Cliff College

Postgraduate Research Admission Criteria 2014-15

1.1 Registration for the degree of MPhil or PhD is normally permitted to applicants with a Master's degree in a discipline related to the proposed topic of research.

1.2 Registration for the degree of MPhil may be permitted to applicants with a good university Bachelor's degree (normally classified as a first or second class honours degree in the UK) in a discipline related to the proposed topic of research, and with academic references indicating the applicant's potential to complete a research degree.

1.3 Registration for the degree of PhD may be permitted to applicants with a good university Bachelor's degree (normally classified as a first or upper second class honours degree in the UK) in a discipline related to the proposed topic of research, and with academic references indicating the applicant's potential to complete a research degree.

1.4 Under exceptional circumstances, registration may be permitted to applicants with other comparable qualifications, granted by a university-equivalent place of higher education, and determined by the RDC to satisfy the general regulations for admission to research degrees. Some overseas students may fall into this category. Other professional qualifications and appropriate experience may be taken into account through the College's process for Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL).

1.5 Applicants for the PhD degree may first be admitted to the MPhil degree by the RDC with the possibility of being re-registered on a PhD programme subject to satisfying the conditions of a Probationary Review at the end of one year for full-time students, or at the end of the second year for part-time students.

1.6 Applicants whose first language is not English will be required to satisfy the RDC that they have a level of competence in English sufficient to conduct and complete a programme of research. Applicants may be required or recommended to undertake additional English language tuition as a condition of registration to be fulfilled during the probationary year.