Develop research skills through a research-focused MSc in Geoscience Research designed for a career in academia or industry. Benefit from opportunities to work with Keele University researchers and collaborators based at partner institutions throughout Europe, North America and Asia.

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**Course Content**

Our MSc in Geoscience Research is designed to develop generic and subject specific research skills over a broad range of disciplines within the geosciences, providing a strong educational background for a career in research and development. Project opportunities are available at Keele University and at international partner institutions* (e.g. in Europe, Malaysia, Canada and Mexico), in the following areas:

- Applied and Environmental Geophysics
- Igneous Petrology
- Volcanology
- Quaternary Environments
- Palaeoclimates
- Palaeoceanography
- Biogeochemistry
- Landscape Ecology
- Sedimentology
- Palaeontology
- Renewable and Alternative Energy
- Petroleum Geoscience

*UK students have the option to carry out their project at Keele University or at an international partner institution; all international students will be based at Keele University.

**Course structure (180 credits):**

The MSc programme is full-time for 12 months, starting in September. The programme comprises six modules including a research project/placement which is undertaken either at Keele University or on placement with a host institution overseas. Modules include:

- Generic Research Skills (15 credits)
- Specific Research Skills (15 credits)
- Modern Language Module or Academic English for Postgraduate Students or Geoscience Option Module* (15 credits)
- Literature Review (15 credits)
- Research Project Design and Management (30 credits)
- Dissertation (90 credits)

* Students will take either a language module or a geoscience option module, depending on where their project will be based (at Keele or at an international partner institution).

**Entry requirements**

Applicants should have an Honours degree (minimum 2:2) in a geoscience subject (environmental science, geology, geography) or related discipline relevant to the project opportunity. Consideration will be given to applicants who do not meet these criteria but have appropriate alternative qualifications or experience. International students will be required to achieve an ILETS score of 6.5 from an approved ILETS provider.

**Funding and bursaries**

European placements will be eligible for ERASMUS funding. All UK/EU and international students who have graduated from a first degree programme at Keele are entitled to a bursary of £1,000 towards their course fees. There are currently a range of other bursaries of up to £5,000 on offer to both home and overseas postgraduate students. For information about Professional and Career Development Loans for postgraduate students and other funding opportunities, see www.keele.ac.uk/studentfunding/funding.

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