



UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH
Business School

PGR/PhD Programmes at the Business School



Friday 21 November 2025
13:30 – 14:30

Coming up

- Our Research Community
- Learn more about:
 - *PhD programmes*
 - *MSc by Research (Management)*
- Find out about the programme structures
- Discover what you can do with a research degree from UEBS
- Find out how to apply



Mette Cameron

Director of Marketing and
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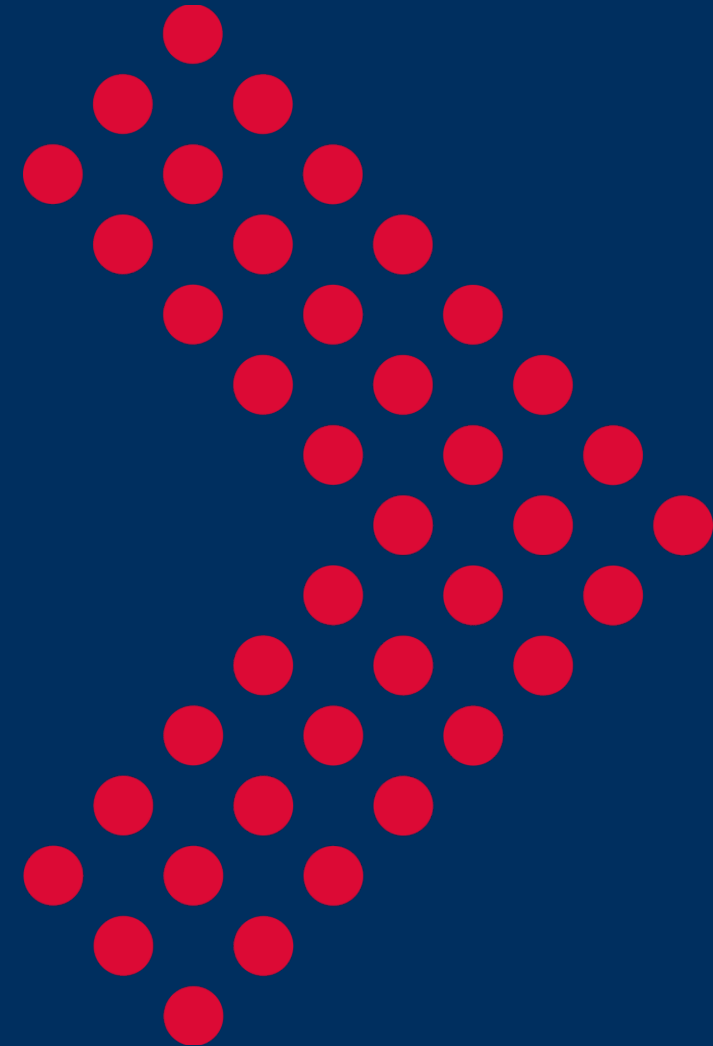
This session also features a Q&A
with a current student.

PGR/PhD at the Business School



Ben Sila

Director of Postgraduate Taught Programmes
Chair of Finance





Our Business School

The Department of Business first admitted students in 1928, making us one of the oldest and most experienced Business Schools in the world.

At the time it offered a Bachelor of Commerce, the first Business Studies degree in Scotland and one of the first in the UK.

The School is currently triple accredited (AMBA, EQUIS, and AACSB) – one of the few worldwide who can claim this achievement.





Our Research Community

Research Areas

- Accounting & Finance
- Entrepreneurship & Innovation
- Marketing
- Management Science and Business Economics
- Organisation Studies
- Strategy
- State-of-the-art facilities
- ~140 active research students from 45 nationalities
- Guidance from 130+ Academic and Professional Support Staff
- Numerous networking events, seminars and workshops with distinguished guest speakers

Our Research Programmes



PhD Business Economics (3 years)

PhD Financial Technology (3 years)

PhD Management Science & Analytics (3 years)

PhD with Integrated Study in Accounting (4 years)

PhD with Integrated Study in Finance (4 years)

PhD with Integrated Study in Management (4 years)

MSc by Research (Management) (1 year)

Find out more and register your interest at:

<https://www.business-school.ed.ac.uk/phd>

You can apply directly using the University Degree Finder:

<https://study.ed.ac.uk/programmes/postgraduate-research-a-z>



What is a Doctorate?

As a doctoral (PhD) candidate you will have the opportunity to pursue original research and make a significant contribution to your chosen field.

If you choose to study on one of our PhDs with Integrated Study full-time you will spend 4 years building and demonstrating your ability to do advanced, systematic research using specialised knowledge, at the frontier of business, accounting and finance.

