



Study for a PhD

Applied Social Sciences

The Applied Social Sciences Doctoral Training Programme at De Montfort University (DMU) aims to create an excellent research experience for postgraduate research students in the fields of:

- Health, healthcare and health policy
- Crime and justice
- Ethnicity and diversity
- Social work and social justice, including youth studies and caring

Your topic might involve the study of individual encounters, group behaviour, institutional processes and community practices or broader questions of policy formulation at national and international level. You might have an interest in research related to public services, for instance in terms of advancing the understanding of the experiences and perspectives of service users, the development of professional roles or analysis and evaluation of the services themselves.

The Applied Social Sciences Doctoral Training Programme (DTP) exploits a track record of nationally and internationally recognised research, including collaboration with local and international partners. You will be guided throughout your PhD by a small team of experienced staff. You will have the opportunity to undertake advanced research training courses and specialist workshops in order to deepen your philosophical understanding of research and widen your practical skills and capabilities as a researcher. You will learn alongside other PhD and postgraduate students in an interdisciplinary context. You will join a research grouping and be able to participate in staff-student seminars and become part of the research culture of the university. You will have opportunities to experience and develop your skills in undergraduate teaching and to build academic and professional networks.

The university's pioneering research, driven by more than 700 research students and supported by 500 staff, is internationally renowned and addresses some of the most critical issues affecting our world.

Demonstrating the significance of this work, three key pieces of research are listed among the UK's top 100 projects that will have a profound impact on the future.

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