

# PhD Programme in Malta

## University of Sheffield

The University of Sheffield, School of Education offers a PhD programme with study Schools in Malta. Based on our successful experiences of similar programmes in other locations the Malta programme began in October 2009. The School of Education has a strong track record in the supervision of research degrees, and currently holds the highest possible ranking for teaching quality, from the UK national body, the QAA.

### Study Schools in Malta

Students will attend Saturday study schools in Malta, three times each year for a minimum of four (and maximum of eight) years. Students will be welcome to visit their supervisors in Sheffield but are not expected to do so.

### Areas of Study

The School of Education has a wide range of research staff whose interests and expertise cover a variety of areas of Education and Educational Research. Supervision at doctoral level will be offered to students whose interests match the expertise of staff in the School of Education, Sheffield.

### Support for Study

As well as thrice-yearly study schools, students registered on the Malta-based PhD programme will have access to on-line learning resources, including the on-line electronic journal collection at the University of Sheffield.

### Selection

Students will be carefully selected by written application, including an outline of their proposed area of research, and telephone interview. A good Masters degree and supportive academic references are necessary entry requirements.

### Assessment

Students write and submit a research thesis of approximately 80,00 words. This is assessed by *viva voce* conducted at the University of Sheffield and the student will be required to attend at their own expense.

### Graduation

Students will be invited to attend the graduation ceremony in Sheffield following successful completion of their doctorate.



## Study with the University of Sheffield staff at Malta based study schools

### Fees and Timescale

For fees, and details of local arrangements please contact Mrs Sue Mifsud Midolo, our local partner, at St Catherine's High School, Pembroke – e.mail [sue.mifsud.midolo@stcatherines.eu](mailto:sue.mifsud.midolo@stcatherines.eu).

For further details of the programme please contact the Academic Director, Professor Cathy Nutbrown e.mail - [c.e.nutbrown@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:c.e.nutbrown@sheffield.ac.uk).

### Supervision and Teaching

In every case, students will have two supervisors, one of whom will travel to the Malta study schools three times each year. Regular contact will also be maintained by e.mail. Clear expectations and guidelines will be set for students and staff and students agree their way of working – timescales for communication and nature of support.

Students form close working relationships with their supervisors as they develop their thesis. The Malta-based Study Schools are a central part of the research-training programme where all students will be given a thorough grounding in methods and methodology.

# Welcome to The School of Education

## The School of Education

We are a diverse community with students based in Sheffield, around the UK and in many countries around the world. The School of Education has a long-standing reputation for excellence in research and teaching. We value teaching, scholarship and research that meets the highest of standards, is creative, increases learning opportunities and challenges educational inequalities.

## Weekend Study Schools

This mixed-mode, distance-learning programme is designed to be completed in four years, with students attending three weekend study schools take place in Malta each year. Students work with the academic team from Sheffield on a mixed-mode programme of lectures, seminars and workshops. Specialised library services exist for distance learning students including a wide range of electronic journals and data bases.

Weekend study schools are held at  
**St Catherine's High School, Pembroke,  
Malta.**

22-24 October 2010  
21-23 January 2011  
6-8 May 2011  
21-23 October 2011  
20-22 January 2012



**Mrs Marie Midolo - Principal of St Catherine's High School, presents Professor Jackie Marsh – Head of the School of Education, with a commemorative crystal at the launch of the Sheffield Postgraduate Programme in October 2009**

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