulation, analytics and data, the economics of sports competitions, and marketing, technology and innovation.

Centre for Sustainable Business

Reimagining business: collectively, urgently, responsibly

The Centre for Sustainable Business is a hub of actionable research insights, which supports practitioners and policymakers in finding solutions to the climate emergency and social justice issues.

Experts from finance, economics and different management areas work together to reimagine how companies can create net positive outcomes to restore our global socio-ecological systems.

Its research covers links between social, environmental and economic issues, with a focus on non-financial reporting and corporate accountability, responsible consumption and circularity, and how disruptive technologies shape ecosystems.

Centre for Organisational and Employee Wellbeing

Prioritising employee wellbeing for better organisational performance

The Centre for Organisational and Employee Wellbeing recognises the impact of happy (or unhappy) employees on business performance, and sheds light on how organising and managing impacts production, working life and health.

The Centre brings together insights from psychology, economics, sociology, political science and other disciplines, to better understand what workplace wellbeing is and how to promote it at strategic and cultural levels.

Its research is aligned with two main themes: people and change management practices, and equality, diversity and wellbeing.

LAMBDA Research Centre

Liverpool Advanced Methods for Big Data Analytics

The Liverpool Advanced Methods for Big Data Analytics (LAMBDA) Research Centre is an interdisciplinary research group, that uses big data analytics to achieve better strategic decision making and enhance business, economic, urban and industrial planning.

The Centre develops and applies machine learning methods and algorithms to explore, describe, visualise and synthesise complex relationships often observed in a variety of management and business problems.

Its research covers a wide range of topics, including firm behaviour and performance, economic policy analysis and evaluation, big data and machine learning in finance, big data analysis for business and management, and econometrics and big data methods.



The University has a lot of agreements with the government and other data services, that give us access to really high quality data other universities don't necessarily have. These institutional agreements allow us to conduct research that other people can't do, even if they wanted to.

Luke Walsh
Economics PhD student

Your postgraduate research journey

Join our vibrant and active community of PhD and MRes students, pursuing research in a vast range of topics in accounting and finance, economics and management.

Academic training and supervision

Our postgraduate research programmes focus on three main areas, with tailored modules designed to develop your research skills in either accounting and finance, economics or management.

You'll study the same modules whether you're a PhD or an MRes student – the difference is that if you're doing a PhD, you'll move straight onto the thesis development stage once you've completed your research training.

To ensure you're fully supported during your thesis, you'll work with a primary supervisor who is a leading expert in their field, and a secondary supervisor, who is also an established expert or a promising early career researcher in your area of study.



As a postgraduate research student, you'll become part of the subject group that best aligns with your area of investigation.

So, you'll be taught and work alongside leading academics who regularly publish in top-tier international journals and have substantial experience in writing and undertaking research grants.



The thing about Liverpool is that no matter where you come from, no matter what your background is, there is plenty of support in place. I wouldn't have continued to do a PhD if I hadn't felt so welcome. I'm in the final stage of my PhD and it has been an incredible journey, but I don't think I could have done it without the support from staff here.

Malika Ben Khala
Management PhD student

Conferences, seminars and workshops

As part of your academic journey, we ensure you have as many opportunities as possible to build professional relationships, vital to your future career.

The School's departments and research centres regularly organise academic seminars where you can meet prominent guest speakers in your area, learn about their latest research and ask questions.

We have dedicated funds for you to attend international conferences, as these provide a crucial platform to advance your academic career by:

- Presenting your work to a relevant audience
- Learning about the latest findings in your field
- Meeting potential collaborators, mentors or future employers.

As well as excellent networking opportunities, conferences offer a break from the academic bubble and a chance to gain specialist feedback, experience and confidence.

During your time with us, you'll receive ample advice and feedback to prepare you for the academic job market via job market workshops, mock interviews and presentations, as well as completing the University's teacher training programme.

You'll also get access to events, learning resources and academic forums on how to manage the different stages of the postgraduate research process, develop impactful research and enhance your leadership skills.



