History, Classics & Archaeology

Postgraduate Opportunities 2018
“Edinburgh isn’t so much a city, more a way of life … I doubt I’ll ever tire of exploring Edinburgh, on foot or in print.”

Ian Rankin
Best-selling author and alumnus
For more than 400 years the University of Edinburgh has been changing the world. Our staff and students have explored space, won Nobel Prizes and revolutionised surgery. They’ve published era-defining books, run the country, made life-saving breakthroughs and laid the foundations to solve the mysteries of the universe.

Our distinguished alumni include NASA astronaut Piers Sellers, former MI5 Director-General Dame Stella Rimington, Olympians Sir Chris Hoy and Katherine Grainger and historical greats such as philosopher David Hume, suffragist Chrystal Macmillan, who founded the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom, and physicist and mathematician James Clerk Maxwell.

International collaboration
An internationally renowned centre for academic excellence, we forge world-class collaborations with partners such as the California Institute of Technology (Caltech), Stanford University, the University of Melbourne, Peking University, the University of Delhi and the University of Kwazulu-Natal. As a member of the League of European Research Universities and the Coimbra Group, we link up with leading institutions across Europe.

Linking research and commerce
We were one of the first UK universities to develop commercial links with industry, government and the professions. Edinburgh Innovations promotes and commercialises our research excellence and can assist you in taking the first step to market, through collaborative research, licensing technology or consultancy.

Enhancing your career
We are committed to embedding employability in your University experience and have one of the Russell Group’s best track records for graduate employment. From volunteering schemes to our sector-leading careers service, we provide you with opportunities to develop your skills, knowledge and experience, giving you an edge in the competitive job market.

TOP 50
We’re consistently ranked one of the top 50 universities in the world. We’re 23rd in the 2018 QS World University Rankings.

4TH
We’re ranked fourth in the UK for research power, based on research quality and breadth.*

83%
The majority of our research – 83 per cent – is considered world leading or internationally excellent.*

32ND
We’re ranked 32nd in the world for the employability of our graduates.†

£268m
In 2015/16 we won £268 million in competitive research grants.

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We’re associated with 21 Nobel Prize winners, including physicists Peter Higgs, Charles Barkla and Max Born, medical researcher Peter Doherty and biologist Sir Paul Nurse.

13TH
We’re ranked 13th in the world’s most international universities.‡ Students from two-thirds of the world’s countries study here.

* Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014
† Latest Emerging Global Employability University Ranking
‡ Times Higher Education: The World’s Most International Universities 2017
Taught masters programmes

### American History

**MSc 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)**

**Programme description**

This programme is distinctive in its breadth and diversity, both chronologically and thematically. It draws on the wide range of American historical expertise available in the School. You will enrich your skills in independent research, critical analysis and presentations, and gain an in-depth understanding of the key topics and historiographical debates of this young nation’s dynamic past.

You will attain a level of expertise and knowledge that will enable you to embark upon independent research at an advanced level in American history. The University is home to one of the largest teams of American historians outside the United States, allowing us to provide courses and research supervision in a wide array of topics and time periods with world class expertise. The impressive combined resources of the University’s Main Library and the National Library of Scotland, home to one of the UK’s largest collections of Americana, will be on hand.

**Programme structure**

You’ll take two semesters of seminar-style courses in small groups, then apply your independent research skills developing your dissertation, with the supervision of academic staff. This is your chance to be creative; our breadth of expertise means we’re open to almost any area of interest.

**COMPULSORY AND OPTION COURSES**

You will complete three compulsory courses and select a further three options from a wide range on offer. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

**Career opportunities**

Our students view the programme and a graduate degree from Edinburgh as an advanced qualification valued and respected by many employers. Others are interested in pursuing long-term academic careers and therefore consider the MSc as preparation for a PhD. The combination of specialised skills training courses and seminars, and the opportunity for independent research provides you with transferable skills that will be beneficial whatever path you choose. Graduates pursue work in related areas such as museums, policy think-tanks, national and international civil services, non-governmental organizations, galleries, libraries and historic trusts whilst others build on the transferable skills gained and enter areas as diverse as business, media, public administration and marketing.

**Entry requirements**

A UK 2:1 honours degree, US GPA 3.4 or other international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry), in a subject related to American History. Relevant experience or professional, or other, qualifications will also be considered.

**English language requirements**

See page 28. Fees and funding for fees see page 28 and for funding information see page 30.

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### Contemporary History

**MSc 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)**

**Programme description**

Has the end of the Cold War created a new world order? Has the fall of the Berlin Wall inaugurated a new Europe? Has 9/11 changed our world and the character of our democracies forever? Are we facing a ‘clash of cultures’ in the Middle East? Is American power declining and being replaced by new players on the world stage? This MSc allows you to explore such questions critically and analytically while discovering how the recent past shaped the modern world.

You will gain a comprehensive understanding of the increasingly global experience of humankind in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. A specialised methodological and historiographical course will help you appreciate the distinctiveness of contemporary history; its use of radio, television, film, and internet-based sources such as Wikileaks; and its methodology. This rigorous skills training will be supplemented by a variety of topical, specialised options, covering virtually every distinctive approach to history (e.g. political, social and economic) and every region on the globe, underlining the increasing globalisation of our recent past. The MSc makes use of Edinburgh’s unique archival and bibliographical resources – the National Archives of Scotland, the National Library of Scotland, the University’s library and archives – and is enriched by the city’s key role in current British politics. Additionally, with our close association to the Centre for the Study of Modern and Contemporary History, Edinburgh is a wonderful environment for contemporary scholarship.

