

Admissions Policy

In order to be accepted to OCMS, prospective students must meet the following admissions criteria:

- **Academic qualifications**

Standard entry

An applicant for registration for the degree of MPhil or MPhil with possibility of transfer to PhD shall normally hold a first or upper second class honours degree of the University, a university in the UK or a qualification which is regarded by the University as equivalent to such an honours degree.

Candidates who do not hold such a qualification but hold the following qualification will also be accepted for standard entry: a master's degree relevant to the proposed research project awarded by a university in the UK, other recognized university or higher education institution, or by the Council for National Academic Awards (CNAA).

Non-standard entry

An applicant holding qualifications other than those above shall be considered on his/her merits and in relation to the nature and scope of the programme of work proposed. OCMS looks for evidence of the candidate's equivalent ability, research skills, background knowledge and training in relation to the proposed research. Professional experience, publications, written reports or other appropriate evidence of their accomplishment and potential to undertake sound research at postgraduate level are taken into consideration.

- **3 Professional or Academic references**
- **Proof of linguistic proficiency.** Applicants must be sufficiently proficient in English to complete the programme of study. Candidates whose first language is not English should provide evidence by a minimum IELTS score (or equivalent eg TOEFL) in academic English of 6.5 at entry with a minimum of 6.5 in the reading and written components.
- **Proof of funding of full academic fees.** As Academic Fees are payable in advance before enrolment, we advise students to look for independent funding from local churches, agencies and organisations before submitting an application form. We are unable to offer full enrolment until evidence of proof of finances has been provided.
- **Area of Interest.** A short academic essay about your proposed research interest or question, which must have the potential to develop into a topic suitable for MPhil / Ph.D study. (750-1000 words)

Due to OCMS regulations we can offer only part-time enrolment into the OCMS Stage. Upon successful MPhil/PhD enrolment with the University, an enrolled student is able to change to full-time mode of study if required.

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