Funding opportunities at the University of Liverpool Management School are really great, including conference support, which gave me the chance to attend international conferences. These present unvaluable opportunities to connect with experienced scholars and find people to collaborate with in the future.

Naeema Neefa
Management PhD student

Wellbeing support

Although extremely rewarding, completing a research degree is a tough experience, designed to stretch you intellectually, academically and personally.

At the School, you can share any concerns you may have with your supervisors and our dedicated Postgraduate Research Team, and we have a very close community of academics and students that can relate to your experiences.

The University offers a wide variety of services to ensure you feel supported throughout this journey, including mental health and wellbeing advice, counselling, self-help guides and a 24-hour helpline.

There are plenty of workshops and events specially dedicated to postgraduate research students that you can join to meet new colleagues, expand your network and experience the University's research culture in an informal setting.

This includes our PGR-Postdoc Buddy Scheme, where a postdoc will offer their insights of working as a researcher at University of Liverpool and how to make the most of your time here.



What really was important for me at the beginning was the wellbeing support system at the University of Liverpool. I really felt for the first time that I was in a university where my wellbeing actually mattered. I've had the chance to be in an environment where I'm a researcher, but also a person. My supervisors are not just responsible for the quality of my research, but also my wellbeing.

Victoria Biaggi
Economics PhD student



Accounting and Finance PhD

Full-time 2-4 years Part-time 4-6 years²

Become a specialist in building impactful research-based solutions to current and future challenges in micro and macro finance, with our Accounting and Finance PhD programme.

Tailored training³

We offer tailored training with modules⁴ specifically designed to develop your research skills in accounting and finance, and prepare you to undertake advanced empirical research:

- Research foundations (I and II)
- Corporate finance and accounting
- Asset pricing theory
- Empirical corporate finance and accounting
- Empirical asset pricing.

By studying with us, you'll also gain access to specialist statistical and econometrics software, and globally recognised databases for financial research.



² Part-time option only available for UK and Republic of Ireland students.

³ Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

⁴ To move onto the thesis development stage of your PhD, you must complete six 20-credit modules (120 in total).

Research topics

This doctoral programme covers a wide range of topics for investigation, from investment strategies and corporate finance to global financial dynamics and macroeconomic relationships.

We welcome research proposals in topics including, but not limited to:

Asset pricing and investment

- Empirical asset pricing and performance evaluation
- Investment technology, ethics and strategy
- Equity and other asset classes
- Financial econometrics and machine learning.

Corporate finance and accounting

- Corporate governance and shareholder value
- Corporate finance, networks and insider trading
- Market-based accounting research and corporate transparency
- Sustainability, corporate social responsibility (CSR) and environmental, social and governance (ESG).

International financial markets and the macroeconomy

- Sovereign debt and international monetary policy
- Time series analysis of macro and financial indicators
- Impact of social media on financial markets.

Financial technology (FinTech)

- Payment technologies and the future of money
- Explainable artificial intelligence (AI) in financial services
- Integration of FinTech and big data in financial markets and sustainable finance.



In addition to the research topics highlighted above, you're also welcome to suggest your own theme for a potential research project.

Entry requirements

To enter this programme, you'll need a UK master's degree, or international equivalent, in accounting and finance or a related discipline, preferably at merit or above, plus demonstrable quantitative and programming skills.

If you're not from a majority English speaking country, you'll also need to demonstrate competence in the use of English language, (ie IELTS 7.0 overall, with no component below 6.5, or equivalent).

Career prospects

Completing this PhD gives you the opportunity to transition into a variety of career destinations in academia, policymaking and business practice.

Alongside a deep understanding of financial theory, you'll develop strong analytical capabilities in data interpretation, financial modelling and policy evaluation, to help you address real-world challenges.

In addition to gaining a substantial level of specialisation, you'll graduate with a wide range of skills, which are highly sought after by employers and transferable to careers in business consultancy and policymaking.

These skills include dissecting problems, gathering and analysing data, writing papers and presenting information.