**Programme structure**

The programme combines methodological and substantive courses with intensive student participation. The analysis of diverse primary source material is essential, as is situating research findings within an established historiographical tradition. You will also complete a dissertation.

**COMPULSORY AND OPTION COURSES**

You will complete three compulsory courses and select a further three options from a wide range on offer. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

**Career opportunities**

This is an advanced qualification, valued and respected by employers and also suitable as preparation for a PhD and a long-term academic career. The combination of skills training, specialised seminars; and independent research provides you with transferable skills that will be beneficial whatever path you choose. Graduates work in related areas such as museums, policy think-tanks, national and international civil services, non-governmental organisations, galleries, libraries and historic trusts. Others enter business, media, public administration or marketing.

**Entry requirements**

A UK 2:1 honours degree, US GPA 3.4 or other international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry), in a subject related to this programme. Relevant experience or professional, or other, qualifications will also be considered.

**English language requirements**

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**History programmes (continued)**

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**History**

*MSc 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)*

**Programme description**

This comprehensive programme allows you to take full advantage of the breadth of our research expertise. We’ll help you to develop a specialised knowledge and understanding of history and its central issues, examine historical sources, evaluate existing research, and work towards a specialised research project of your own.

**Programme structure**

You will take a variety of seminar-style courses in small groups. Most courses are assessed by means of an extended piece of written work, while some courses may also assess non-written skills. You will then complete an independent research dissertation and will be assigned a supervisor from the outset.

**COMPULSORY AND OPTION COURSES:**

You will complete two compulsory courses and select a further four options from a wide range on offer. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

**Career opportunities**

Our students view the programme and a graduate degree from Edinburgh as an advanced qualification valued and respected by many employers, others are interested in pursuing long-term academic careers and therefore consider the MSc as preparation for a PhD. The combination of skills training courses, specialised seminars, and independent research provides you with transferable skills that will be beneficial whatever path you choose. Graduates pursue work in related areas such as museums, policy think tanks, national and international civil services, non-governmental organisations, galleries, libraries and historic trusts while others build on the transferable skills gained and enter areas as diverse as business, media, public administration and marketing.

**Entry requirements**

A UK 2:1 honours degree, US GPA 3.4 or other international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry), in History or another humanities or social science subject with a significant historical component. Relevant experience or professional, or other, qualifications will also be considered.

**English language requirements**

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**Fees and funding**

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**Intellectual History**

*MSc 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)*

**Programme description**

Ideas and patterns of thought have always been, and continue to be, subject to historical change. The ways in which they change, and the reasons why they do so, make for fascinating study. In this comprehensive programme, you’ll be introduced to the principal methodologies of intellectual history. You will also have the opportunity to explore particular themes in intellectual history, developing a detailed understanding of their origins, historical circumstances and implications. By the end of the programme you will have the tools you need to appreciate the interdependence of text and context and the importance of ideas in past and present, as well as the ability to research effectively and present your work with confidence.

**Programme structure**

You will take a variety of seminar-style courses in small groups. Most courses are assessed by means of an extended piece of written work, while some courses may also assess non-written skills. You will then complete an independent research dissertation and will be assigned a supervisor from the outset.

**COMPULSORY AND OPTION COURSES:**

You will complete two compulsory courses and select a further four options from a wide range on offer. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

**Career opportunities**

Our students view the programme and a graduate degree from Edinburgh as an advanced qualification valued and respected by many employers, others are interested in pursuing long-term academic careers and therefore consider the MSc as preparation for a PhD. The combination of skills training courses, specialised seminars, and independent research provides you with transferable skills that will be beneficial whatever path you choose. Graduates pursue work in related areas such as museums, policy think tanks, national and international civil services, non-governmental organisations, galleries, libraries and historic trusts while others build on the transferable skills gained and enter areas as diverse as business, media, public administration and marketing.

**Entry requirements**

A UK 2:1 honours degree, US GPA 3.4 or other international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry), in a subject related to this programme, normally History.

**English language requirements**

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**Fees and funding**

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**Medieval History**

*MSc 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)*

**Programme description**

In this programme, you will take an in-depth look at the fascinating history of Europe in the period between AD 400 and 1500 and develop your own specialised interests. Through small, seminar-based classes, and specialised training you will develop knowledge of the principal categories of surviving evidence and the technical skills needed to make sense of primary sources. You will also learn the value of an interdisciplinary approach to medieval research with opportunities to enrol for relevant courses in other parts of the University.

With more than 90 members of academic staff attached to our cross-disciplinary Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies (CMRES), Edinburgh is a wonderful environment for medieval scholarship. World-class resources will be on hand to aid your studies, most notably the impressive combined collections of the National Library of Scotland and the University’s Main Library.

**Programme structure**

You will take a variety of seminar-style courses in small groups. Most courses are assessed by means of an extended piece of written work, while some courses may also assess non-written skills. You will then complete an independent research dissertation and will be assigned a supervisor from the outset.

**COMPULSORY AND OPTION COURSES:**

You will complete a compulsory course on primary sources and five other courses, including at least two language options or skills based options (which include Latin) and at least two academic options (which include CMRES courses). Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

**Career opportunities**

Our students view the programme and a graduate degree from Edinburgh as an advanced qualification valued and respected by many employers, others are interested in pursuing long-term academic careers and therefore consider the MSc as preparation for a PhD. The combination of specialised skills training courses and research seminars, as well as independent research provides you with transferable skills that will be beneficial whatever path you choose. Graduates pursue work in related areas such as museums, policy think tanks, national and international civil services, non-governmental organisations, galleries, libraries and historic trusts whilst others build on the transferable skills gained and enter areas as diverse as business, media, public administration and marketing.

