

## RESEARCH DEGREES OFFERED BY TEESSIDE UNIVERSITY

*The research degrees awarded by the University are:*

- *Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)*
- *Master of Philosophy (MPhil)*
- *Doctor in Professional Studies (D.Prof)*
- *Master in Professional Studies (M.Prof)*

*And for staff candidates only (not available to external applicants):*

- *Doctor of Philosophy by Completed Work (PhDCW)*
- *Master of Philosophy by Completed Work (MPhilCW)*

*The DProf and MProf programmes offered by the University are research degrees with a professional focus and are not professional doctorates with a taught component plus independent research component as offered in named professional doctorates.*

*Named professional doctorates, D.Clin.Psy, D.Coun.Psy, DBA, DHSC, DEd are also offered by the University, but such degrees are not handled by GRS and must be applied for via the School in which the degree is supported.*

The requirements for the research degrees are given below, although their interpretation may differ from discipline to discipline and should be discussed with the candidate's supervisory team.

### **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)**

The degree of PhD is awarded to a candidate who, having critically investigated and evaluated an approved topic, resulting in an independent and original contribution to knowledge, and having demonstrated an understanding of research methods appropriate to the chosen field, has presented and defended a thesis in oral examination to the satisfaction of the examiners.

### **Doctor in Professional Studies (D.Prof)**

The degree of D.Prof is awarded to candidates who have successfully completed an approved programme of study, which is based upon professional practice and investigative and creative work, culminating in the submission of an individual thesis, and if appropriate, other media formats. The outcome of the programme must represent an original contribution to knowledge in the area of professional practice in question and must be of an equivalent standard to that required of a candidate for the award of PhD. The work must be communicable, and the method open to rigorous critique.

### **Master of Philosophy (MPhil); Master in Professional Studies (M.Prof)**

The degree of MPhil is awarded to a candidate who, having critically investigated and evaluated an approved topic and demonstrated an understanding of research methods appropriate to the chosen field, has presented and defended a thesis in oral examination to the satisfaction of the examiners. In the case of M.Prof, the work is based upon professional practice and investigative or creative work.

## **PhD by Completed Work (PhDCW); MPhil by Completed Work (MPhilCW)**

### **Available to internal staff candidates only**

#### PhD by Completed Work

The degree of PhD by Completed Work is awarded to a candidate who is a member of staff of Teesside University at the time of application and whose submitted work has demonstrated an independent and original contribution to knowledge, to the satisfaction of the examiners. This specialized route to a PhD is a retrospective assessment of the work submitted, of the research methodology employed in its creation, and assessment of its context in relation to the developing state of the art in the subject concerned. Candidates wishing to follow this route should apply to the University's Graduate Research School for a copy of the relevant regulations.

The candidate must present and defend the thesis in oral examination to the satisfaction of examiners, the conduct of which will be in accordance with the regulations for the award of PhD. The academic standard will be the same as for a conventional PhD.

#### MPhil by Completed Work

The degree of MPhil by Completed Work is awarded to a candidate who is a member of staff of Teesside University at the time of application and whose previously completed submitted work has demonstrated an understanding of research methods appropriate to the overall theme, to the satisfaction of the examiners, and an assessment of its context in relation to the developing state of the art in the subject concerned.

The candidate must present and defend the thesis in oral examination to the satisfaction of examiners, the conduct of which will be in accordance with the regulations for the award of MPhil and the academic standard associated with the degree will be the same as a conventional MPhil.