Information for Applicants from USA
2018 entry

The University comprises
3 colleges & 20 schools
offering a vast range and choice of programmes:

- 130 postgraduate research degrees
- 350 postgraduate taught degrees
- 500 undergraduate degrees

QS World Rankings 2018

- Ranked 23rd in the world

Founded 1583

1583
One of Scotland’s ancient universities

1739
Alumnus: John Witherspoon
(Signatories of the Declaration of Independence)

1768
Alumnus: Benjamin Rush

1825
Alumnus: Charles Darwin

1881
Alumnus: Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

1957
Nobel Prize: Alexander R. Todd
Chemistry

1995
Alumna: JK Rowling

1996
Nobel Prize: Professor Peter Higgs
Physics

2013
Top UK university choice for US students

2016

Our staff to student ratio means there is plenty of support for students

2,400
US students

14,900 other international students

156 nationalities on campus

6,500 academic staff

6,700 support staff

OVER 13,000 postgraduate students

OVER 24,000 undergraduate students

We offer a comprehensive student experience with over

260 student societies

65 sport clubs
The city of Edinburgh

Edinburgh is a welcoming, cosmopolitan and economically vibrant city with a large, diverse student population from all over the world. The city offers a unique and exciting array of arts, performance, architecture, leisure and entertainment. Almost every conceivable sport is available here, and the stunning Scottish countryside and coastline are just a few miles away. With excellent road, rail and air transport systems, Edinburgh is within easy reach of all major cities in the UK, Europe and beyond.

Edinburgh’s links to the USA

We have more than 20 student exchange partners including CalTech, the University of Chicago, Georgetown University, the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Virginia. The University of Edinburgh is working in partnership with Yale University as part of an innovative UK-USA-Africa Partnership to further build up Palliative Care at Makerere University and its associated hospital, Mulago Hospital.

Alumni in the USA

The University has been welcoming students from the USA since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. In fact, two signatories of the Declaration, John Witherspoon and Benjamin Rush, were Edinburgh graduates. Today, the University has over 20,000 alumni in North America, who have found success in a wide range of fields, including government, academia, business, law and medicine. Our alumni in America today include physicians, academics, lawyers, US Congressmen, the co-founder of TiVo, a vice president of Chevron, an Emmy award-winning actor, a group vice president of Unilever, and many more. The University has an established alumni network in the USA. Please contact us if you would like to be put in touch with alumni in your area.

Funding

The University is certified to accept Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) loan applications and many students coming here will bring loans with them. Scholarships for students from the USA include:

- Marshall Scholarships
- Fulbright Scholarships
- GI Bill Scholarships

Full details of these and other scholarships offered by the University can be found online.

www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding

Undergraduate entry requirements

Demand for places at the University of Edinburgh is high, and entry is competitive. Please check online or get in touch to see if any specific subject tests or APs are required. The typical entry requirements for students holding US qualifications are a strong high school diploma, with evidence of a challenging curriculum and course load, plus one of the following:

- SAT Score of 1290 (650 minimum in Evidence Based Reading and Writing and 620 minimum in Maths) plus two SAT Subject tests with 650 minimum
- SAT Score of 1290 (650 minimum in Evidence Based Reading and Writing and 620 minimum in Maths) plus two APs at Grade 4 minimum
- ACT Composite score of 27 minimum plus two SAT Subject tests with 650 minimum
- ACT Composite score of 27 minimum plus two APs at grade 4
- Three APs at Grade 4 minimum
- International Baccalaureate Diploma (the typical requirement for international applicants is 34 points, with 655 at Higher Level)
- Successful completion of one year of University in the USA

How to apply - undergraduate

- University and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) applications open – 1 September
- Suggested UCAS application deadline – 1 November (apply at www.ucas.com/apply using institution code E56)
- Accommodation applications open – March
- Scholarship deadline – 1 April
- Visa application – mid-June onwards
- Final International application deadline – 30 June

Postgraduate entry requirements

For entry to most postgraduate degrees, students should have an appropriate qualification in a relevant field of study. The minimum requirement for students from the USA is an undergraduate degree from a recognised university or college with a minimum 3.25 GPA. Each programme may have additional requirements. You can obtain further guidance on specific entry requirements by contacting the Edinburgh Global or visiting

www.ed.ac.uk/studying/postgraduate

All postgraduate research applicants are encouraged to make contact with the University to discuss available opportunities before submitting an application.

How to apply - postgraduate

Please apply online from your chosen degree - look for the “Apply” button under "Apply for this Degree".

www.ed.ac.uk/studying/postgraduate/finder

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