**Entry requirements**

A UK 2:1 honours degree, US GPA 3.4 or other international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry), in a subject related to this programme.

**English language requirements**

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**Fees and funding**

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**Scottish History**

- **MSc 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)**

**Programme description**
This programme offers an unrivalled range of courses that explore Scotland's past across a broad chronological period. From the early medieval period to contemporary developments and Scotland's place in a comparative and global context. The examination of Scotland's past has been at the centre of history teaching at the University of Edinburgh since the prestigious Sir William Fraser Chair of Scottish History and Palaeography was established in 1807. You'll have access to some of the most impressive archival collections in the UK, both within the University and nearby. Taught by one of the largest groups of specialist Scottish historians found at any UK university, Edinburgh's Scottish History programme is world leading.

**Programme structure**
You will take a variety of seminar style courses in small groups. Most courses are assessed by means of an extended piece of written work, while some courses may also assess non-written skills. You will then complete an independent research dissertation and will be assigned a supervisor from the outset.

**COMPULSORY AND OPTION COURSES:**
You will complete two compulsory courses and select a further four options from a wide range of subjects on offer. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

**Career opportunities**
Our students view the programme and a graduate degree from Edinburgh as an advanced qualification and respected by many employers, others are interested in pursuing long-term academic careers and therefore consider the MSc as preparation for a PhD. The combination of skills training courses, specialised seminars, and independent research provides you with transferrable skills that will be beneficial whatever path you choose. Graduates pursue work in related areas such as museums, policy think tanks, national and international civil services, non-governmental organisations, galleries, libraries and historic trusts while others build on the transferable skills gained and enter areas as diverse as business, media, public administration and marketing.

**Entry requirements**
A UK 2:1 honours degree, US GPA 3.4 or other international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry), in history or another humanities or social science subject with a significant historical component (not necessarily Scottish).

**English language requirements**
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**Fees and funding**
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**Key**
FT: Full time. PT: Part time.

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**Ancient History**

- **MSc 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)**

**Programme description**
This programme gives you the opportunity to study ancient history at an advanced level, developing your interest in the ancient world and providing an excellent preparation for further graduate research. Edinburgh is one of the leading centres in the UK for the study of ancient history, in the chronological, geographical and methodological scope of the research interests of our staff. The range and content of our courses reflect staff research strengths in Greek, Hellenistic, Roman and Late Antique topics. Greek and Latin language courses are always offered. Our particular strengths lie in the legal, institutional, social and economic history of the Greek and Roman worlds, as well as in political theory and practice, Hellenistic history, and late antique history. As a student on this programme, you will develop your skills in critical thinking, clear writing and research, verbal presentation and critical analysis.

**Programme structure**
Most teaching takes place in small-group seminars and the programme is designed to allow both breadth of coverage and specialisation. The specialised compulsory course will provide you with the key methodological and practical skills required of researchers in all classical subjects, while the options offer a large degree of flexibility, allowing you to develop or consolidate your language skills and explore a diverse range of historical topics in depth. Independent research, in the form of a dissertation, forms a substantial component of the programme, challenging you to build on the material and approaches covered in the taught courses and develop your research skills.

**COMPULSORY AND OPTION COURSES:**
You will complete one compulsory course and select a further three skills courses and an additional two options from a wide range on offer. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

**Career opportunities**
Our students view the programme and a graduate degree from Edinburgh as an advanced qualification valued and respected by many employers, others are interested in pursuing long-term academic careers and therefore consider the MSc as preparation for a PhD. The combination of skills training courses, specialised seminars, and independent research provides you with transferrable skills that will be beneficial whatever path you choose. Graduates pursue work in related areas such as museums, policy think tanks, national and international civil services, non-governmental organisations, galleries, libraries and historic trusts while others build on the transferable skills gained and enter areas as diverse as business, media, public administration and marketing.

**Entry requirements**
A UK 2:1 honours degree, US GPA 3.4 or other international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry), in history or another humanities or social science subject with a significant historical component (not necessarily Scottish).

**English language requirements**
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**Fees and funding**
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**Classics**

- **MSc 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)**

**Programme description**
This programme will give you the opportunity to study specific periods and regions of classical civilization, analyse the literary significance of texts, and develop your language skills in Greek and Latin. Drawing on the diverse interests of our academic staff (which number more than 20 in this area), the programme content is highly flexible, allowing you to choose a specialised path or a more interdisciplinary approach. We have specialists in the central areas of Greek and Latin literature and thought, Greek and Roman history, and Classical art and archaeology. We also take a broad view of the discipline with, for example, expertise in late antiquity, and reception history. We provide opportunities for you to hear from distinguished speakers in the weekly classics research seminar series and to share your research with your peers at the classics graduate seminar. Studying Classics in Edinburgh is the perfect marriage known as the Athens of the North, Edinburgh is a stunningly beautiful city with a worldwide reputation as a cultural and academic capital.

**Programme structure**
The modular structure of the programme allows you to concentrate on areas of particular interest while still providing breadth of coverage. Your required course in classics research methods and skills equips you with the independent skills you need to complete your dissertation.

**COMPULSORY AND OPTION COURSES:**
You will complete one compulsory course and select a further three skills courses and an additional two options from a wide range on offer. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

**Career opportunities**
Our students view the programme and a graduate degree from Edinburgh as an advanced qualification valued and respected by many employers, others are interested in pursuing long-term academic careers and therefore consider the MSc as preparation for a PhD. The combination of skills training courses, specialised seminars, and independent research provides you with transferrable skills that will be beneficial whatever path you choose. Graduates pursue work in related areas such as museums, policy think tanks, national and international civil services, non-governmental organisations, galleries, libraries and historic trusts while others build on the transferable skills gained and enter areas as diverse as business, media, public administration and marketing.

