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Postgraduate programmes in

# Project Management

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World class. Worldwide.

# Join the World Class



## 1 Explore complex project management issues

You will develop advanced skills and analytical techniques relevant to project management theory and application, meeting the growing demand from multiple industries and organisations seeking a professional project management skillset.

## 2 Progress to a master's qualification

You can apply to the programme through two entry routes, depending on your qualifications. The Performance-Based admissions (PBA) route allows you to apply to the master's programme if you do not meet the requirements for direct entry. You can also progress to a master's qualification if you have registered for the postgraduate diploma or postgraduate certificate.

## 3 Delivered by experts in the field

You'll learn from highly experienced practitioners and senior executives with portfolios covering both complex, multidisciplinary projects and small, bespoke interventions in niche sectors, combining academic excellence with industry-related knowledge and expertise.

## 4 Specialisms

You can focus your career path by gaining an understanding of the core principles of project management while specialising in a field that interests you, such as sustainability or software development.

## 5 A mark of excellence

Earn an internationally recognised qualification from the University of London. The University has a track record of teaching, innovation and research dating back more than 160 years.



“In a fast changing environment of worldwide access to higher education, a University of London degree continues to offer a guarantee of quality, value and intellectual rigour.”

Professor Wendy Thomson  
Vice-Chancellor,  
University of London

# Your prestigious University of London qualification

## About your qualification

When you graduate with a degree, diploma or certificate from the University of London you will receive two important documents – your Final Diploma (the parchment you receive on graduation) and a Diploma Supplement.

## The Final Diploma

- indicates that you were registered with the University of London and awarded a University of London degree, diploma or certificate
- gives the name of Royal Holloway, University of London as the federation member that developed the syllabus and provided assessment
- features the University of London crest and the Vice-Chancellor's signature.

## The Diploma Supplement

- describes the nature, level and content of the programme you successfully completed
- includes the transcript of courses taken, marks achieved and overall classification
- states the role of Royal Holloway, University of London and the method of study.

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## Key dates

Applications and registration open :

18 December 2023

Applications close:

04 March 2024

Registrations close:

18 March 2024

Programme starts:

08 April 2024

# A University of London degree from anywhere in the world



## Dr Andreas Hadjixenophontos

Programme Director and Senior Lecturer in Project Management at Royal Holloway, University of London

Our MSc Project Management programme will provide you with the necessary knowledge, skills and tools to become competent project managers, a growing area of importance throughout business, industry and government today. While many project management programmes seek to train students on a single framework of project management, our degree offers you the opportunity to understand a broad range of different frameworks and relate these to different industry sectors. Most of the courses combine theoretical rigour and a strong element of practical application. In designing the courses to be taught on this programme, the

input from internationally accredited practitioners was valuable. You will be able to work on real-life case studies that will significantly add value to your learning experience. As most of these practitioners will also take the role of Module Leaders, you will be given the chance to interact with them and obtain valuable feedback.

You will explore complex project management issues and address challenges with advanced skills to meet the growing demand from multi-sector organisations seeking project management professionals. The course enables you to develop your learning on the importance of entrepreneurship, innovation and the appreciation of core values of ethical and sustainable enterprises in global economies. We also embrace the strategic focus on developing the multi- and intra-disciplinary characteristics of modern project- and programme-based environments.

The changing landscape and demand for global project managers is growing and will continue to grow. Our Project Management master's opens the possibilities of multiple routes to employment, re-deployment and advancing existing employment opportunities. Graduates of this programme enter a wide variety of industries, professions and

government departments, where demand for employees with project management expertise and the capability to address complex and changing organisations is high.

Some of the industries our past graduates have secured employment in are:

- consultancy firms
- information and digital technology companies
- automotive and product development organisations
- manufacturing and aerospace industries
- transportation, logistics and global supply chains
- services and oil and gas industries
- pharmaceuticals and healthcare
- utilities and service sector businesses
- banking and investment
- international banking and financial services
- further research and development in the private and public sectors
- senior positions in public and government sectors relating to national economic and industrial development.

