

About the University and its environs

The University of Warwick was founded in 1965 and has rapidly established itself as one of the United Kingdom's leading research universities, achieving 7th place overall among multi-faculty institutions in the nationwide 2008 Research Assessment Exercise (RAE). Among departments achieving very high ranking in the RAE were Film Studies (1st), History (2nd), Pure Mathematics (2nd), French (2nd), Economics (3rd), and Italian (3rd), whilst Warwick was ranked as 3rd in the UK for the quality of its teaching by the Guardian League Table 2010.

Warwick has a reputation for being the most enterprising and innovative University in the United Kingdom. As well as its strengths across most of the traditional disciplines in medicine, science, social science, and arts and humanities, it hosts internationally-recognised centres for inter-disciplinary research in areas such as systems biology, complexity science, scientific computing, competitiveness in the global economy, gender studies, history of medicine, renaissance studies, and global history and cultures. Many Warwick programmes have strong links to business, industry, and cultural institutions. Warwick has just announced a new, £10 million Industrial Doctorate Centre in High Value, Low Environmental Impact Manufacturing with Jaguar Land Rover as the major industrial partner and continues to offer academic activities in tandem with the Royal Shakespeare Company in Stratford-upon-Avon.

The University is located at the heart of England in a pleasant, green belt campus setting at the edge of the city of Coventry and with easy access to London. At less than an hour direct to London's Euston train station, Warwick is as accessible to and from central London as many institutions within London itself, but enjoys the tranquility of a tight-knit campus in a semi-rural location. Warwick is surrounded by the countryside of Warwickshire, including Stratford-upon-Avon, the birthplace of William Shakespeare. The University is home to a major regional cultural complex at the Warwick Arts Centre.

The University has a permanent presence in Venice, Italy, where its Palazzo Papafava Pesaro annually hosts students from the History and History of Art departments. The Palazzo is also used for Warwick conferences and meetings, including those aimed at students.

Go to <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/international/itour/> to view a video of the Warwick campus.

Graduate study and research at Warwick

The University of Warwick currently has a student body consisting of 13,000 undergraduates and almost 10,000 on graduate courses. Of the 1400 students engaged on PhDs and other research degree qualifications, a third are international students drawn from countries outside the European Union. The University is committed to a major programme of international research collaborations and to the expansion of its graduate research population over the next few years. In the United States it is involved in major strategic research partnerships with Boston University, Vanderbilt University and University of California Irvine and has student exchange agreements with Columbia University, Georgetown, Georgia Tech, Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, and the Universities of California, Connecticut, Richmond, South Carolina, and Wisconsin.

Graduate students at Warwick have access to a range of exceptional, cutting edge facilities specifically designed for their needs. These include the Wolfson Research Exchange in the main Library - a dedicated facility exclusively for postgraduate researchers to host study, collaboration and conferences; the new Postgraduate Space at Coventry House in the heart of the campus; and a wide-ranging Skills Programme, with an unusually high level of dedicated support for the career development and employability of graduate students.

The University is the first in the UK to support an Institute for Advanced Teaching and Learning. Known as IATL, this institute explores alternative and creative ways to advance and support the teaching and learning of all Warwick students, and hosts a number of events specifically for graduate students. Warwick's Institute of Advanced Study (IAS) regularly sponsors vacation schools for graduate students, led by top academics from Warwick and elsewhere.

The Warwick Graduate School

As well as being registered as a student within a particular academic department or centre, all students on taught or research graduate programmes at the University of Warwick are members of the Warwick

Graduate School. Warwick was one of the first UK universities to establish such a Graduate School, with the function of organising central support activities and facilities for students at this level and ensuring in particular that the departmental support and supervision of PhD and other graduate research degree students is maintained to a high standard. The Graduate School is also responsible for administering Warwick graduate scholarships and advising graduate students on other sources of financial support, supporting the completion and submission of theses, and ensuring the fair conduct of research degree examinations. For further information, see go.warwick.ac.uk/graduateschool