**Entry requirements**
A UK 2:1 honours degree, US GPA 3.4 or other international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry), in a subject related to this programme, preferably classics, classical civilization, ancient history or classical archaeology. Relevant experience or professional, or other, qualifications will also be considered.

**English language requirements**
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**Fees and funding**
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**See also...**
You may also be interested in programmes offered by other Schools within the University, particularly Edinburgh College of Art or the Schools of Divinity; Literatures, Languages & Cultures; or Social & Political Science.

www.ed.ac.uk/studying/prospectus-request
The programme studies the ancient Greek and Roman worlds from the Iron Age to the late Roman and early Christian period through their material remains including sculpture, funerary art, topography and visual cultures. Focusing on the ancient Mediterranean world, broadly defined, you’ll explore not simply the archaeology of Greece and Rome but also the Near East and north-western Europe. Through our interdisciplinary approach, you’ll also be able to work with staff from all areas of the School. Several members of Classics have ongoing excavations in Italy, Georgia and Macedonia, which students are welcome to attend. The programme aims to familiarise you with the various methods used in the study of classics, enabling you to work in a manner that is theoretically and methodologically engaged.

Programme structure
We offer a range of courses, which has been designed to reflect the research interests of our lecturers and help you develop a particular topic of interest for your dissertation.

COMPULSORY AND OPTION COURSES:
You will complete one compulsory course and select a further three skills courses and an additional two options from a wide range on offer. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

Career opportunities
Our students view the programme and a graduate degree from Edinburgh as an advanced qualification valued and respected by many employers. Others are interested in pursuing long term academic careers and therefore consider the MSc as preparation for a PhD. The programme provides a toolkit of transferable skills in organisation, research and analysis that will be highly prized in any field of work. This programme can form the stepping stone to many careers, such as further academic research, museum and art curation, literary translation or analysis, education or public heritage. Graduates of related programmes are putting their skills to use as tutors, archivists, writers and conference coordinators for employers including the RSPB.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree, US GPA 3.4 or other international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry), in a subject related to this programme, preferably classics, classical civilisation, ancient history or classical archaeology.

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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In 2017 an exciting comparative Byzantine/Chinese studies project attracted a grant of €2 million.
Programme description
This programme is taught by experts and specialists in fields such as European, Mediterranean, science-based, and theoretical archaeology. It offers a range of courses and allows you to tailor your studies to suit your interests and take advantage of the experience of our staff, and those in related programmes in history, classics and geography. You will develop an in-depth understanding of archaeology and its links with the historical, social and natural sciences, as well as the practice of archaeology within and outside an academic setting, incorporating skills and training. The programme prepares you for a professional role in archaeology or further study at doctoral level. We have excellent facilities: dedicated study space, archaeological and computing laboratories, and teaching and reference collections. Edinburgh is ideal for archaeological study and research, allowing you to benefit from the presence of national and local institutions and heritage agencies, such as the excellent archaeological collections of the National Museum, the archival and bibliographic resources of Historic Environment Scotland, and the expertise and practical advice of staff in several commercial archaeology companies.

Programme structure
Our wide-ranging programme encompasses theory, methodology and practice. You will undertake a varied schedule of learning, including lectures, seminars, practicals, essays, research projects and the expertise and practical advice of staff in several commercial archaeology companies.

Programme description
This programme lets you explore the richness of European archaeology, a region that presents innumerable opportunities for archaeological research, through examination of a wide range of periods, geographical areas and themes. The flexible programme lets you tailor your individual studies to suit your interests and take advantage of the experience of our staff, as well as those in related programmes in history, classics and geography. You will develop an understanding of European archaeology, with an emphasis on European prehistory, and a knowledge of topics including contemporary theoretical perspectives, methodologies and practice. This programme incorporates transferable skills and training, while preparing you for a professional role in archaeology or further study at doctoral level. The School has excellent facilities: dedicated study space, archaeological and computing laboratories, teaching and reference collections. The city of Edinburgh is ideal for archaeological study and research, allowing you to benefit from national and local institutions and heritage agencies, such as the excellent archaeological collections of the National Museum, the archival and bibliographic resources of Historic Environment Scotland, and the expertise and practical advice of staff in several commercial archaeology companies.

Programme structure
You will combine lectures, seminars, practicals, essay, research projects and one-to-one meetings in all areas of archaeology. You will then complete a dissertation on an approved subject of your choice.

COMPULSORY AND OPTION COURSES:
You will complete three compulsory courses and select a further three options from a wide range on offer. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

Career opportunities
Archaeology graduates can follow a variety of career options. The programme equips you to go on to advanced study, and also provides a solid foundation for a career. You will gain practical as well as academic experience, teamwork and analytical skills, and will be able to work in a variety of contexts. Examples of career paths available to archaeology graduates (although some may require additional training) include: higher education, heritage management and agencies, commercial archaeology, teaching, tourism industry, broadcasting and the police.

An archaeology degree does not restrict you to a career in archaeology.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree, US GPA 3.4 or other international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry), in a subject related to this programme, preferably archaeology or classical archaeology, or another degree or combined degree in which archaeology figures prominently (such as anthropology in the case of applicants from the USA). Relevant experience or professional, or other, qualifications will also be considered.

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
For fees see page 28 and for funding information see page 30.

