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Our commitment to our students is reflected in the results of the Postgraduate Research Experience Survey 2023 in which we ranked 3rd for overall research student satisfaction nationally. Key to our success in this area is the Research School, a focal point for all our research students.

It provides:

- day-to-day support for our students, both administrative and practical, through our dedicated team
- a Research Student Study Space with both PCs and laptop docking station
- a comprehensive Researcher Development Programme for students and their supervisors
- a programme of student-led conferences and seminars

Research Group

Social Psychology of Education Research Group

The Social Psychology of Education Research Group was formed to share research and good practice amongst a wide range of academics from across Education and Psychology. We have partners in a number of professional fields and third sector organisations as well as in local government.

Our research focuses on the importance of social and learning relationships across all phases of education, in both formal and informal settings, and how these impact on the effectiveness and retention of practitioners, and the quality of children's learning experiences. We are united by our interest in how social psychology can be applied to teaching, learning, and other experiences in educational contexts, producing research which is cross-disciplinary in its theoretical and methodological approaches, which not only contributes to knowledge generation within the academic community, but also informs policy and practice.

Our research is organised around four interconnecting themes: educational identities; classroom behaviours and interaction; Individual differences and adult-child / peer relationships.

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