
 The MSc professional project T847

Presentation pattern November to April

Module description

This highly intensive research-based module, spanning a period of six months, asks students to design, conduct, analyse and report on a research project. They will act as an 'informed investigator', conducting research in a context that is already familiar to them (probably within an organisation with which they are familiar). They will, however, be expected to apply relevant conceptual, theoretical and methodological material, and design, conduct, and analyse their research in a rigorous fashion and to an appropriate academic standard. While challenging, this module represents a valuable opportunity to engage in – and learn from – a research scenario of the student's choosing.

Person specification

The person specification for this module should be read in conjunction with the [generic person specification](#) for an associate lecturer at The Open University.

As well as meeting all the requirements set out in the generic person specification, you should have:

- Experience of teaching at postgraduate level in one or more of the fields or subject areas relevant to T847 constituent (but separate) MSc programmes. These are currently: Engineering, Technology Management, Systems Thinking in Practice, Environmental Management, Advanced Networking, Computing, Information Security and Digital Forensics and Software Engineering. Your knowledge and experience may have been gained in an industrial, public or private service sector, NGO, or academic context.
- Experience of directing and supporting research activity at postgraduate level (i.e. ability to guide students in their chosen research areas, discuss the various elements of their projects, encourage students to think and reason for themselves, and assist with the development and application of the critical skills needed at this level of academic work).
- The ability and means to work to short turn-around times and/or react promptly when offering advice, feedback and support to students (due to the short but highly intensive nature of T847 research projects).

It would be an advantage to have:

- First-hand experience of designing and carrying out postgraduate or equivalent research.
- Experience of working with wikis, blogs, and other online applications as tools for collaborative and/or team working and communication.

Module related details - a full explanation can be found on the website

Credits awarded to the student for the successful completion of a module:	30
Number of assignments submitted by the student:	3
Method of submission for assignments:	2
Level of ICT requirements:	3
Number of students likely to be in a standard group:	6
Salary band:	2
Estimated number of hours per teaching week:	4