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Programme description
Human Osteoarchaeology

MSc 1 yr FT

Programme description
Human skeletal remains are the most direct evidence of past lifeways and their scientific investigation gives unique insights into human history. Bioarchaeology (the study of archaeological human remains) is an exciting field that draws on a variety of techniques, ranging from visual examination of the whole skeleton to the biomolecular analysis of small bone samples. Demographic shifts, environmental changes, migrations, the spread of diseases and the impact of violence and conflict all leave traces on the skeleton. This MSc provides the skills required to understand skeletal biographies and interpret them in their cultural context at the individual and the population level. Combining theoretical learning with hands-on practice, we will provide you with the theoretical knowledge and practical skills essential to your handling and analysis of specimens recovered from archaeological sites. Please note the deadline for applications is 28 February 2018.

Programme structure
Throughout the programme, you’ll take part in lectures, seminars and practical work with archaeological skeletal assemblages and reference collections. Drawing on Edinburgh’s long history in the study of the human body, you will also have the opportunity to visit Surgeons’ Hall Museum and anatomy department, which provide unique collections of pathological and anatomical study specimens. You will be assessed through reports, lab exams, oral and poster presentations, and essays. You will also submit a dissertation on a research topic of your choosing. Past dissertations have ranged from experimental projects on violence in prehistory to dietary studies of Chalcolithic Turkey and considerations of disease and impairment in post-medieval England.

COMPULSORY AND OPTION COURSES:
You will complete six compulsory courses and select one further option from a range of courses on offer. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

Career opportunities
Examples of career paths available to archaeology graduates (although some may require additional training) include: higher education, heritage management and agencies, commercial archaeology, teaching, tourism industry, broadcasting and the police. An archaeology degree does not, of course, restrict you to a career in archaeology. The programme also equips you for advanced study.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree, US GPA 3.4 or other international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry), in a relevant subject, such as archaeology, anthropology, anatomy, medical sciences and related fields. No previous knowledge of human osteology is required. We will also consider relevant experience or professional, or other, qualifications.

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
For fees see page 28 and for funding information see page 30. Owing to its popularity, there are restrictions on the numbers we can admit to this programme, and a non-refundable deposit of £500 will be payable by all applicants who accept an offer. This will be offset against tuition fees upon entry to the programme.

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Research at the School of History, Classics & Archaeology

We enjoy an active research culture across the three areas of history, classics and archaeology. As one of the world’s largest academic centres in this field, we have an active research culture and provide expertise in an extremely broad range of areas within each of the three disciplines.

Our research quality was validated by the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014, which ranked us third in the UK for history and fifth in the UK for classics research. Overall, 67 per cent of our research was rated world leading or internationally excellent, with a high of 83 per cent for our history research. We host around 80 core researchers and many members of the School have strong public roles, recognised through a wide range of external funding, prizes and awards.

Centres of excellence

The School hosts three research centres:

- The Centre for the Study of Modern and Contemporary History
  - This is the University’s foremost centre for research into all aspects of modern history (c.1800-present). Its activities are organised around one or more broad, interdisciplinary themes. These themes are chosen each year and give shape to a wide variety of events, including a seminar series, cultural events, colloquia and other research-related activities. The Centre hosts one postdoctoral fellow each year and acts as a focal point for staff funding bids. It is also closely associated with the taught MSc in Contemporary History.

- Scottish Centre for Diaspora Studies
  - The Scottish Centre for Diaspora Studies provides a supportive environment for research and teaching about issues surrounding migration and diaspora, subjects of great current political, economic, social, and cultural interest both within and beyond the academy.
  - In its first years of development, most attention was given to work on the Scottish diaspora which, because of its nature, scale, and worldwide impact provided a superb ‘laboratory’ for research on international mobility. While Scotland will always remain a core area of interest, increasing attention is now, and in the future, being given to comparative studies, generic diaspora themes, and the migration histories of other ethnicities.

- Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies
  - Edinburgh is one of the largest communities of medieval and Renaissance specialists with more than 90 members of staff actively pursuing research or working on projects in this field. Research spans fields including history, history of art and architecture, languages and literatures, music, divinity, archaeology, law, Celtic, Scottish and Islamic studies, and European, American and Asian studies.

Research options

We offer two research programme types:

- PhD
  - A PhD (doctor of philosophy) is a substantial piece of independent research which makes a contribution to existing knowledge in the field. A PhD takes three years full-time or six years part-time and is examined by thesis submission and by oral examination. PhD students work closely with their supervisors, who are recognised experts in the field of study. All PhD students pursue an individually tailored programme of research training agreed with their supervisors. You will also be encouraged to share your research with other postgraduate students through workshops and seminars, and to take an active part in the research life of your subject, the School, and the University.

- MSc by Research
  - Our master’s degree by research programmes combine research training with the opportunity to work on a substantial piece of supervised independent research in your chosen field.

Entry requirements

- UK 2:1 honours degree, US GPA 3.4 or other international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduated-entry)
- In some cases you will also require a relevant masters degree with a mark of at least 65 per cent in the dissertation and 65 per cent overall. Relevant experience or professional, or other, qualifications will also be considered.

Careers opportunities

Recent graduates have used their research programmes as a springboard for careers in postdoctoral research or academia internationally. Others are now working in roles as diverse as osteoarchaeologist, recruitment consultant and policy analyst for organisations including Ipsos Mori, Amazon and Rubicon Heritage.

Research opportunities

www.ed.ac.uk/pg/53

Archaeology

PhD 3 yrs FT (6 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

Research environment

We have a long and distinguished tradition of teaching, research and fieldwork in archaeology at Edinburgh, all of which are closely integrated. We have active research contacts with the National Museums of Scotland, the Scottish Universities Environmental Research Centre and Historic Environment Scotland.

Staff have internationally recognised expertise in the prehistory of Europe, the Mediterranean and Near East (including Egyptology), as well as in archaeological theory, environmental and landscape archaeology (including geographical information systems), osteoarchaeology, forensic anthropology and various aspects of science-based archaeology.