If you choose to study on one of our Management Science & Analytics or Financial Technology PhDs, you will spend 3 years full-time or 6 years part-time pursuing independent research and developing specialised knowledge and skills.

At the end of your PhD, you will write up your findings in a thesis and submit this for an oral examination (viva voce) with an academic panel, consisting of one internal and at least one external examiner.



Our MScR Programme

Our MSc by Research in Management programme, commonly referred to as the MRes, develops your ability to pursue original research in a critical and scholarly way. It may be taken either as a free-standing Masters or as the first part of a PhD programme.

It's a 12-month programme with a September start date. You'll receive 120 credits worth of in-depth training in topics such as research design and guided reading, before embarking on 60 credit dissertation.

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What we can offer you

- Supervision from acclaimed academic faculty
- Taught, credited courses designed to expand your knowledge base and develop your research strategies
- Dedicated, modern facilities with numerous databases and specialist resources
- A close-knit peer network of students and inspiring alumni from across the globe
- A vibrant research environment with regular seminars, masterclasses, and events allowing you to connect and learn from experts across the business world





Entry Requirements

MSc by Research in Management

Previous undergraduate degree at a 2:1 minimum.

PhD with Integrated Study in Management, Accounting or Finance

Previous Masters with an overall mark of 65% or above, distinction level dissertation. MBA or master's students without a dissertation are welcome to apply and should normally provide evidence of distinction-level work throughout their studies.

Those joining the Accounting or Finance programmes should hold their Masters in a similar quantitative or business subject. Applicants may be able to be considered without a Masters if they hold an Undergraduate degree with a First Class classification and a dissertation with a mark of 70% or more.

PhD in Financial Technology

Previous Masters with an overall mark of 70% or above, and normally a distinction dissertation in finance, economics, informatics, physics, mathematics, engineering, or other relevant programmes with significant quantitative elements. Students with significant finance and technology industry experience, or with relevant professional qualifications who have a minimum of a bachelor's degree in the relevant programmes listed above will be given due consideration on a case-by-case basis.

PhD in Business Economics or Management Science & Analytics

Previous Masters with an overall mark of 65% or above, distinction level dissertation. MBA or master's students without a dissertation are welcome to apply and should normally provide evidence of distinction-level work throughout their studies.



Entry Requirements

Applicants of every nationality are required to prove their English language competency before joining a UK graduate programme.

In Summary:

- If you are a national of a [UKVI Majority English Language Country](#) or Canada and have studied a previous degree within a UKVI Majority English Language Country this can be considered evidence.
- If you have a degree certificate from a UKVI Majority English Language Country awarded no more than 3.5 years prior to the applied programme's start date this can be considered evidence.
- If you have a degree certificate from one of the [approved universities in Non-Majority English Speaking Countries](#) awarded 3.5 years prior to the start date of the programme you are applying to, this can be considered evidence.
- Or you can provide an accepted English language certificate. The mostly commonly accepted certificates are the [IELTS](#) and [TOEFL](#).



Your Research Proposal

Your research proposal is an essential part of your application that will be used to assess your suitability for the a research programme. It is used to assess both your suitability for a research degree and whether we can offer you specialist supervision. If you are accepted onto the programme you are not committed to follow your proposed research exactly, however, applications received without a proposal cannot be considered.

Proposals should be between 1,000 and 1,500 words in length for the MRes and PhD with Integrated Study, and between 3,000 and 5,000 words in length for the 3-year PhD programmes (excluding references or appendices) and:

- Have a title.
- Explain the particular topic or question you wish to study.
- Briefly summarise existing research on the topic, making reference to publications as appropriate.
- Give a clear outline of the research you intend to do.

[A full guide can be downloaded from our website](#) with detailed instructions of how to start.



Finding a Supervisor

Finding a suitable supervisor to guide you through your studies is a crucial consideration. When you submit your application if possible you should indicate your preferred supervisor(s) or at a minimum the group your research topic would be most suitable within.

We encourage all applicants to contact their preferred supervisor during the application process to ensure your topic matches their own research area and to gain feedback on the draft proposal. You can find our academic profiles, their research interests and contact details on the [Faculty A-Z on our School website](#).

When getting in touch please attach your proposal and academic CV and please explain in the body of your email why you think that academic would be a suitable supervisor for your topic.



Our Students



Christopher Baird,
PhD alumni



Christine Grimm,
PhD alumni



Our alumni have become:

- Colleagues
- Professors and Deans
- Senior Advisors, Analysts and Consultants
- Managing Directors
- Successful Business Owners and Entrepreneurs
- CEOs and CFOs

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**Hear about my
experience**

Sophie Giang Phan
PhD Management
Student Ambassador



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