MA PHILANTHROPIC STUDIES

Distance learning
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This programme provides a comprehensive overview of philanthropy in theory and practice, covering historical development, contemporary issues, conceptual challenges and popular debates.

Reasons to choose this programme
- The programme covers classic and contemporary studies of philanthropy, introducing the extensive range of research in the field and engaging in key debates around the practice and understanding of philanthropy, fundraising, volunteering and the nonprofit sector.
- It is delivered by leading academics in the field of philanthropy, with contributions from experts in social policy, sociology, business, history, economics, psychology, geography and moral philosophy.
- It draws significantly on expertise from the philanthropy sector, with contributions from leading philanthropy consultants, grantmakers, foundation managers, fundraising experts and philanthropists themselves.
- It benefits those pursuing a career in the philanthropy and charity sector, and those wishing to gain a greater understanding of the meaning and purpose of philanthropy in modern life.
- It provides opportunities to share expertise, learn skills to use in your work and reflect upon your professional practice.
- Our flexible distance-learning approach provides a unique opportunity for professional development that can fit around your existing personal and working commitments.

Course structure
This programme is offered as a distance-learning course, with an optional induction at the start of each year, and one study day per module, held at our Canterbury campus. All course work is completed online, where you participate in discussion forums and have access to journal articles and specialist materials.

We offer a ‘modular’ system so that you can choose whether to study three modules to gain a Postgraduate Certificate or six modules to gain a Postgraduate Diploma. To obtain the Master’s qualification you will complete an additional 60-credit dissertation module. There is also the opportunity to study any one module as a taster before committing to a full Certificate, Diploma or Master’s programme.

Compulsory modules
- Fundamentals of Philanthropy
- Global Philanthropy: Comparative Perspectives

Optional modules
- Advising Donors
- The Art and Science of Fundraising
- Evidence-based Practice
- Understanding Social Research
- Volunteering and Society

Core programme team
Dr Beth Breeze
Dr Breeze is Director of the Centre for Philanthropy. She has written four books on philanthropy and fundraising: Richer Lives: Why Rich People Give; The Logic of Charity; The Philanthropy Reader; and The New Fundraisers. She also writes the annual Million Pound Donor Report and has published on giving circles, how donors choose charities and fundraising for unpopular causes.

Dr Eddy Hogg
Dr Hogg is a lecturer on the MA Philanthropic Studies. He is the author of What Regulation, Who Pays? Public Opinion and Charity Regulation. His research interests include volunteering, sports philanthropy, charitable giving and the community sector.

Dr Triona Fitton
Dr Fitton is Director of the MA Philanthropic Studies. She is the author of Hidden History: Philanthropy at the University of Kent. Her research interests include philanthropy in higher education, charity professionalisation, reciprocity and charity retail.

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