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The work of the IER covers a wide range of research-related activities: basic and strategic research; labour market forecasting, assessment and evaluation; household and employer surveys; cost-benefit analysis; technical assistance and policy advice. The Institute's research regularly involves quantitative economic analysis using time series or large scale cross-sectional and longitudinal survey data; survey-based sociological research; and studies of socio-economic behaviour based on in-depth interviews and case studies. It has considerable experience of knowledge exchange with the policy and practitioner communities.

RESEARCH DEGREE

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD)

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RESEARCH AREAS

Labour market assessment and forecasting

Research in this area focuses on: forecasting and projections, demand and supply trends, demographic change and ageing, migration, local and regional development, and diversity.

Employment relations and employer behaviour

This research area concentrates on work-life balance, working time, recruitment and retention, flexible working practices.

Careers, learning and the graduate labour market

Topics include the graduate labour market, careers guidance, learning at work, qualifications, higher skills development, changing careers and identities.

Work, welfare and public policy

Research includes the evaluation of government programmes, employment, unemployment and worklessness, social policy issues and debates.

Labour market classification and measurement

This research area examines occupational change, monitoring, and measurement.

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Duration: 3 years full-time

The IER's doctoral programme aims to train social science researchers who can develop and deploy theory effectively, appreciate the relative merits of different methodological approaches, choose appropriate empirical methods, manage their time well and other research resources, and have a wider understanding of the research process (including dissemination, funding, relationships with sponsors, and different organisational models for research).

APPLICATION FACT FILE (RESEARCH DEGREES)

Entry Requirements

Postgraduate qualification in Social Science. Previous studies should have included training in social science methodology.

English Language Requirements

IELTS 7.0, TOEFL (paper) 620, TOEFL (iBT) 105 or equivalent

Application

Applications are welcomed throughout the year. All applications are made online at www.warwick.ac.uk/go/pgapply

Start Date

October and January

Tuition Fees

2010/11 fees. (Please note fees for 2011/12 will be published online in spring 2011)

Home/EU: Full-time £3,466, Part-time £2,080

Overseas: Full-time £11,400

Funding

2 fees-only PhD scholarships at Home/EU level are available. See departmental website for further information. Other funding opportunities are listed on the Graduate School Website:

www.warwick.ac.uk/go/graduateschool