As an Accounting and Finance PhD graduate, you may wish to follow many of our previous PhD students into a career in academia, working at leading research-oriented universities in the UK or overseas.

Beyond academia, your advanced training and research experience will equip you for a wide range of professional opportunities in a variety of sectors:

- Financial services and banking
- Consulting services, including economic and strategy consulting
- Government departments and regulatory bodies
- International organisations and non-governmental organisations
- Think tanks and policy institutes
- Corporate strategy and finance departments.

You'll be ready to apply for a variety of roles, including:

- Economic or financial consultant
- Policy analyst or advisor
- Quantitative analyst or researcher
- Risk or data analyst
- Research financial economist
- Strategy associate
- Environmental, social and governance (ESG) or sustainability analyst (particularly for those working in related topics).

Apply now

Visit our website to find out more about our Accounting and Finance PhD programme and start your application.



Accounting and Finance MRes

Full-time 1 year Part-time 2 years⁵

Take the first step into a successful career as an accounting and finance researcher, and learn how to design impactful research-based solutions to current and future challenges in micro and macro finance.

Our Accounting and Finance MRes is an Economic and Social Research Council recognised degree, which will introduce you to a broad range of traditional research methodologies and emerging techniques.

This course is an excellent 'springboard' for a PhD in accounting and finance, but you can also study it as a standalone master's degree to get ready for research-focused roles in commercial, policy and professional organisations⁶.

You'll gain a deep understanding of key theories in corporate finance, financial accounting and asset pricing, and essential skills to design and undertake empirical research in these areas.

The academic modules for this degree are the same as for the Accounting and Finance PhD – you'll complete six 20-credit modules (120 in total), plus a 60-credit dissertation.

Entry requirements

To enter this programme, you'll need a UK master's degree, or international equivalent, in accounting and finance or a related discipline, preferably at merit or above, plus demonstrable quantitative and programming skills.

If you're not from a majority English speaking country, you'll also need to demonstrate competence in the use of English language, (ie IELTS 7.0 overall, with no component below 6.5, or equivalent).

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⁵ Part-time option only available for UK and Republic of Ireland students.

⁶ MRes courses place more emphasis on research skills, so if your goal is not to move on to a PhD or research-focused roles, we recommend you consider a specialist master's degree instead.



Economics PhD

Full-time 2–4 years

Part-time 4–6 years⁷



With an established tradition of developing next generation economists, our Economics PhD provides the skills and knowledge to answer pressing economic questions facing the world.

Tailored training⁸

We offer tailored training with modules⁹ specifically designed to develop your research skills in economics and prepare you to undertake advanced empirical research:

- Research foundations (I and II)
- Advanced topics in macroeconomics
- Advanced topics in microeconomics
- Advanced topics in macroeconometrics
- Advanced topics in microeconometrics.

By studying with us, you'll also gain access to specialist statistical and econometrics software, and globally recognised databases for economics research.

Research topics

This doctoral programme covers a wide range of topics for investigation in micro and macroeconomics, as well as the economics of sports.

We welcome research proposals in topics including, but not limited to:

- Microeconomics theory
- Applied microeconomics
- Macroeconomics
- Econometrics and financial econometrics
- Political economy
- Industrial organisation
- Sports economics.

In addition to the research topics highlighted above, you're also welcome to suggest your own theme for a potential research project.

Entry requirements

To enter this programme, you'll need a UK master's degree, or international equivalent, in economics or a related discipline, preferably at merit or above, plus demonstrable quantitative and programming skills.

If you're not from a majority English speaking country, you'll also need to demonstrate competence in the use of English language, (ie IELTS 7.0 overall, with no component below 6.5, or equivalent).

Career prospects

Completing this PhD gives you the opportunity to transition into a variety of career destinations in academia, policymaking and business practice.

Alongside a deep understanding of economic theory, you'll develop strong analytical capabilities in data interpretation, economic modelling and policy evaluation, to help you address real-world challenges.