Doctoral Training Centres

The University of Warwick has pioneered the development of specialist Doctoral Training Centers in key areas of interdisciplinary science. It currently has centers in Molecular Organization and Assembly of Cells, Systems Biology, Complexity Science, Mathematical Sciences (combining the strengths of our existing Mathematics and Statistics departments), and in the Warwick Manufacturing Group. These DTCs combine a first year of advanced training in interdisciplinary science leading to the award of an MSc, with a further three years of student research under joint supervision from at least two disciplines leading to the award of a PhD. The DTCs have also developed the Warwick Postgraduate Certificate in Transferable Skills for Science which is now offered to all doctoral students in the Faculties of Science and of Medicine

Warwick in Research Assessment Exercise

Once every five or six years, all 160+ universities in the United Kingdom undergo a national Research Assessment Exercise (RAE), in which their research outputs and culture are subject to expert peer review in each major subject area. The latest such exercise was completed in 2008, and this confirmed the University of Warwick position as one of the country's leading research universities, ranked 7th overall amongst multi-faculty institutions.

Nineteen of Warwick's academic departments were ranked within the top 10 nationally in their subject areas. These included:

Film and Television Studies 1st
History 2nd
Pure Mathematics 2nd and Applied Mathematics 7th
French 2nd
Economics joint 3rd
Italian 3rd
Classics 4th
Statistics 4th
Theatre, Performance and Cultural Policy Studies 5th
Warwick Business School 5th
English joint 7th

Warwick Mathematics Institute

The Department of Mathematics at the University of Warwick (see <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/maths/>) has gone from strength to strength since its founding in 1965 and now covers a comprehensive range of the mathematical sciences across both pure and applied mathematics.

The absence of barriers between pure and applied mathematics and the strong encouragement of links between them is a distinctive and crucial feature of the Department's vigorous research culture, and the vibrant research environment within the Department is enhanced through the investment of a very significant proportion of its earned income into research activities.

The Department is involved in a significant and substantial range of interdisciplinary activities, centres and programmes, including Mathematics and Statistics Centre for Doctoral Training (<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/masdoc>), and the Centre for Systems Biology (<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/systemsbiology/>), a multidisciplinary venture led by the Mathematics Institute, the School of Life Sciences, and the Warwick Medical School. The Centre for Systems Biology also houses the Systems Biology Doctoral Training Centre, an independent unit within the University providing training in the multidisciplinary skills required for research into biological systems, with students undertaking a dedicated taught MSc course in the first year followed by a PhD in Systems Biology during years 2-4.

Department of Statistics

The work of the Department of Statistics at the University of Warwick covers a wide range of topics in probability and statistics, both mathematical and theoretical aspects as well as applications to many different fields. The research expertise of the staff is reflected in the quality of teaching and student supervisors, as well as in the wide choice of topics on offer to students. The Department has an excellent track record in exploiting statistical interactions, for example in its current work with the Forensic Science Service which is stimulating both applied and methodological innovation. Through its methodological and theoretical advances the Department has contributed to government policy, industry, economics, agriculture, medicine, engineering finance and law. It also plays a leading role in the Academy for PhD Training in Statistics, a collaboration between Warwick and eight other leading UK universities to organise high-quality courses for beginning research students in statistics and applied probability.

The Department has been commended for its national and international excellence, its vibrant research environment, and the impressive profile of its students, research assistants, studentships and PhDs.

Warwick Business School

The Warwick Business School, a department of the University of Warwick, is one of the largest Schools of its kind, with around 315 staff members and over 7,500 students and participants. Its size allows it to offer a full range of quality programmes for all levels, from undergraduate courses through to a world-leading PhD programme and Board-level master classes. In line with the University's ethos, research leadership is embedded in the School's culture and enriches its teaching — a vital element in ensuring quality in portfolio research and development.

WBS was the first business school in the UK to achieve triple accreditation — recognition of its teaching quality from the three major, global, management education bodies AMBA, AACSB and EQUIS. Warwick Business School is globally renowned for outstanding performance in both research and teaching — it is currently ranked as one of the best schools in Europe for its Doctoral Programme. Warwick Business School has a strategic goal to be recognised as the leading University-based business school in Europe.