“Many projects with good fundamentals and favourable externalities fail due to bad project management. The MSc Project Management will equip you with sufficient knowledge and those skills necessary to become competent project managers and avoid mistakes that can turn out to be very costly, both to your organisations and to your careers.”

Dr Andreas Hadjixenophontos

## A trusted name in global education

The University of London is one of the world's leading universities, internationally recognised for its high academic standards. This reputation is based on the outstanding teaching and research of our 17 federation members.

Among former students are six Nobel Prize winners, including Nelson Mandela and Charles Kao, a pioneer in the development of fibre-optics. Graduates have made and continue to make significant contributions worldwide.

## London made global

Founded in 1836, the University of London is one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in the UK and is internationally regarded as a centre of academic excellence. In 1858, we made our degrees available to study anywhere in the world.

Today, we have more than 40,000 students in over 190 countries, studying on 100-plus degrees, diplomas and certificates.

## Delivered by experts in the field

The programme has been developed with Royal Holloway, University of London, a Top 50 University in *The Guardian University Guide, 2024*.

As one of the UK's leading research-intensive universities Royal Holloway is home to some of the world's foremost authorities in the sciences, arts, business, economics and law.



# More than a general project management qualification

**This degree is designed to give you an in-depth understanding of the subject of project management and key insights into how the wider business works in relation to large and small projects across a range of industries.**

The MSc is ideal if you wish to:

- pursue a professional career in the world of project management
- enhance your current project management career
- transition into a different sector, or indeed into a management position with responsibilities for overseeing a range of projects.

This online programme provides you with an opportunity to explore contemporary technologies and practices of managing in project-based companies and institutions in a global environment. You will develop advanced skills and analytical techniques relevant to project management theory and application across several industries and project complexity and size.

We offer two specialisms on this degree, so you can focus your knowledge of the core principles of project management while also developing skills related to specific fields. The Software Development

specialism provides you with a general understanding of the software development planning process, while the Sustainability specialism offers an understanding of the environmental and social aspects of projects.





By studying this programme, you will:

- develop a systematic understanding of the relevant business functions in the context of project management (e.g. finance, risk, sustainability, operations and quality control)
- gain specialist knowledge relating to either software development or sustainability
- acquire the ability to critically analyse contrasting project management frameworks, methods and systems in relation to organisational culture, environmental factors and type/scale of projects
- apply a range of project management frameworks in order to evaluate and solve complex project delivery problems and make informed decisions in challenging situations.

In some countries, qualifications earned by distance and flexible learning may not be recognised by certain authorities or regulators for the purposes of public sector employment or further study. We advise you to explore the local recognition status before you register.



# How you study

The MSc Project Management is offered fully online and allows you the opportunity to flexibly fit your studies around your schedule. You can choose to study individual modules on a pay-as-you-go basis and build up your qualification at your own pace.

By studying this programme, you will develop a critical, selective and confident approach to the integration of knowledge domains and practical skills to finance, manage and execute processes and projects successfully, fully cognisant of the specific requirements of each project, the potential for blockages to implementation and preventive strategies to overcome them.

Each module is run over a 10-week block followed by an assessment submission point, with the exception of the Project module which is run over two 10-week blocks.

## Programme structure

The MSc Project Management and specialisms each consist of:

10 core modules (15 credits each)

one Project module (30 credits)

\*Each MSc consists of 10 core modules and a Project module. If you choose to register for an MSc Project Management specialism (Software Development or Sustainability), a higher proportion of those 10 core modules will focus on that specialism, allowing you to refine your knowledge and gain a competitive edge in the workplace.

The PGDip Project Management consists of:

eight optional modules (15 credits each)

The PGCert Project Management consists of:

one core module (15 credits)

three optional modules (15 credits each)



A number of modules, excluding the Project, will be available to study on a stand-alone basis, subject to module availability.

For further information on available modules, please visit: [london.ac.uk/project-management](https://london.ac.uk/project-management)

## MSc Project Management (Software Development)

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The Software Development specialism draws together the principles of project management with an in-depth understanding of the software development process, software project planning and software engineering principles.

