This programme is about developing a community of practitioners that will transform the approach to Prime Contract and Major Programme Management. It is about ensuring that the participants know the ‘latest’ in the field, and taking forward the practice and thinking in the field through work on the MSc and within the research network.

Participants will be:
- Graduates with a good first degree, normally first or 2:1. Exceptionally, a non-graduate with a strong grounding in project management; subject to a portfolio of professional experience and demonstrating the capability to undertake a Masters level degree.
- Professionally qualified in their ‘root’ discipline e.g. as an engineer, an accountant, etc.
- Already in a managerial role working in a prime contract environment or major project with a significant level of technical, commercial, organisational and supply chain complexity.
- Already undertaking a role that involves some general or business management and leadership responsibility or a technical or functional project management responsibility.
- Identified through talent management or succession planning processes as having the potential to assume a significant leadership role on a major or prime contract in the near future.
- Committed to an intensive, major programme of study.
- Open minded and motivated to reflect on, and develop and apply approaches to, the key issues in the field of major, complex project and programme management. These key issues will demand better judgement not simply better application of the best analysis, management and control tools.
- Strong command of English – IELTS 6.5, TOEFL 575 (paper-based) or 233 (computer-based).
Employers will be working in the programme management field either as prime contractors or as part of a project supply chain. They will be concerned to be amongst the best and looking for new ideas and for opportunities to develop their staff.

They will:
- have experienced staff who they wish to develop.
- be able to support those staff through a programme requiring:
  - attendance on ten 5-day modules delivered over a period of about two years
  - working on post module study and assignments which require between 10-15 hours per week
  - doing an in depth dissertation taking almost a year after completing the modules.
- be able to offer their staff the experiences and the access to colleagues necessary to complete the course work.
- be committed to being the best in complex project management.

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