

Programme Title	Specifications
PhD by Research (PhD) Including the practice-based PhD by Research 8.2 in AQH Level 8 degree	- the creation and interpretation of new knowledge, through original research or other advanced scholarship, of a quality to satisfy peer review, extend the forefront of the discipline, and merit publication; - a systematic acquisition and understanding of a substantial body of knowledge which is at the forefront of an academic discipline or area of professional practice; - the general ability to conceptualise, design and implement a project for the generation of new knowledge, applications or understanding at the forefront of the discipline, and to adjust the project design in the light of unforeseen problems; - a detailed understanding of applicable techniques for research and advanced academic enquiry.
Master of Philosophy by Research (MPhil) Including the practice-based MPhil by Research 8.3 in AQH Level 7 degree	- the creation and interpretation of new knowledge, through original research or other advanced scholarship, of a quality to satisfy peer review, extend the forefront of the discipline, and merit publication; - a systematic understanding of knowledge and a critical awareness of current problems and/or new insights, much of which is at, or informed by, the forefront of their academic discipline, field of study or area of professional practice; - a comprehensive understanding of techniques applicable to their own research or advanced scholarship; - originality in the application of knowledge, together with a practical understanding of how established techniques of research and enquiry are used to create and interpret knowledge in the discipline; - conceptual understanding that enables the student: - to evaluate critically current research and advanced scholarship in the discipline; - to evaluate methodologies and develop critiques of them and, where appropriate, - to propose new hypotheses.
Master of Arts by Research Master of Science by Research Including practiced based MA/MSc by Research 8.4 in AQH, level 7 degree	The same specification as an MPhil. However the research project has to be more focused as the thesis and the registration period are shorter [FT: 1 yr Min / 2 yr Max PT: 2 yr Min / 4 yr Max]
Professional Doctorate (incl. DBA, DProf, EdD, DMin) 8.5 in AQH, level 8 degree	The same specification as a PhD by Research. However, students will follow a taught programme in part one (level 7) before transferring to the research part (level 8). The research project has to be more focused as the thesis and the registration period are shorter than a PhD by Research. The research topic should be also linked to the profession (part 1).
Master by Research (MRes) 8.6 in AQH, level 7 degree	The same specification as an MPhil by Research. However, students will follow a taught programme in part one (level 7) before transferring to the research part (level 8). The research project has to be more focused as the thesis and the registration period are shorter.
PhD by Published Works 8.7 in AQH, level 8 degree	The same specification as a PhD by Research. The submission consists of published work and a reflective analysis of app. 30,000 words. (1) 'Published works' may be defined as works published in scholarly books and journals. The language of publication shall be either Welsh or English. All work must have been published in such a way as to be generally available for consultation by scholars or other interested persons. All work must have been internationally peer reviewed and must have been published no more than 10 years prior to the date of submission. (2) The published works submitted for the degree must constitute a corpus of publication tending towards a coherent thesis, rather than a series of disconnected publications. (3) The published works submitted for the degree must be substantially different from any work which may have previously been submitted for any degree at this or any other institution. (4) Electronic works may be considered as eligible, but the candidate should provide evidence that the work will continue to be publicly available for the foreseeable future in the present form. (5) The published works should be of a standard equivalent to that of a "traditional" PhD in the relevant academic area and should demonstrate the student's original contribution to knowledge.