



# Getting a PhD in the UK

A one day course for international research students

**Wednesday 26th November 2008**

Woburn House, 20 Tavistock Square, London WC1  
(near Euston Station, Central London)

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Tutor for courses for postgraduates and supervisors at many universities including Oxford, Cambridge, LSE, OU, Leeds, Lancaster and Copenhagen, and Henley Management College.

## PhD

- What is a PhD?
- What is 'originality'?
- How much work is involved?
- What should I expect to be taught?
- What is expected of a postgraduate research student?
- What are the responsibilities of my supervisor?
- What should I do if my supervisor is too busy to see me?
- Is it alright to criticise my supervisor's ideas?
- I feel lonely working on my own. What can I do about it?
- Who will mark my work?
- How do I know if my written work is good enough for a PhD?
- How should I prepare for the examination?
- What should I do if things are going wrong?



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Studying for a PhD (or other doctorate) is a major investment for you and your sponsor. But many students coming to the UK find our traditions very different from their previous experience. This course is intended to provide you with the opportunity to work with others and find out how you can make a success of your time in the UK.

During the day's course you will have the opportunity to submit your own questions in confidence for the course tutor to suggest how you find answers.

**Course fee (including light lunch and refreshments) £95**

Open to students in any year of any doctoral programme in the UK.  
Numbers limited to 32.

### Money back guarantee

*If by the end of the course you confirm with us that we have not addressed the questions you specified on your booking form, we will refund the course fee without further question.*



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## Programme 26th November 2008

<b>9.30–10.30</b>	Tea, coffee, registration, meeting other participants
<b>10.30</b>	Presentation: Studying for a doctorate in the UK – the challenges for international students
<b>11.15</b>	Participants' questions: sharing and discussion
<b>11.45</b>	Case study: examination in groups of a first hand account written by an international PhD student
<b>12.30</b>	Lunch with other participants
<b>13.30</b>	Managing your PhD: exercise in groups Discussion
<b>14.45</b>	Your questions answered
<b>15.30</b>	Tea, coffee break
<b>16.00</b>	Action planning: participants draw up programme of actions necessary to obtain their PhD on time
<b>16.45</b>	Evaluation
<b>17.00</b>	Course ends

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Please indicate the particular questions about doing a PhD you would like addressed: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Any special dietary or other requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that there will be no refund for cancellations received after 10th November 2008.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

When we receive your booking form, we will send you a bill for £95. On receipt of this payment we will write to you to confirm that you have a place on the course.