In addition to gaining a substantial level of specialisation, you'll graduate with a wide range of skills, which are highly sought after by employers and transferable to careers in business consultancy and policymaking.

These skills include dissecting problems, gathering and analysing data, writing papers and presenting information.

As an Economics PhD graduate, you may wish to follow many of our previous PhD students into a career in academia, working at leading research-oriented universities in the UK or overseas.

Beyond academia, you'll be prepared for a wide range of professional opportunities in:

- Financial services and banking, including central banks
- Consulting services
- Government departments and regulatory bodies
- International organisations and non-governmental organisations, eg IMF, World Bank, OECD
- Think tanks and policy institutes.

You'll be ready to apply for a variety of roles, including:

- Economic analysts or consultant
- Policy analyst or advisor
- Quantitative analyst or researcher
- Data scientist.

Apply now

Visit our website to find out more about our Economics PhD programme and start your application.



Economics MRes

Full-time 1 year

Part-time 2 years¹⁰

Take the first step into a successful career as an economics researcher, and learn the latest research methods to provide answers to the pressing economic questions facing the world.

Our Economics MRes is an Economic and Social Research Council recognised degree, which will introduce you to a broad range of traditional research methodologies and emerging techniques.

This course is an excellent 'springboard' for a PhD in economics, but you can also study it as a standalone master's degree to get ready for research-focused roles in commercial, policy and professional organisations¹¹.

You'll gain a deep understanding of key theories in micro- and macroeconomics, and essential skills to design and undertake empirical research in these areas.

The academic modules for this degree are the same as for the Economics PhD – you'll complete six 20-credit modules (120 in total), plus a 60-credit dissertation.

Entry requirements

To enter this programme, you'll need a UK master's degree, or international equivalent, in economics or a related discipline, preferably at merit or above, plus demonstrable quantitative and programming skills.

If you're not from a majority English speaking country, you'll also need to demonstrate competence in the use of English language, (ie IELTS 7.0 overall, with no component below 6.5, or equivalent).

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¹¹ MRes courses place more emphasis on research skills, so if your goal is not to move on to a PhD or research-focused roles, we recommend you consider a specialist master's degree instead.



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⁸ Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

⁹ To move onto the thesis development stage of your PhD, you must complete six 20-credit modules (120 in total).

Management PhD

Full-time 2-4 years

Part-time 4-6 years¹²



Our multidisciplinary Management PhD offers specialisation in key business areas, such as supply chain, international business, entrepreneurship, marketing and the world of organisations.

Tailored training¹³

We offer tailored training with modules¹⁴ specifically designed to develop your research skills in management and prepare you to undertake advanced empirical research:

- Research foundations (I and II)
- Quantitative methods in business and management
- Qualitative methods in business and management
- Advanced quantitative research methods
- Advanced qualitative research methods
- Advanced topics in your subject of specialisation, ie Marketing; Operations and Supply Chain Management; Strategy, International Business and Entrepreneurship; Work, Organisation and Management.

By studying with us, you'll also gain access to professional software relevant to your area of specialisation, and globally recognised databases for management research.

Research topics

This doctoral programme covers a wide range of topics for investigation across all aspects of business management.

We welcome research proposals in topics including, but not limited to:

Marketing

- B2B marketing
- Consumer behaviour and digital identity
- Consumer culture
- Marketing strategy and analytics
- Vulnerable consumers and responsible marketing.

Operations and Supply Chain Management

- Transport and logistics
- Agri-food supply chains
- Sustainable operations and supply chain management
- Agile operations
- Supply chain technologies, analytics and risk.

Strategy, International Business and Entrepreneurship

- Sustainable strategy and its governance
- International business and management of people, knowledge and technology across borders
- Innovation, collaboration and emerging digital technologies
- Strategic intellectual property management across global innovation contexts
- Entrepreneurship and social inclusion.

Work, Organisation and Management

- Work, health and wellbeing
- Leadership
- Equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI)
- Identity
- Grand challenges in work, organisation and management.

