



# Sponsored Research Studentships

with Coventry University

# Research that makes a difference

Coventry University is ambitious and innovative. Our research makes a tangible difference to the way we live.

Our research centres focus on a range of real-world issues including sustainability, disease prevention and innovative engineering for the future.



## A global university

We are a global university, with campuses across the UK and overseas. We are flexible about the location of our research studentships, enabling us to use split-site locations with partners, where candidates are based part-time, within the company.



## How can sponsoring a postgraduate research candidate meet your business needs?

Sponsoring a research candidate can give organisations the research capacity they need to develop and enhance business solutions, while retaining a low-risk and flexible approach.

The aim of these studentship projects is to understand the needs of the organisation, while delivering high-quality education to our candidates to support their learning and development.

Sponsoring a research student at Coventry University is a low-risk opportunity for your business. We handle the majority of the administrative burden, while you benefit from the partnership by:

- gaining access to the university's expertise, leading to potential broader partnership activity.
- raising the profile of your organisation, developing intellectual property and incorporating innovation into your business model.
- enabling you to test new ideas and theories as a basis for decision making and policy development.
- connecting you with high-calibre graduates who are looking to excel their research and professional careers.



## Study options

Our research candidates are supported by a team of subject experts throughout their degree.

We offer several routes of study.

### Masters by Research

- A one-year full-time, or two-years part-time, course.
- Candidates undertake a research project.
- Assessed through a written thesis and a face-to-face examination, known as viva voce.

### Doctorate

- PhD or equivalent professional qualification, e.g. EngD or Doctorate in Business Administration (DBA).
- A research project, taking an estimated four to six years to complete, depending on full-time/part-time study options.
- Candidates undertake self-directed research, the aim of which is to produce an original and significant contribution to knowledge, that meets industry and research needs.
- Assessed through a written thesis and a face-to-face examination, known as a viva voce.



## Financing a studentship

Prices of research studentships vary according to length and project specifications.

We will work with you to achieve a proposal suitable for your budget and can offer co-funding opportunities.



## Opportunities for your staff

We also offer part-time study options to all staff within your business to undertake additional research qualifications.

## Intellectual Property (IP)

We take a balanced approach to IP ownership, recognising the contribution of the partner organisation, the student, and the university. This contribution needs to be reflected in IP ownership, as well as in reward and recognition. We will work with you to put in place an IP agreement and meet the needs of all parties.

## Support

The partnership will facilitate mutual support between the university and the industrial partner. All research candidates have full access to our facilities, support networks and postgraduate training sessions.

These include:

- Doctoral College, and Centre for Research Capability and Development
- Lanchester Library
- Centre for Academic Writing
- Mental Health and Wellbeing Support Zone
- sigma mathematics and statistics support



“ Inocardia is a contract research company that specialises in the development and execution of novel clinical trials to assess drug effects on the heart and cardiac muscle. Bringing in a Coventry PhD candidate to support us in progressing our research further has been extremely valuable. Using the results collected for their thesis, the candidate has been testing a range of compounds for cardio protection in the trials developed by Inocardia. Research of the highest quality is being carried out with strong commercial applications, benefitting both the company and the PhD candidate.

**Professor Helen Maddock**

Inocardia

[www.inocardia.co.uk](http://www.inocardia.co.uk)

“ The success of our co-funded PhD programme with Coventry University has led to a growing cohort of researchers developing new knowledge for the Horiba MIRA business in a range of topics pertinent to connected and automated automotive design. This research, through both industrial and academic supervision, highlighted how closely our two organisations were aligned strategically, leading to the launch of the Centre for Connected and Autonomous Automotive Research (CCAAR) in 2016, to continue to develop our collaborative activities.

CCAAR brings together experimentation and study, to provide the underpinning knowledge and research that supports the rapid growth within the global intelligent mobility sector to address future transport needs. The ground-breaking work undertaken at the centre is testament to the value of sponsoring the university's PhD researchers.

**Dr Anthony Baxendale**

Head of Horizon Scanning, Horiba MIRA

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