



The Doctoral College places **fusion** at the core of our activity so that our postgraduate research students (PGRs) are themselves motivated to **inspire learning, advance knowledge and enrich society**. Our role is to support and facilitate the research of our PGRs and by engaging in our own research, both academically and professionally, we seek to lead by example.

Doctoral College team

Why do we engage in research?

Our team undertakes research on a daily basis to:

- Increase our business intelligence derived from our PGR data to determine priority actions
- Develop the andragogy which underpins our Supervisory Development Programme
- Strengthen the content of our Researcher Development Programme
- Increase our knowledge and understanding of sector best practice to reinforce the development of our policies and processes
- Maintain a level of expertise and professional standing, internally and externally.

What types of research do we undertake?

- Sector analysis of PGR related support and activity, including our current and aspirational competitors
- Qualitative and quantitative analysis of BU and external PGR related data
- Discrete research projects focussing on specific aspects of supporting our PGR community, in order to constantly evolve our provision.

Research degree community

How do we support research at BU?

- By seeking to foster a dynamic and inclusive research culture across the postgraduate community at BU
- By equipping and empowering our PGRs to become independent researchers
- By supporting our supervisors in their own continued supervisory development
- By leading our faculties in reviewing their portfolio of research degrees
- By responding to the evolution, diversification and welfare of our PGR community
- By offering matched funded studentships which encourage external engagement with BU research that creates academic and societal impact
- By developing our policies and processes to facilitate efficient, timely and successful research
- By contributing towards key research initiatives internally via, for example, the BU Funding Panels
- By contributing towards key research initiatives externally, through initiatives including for example, AthenaSWAN, REF 2021, Research Concordat.

Case Study: Research

The Doctoral College regularly presents our research at national and international conferences, for example: **Stewart, N., et al., 2018.** *The challenges of developing and supporting a strong research community and culture in a postgraduate research context.* In: UK Council for Graduate Education (UKCGE) Annual Conference 2018.

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