

# Professional Doctorate in Researching Work

DProf (Researching Work)

An innovative part-time Doctoral programme  
at the Working Lives Research Institute



Vibrant Learning in  
an Active Research  
Community



## Introduction

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This doctoral programme is for people interested in researching the changing world of work, in a lively, collaborative and supportive environment.

This innovative course draws upon your professional experience to develop theoretical approaches and practical research skills for making sense of work and working life.

If you work for a trade union, a voluntary, non-governmental, social or community organisation, this Professional Doctorate is for you.

You will normally have completed an MA but relevant experience or other professional qualifications will be taken into account in your application.

The course is run by the Working Lives Research Institute at London Metropolitan University and is taught by internationally recognised experts in the field.

## Course content

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The course combines six taught modules and independent study leading to an original doctoral thesis in an area of direct professional interest to you. This ensures that you will work with a group of students throughout your study, joining a vibrant research community which provides you with full support, rather than leaving you to the isolation that is typical of PhD studies.

The six taught modules are:

- Contemporary Work: recent developments and context
- The Meaning of Work: theoretical understandings of work
- Work and Globalisation
- Social Action and Organisation
- Applied Research Methods
- Planning Your Doctoral Thesis

Each module seeks to explore and understand the place of work in the context of a range of key experiences and formations, such as class, race and gender.





## Duration and delivery

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The programme is part time and delivered flexibly to fit around your working life. The modules are taught over the first two years. In each year there are two two-and-a-half day sessions (Thursday afternoon to Saturday) and four two-day sessions (Friday and Saturday).

After completing the taught modules students continue to work on their doctoral thesis for a maximum of two years. During both group and individual research work there will be full pastoral and academic support as well as peer group meetings and activities.



## Teaching and learning

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The programme offers a stimulating and supportive group learning experience. It is delivered face-to-face through lectures, seminars and group work and students will become a part of the WLRI research community. Each student will have their own personal tutor as well as academic supervision for their coursework and thesis. The University's libraries including the TUC and Women's Library are accessible to all students both on and offline.



## Assessment

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Assessment is via literature reviews, essays, group presentations and case studies, all of which are likely to reflect and support aspects of your work and inform your final thesis. The aim is to develop skills which inform your work and help you develop new knowledge which will further your professional practice.

You will be expected to present coursework (6 assignments, including your thesis proposal) to peers, academics and where relevant, your employers and colleagues. Your final piece of work will be your original doctoral thesis.



## What does it cost?

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The fees are £1600 per year, excluding accommodation and travel costs. In many cases employers or trade unions will sponsor students and the WLRI itself offers three four-year bursaries every year. The first student intake on this exciting new initiative starts in September 2009.





## Further information and how to apply

In the first instance please contact:

Dr Sian Moore to ask for a full information pack

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For further information, please also visit our website

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