This industry-focused programme is taught by experienced practitioners from the digital sector, helping you gain a strong combination of technical knowledge and specialist management skills that will give you a competitive edge in the workplace.

You'll graduate with the ability to communicate effectively with a team of software developers understand best practice in the industry, and plan a complex software project successfully.

## MSc Project Management (Sustainability)

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The Sustainability specialism will equip you with the knowledge to tackle some of today's most pressing issues. You'll gain a practical understanding of how to balance the environmental, social and economic aspects of projects that can be applied to a wide range of industries.

With companies under pressure to acknowledge their social responsibilities and provide more sustainable solutions, the ability to communicate confidently and effectively in this area is a highly sought-after skill across the globe.

You'll graduate as an expert in managing sustainability projects, with competitive skills and knowledge that will be a valuable resource to any organisation.



## Online support

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The programme is delivered online and there is no requirement to come to the UK as part of your studies. Our flexible online programme allows you to work around your own schedule and leads to a globally recognised qualification.

When you register, we will give you access to the Student Portal. You can then access your University of London email account and other key resources including:

- **The Virtual Learning Environment (VLE)** offers online learning support, access to the student café and discussion areas, and other study materials
- **The Student Guide** provides information which is common to all students and gives guidance on a range of issues relating to your study experience
- **The Online Library** provides access to over 100 million academic electronic items comprising e-books, e-journals, conference proceedings etc. In addition, students can request items which are not held in the library via the Online Library's Inter Library Loans service with the British Library. All registered students have free access to the University of London's Online Library via: [onlinelibrary.london.ac.uk](http://onlinelibrary.london.ac.uk)

- Senate House Library provides free reference access for all registered distance and flexible learning students.

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## Tutor support

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All students receive online tutor support while studying this programme. Tutors introduce the modules, respond to queries, monitor discussions and provide guidance on assessments.

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## Study materials

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All essential resources, activities, videos, discussions and support are provided through the VLE. This allows you to fit your studies around your work commitments. There is no need to purchase additional textbooks.

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## Time commitment

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The flexible approach to learning allows students to complete the MSc in a minimum of two years (subject to module availability) to a maximum of five years.

You can study at your own pace, either part time or full time, adjusting the intensity of learning to suit your needs.





# Entrance requirements and further information

## Entry requirements

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### Entry route 1: Direct Entry

To qualify to register for the MSc, PGDip or PGCert you will need a bachelor's degree which is considered at least comparable to a UK second-class honours degree from an institution acceptable to the University.

Applicants with work experience in a managerial position for at least three years, or with three years project work as junior project manager/coordinator, will be considered on an individual basis.

Applicants with an appropriate professional qualification from a recognised professional body will be considered on an individual basis.

### Entry route 2: Performance-Based Admissions

If applicants do not meet the requirements for direct entry they can apply for the MSc via the Performance-Based Admissions (PBA) route.

To qualify for entrance via the PBA route you will need:

- a bachelor's degree from an acceptable institution or
- an appropriate professional experience qualification from a recognised professional body or
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Students on the PBA route may transfer to the MSc on successful completion of two 15-credit modules.

## English language requirements

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You must satisfy the English language requirements for the programme. For more information on the requirements please visit: [london.ac.uk/applications/how-apply](https://london.ac.uk/applications/how-apply)

If you do not meet the English language proficiency requirements but believe that you can demonstrate the requisite proficiency, the University may, at its discretion, consider your application.

## Computer requirements

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The University of London sets minimum basic computer requirements because your study resources are accessed via the Student Portal and it is vital that you can access this regularly.

For this programme, you will need regular access to a computer with an internet connection.