In addition to the research topics highlighted above, you're also welcome to suggest your own theme for a potential research project.

Entry requirements

To enter this programme, you'll need a UK master's degree, or international equivalent, in a business and management discipline, preferably at merit or above.

If you're not from a majority English speaking country, you'll also need to demonstrate competence in the use of English language, (ie IELTS 7.0 overall, with no component below 6.5, or equivalent).

Career prospects

Completing this PhD gives you the opportunity to transition into a variety of career destinations in academia, policymaking and business practice.

Alongside a deep understanding of key theories in management, you'll develop strong analytical capabilities in data interpretation, business modelling and policy evaluation, to help you address real-world challenges.

In addition to gaining a substantial level of specialisation, you'll graduate with a wide range of skills, which are highly sought after by employers and transferable to careers in business consultancy and policymaking.

These skills include dissecting problems, gathering and analysing data, writing papers and presenting information.

As a Management PhD graduate, you may wish to follow many of our previous PhD students into a career in academia, working at leading research-oriented universities in the UK or overseas.

Beyond academia, you'll be prepared for a wide range of professional opportunities in:

- Consulting services
- Government departments and regulatory bodies
- International organisations and non-governmental organisations, eg UN, OECD
- Think tanks and policy institutes.

You'll be ready to apply for a variety of roles within your area of focus, including:

- Strategic roles, eg Business Development Specialist, Corporate Development
- Business analysts or consultant
- Policy analyst or advisor
- Quantitative/qualitative analyst or researcher
- Data scientist.

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Management MRes

Full-time 1 year

Part-time 2 years¹⁵

Take the first step into a successful career as a business and management researcher, and learn the latest research methods to address contemporary challenges faced by corporations, policymakers and society.

Our Management MRes is an Economic and Social Research Council recognised degree, which will introduce you to a broad range of traditional research methodologies and emerging techniques.

This course is an excellent 'springboard' for a PhD in management, but you can also study it as a standalone master's degree to get ready for research-focused roles in commercial, policy and professional organisations¹⁶.

You'll gain a deep understanding of key theories in your area of specialisation (ie supply chain, international business, entrepreneurship, marketing and the world of organisations), and essential skills to design and undertake empirical quantitative or qualitative research.

The academic modules for this degree are the same as for the Management PhD – you'll complete six 20-credit modules (120 in total), plus a 60-credit dissertation.

Entry requirements

To enter this programme, you'll need a UK (or international equivalent) bachelor's (Honours) degree at 2:1 or above, or a master's degree with merit, in business and management or a related discipline.

If you're not from a majority English speaking country, you'll also need to demonstrate competence in the use of English language, (ie IELTS 7.0 overall, with no component below 6.5, or equivalent).

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¹³Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

¹⁴To move onto the thesis development stage of your PhD, you must complete six 20-credit modules (120 in total).



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¹³Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

¹⁴To move onto the thesis development stage of your PhD, you must complete six 20-credit modules (120 in total).

Funding your degree

Alongside directly paying for your own PhD, there's a variety of internal and external funding options you can consider to cover the cost of your PhD.



Securing funding can be complex and time consuming, so it's important that you start your search early. Here are some alternatives you may want to explore:

PhD studentships

Funded research degrees, commonly known as studentships, cover the cost of your degree and often provide a stipend to cover living expenses.

The Management School offers the opportunity to apply for one of our competitive Graduate Teaching Fellowships, to those planning to start their doctoral studies with us in October (see 'Four year Graduate Teaching Fellowships' section).

Several organisations, such as the North West Social Science Doctoral Training Partnership and the China Scholarship Council, also offer scholarships which typically cover living costs and tuition fees at home level.

Scholarships and awards

The University offers a range of scholarships and awards (grants and bursaries) for UK and international postgraduate research students, which can help you cover all or part of your tuition fees and help towards other expenses.

Charities and trusts

Many national and international organisations, including the Nuffield Foundation, Leverhulme Trust and Wellcome Trust, offer financial support to postgraduate researchers before and during their degree.