Department of History

The Department of History at the University of Warwick is a large and broadly-based research community with a high reputation in British, European and comparative American history. There are strong core research groups in French and British social history, gender history, renaissance and early modern British and European history, which complement the department's other strengths in the modern history of Germany, Eastern Europe and Russia. The Department has a unique concentration of American, Caribbean and Latin American historians of a high international reputation. Other areas of strong research interest are grouped in Global History, Eighteenth-century Studies and in the Social History of Medicine.

The Department's Graduate Programme in History is one of the liveliest and largest in the UK. About 40 Masters students are currently working on one of our sister MA Programmes, and more than 50 research students are currently working towards their degrees.

Department of Economics

The Department of Economics at the University of Warwick has an outstanding international reputation for research in several areas of economics, including economic theory, econometrics, macroeconomics, public economics, industrial economics, labour economics, development economics, and economic history.

The Department offers two taught Masters programmes in Economics and Economics & Finance and also has a thriving PhD programme with around 50 research students.

Department of Politics and International Studies

The Department of Politics and International Studies at the University of Warwick is one of the largest in the UK and has an outstanding reputation for research in a range of areas within the fields of politics and international studies, including international political economy, globalisation and regionalisation, European politics and policy, democratisation, political theory and political systems.

Taught Masters programmes are offered in international political economy, international relations, international security, politics, Europe, globalisation and development and East Asia. The Department has a thriving postgraduate research community, with an average of 11 students graduating with PhDs from the Department every year, many of whom now hold academic posts across the world.

Funding

The University of Warwick offers a range of scholarships to support international students in undertaking study for PhDs and other doctoral awards. These include **Chancellor's International Scholarships** and **Chancellor's Scholarships**, partnership awards with both the **Fulbright** and **Marshall Commissions**, a number of charity and donor sponsored awards in particular disciplines, and departmental scholarships and bursaries.

Chancellor's International Scholarships

Each year we award around 17 Chancellor's International Scholarships to the best international (non-EU) applicants for a PhD at the University of Warwick. These prestigious awards offer full payment of the Overseas academic fees (worth up to £15,460/\$25,400) plus a maintenance stipend of £13,590/\$22,300. The application and selection procedures are combined with those for Chancellor's Scholarships, and Chancellor's International Scholarships are allocated to the highest ranked international applicants from the combined process. Full details are available at go.warwick.ac.uk/graduateschool.

Chancellor's Scholarships (formerly WPRS)

Each year we award around 40 Chancellor's Scholarships to the best applicants from amongst those who have been accepted for doctoral study (normally for a PhD) at the University of Warwick. Although the competition for these scholarships is open to students from any country, over recent years a majority of them have been awarded to international (non-EU) students. The awards are made strictly on the basis of academic merit, taking account of the previous academic record, the quality of the student's proposed research, and relevant extracurricular achievements but without regard to financial means.

Currently, each scholarship provides a maintenance stipend of £13,590 (approximately \$22,300) plus a contribution to academic fees equivalent to that payable by UK and other European Union-based students (£3900/\$6400) – however Chancellor's Scholarships are available to applicants of any nationality. In some cases, these basic awards will be supplemented by departmental bursaries, and opportunities also exist for Chancellor's Scholarship-holders to undertake teaching and other paid work (see *Studying for a PhD at the University of Warwick Factsheet One*). Full details of Chancellor's Scholarships are available at go.warwick.ac.uk/graduateschool.

Marshall Scholarships

Marshall Scholarships finance young Americans of high ability to study for a degree in the United Kingdom. Up to forty Scholars are selected each year to study at graduate level at an UK institution in any field of study. The University of Warwick offers Marshall Partnership Awards, initially for one or two years of study with the possibility of a third funded year for doctoral students. Warwick has attracted Marshall scholars for many years, with our internationally renowned Department of Mathematics proving a particularly strong draw. Joshua Bennett, a New York native and professional performance poet who has performed for President Obama, is the 2010-11 Warwick-Marshall scholar, studying for an MA by Research in the School of Theatre and Performance Studies, whilst Warwick's interdisciplinary Centre for Complexity Science has attracted Marshall applications for 2011-12.

