

**Durham University Business School**  
**Doctoral Conference 2026, 23-24 April**  
**Doctoral Frontiers: Research for a Changing World**



### **Call for Papers**

For sixty years, Durham University Business School has championed world-leading and world-changing research, tackling the world's toughest challenges through the collective strength of business, science and society. As we mark our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, we are proud to welcome all doctoral researchers and alumni to showcase their contributions at this landmark conference.

For the first time, this joint community event brings together doctoral researchers across the Business School's distinguished postgraduate research programmes for a truly collaborative, interdisciplinary, and inspiring experience!

We are delighted to invite your submissions to our **2026 doctoral conference theme, "Doctoral Frontiers: Research for a Changing World"**. We encourage submissions from all areas of doctoral research in the Business School, including but not limited to strategy, leadership, entrepreneurship, operations research, information systems, international business, marketing, finance, accounting, economics, and organisational behaviour.

Contributions may focus on various topics related to research for a changing world, such as:

- Role of business for sustainable futures and responsible practice (e.g., climate change, sustainability)
- Human resilience in a changing world (e.g., leadership, organisational transformation, thriving, wellbeing)
- Digital transformation, innovation and entrepreneurship (e.g., artificial intelligence, ethics, and CSR)
- Finance, economics, and accountability for the public good (e.g., financial systems, economic policy)
- Global supply chains, trade networks and agility (e.g., disruption of supply networks, global commerce)

While submissions related to the theme are encouraged, we also welcome research on other topics in business and management, accounting, finance and economics, to create a platform for diverse ideas and meaningful dialogue.

#### **Who is invited to submit:**

- Early-stage IPhD, PhD and DBA Researchers seeking feedback to refine their work-in-progress
- Advanced IPhD, PhD and DBA Researchers showcasing initial or developed research findings
- IPhD, PhD and DBA Alumni aiming to strengthen publication opportunities and expand their networks

#### **Submission details:**

- Submit your abstract (max **1,000 words**, including references) via the Event Durham portal at <https://pay.durham.ac.uk/event-durham/doctoral-conference-2026>
- **Abstract submission deadline:** Tuesday, **10 February 2026**
- **Notification of acceptance:** Tuesday, **10 March 2026**
- Accepted submissions will be considered for the **2026 Best Conference Paper Awards**

#### **Why join our doctoral conference:**

- Receive **constructive feedback** from international experts and peers
- Present your work in a **supportive, collegial academic environment**
- Develop your **researcher profile** through workshops and expert presentations
- Expand your **professional and academic network**

You are warmly invited to join us even if you do not wish to present. Please register via the [Event Durham portal](#).

We look forward to receiving your submissions and welcoming you to Durham for a truly enriching experience.