Focal areas of research include: bioarchaeology; human-environment interactions; the transition from hunter-gatherer to farming communities; and the development of complex societies. Our research profile in classical and historical archaeology has also expanded in recent years.

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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You may also be interested in research areas offered by Edinburgh College of Art or the Schools of Divinity; Law; Literatures, Languages & Cultures; or Social & Political Science. www.ed.ac.uk/studying/prospectus-request

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See more online: www.ed.ac.uk/research/impact

The University of Edinburgh
History, Classics & Archaeology Postgraduate Opportunities 2018

Case study: Edinburgh’s research with impact

Uncovering the secrets of ancient artefacts

Ever since it was brought to Scotland in 1857, the Rhind mummy has been one of the National Museum of Scotland’s most popular exhibits. Thanks to the pioneering research techniques of archaeologist Dr Elena Kranioti from the University’s School of History, Classics and Archaeology, it’s now an exhibit with an identity, and one that will have an impact on the way we uncover the secrets of ancient artefacts in non-invasive ways.

Project background

Working in collaboration with National Museums Scotland on their Fascinating Mummies exhibition in 2012, Dr Kranioti took CT scans (conducted by a team led by Professor Edwin van Beek from the University’s Clinical Imaging Research Centre) as the basis of her biomedical imaging of the skeletal remains within the unwrapped mummy. Using 3D visual tools, she was able to examine the mummy without disturbing it, and establish that the subject was an Egyptian female aged 25 to 29, 5’ 2” tall, dating to around 10 BCE.

Project results

This in-depth virtual view inside a 2,000 year old mummy involved groundbreaking science, and inspired the public to attend in overwhelming numbers. Both the Museum’s exhibition, and Dr Kranioti’s subsequent lectures. Two videos were published about the project, and the story captured the media’s imagination, with a number of national and international radio interviews, newspaper and online features.

The research also inspired Edinburgh-based company, Holoixa, to create a hologram of the mummy’s skull, which is now part of an exhibition in one of the largest holographies museums in the world in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The work led to Holoixa winning the Nexus Scotland Collaboration Award in 2011, and has enabled the company to move into the wider medical imaging arena, with works being commissioned by the Anatomy Museum and the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh.

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The popular image of Britain in 1940 – its ‘finest hour’, according to Winston Churchill – is one of stoicism, optimism and national pride, with the nation rallying together to defy the Germans as its fate hung in the balance. However, the School of History, Classics & Archaeology’s Dr Paul Addison and Dr Jeremy Crang revealed a different reality in a 2010 publication.

Project background
Listening to Britain: Home Intelligence Reports on Britain’s Finest Hour, May–September 1940 is a book that presents a view of Britain in 1940 taken from the morale reports of the day: a view that challenges popular perceptions of life during World War Two. As they delved into this mine of information, Drs Addison and Crang found that, while these previously unpublished reports illustrate the expected themes of national solidarity, they also reveal that British voices of the time could be querulous and complaining, highly critical of government and military officialdom, suspicious of outsiders and susceptible to anxiety and defeat.

Project results
The Edinburgh researchers’ controversial book won critical and popular acclaim. As one newspaper, The Tablet, put it, “it... comes as something of a shock to read that Britain – a country one is accustomed to thinking of as a scourge of wartime fascists and their racism – was not immune to moments of bigotry itself, and in all social strata.”

A Channel 5 documentary was inspired by the book, with Dr Crang providing expert commentary. The Times called it “deeply emotional” and The Telegraph reported it as “a deeply moving and important story”. In 2011, Listening to Britain was a source of evidence for a report that became the centrepiece of the Green Party’s ‘New Home Front’ initiative to learn from Britain’s wartime mobilisation efforts to reduce waste and domestic consumption of scarce resources.

The University is piloting PhDs by online learning. If you’re interested in studying with us this way, you should consider our research opportunities and the possibilities in some of our areas of research.

See more online: www.ed.ac.uk/research/impact
Economic & Social History

Programme description
This programme is specifically designed for students who have a specific topic of interest into which they wish to conduct their own research. It provides structured research training while at the same time enabling you to pursue a research project that you design yourself, in consultation with supervisors. It serves as both a self-contained research programme and as preparation for further study for a PhD.

Research environment
We host one of the largest economic and social history research groupings in the UK. Staff research interests are wide-ranging, including the study of economic development, energy policy, globalisation, slavery, urban history, consumption, material culture, museums and collecting, leisure, religious belief, popular culture, medicine and disease, gender, sexuality and the family.

The diversity of our research means we can support students’ economic and social history study in a vast range of time periods and geographical regions and from the early modern period to the present day.

Particular areas of expertise available for research are culture and society in early modern Britain; slavery in the Atlantic world: 1650–1834; the material culture of gender in 18th-century Britain; urban society and civil society in historical context; clothing cultures in comparative historical contexts; cinema and society in modern Britain; gender, crime and deviance: Britain 1860–1960; energy policy in Britain since 1950; the economic history of China in the 20th century.

The University’s economic and social historians host three research groups: material and visual cultures of the past; enlightenment and popular culture; and economic and social history.

Most of our students go on to conduct postdoctoral research, while others take on roles as historians, lecturers or tutors.

Entry requirements
• A UK 2:2 honours degree, or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry), in a relevant discipline. You will also require a strong and viable research proposal.