Funding is usually awarded based on academic excellence and/or economic hardship, so we recommend you do some research on any potential funding opportunities based on your own circumstances.

Postgraduate Doctoral Loan

If you're a UK national, Irish citizen or have settled status in the UK, a Postgraduate Doctoral Loan can help with course fees and living costs while you study.

If eligible, the loan is not means tested, issued directly to you in three instalments per academic year and repayable when you're earning above a certain income threshold.

Employee sponsorship

If you're already working for an organisation that may benefit from your research project, they may agree to provide financial assistance while you study your PhD.

If you'd like to be sponsored by your employer, you should approach your line manager, human resources or training and development team proposing how postgraduate research can improve your skills and benefit the organisation.

Visit our website to find out more about PhD fees and funding opportunities.



Four year Graduate Teaching Fellowships

Kickstart your academic career with full financial support for your PhD and gain expert skills in research and teaching with our graduate teaching fellowships (GTFs).

Receiving one of our GTFs gives you the funds to launch your academic career, while you gain experience as a university lecturer to become a rounded scholar:

- Competitive annual maintenance grant
- Full coverage of PhD programme fees
- Higher education (HE) teacher training and practice.

If you are an international student, you must also demonstrate a sufficient level of English proficiency and satisfy the University's requirements.

The ideal option to fund your PhD

If you have a relevant master's degree and are planning to apply for our Accounting and Finance, Economics or Management PhD programmes, our GTFs are the ideal funding opportunity for you.

A GTF is a studentship for full-time PhD students which provides substantial financial support and an opportunity to gain experience as a HE teacher.

This means that as well as pursuing your PhD research, you'll also be involved in a fixed number of teaching hours during your time with us.

As a Management School Graduate Teaching Fellow, you'll receive an annual maintenance grant and full coverage of your programme fees for four years.

GTFs are compatible with external bursaries, as well as other PGR funds for postgraduate research students offered by the Management School, including those from our Conference Support Scheme.

Please, be aware our GTFs aren't compatible with other studentships, such as those offered by the North West Social Science Doctoral Training Partnership and the China Scholarship Council.

HE teacher training

In year one, alongside your specific PhD research modules, you'll complete a short teacher training course by the University of Liverpool.

As well as gaining a formal HE teaching qualification, you'll learn key pedagogical skills for the academic job market, primarily through shadowing mentored classroom involvement.

During the remainder of your PhD, you'll have the opportunity to put your teaching skills into practice while completing your doctoral research thesis.

Apply for one of our GTFs

To apply for one of our GTFs, you'll need a UK master's degree, or international equivalent, in a relevant area, preferably at merit or above, plus a strong research proposal¹⁷.

Visit our website to find out more details on this years' call for applications and entry requirements.



I'm very fortunate to have received a Graduate Teaching Fellowship. I'm a fully funded PhD student and I also get a monthly stipend for four years. The funding helps me a lot because without it I couldn't afford to do my PhD. I teach undergraduate students, which gives me four years of teaching experience as well.

Sahid Hossain
Accounting and Finance PhD student

¹⁷If you'd like to study an Accounting and Finance PhD or an Economics PhD with us, you must also demonstrate quantitative and programming skills.

Liverpool: an exciting place to learn and live

Warm and welcoming, characterful and full of characters, there's nowhere quite like Liverpool. Our city marches to the beat of its own drum. Like us, you'll be proud to call it home.



With a personality of its own, Liverpool is considered one of the friendliest cities in the UK. Our University shares and shapes the city's spirit by opening our doors to learners from all walks of life.

Home to nearly half a million people, Liverpool is famous for its commercial influence and cultural impact worldwide, and is the perfect place to bring teaching, research and practice together.

Our beautiful campus offers the ideal environment to learn and live in, peppered with a catalogue of stunning architecture, beautiful green spaces and facilities that ensure everything you could ever need is right here.

From our iconic Victoria Gallery and Museum to high-tech sustainable buildings, our campus blends tradition and modern design, with spaces that are both timeless and functional.



