ESRC Grand Union Doctoral Training Partnership – Leadership and Organisational Governance Pathway

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<td>Corporate social responsibility, environmental sustainability and management, inclusive and collaborative governance, responsible management, social marketing, security and surveillance, legal frameworks, social entrepreneurship</td>
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Pathway highlights

The Leadership and Organisational Governance pathway at the Open University is hosted by the Faculty of Business and Law. The faculty has an internationally recognised reputation in leadership and organisational governance as well as applying its research in a variety of settings with wider societal impact. The pathway will equip students to examine complex leadership and organisational governance phenomena, using both established and innovative social research methodologies to address the associated challenges.

Overview

Faculty members specialise in research on leadership and organisational governance topics including but not limited to:

- Employment, empowerment and futures
- Innovation and entrepreneurship
- Law
- Marketing
- Policing
- Public leadership
- Voluntary sector leadership
- Social marketing
- Strategy
- Business ethics and CSR
- Inter-organisational collaboration
- Social enterprise
- Environmentally sustainable enterprise
- Governance and social responsibility

Please see [http://www.open.ac.uk/postgraduate/research-degrees/research-areas/business-and-management](http://www.open.ac.uk/postgraduate/research-degrees/research-areas/business-and-management) for a more detailed list of topics within and across each theme.

Training and skills

The Leadership and Organisational Governance pathway will provide access to a range of training delivered through the Faculty of Business and Law and the OU Graduate School. The pathway consists of core skills as well as advanced and subject-specific training tailored to the student’s specific area of study. Students will be expected to attend both general research training and subject specific training. Core content covers getting started with research; research philosophy and design; research ethics; and qualitative and quantitative methods. In
addition students will be encouraged to take an active part in the online Graduate School Network (http://www.open.ac.uk/students/research(forums/graduate-school-network), allowing peer to peer networking and support. They will also be able to participate in skills training offered by the University of Oxford and Brunel University.

Structure

The Leadership and Organisational Governance pathway is provided through two routes:

- +3 in which students will have already completed a Master’s in a relevant area of leadership and organisational governance or a related social science area
- +4 in which students undertake additional research training

Please indicate which of these two routes you are applying for. If you are unsure which is the best option for you please contact us and we can discuss this with you.

Students are able to study this pathway on either a full-time or part-time basis.

Knowledge exchange, internships and careers

Open University students are encouraged to engage in knowledge exchange with a range of non-academic partners. There are also opportunities for other knowledge exchange activities (such as research visits, seminars etc.) with private, public and third sector organisations. The Open University has links with a wide range of organisations such as the College of Policing, the International Development Organisation, the John Lewis Partnership, NAVCA, The People Space and the Women’s Business Council. Students with existing professional experience and/or networks relevant to their research will be encouraged to sustain and develop these during their studies.

Further details

Prospective students should have a strong academic background in an area of leadership and organisational governance relevant to their area of study. We will also consider candidates with relevant degrees in the social sciences and experience through practice.

We strongly advise you to approach potential supervisors with a project proposal as early as possible so that they can support you with your submission. To find out more about supervisors’ specialisms in the faculty, you can follow this link: http://business-school.open.ac.uk/people.

If you have any questions about the relevance of your previous academic or work experience, or the suitability of your proposed project, please contact FBL-PHD@open.ac.uk.

Applying for a studentship

Applications should include:

- a cover letter outlining why the project is an important area of study, how your background relates to the proposed research topic and why you wish to study at the Open University;
- an outline research proposal of no more than 2,000 words, covering research topic and methodology. General advice on the proposal can be found here:
http://www.open.ac.uk/postgraduate/research-degrees/how-to-apply/mphil-and-phd-application-process;

- an academic CV; that includes contact details of three referees (of which at least two should be academic);

- an Open University application form, downloadable from http://www.open.ac.uk/postgraduate/prospectus/research/how-to-apply/doctoral-training-partnership-studentships/social-science and all relevant supporting documents


Applications should be sent to FBL-PHD@open.ac.uk by 17:00 on 8th January 2020.