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International Visiting Students Scheme.

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"I'm a third-year PhD student at the University of Sheffield and my research specialty is gerontological nursing education, which has always been my passion. In keeping with the excellent reputation of the University of Sheffield, I was amazed by the friendship, commitment and support offered by the exceptionally kind and helpful staff, including the administrative staff and my expert supervisors. I feel that the postgraduate department in the School of Nursing and Midwifery at the University of Sheffield has offered me a brilliant opportunity to develop and enhance my skills as a researcher with a range of networking, communication and interpersonal skills. As an international student, I can say that this has been a very rich and rewarding learning experience and that despite being far away from my home and family, I have always felt welcome and supported by the new family in my department."

Samira Alsenany
PhD Student

"I am a PhD student at National Taiwan University and a visiting student at Sheffield University. When I came here my supervisor, Dr Mark Hayter, helped me arrange some academic professional modules in academic speaking. This has been very important and useful for me. Last month I joined the Euro Woundcare Management conference and I'm very happy – I won the first time presenter award. I think because I came here, the University made my dream come true. If you can't decide which university to go to, I think that Sheffield University is the choice. Trust me – see you in Sheffield!"

Shu Fen Lo
Visiting Research Student

"The programme is very good because there is always someone to talk to you and help you if you have problems. My academic supervisors, Dr Christine Ingleton and Dr Tony Ryan, have really helped me a lot and they have made it possible for me to visit clinics and meet practitioners so I can see things from a different perspective. I have also been able to join classes in my specialist area so that I can meet new colleagues and hear different views - this has been a great learning experience for me!

The English Language Teaching Centre have given me a lot of help especially with writing, speaking and helping me with my grammar. This class you could not find in Taiwan! It's been a really good way for me to find out the real meaning of English words and even better is that it's free for all students studying at the University.

The facilities at the University are very good. There are many libraries and a very good system to reserve books. There are also plenty of computers so you don't have to bring your own laptop, only a pen drive (memory stick) is necessary. The Information Commons is especially good. It is open 24/7 and there are shower facilities if you are studying hard and don't want to go home."

Szu-Mei Hsiao
Postgraduate Student

Welcome!

Thank you for your enquiry about spending time at the School of Nursing and Midwifery as an international visiting student. We are delighted to hear that you are interested in visiting our University.

We hope the following information will provide you with the necessary details to help you to make a decision about whether you wish to proceed

with making a formal application. If there is anything you are not sure about, or you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact:

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Introduction

Our international visiting student programme provides opportunities for students at doctoral level to continue their studies in a supportive and stimulating academic environment. Whilst we do not offer a pre-determined programme of study, staff working in the School of Nursing and Midwifery come from a range of clinical backgrounds and academic disciplines and are therefore able to provide students with individualised guidance and support throughout the study period.

Why study at The University of Sheffield?

In the 2008 HEFCE Research Assessment Exercise, Nursing at the University of Sheffield was ranked among the top ten in the UK for research that is considered world leading, with 85% of our research being internationally recognised. Research is organised around themes which encourage collaboration with cognate schools and departments elsewhere in the University, as well as partnerships with health and social care service providers, and the independent/voluntary sectors.

These themes are:

- Supportive care in later life.
- Children, young people and families.

- Workforce and practice development.

Current research feeds directly into our programmes and we aim to develop confident and critical thinkers who will be the leading health and social care workers, practitioners and managers of the future.

The University's history stretches back to 1828, when the Sheffield School of Medicine was founded, and our University Charter was granted in 1905. University guides confirm our current position as one of the UK's leading universities. The Virgin 2008 Alternative Guide to British Universities, for instance, says that "Sheffield is a top university across the board".

Teaching quality assessments rate our teaching very highly across a wide range of subjects, and official research assessments confirm our reputation as a centre for world-class research in many disciplines. We have nearly 24,000 students and almost 6000 staff. The University of Sheffield is a popular choice with applicants for university places, and our global reputation for teaching and research attracts students from over 120 countries, so when you come to Sheffield you join an international community.



What do I need to do now?

For us to make sure that we can provide you with the experience you are seeking, you will need to send the following documents/information:

1. Your CV
2. Your research proposal or an extensive outline of the aims and objectives you hope to achieve:
 - If you have already started your PhD, please include your registration date and some information about your progress to date.
3. The start and finish dates for your proposed visit:
 - Please note that we have two points of entry into our visiting student programme which coincide with the beginning of the autumn and spring semesters (September & February). Entry at these times helps students to maximise the educational opportunities available through the University. Please see the University website for more information about semester dates:
www.sheffield.ac.uk/about/dates
 - Visits are usually for six months but this is flexible. Providing visa requirements are satisfied and the departure date is specified before a formal offer letter is issued, we would welcome students wishing to extend their stay.

4. Information about your academic objectives. Please also include information about any targets your funding organisation will be expecting you to achieve.
5. Information about how your visit will be funded. For example whether your university will be covering all your costs including university fees, flights, accommodation, living expenses, etc. Please note that your university fees are calculated on an individual basis to take into account the exact length of your visit.
6. Finally, although we have no formal English language entry requirement for the visiting student programme it would be helpful if you could tell us about any English Language examinations you may have undertaken (e.g. IELTS or TOEFL).

When we receive the above information we will be able to consider which of our staff members will be available to supervise your studies. Please note that although we try to allocate two supervisors, this is not always possible. Please also be aware that supervisors are allocated only after the Head of Department has considered their overall workload, therefore, although you may express a preference for a particular supervisor, we reserve the right to make the final decision. The details of your supervisor, or supervisors, will normally be confirmed before your arrival and you will be sent their contact details.



Your supervisors **will**:

- Help you to select – in advance of your arrival – appropriate courses and/or study days. For further information, see: www.sheffield.ac.uk/hscspd/courses/index.html www.sheffield.ac.uk/pgresearch/rtp
- Support you with your academic work to meet any targets set by your university. Within reasonable limits, your supervisors will also help you to achieve personal academic targets such as drafting papers for publication, preparing abstracts for submission to conferences etc.
- Arrange a meeting with you soon after your arrival to confirm your aims & objectives and plan a timetable of future meetings.
- Where possible, help to arrange visits to relevant clinical/practice areas.

Your supervisors will **not** be responsible for:

- Monitoring the progress of your doctoral studies. We expect your supervisors in your own country to make any necessary arrangements before you leave.
- Assisting you with finding accommodation. Please see the University website for information: www.sheffield.ac.uk/accommodation/
- Dealing with fees or any other finance-related matters. Please see Student Services Information Desk (SSiD): www.sheffield.ac.uk/ssid/fees/payment

- Taking you through registration processes. This will normally be undertaken by Helen Stapleton.
- Orientating you to the university's facilities and/or the wider city environment. Orientation and welcome programmes – for which fees may be charged – are available from University student services. See: www.sheffield.ac.uk/orientation/why.html www.sheffield.ac.uk/sram/ www.sheffield.ac.uk/content/1/c6/04/90/87/WelcomeInternational.pdf

Finally, you may wish to explore other resources offered by the University of Sheffield, including:

- Student Services Information Desk (SSiD) www.sheffield.ac.uk/ssid
- English language support:
 - The Writers' Forum - CILASS Collaboratory 2 (Information Commons)
Contact: v.shaw@sheffield.ac.uk or d.maccormack@sheffield.ac.uk
 - English Language Teaching Centre: www.sheffield.ac.uk/eltc/



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