Studying here is a richly diverse experience, and there are plenty of ways for you to broaden your worldview even more, by joining our clubs and societies, volunteering opportunities and sports activities.

We sit at the heart of Liverpool's Knowledge Quarter, a world-leading urban innovation district located near the city centre, port and major cultural assets.

Just a few steps away, you'll discover Liverpool's exciting cultural scene, with more galleries and museums than any other UK city outside of London, and a rich calendar of music events, theatrical performances and football matches.

Alongside the renowned Royal Albert Dock, Liverpool offers beautiful surroundings and stunning beaches, including Sefton Park, Formby's coastal nature haven and plenty of walking routes in the neighbouring Wirral peninsula.

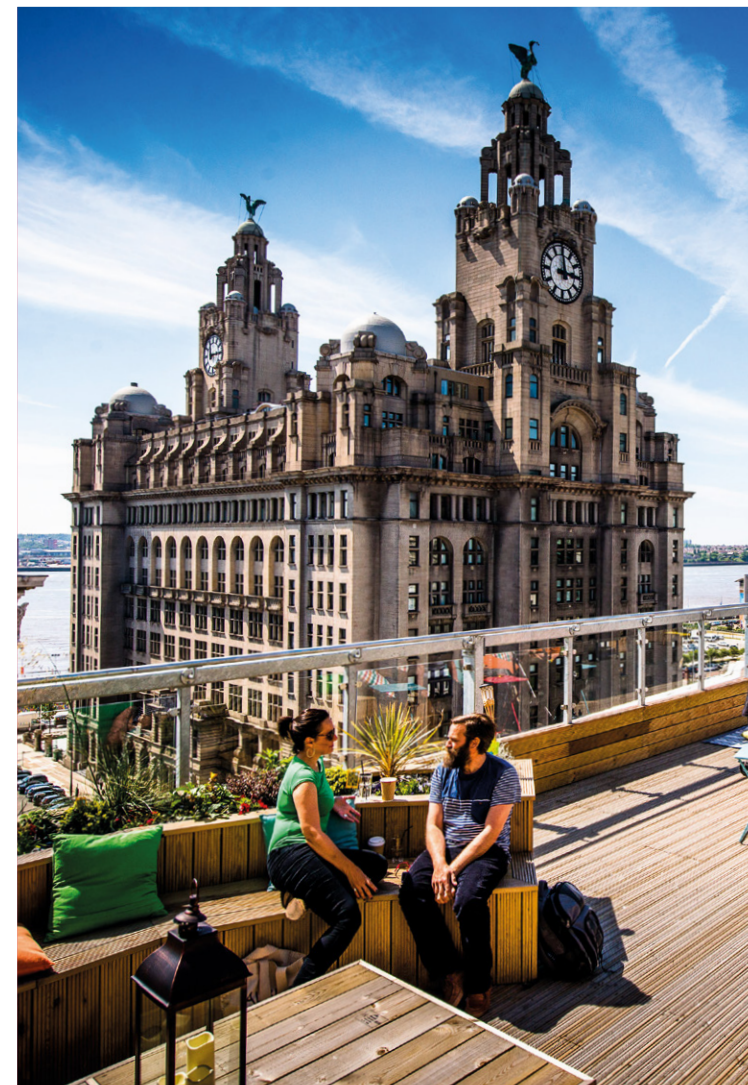
Liverpool's entrepreneurial and creative spirit is also fuelling a boom in start-ups and attracting many global businesses. This growing ecosystem offers fertile ground to connect and collaborate with key industry players.

With close access to many major transport links, there are plenty of affordable options to discover new places in the UK and Europe, that you can enjoy while you study with us.



The satisfaction level is very high here, because the living cost is not so high and Liverpool is also really close to the sea. Every time I feel tired or frustrated, I just walk to the Albert Dock or take the train to West Kirby, Formby, etc. Those are the places where I can just enjoy nature and feel calmed, powerful and energetic.

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