

## **RESEARCH REQUIREMENTS FOR LAUNCHING A PHD STUDY**

You need a Masters degree or equivalent. All Masters degrees in the Centre for Environmental Studies are suitable for continuing with a PhD degree, should you wish to do this. The reason is that our Masters degrees (including the coursework degrees) have a strong research component that prepares students for the possibility of continuing with a PhD degree. If you have a Masters degree from another university, the rule of thumb is whether you have published any results from your Masters studies in the open scientific literature (i.e. peer-reviewed professional research journals). If this is so, you could argue that you have the experience to initiate a PhD degree. If you have not published some of your Masters research work, we strongly encourage you to negotiate with your Masters supervisor at your home university and to publish part of your Masters research project. If you have not published anything from your Masters research project, it is difficult to accept you for PhD studies. The reason is that you do not have the experience in publishing research results. During a PhD study you are expected to publish several research articles and you are assumed to have basic writing experience. When applying for PhD studies you need to demonstrate that you have this experience.