



Our Centre

The Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience (CAWR) is the largest centre in the world doing transdisciplinary research on the links between agroecology, and sustainable food systems, water management and community resilience.

Location and Facilities

Located in the picturesque rural setting of Ryton Organic Gardens, we are just 5 miles south of Coventry city centre and the main University campus with access to facilities and opportunities available there. There are great transport links to CAWR being located close to the M1 and Birmingham International Airport. We also have free shuttle buses running between Coventry railway station and CAWR.

Facilities at Ryton include IT equipment, a video editing suite, meeting rooms and a hot desk space dedicated to postgraduate students as well as quiet working areas. CAWR also boasts laboratory facilities with state of the art equipment, including soil and water labs and a computational modelling lab.

How to Apply

For MSc applications: www.coventry.ac.uk/cawr-msc

For MRes and PhD: www.coventry.ac.uk/research/research-opportunities/research-students/making-an-application

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Study with us



We offer a range of opportunities for postgraduate study, from short courses, summer schools and a taught Masters programme, to doing a Masters by Research or a PhD.

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Taught Programmes

MSc Agroecology, Water and Food Sovereignty

A transdisciplinary course addressing current issues related to food production, management of natural resources, climate change, environmental degradation and building resilient societies, this course takes a unique approach to finding sustainable solutions where conventional approaches are failing.

Please see our website for course outline, information on modules, entry requirements and fee information.

Start date: September

Duration: Full Time - 12 months | Part Time – 24 months



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"This course is really interesting. The topics covered are extremely varied and different so if you have a variety of interests, this course is the one for you! It is a great mix of social and natural science and is truly interdisciplinary" Lindsey Scott

Short Courses and Summer Schools

Please check our website for up-to-date information on our taught programmes or feel free to contact us.

Postgraduate Research at CAWR

We have a thriving and vibrant community of scholars, practitioners and honorary research fellows from across the globe engaged in cutting edge research, and our students are very much a part of this community. CAWR offers the following postgraduate study opportunities.



Masters by Research (MSc-R)

Develop your research skills with this programme, which can be taken either as a stand-alone qualification or as a progression route into doctoral research.

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

The Centre offers a range of fully funded opportunities each year, as well some non-funded project ideas for those who are considering a PhD and would like to work on an already designed project.

Self-funded students with their own PhD proposals can choose from our team of academics, early career researchers and honorary research fellows with expertise in their fields, to form their supervisory team.

We have an engaging doctoral programme delivered at the Centre which provides bespoke training. Students are fully integrated into CAWR via a range of activities including:

- Tailored inductions
- Research Seminars
- Peer to peer presentations
- Workshops
- Summer School

"The Centre's emphasis on interdisciplinary thinking and working, and non-traditional approaches to research, makes it a rare and important place to study particularly if, like me, you are interested in the politics of knowledge production within and outside of academia." Dr Christopher Yap



Career Prospects following postgraduate study at CAWR

- National and international government agencies
- Non-governmental organisations
- Research and development organisations
- Academia
- Community-based organisations
- Private sector including small food companies and the farming sector

A special feature of the University's PGR development is that PhD students with a successful track record and prompt completion are offered the opportunity to compete for a 1 year post-doctoral funding at Coventry University.

Students are also provided with teaching opportunities within the Centre and the wider University.