For more information about specific software requirements, please visit: [london.ac.uk/applications/how-apply/computer-requirements](https://london.ac.uk/applications/how-apply/computer-requirements)

## How to apply

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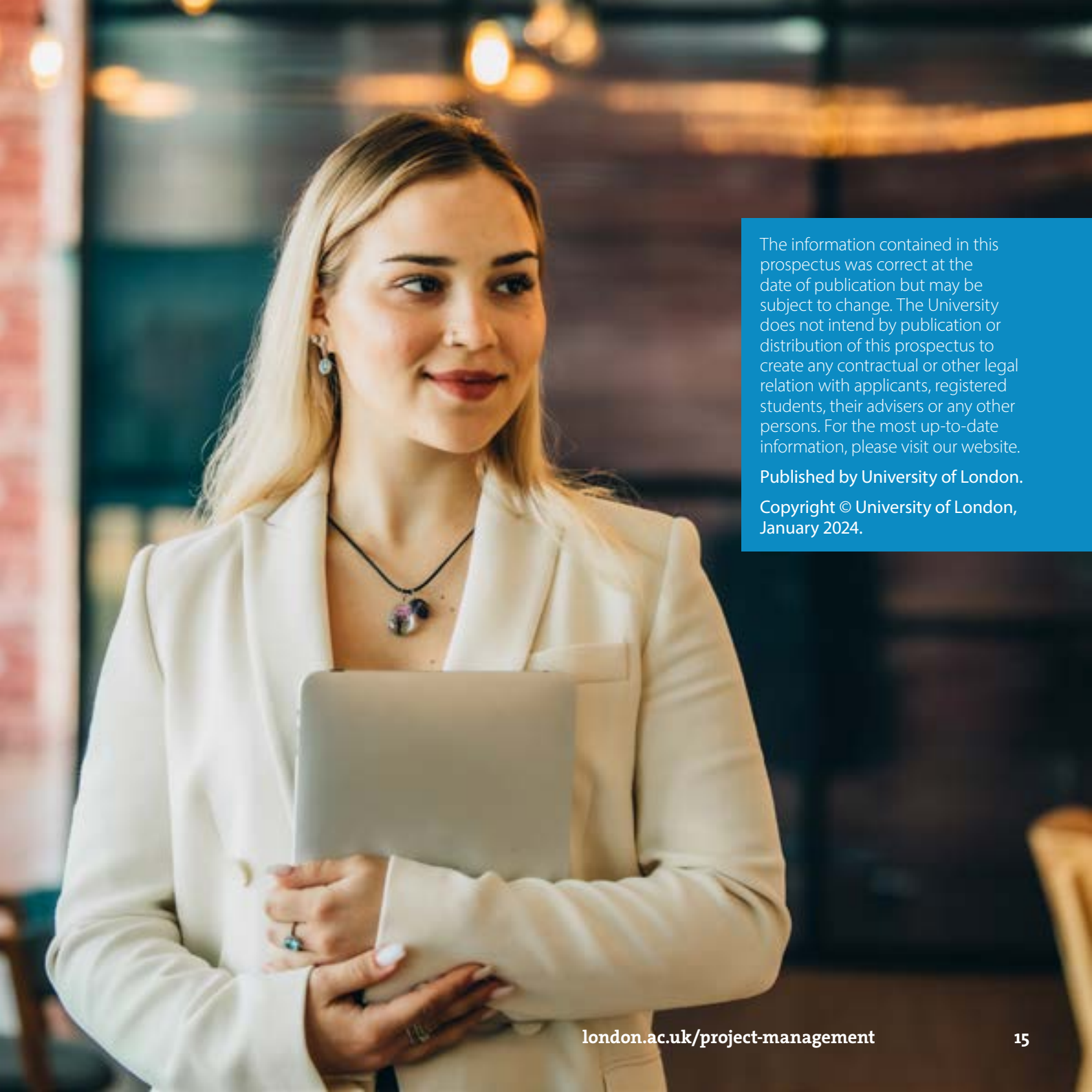
Please refer to the MSc Project Management webpages for details on how to apply: [london.ac.uk/project-management](https://london.ac.uk/project-management)

## Fees

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The total fee payable to the University of London for 2024–2025 will be published on our website once confirmed. On average, fees incur a five per cent year-on-year increase. For the latest information on programme fees, please visit: [london.ac.uk/fees](https://london.ac.uk/fees)

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