

Entrance Requirements

- 4.1** Students shall normally progress onto the Professional Doctorate programme having completed 120 credits through taught modules at Level 7 (M), as part of an MA, MSc or MBA programme.
- 4.2** Applicants may be granted exception from the above Master's level study in the following situations:
- (i)** The applicant holds a Master's degree of an approved University obtained by research or advanced study, which included a 20 credit research methods module, and which, in the judgment of the School's Research Degrees or relevant Sub-Committee, provided sufficient academic background to permit the completion of the Professional Doctorate;
 - (ii)** The applicant has completed a minimum of one year's full-time or two year's part-time supervised postgraduate work in the same academic discipline, which included appropriate Research Methods training, deemed to be satisfactory to the School's Research Degrees or relevant Sub-Committee to permit the completion of the Professional Doctorate;
 - (iii)** The applicant can otherwise provide the School's Research Degrees or relevant Sub-Committee with satisfactory evidence, equivalent to (i) or (ii) above that he or she has sufficient relevant expertise, experience or qualification beyond graduation for the purposes of completing the Professional Doctorate. In this case, the candidate must complete a 20 credits or equivalent Research Methods module alongside the commencement of the Professional Doctorate.
- In any of the above cases the candidate must complete the University's RP(E)L form and produce a portfolio of evidence to support exemption. The School's Professional Doctorate Coordinator will take whatever steps are deemed necessary, including calling for academic references, to determine the candidate's academic attainment and suitability to undertake research.
- 4.3** Applicants may be granted exception from the first 120 credits of the Professional Doctorate if they have completed a Master's level degree and a Level 7 equivalent Research Degree (e.g., MPhil / MRES).
- 4.4** Applicants who have previously exited with an MProf or MProfPrac (old title) from Cardiff Metropolitan University may via successful application to the University's RPL procedure to return to complete the Final Project Report module and, upon successful completion of it, exit with a Professional Doctorate.
- 4.5** Aligned to the Cardiff School of Sport RP(E)L guidelines, candidates will have a 5 year time limit to apply to return and re-engage with the professional doctorate.
- 4.6** Claims for RP(E)L shall be assessed by the School's Research Degrees or relevant Sub-Committee following counselling of the student by a member of the proposed supervisory team (see also 4.2(iii) above).
- 4.7** In addition to the above entrance requirements, candidates must be capable of satisfying the Chair of the Research Degrees Committee with regard to their proficiency in English or Welsh at a level necessary to complete the programme of work in the chosen language and to prepare and defend a thesis in that language. Proficiency in English of overseas candidates whose first language is not English is normally evidenced by a minimum IELTS score (or equivalent) of 6.5 at entry with a minimum of 6.5 in the reading and written components and a minimum of 6.0 in the remaining components. Candidates will be asked to provide such evidence as is deemed sufficient by the relevant School. See www.cardiffmet.ac.uk/EnglishRequirements