For further information, see go.warwick.ac.uk/graduateschool and <http://www.marshallscholarship.org/>

Fulbright Awards

Each year, one Fulbright-Warwick University Award is offered to a US citizen for the first year of a postgraduate degree in any field. For 2011-12 the Fulbright-Warwick scholar will be Matt Stephenson, selected to study for an MSc in Warwick's internationally renowned Department of Economics.

The deadline for to apply for 2012-13 entry is **17 October 2011**. The successful candidate will be selected by the Fulbright Commission and the [Institute of International Education](#) (IIE) to receive a grant to be used towards tuition fees and maintenance costs.

The Warwick Fulbright Award is a Fulbright partnership award offered in addition to the Fulbright scheme funding between 8 and 14 awards for US citizens for the first year of Master's or PhD study in any discipline at any accredited UK university.

For further information, see go.warwick.ac.uk/graduateschool/scholarship/funding/masters/fulbright

AXA scholarships

Every year, the University of Warwick supports two applications towards the AXA scholarship scheme. A number of these applications have been successful, most recently within the Warwick Business School. The AXA Group is a world leader in financial protection and the AXA Research Fund exists to support research contributing to the understanding and prevention of risks.

Applications are welcome from applicants wishing to study in the field of risk management at the University of Warwick, with a research project focused on the following topics: longevity, long-term care, age-related diseases, climate change, risk assessment and measurement techniques, economics agents' behaviour when facing risks and adaptability of organisations.

This prestigious award is tenable for 3 years and includes a student stipend of up to 25,000 Euros (approx \$36,500) per academic year as well as an expenses budget of up to 1,000 Euros (approx \$1500) per year.

For more information, see <http://www.axa-research.org/>

British Federation of Women Graduates

The BFWG offers funding to women research students studying in Great Britain, moving into their final year of study. They also offer International awards and fellowships.

The British Federation of Women Graduates' national academic awards are awarded each year to female research students of any nationality in their final year of formal study (in Great Britain) towards a PhD degree. The value of awards is variable and the chief criteria for selection is academic excellence. The competition normally runs from December to March each year with awards paid the following September to successful applicants.

US Federal Loan Programmes

There are several federal programmes available for U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens who are enrolled at least half-time in a degree programme, making satisfactory academic progress and not in default or owing a return repayment on a grant or loan.

The following programmes are available to eligible University of Warwick students:

Federal Subsidised Stafford Loan - This loan is based on financial need as determined by the Department of Education. The loan is subsidised because the government pays the interest while you are at university at least half time. It pays the interest during any authorised period of deferment and for the six-month grace period after you leave university or drop below half-time enrolment.

Federal Unsubsidised Stafford Loan - This loan is not based on financial need. Because it is unsubsidised, the student is responsible for paying the interest from the time the money is disbursed. The interest may be paid as it comes due or it may be postponed and allowed to accumulate while the student is at university, during any authorised period of deferment and for the six-month grace period after the student leaves university or drop below half-time enrolment.

Graduate PLUS (Student Loan for Postgraduate Students) - This loan is not based on financial need. It is available to students on approved postgraduate courses, they meet certain credit guidelines and if the loan is certified by the university. Repayment begins 60 days after receipt of the full disbursement although deferment of payment may be available through select lenders. Students may use this loan to pay the entire

Cost of Attendance – minus any other financial aid received. An origination fee of 2.5%, mandated by the US Department of Education, is deducted from the total loan amount.

The University of Warwick is also registered with the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Please see the following websites for more information:

www.warwick.ac.uk/go/graduateschool

www.warwick.ac.uk/go/internationaloffice

www.warwick.ac.uk/go/studentfinance