Language requirements
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Fees and funding
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Research opportunities
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History
Scottish History

MSC by Research 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU)

Programme description
These two MSC by Research programmes are perfect if you have a specific topic of interest you wish to research in depth. In History and Scottish History, we can offer supervision across an exceptionally wide chronological and geographical range. When applying, as for other research programmes such as a PhD, you must submit a research proposal explaining your plans and demonstrating your knowledge of the chosen field: this will be closely scrutinised as part of our admissions process. Two supervisors will be appointed to work with you on the project and it is a good idea to consult with prospective supervisors before applying.

Programme structure
This programme is assessed by means of a long dissertation of 30,000 words. You must also take the history skills courses: Historical Research: Skills and Sources; Historical Methodology.

Career opportunities
Our students view the programme and a graduate degree from Edinburgh as an advanced qualification valued and respected by many employers, others are interested in pursuing long-term academic careers and therefore consider the MSC as preparation for a PhD. The combination of skills training courses, specialised seminars, and independent research provides you with transferable skills that will be beneficial whatever path you choose. Graduates pursue work in related areas such as museums, policy think tanks, national and international civil services, non-governmental organisations, galleries, libraries and historic trusts while others build on the transferable skills gained and enter areas as diverse as business, media, public administration and marketing.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree, or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry), in a relevant discipline. You will also require a strong and viable research proposal.

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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Scottish History

PhD 3 yrs FT (6 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

Research environment
Here in the nation's capital, Scottish history is taught by a strong and distinguished team, comprising seven core academic staff members, plus a number of postdoctoral fellows and associated staff. The subject has been taught at the University of Edinburgh since the prestigious Sir William Fraser Chair of Scottish History and Palaeography was established in 1901. The post is currently held by Professor Ewen Cameron. From the early middle ages to the founding of the new Scottish Parliament, we can offer expertise in all periods of study, from early medieval times to the present day. Other members of staff have published extensively on topics including early medieval battles, 'late medieval' kingship, saints' cults, urban history, the Reformation, the witch hunt, government and finance, the Highlands in all periods, Scotland's external relations (especially with America) and its place in the Union. Scottish History is home to the Scottish Centre for Diaspora Studies, the first such research unit in the field. The Centre was formally established in spring 2008 to advance historical enquiry into this vital subject.

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The creation of the University’s Scottish Centre for Diaspora Studies in 2008 was a world first.
About the School of History, Classics & Archaeology

As one of the largest of its kind in the UK, the University of Edinburgh’s School of History, Classics & Archaeology is one of the great world centres for the study of the human past.

We are ranked 14th in the world and 4th in Europe for humanities*. Our expertise ranges from the ancient to the contemporary and stretches to every corner of the globe. This allows us to offer an unrivalled and wide-ranging portfolio of programmes, while our diverse and energetic research culture covers many periods, areas and themes. Our home is the William Robertson Wing, an A-listed building in Edinburgh’s Old Town – a UNESCO World Heritage site. It was refurbished in 2010 to an exceptional standard providing state-of-the-art research and study facilities.

Be inspired by world-class research
We cultivate interdisciplinary research collaborations that bring experienced academics, early career and postdoctoral researchers and postgraduates together. Our research groups include digital humanities, literature and thought; Greek and Roman history; and Classical art and archaeology. Our teaching covers all the major disciplines in the field: Greek and Latin literature and thought; Greek and Roman history; and Classical art and archaeology.

Classics
Classics at Edinburgh continues a tradition that goes back to the University’s foundation in 1583. Our teaching covers all the major disciplines in the field: Greek and Latin literature and thought; Greek and Roman history; and Classical art and archaeology. Our research interests span from ancient Egypt to the medieval Islamic world; from Africa to China.

History
History at Edinburgh is one of the largest and most distinguished centres of its kind. In fact, we hold the oldest established Chair in Scottish History. Our teaching offers a rich diversity of topics, delivered by a diverse, multinational group of historians whose interests cross many periods, regions and specialisms, from Scotland and Renaissance Italy through to contemporary political history and non-European history. Please see pages 4-8 for our history programmes.

Archaeology
Archaeology at Edinburgh has a long tradition going back to the 19th century. The first Abercromby professor was the distinguished prehistorian, Vere Gordon Childe. Edinburgh has research and teaching expertise in European, Mediterranean and Near Eastern archaeology (including Egyptology), and bioarchaeology (human and animal osteoarchaeology). Staff direct fieldwork projects in the UK, Europe, the Mediterranean, Egypt and Turkey. Please see pages 12-14 for our archaeology programmes.

* Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2018-19

Facilities and resources
Our building offers you exceptional, modern facilities, resources and study spaces, in a stunning location.

Our postgraduate students have access to:

• A dedicated study and computing lab with printing, copying and scanning facilities, overlooking the Meadows, one of the city’s best-loved green spaces.
• Two research rooms, shared with undergraduates, housing some of our impressive book collections and a small selection of computing facilities.
• A large common room overlooking the Meadows, shared by students and staff.
• Our PhD study room. Subject to available desk space, you may apply after semester one of your first year.
• A number of small-scale teaching rooms, well-equipped with facilities such as data projection and whiteboards.
• Exhibition areas, filled with artefacts and artwork from our collections.

All of our facilities are in addition to the multiple libraries and computer labs provided across the University’s estate. Many of our rooms overlook the Meadows.

Our location, right in the heart of Edinburgh, means you will be based close to the city’s cultural attractions and facilities, including a wealth of libraries, archives, museums and galleries, which provide unique support for the disciplines we teach.

