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Your Postgraduate Application



We are delighted that you are considering applying to a postgraduate programme at the University of Lincoln.

Postgraduate study at the University of Lincoln can help you to further or completely change your career, develop your knowledge, enhance your salary, or even prepare you to start your own business. It is an investment in you and your future.

More than a third of graduates now have a postgraduate qualification, and the labour market is increasingly looking for postgraduate candidates. Additionally, studies have shown that students that complete a postgraduate qualification have the potential to earn more once they enter employment. A Sutton Trust Study¹ into the value of postgraduate study showed that, *"somebody with a Master's can, on average, expect to earn £5,500 more a year – or over £200,000 more over a 40 year working life – than someone only holding a Bachelor's degree."*

Why not invest in your future by submitting your application to the University of Lincoln through the Fast-Track application portal on Blackboard?

Should you have any questions about submitting a postgraduate application to the University of Lincoln then the Postgraduate Recruitment Team are on hand to offer advice and support.

¹ <https://www.suttontrust.com/our-research/the-postgraduate-premium-earnings-increase/>

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Funding your Postgraduate Studies

Alumni Scholarship for Postgraduate Study

UK/EU applicants who complete a University of Lincoln undergraduate degree (or equivalent qualification that leads to postgraduate study) are eligible for a tuition fee discount of up to 20% when you enrol on a taught Masters or research programme (MSc, MA, MBA, MRes, MPhil, PhD).

You do not need to apply for the Alumni Scholarship, it will be automatically applied to your tuition fees.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.lincoln.ac.uk/home/studywithus/scholarshipsandbursaries/>

Postgraduate Student Loan

UK/EU applicants may be able to apply for a loan of up to £11,222 as a contribution towards postgraduate taught course tuition fees and living costs.

The loans are administered through the Student Loans Company (SLC). For more information please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/funding-for-postgraduate-study>

Additional Support

Additional fees and funding opportunities are available depending on what you choose to study. If you have any questions about funding your postgraduate study at the University of Lincoln please contact the Student Funding Team: advice@lincoln.ac.uk or 01522 837080.



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Completing your Postgraduate Application

If you require any support with completing your application to the University of Lincoln please contact the Postgraduate Team at pgenquiries@lincoln.ac.uk or telephone 01522 886637.



Postgraduate Personal Statement Guidance

Personal statements should be unique and tailored to the course that you are applying to. You should use the opportunity to show off your academic interests and abilities. You may also discuss your career aspirations and how studying your chosen Master's will help you achieve your goals. Focus on why you want to study a particular programme and your potential to successfully complete the course.

It is advised that your personal statement should be between 200 and 500 words long although there is no set limitation on submission.

What you include will largely depend on the course requirements. However, in general you should write about:

- Your reasons for applying and why you deserve a place above other candidates - discuss your academic interests, career goals and which aspects of the course you find most appealing, such as modules or work-experience opportunities for example.
- Your preparation - address how undergraduate study has prepared you for a postgraduate course, mentioning your independent work and research projects such as a dissertation, and topics that most interest you.
- Evidence of your skillset - highlight relevant skills and knowledge that will enable you to make an impact on the programme. You can also cover any grades, awards, work placements, extra readings or conferences that you've attended and how these have contributed to your readiness for postgraduate study.

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- Your goals - explain your career aspirations and how the course will help you achieve them in terms of knowledge, skill and experience.

Postgraduate Research Proposal Guidance (Research and PhD applicants only)

A research proposal is a project outline that should identify what you want to study, why you want to investigate this area, and how you will go about it.

A PhD proposal should be 3000 – 5000 words (excluding references) and a Masters by Research proposal should be 1000 – 2000 words.

We recommend using the following format to help you to structure your research proposal:

- A working title
- Introduction
- Overview of the research (summary/abstract)
- Literature review
- Methodology and research design
- Research plan with proposed timescales
- References

You are not expected to be the expert, however, your research proposal should demonstrate a sound knowledge of the subject and where you will make a valuable contribution to the topic via a research project.

Useful links:

University of Lincoln Admissions Terms and Conditions:

<https://www.lincoln.ac.uk/home/media/responsive2017/abouttheuniversity/governance/universypolicies/Student,Admissions,Terms,and,Conditions.pdf>