

The Postgraduate Application Process (script)

Applying for postgraduate study is a big decision for anyone, and we hope this video will help to simplify the process for you.

The postgraduate application process at Warwick contains seven key stages. Please note that for some courses, for example the PGCE and Graduate Entry Medicine degree, this process may differ. For these courses please apply via UCAS or GTTR.

Stage 1

Firstly, you need to decide what course you want to apply for. Take a look at the online prospectus, talk to a current tutor, or discuss it with a fellow student; but most importantly, be sure it's something you are interested in.

Stage 2

Once you've chosen a course, you then need to make sure you meet the minimum entry requirements for that course as listed online. These can include specific qualifications, academic references and if English is not your first language then you will be required to provide an English language test score. But as a guide, you'll need at **least** a lower second-class honours degree or equivalent for taught courses, and an upper second-class honours degree for research programmes.

If you are considering a doctorate, we also highly recommend that you contact the relevant academic department or potential supervisor to make sure they are able to accommodate your research interests.

Stage 3

Once you have established that you meet these criteria, the next step is to complete the online application form. This will ask you for information such as, your personal contact details, qualifications, and the details of two suitable referees. It's extremely important that you complete this accurately, as these details are used to consider the suitability of your application for your course.

We have produced a video guide that can help you with this process.

Again, if you're considering doctoral study, at this point you'll also need to start thinking about funding, and if you're applying for either a Chancellors, Chancellor's International or AHRC award, you'll need complete the additional sections of the application form.

Stage 4

Once you've applied, and paid the application fee if you're applying for a taught course, you'll be sent an email with a link inviting you to upload any supporting documents that we require. This email will give you guidance on what to submit and when.

At this point, your nominated referees will be contacted. Please ensure your referees are aware of this in advance.

Stage 5

Once your application is complete, the University will consider it on its own merits. Please note this stage of the process may take up to eight weeks for research degrees, and up to six weeks for taught programmes. Whatever the outcome, you'll be notified directly by email.

Stage 6

At this point, we'll contact you with one of three possible decisions:

One, that your application has unfortunately been unsuccessful this time.

Two a conditional Offer: which means there are certain requirements that you need to fulfill before your place on the course is secured.

Or three, an unconditional offer, which means that you have met all the requirements and your place on the course is already secured.

Stage 7

During this last stage, the process switches back to you. You'll need to:

Respond to the offer, for example by accepting or declining it.

In the case of a conditional offer, fulfill any outstanding requirements.

Finally, you'll need to pay a deposit if one is required.

For students outside of the EEA, at this point the University will also contact you with details of how to obtain your Certificate of Acceptance for Study, if you are making an application for a tier 4 visa.

Should you have any further queries in relation to your application, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Good luck with your application.