Research Degrees MLitt & PhD

Why do a research degree at MU Music?

→ Our PhD and MLitt degrees allow students to engage in high-quality research under the supervision of leading academics and practitioners in the field.

→ Supervision is offered across the principal areas of composition, musicology, music technology and performance. The form of the doctoral submission is tailored to each area and the precise requirements of each can be found at:

www.maynoothuniversity.ie/study-maynooth/postgraduate-studies/courses/phd-music.

→ In addition, the PhD/MLitt degrees are structured programmes that include a number of generic and subject- specific skills modules to complement your research.

Who is a research degree for?

An MLitt or PhD is aimed at students who have completed a primary degree, and usually a postgraduate qualification in music or a related area. A research degree allows students to apply skills learned in these previous qualifications in a highly focused area of study. MLitt or PhD projects are often a development of research initiated at the masters level but can also be completely new. A research degree in music offers deep intellectual growth, the opportunity to contribute new knowledge and refine your creative artistry. It opens career paths in academia, arts, and other related industries.

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Duration
PhD: 4 yrs FT/6 yrs PT
MLitt: 2 yrs FT/3 yrs PT

CourseCode
MHT02 (PhD FT)
MHT03 (PhD PT)
MHT04 (MLitt FT)
MHT05 (MLitt PT)

Application procedure:

1) Candidates are encouraged to identify and get in touch with a potential supervisor in advance of making any application for a research degree.
2) Application is online via **MU Apply** and requires the submission of a research proposal outlining the context of the project, the principal research questions the work addresses, and a methodology for doing so.
3) Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an interview with the Departmental Research Committee.