



### **5.5. Reflection**

- Personal development as a researcher
- Challenges, limitations, and strengths

### **5. 6. Conclusion**

- Summary of contribution
- Future research directions

## **6. Educational Aims of the Programme**

**This programme aims to ensure candidates demonstrate:**

- Creation/interpretation of new knowledge at doctoral level
- Systematic understanding of a field
- Ability to conceptualise and execute advanced research
- Mastery of research techniques
- Capacity to defend knowledge claims with rigour

## **7. Programme Learning Outcomes**

**Graduates will be able to:**

- Critically analyse and synthesise complex knowledge
- Conduct research independently and ethically
- Communicate research effectively to specialist and general audiences
- Lead and collaborate within academic/professional settings
- Influence policy, practice, and scholarship through research impact

## **8. Admission Criteria**

**To apply, candidates must:**

- Meet institutional postgraduate research entry requirements
- Provide evidence of a coherent body of published work
- Demonstrate readiness to produce a Critical Overview A DBS check may be required depending on research area.

## **9. Examination: Viva Voce & Outcomes**

**All candidates must undergo a Viva Voce where examiners assess:**

- Original contribution to knowledge
- Coherence of the overall research programme
- Critical engagement and methodological competency
- Understanding of the field and impact

## **10. Support & Resources**

**Candidates have access to:**

- Supervisory team
- Peer community forums
- Support in selecting legitimate ISBN/ISSN journals
- Strong academic and research networking opportunities
- Assistance with manuscript preparation and formatting
- Connections with journal editors, reviewers, and conferences