

Collaborative Masters Dissertations 2012
Application Process

GRAMNet's Collaborative Masters Dissertations initiative is based on an awareness that many organisations in the public and third sectors are in need of good quality research and that master's students are often eager to gain 'real life' work experience and to conduct research which has immediate relevance to the world beyond academia. The Initiative is in its third year and previous Initiatives have resulted in both excellent dissertations and a range of other outputs produced during a one-month internship at the partner organisation following successful submission of the dissertation.

For further details including student testimonies see:

<http://www.gla.ac.uk/research/az/gramnet/collaborativemastersdissertationsinitiative/>.

The attached outline projects have been developed in collaboration with partner organisation from the public and third sector and these have been refined to fit with both the partners' research needs and appropriate demands and expectations of a Masters dissertation. The student will take the lead in further developing these outline proposals, and the application process is the first stage in this.

Those students who are successfully matched with projects will receive all necessary academic guidance and support from academic supervisors. You will also have a direct contact within the partner organisation, who will help to facilitate your research. There will be a training event in January/February 2013 for all students, academic supervisors and partner organisations involved. Your dissertation will be submitted in August/September 2013 as normal and will be assessed on the same basis and academic criteria as any other master's dissertation relating to your programme of study. Thereafter you will undertake a one-month internship, working directly with and under the supervision of the partner organisation in order to translate your research findings into outputs appropriate to their needs (during October 2013).

Students may now apply for the opportunity to undertake one of these projects for their dissertation. **This is a competitive process and only high quality applications will be successful.**

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The project outlines attached provide brief details of the key aims of the project and some suggested research methods. They also outline the outcomes desired by the project partners and the basic forms of support and assistance which they will be able to provide.

Using the outline as a starting point, students should develop a fuller research proposal for the project (max. 1000 words). This should include:

- Research background and rationale, including suggested theoretical framework(s)
- Research aims
- Research questions
- Methodology, including any anticipated ethical concerns
- A list of key literature and other sources to be consulted (not incl. in word count)

Applications should be submitted electronically, together with your current CV, to the relevant PG Convenor or Subject area contact no later than **4pm on Friday 30TH November 2012.**

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Selection process

Applications will be shortlisted by subject area convenors and forwarded to Rebecca Kay for final selection and matching with funding for the internship. This second stage in the application process may involve a short interview with the project partner. You will be informed of the outcome early in 2013.