

Finding the right postgraduate course in the UK

National Information Services and Systems <http://www.niss.ac.uk/>

Look at the postgraduate PROSPECTS databases giving detail of all taught courses and research opportunities at UK universities:

<http://www.prospects.csu.ac.uk/>

The web site can be searched by institution, by subject, or by key words. This allows you to select where you would like to study and then what they offer or select what you would like to study and see where it is available.

Each entry on the database provides you with some basic information about the course and the institution you have selected

Every university has its own website, for a complete list of websites visit <http://www.niss.ac.uk/sites/he-cis.html>.

You can get independent assessments of the quality of teaching and research in most subject areas at most universities: Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education <http://www.qaa.ac.uk/revreps/subjrev/intro.htm>

To compare different institutions offering similar courses look at the "subject overview reports" <http://www.qaa.ac.uk/revreps/subjrev/overviews.htm>.

Then look at the full subject reports for individual institutions at <http://www.qaa.ac.uk/revreps/subjrev/byinstname.htm>

The Research Assessment Exercise is carried out every five years to evaluate the research published by most departments in UK universities, The results are published by the Higher Education Funding Councils on their website at <http://www.rae.ac.uk/results>

You can write or email specific staff members at the institutions for specific questions