The city of Edinburgh offers our students:

• the National Library of Scotland, one of six legal deposit libraries with a legislative right to acquire a copy of any book published in the UK. The library also has a world-class collection of rare books and manuscripts;
• the National Records of Scotland, the main repository for the records of Scotland’s institutional past. Its extensive collection, based on legal, political and ecclesiastic records, is supplemented by gifts and deposits relating to Scottish landed estates, the correspondence of leading political figures and the records of Scottish businesses;
• the National Museum of Scotland, which, following an extensive renovation, reopened in 2011, and has since been ranked one of the UK’s top 10 visitor attractions;*
• the National Galleries of Scotland, home to one of the best collections of Scottish and international art, across three Edinburgh galleries; and
• the medical museum at the Royal College of Surgeons and the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, which has an outstanding medical archive and historical library.

All of these resources are within a short walking distance of the University.

Archaeology tools
Archaeology students benefit from our laboratories for artefact analysis, environmental archaeology, osteoarchaeology, bone chemistry and computing (with a wide range of software applications). There is an extensive reference collection of archaeological materials, such as pottery, metal, stone and glass artefacts, in the V Gordon Childe teaching collection. Students can also benefit from the facilities, archives, collections and expertise of a range of heritage agencies and commercial archaeology units based in the city of Edinburgh.

Collections of the University
The University of Edinburgh has one of the world’s great collections, which has been growing ever since its foundation in 1583. Our collections include rare books, archives and manuscripts, art, historical musical instruments and a wide range of museum objects from geological specimens to anatomical models. In fact, end to end, we would have almost 60 kilometres of shelving and storage space devoted to our heritage material, from 1st-century Greek papyrus fragments to contemporary new works of sculpture. This is curated by specialist staff across 45 sites and used for our teaching and research and by the wider public community.

The Centre for Research Collections in the Main Library is the hub for all our collections, where specialist curators make them available for study, research and pleasure. Postgraduate students are welcome to study original objects and have made many important research discoveries while working on the archives. You will find an incredible range of material in our collections that is available nowhere else in the world.
Community

As home to more than 110 members of academic staff, some 60 honorary professors, 310 postgraduate students and 1,400 undergraduates, we can offer an extensive knowledge base and support system to help you develop your postgraduate studies to the best of your ability.

Our international community represents 56 nationalities, making the School the ideal environment in which to share ideas, collaborate on research, gain new perspectives and meet like-minded individuals. We actively encourage our students to become fully involved in academic life, offering numerous opportunities to attend events or join specialist interest groups. Our active programme of workshops, seminars, conferences and symposia is supplemented with many informal gatherings and events, and our student societies – ArchSoc, the Classics Society, and the History Society – provide countless opportunities to get to know your fellow students in a non-academic environment.

Learn from distinguished academics

Among our staff are many fellows of prestigious societies, including the British Academy, Royal Historical Society, and the Royal Society of Edinburgh. Our academics are also very active in other professional and funding organisations, such as the Arts and Humanities Research Council, the Classical Association, the Leverhulme Trust, the Irish Research Council, the Carnegie Trust, and the Historical Association. They are also very active in other professional and funding organisations, such as the Arts and Humanities Research Council, the Classical Association, the Leverhulme Trust, the Irish Research Council, the Carnegie Trust, and the Historical Association. They have strong public roles in promoting their discipline, including government committee positions and media consultancy.

Join a thriving community

Our postgraduate students are all encouraged to participate in the School’s rich research community. We host a lively programme of activities and events. You will have the opportunity to attend seminar series in Scottish history, archaeology, classics, economic and social history. We also run medieval and renaissance studies, diaspora studies and American history graduate workshops. You can also join the Early American History reading group, the ArchSoc seminar series, the Gender History Network and the First Millennium Studies Group.

Employability and graduate attributes

Transferable skills are highly valued by employers and our courses and programmes are designed with this in mind.

Fieldwork and independent research are an essential component on many of our programmes. Many of our taught modules also run compulsory courses designed for skills acquisition, while option courses also have specific objectives in terms of skills training.

Our programmes give you the opportunity to gain skills, such as written and oral presentation, data collection and analysis and critical evaluation of research, which will enhance your career prospects in your chosen area.

You will learn how to:
• construct arguments lucidly, coherently and concisely;
• understand complex issues;
• draw valid conclusions from the past;
• assimilate, process and communicate a wide range of information from a variety of sources;
• conceive and pursue a coherent argument founded on evidence;
• undertake a sustained independent research project to a deadline; and
• write clear, accurate and concise prose.

A degree from the School of History, Classics & Archaeology could lead you in a number of career directions depending on your individual interests and experience. Some of our graduates have gone on to pursue work in related areas such as libraries, museums, libraries and historic trusts, whilst others build on the transferable skills gained and pursue areas as diverse as marketing, business and media, public administration and teaching.

To learn more about the career pathways offered by our School visit the Postgraduate Studies website at: www.ed.ac.uk/Postgrada.

Further information is available online:
www.ed.ac.uk/iad/postgraduates

For taught postgraduates, IAD provides a popular study-related and transferable skills support programme. It is designed to help you settle into postgraduate life, succeed during your studies and move confidently to the next stage of your career. We offer on-campus and online workshops and one-to-one study skills consultations, plus online advice and learning materials. Workshops and learning resources cover key topics tailored to different academic stages, including getting started with your studies; critical reading, writing and thinking; managing your exams; and planning for and writing up your dissertation.

IAD also provides a comprehensive programme of transferable skills training, resources and support for researchers completing a doctorate. The workshop programme is designed to help you successfully prepare for the various milestones of your PhD, from getting started with your research, to writing up and preparing for your viva. Workshops cover topics such as writing skills, reference management tools, statistics, reference management tools, statistics, preparing for conferences, delivering presentations, time and project management, and personal development. IAD also offers online resources and planning tools to help get your research started, plus support for tutoring and demonstrating, and research public engagement and communication.

Careers Service

Our Careers Service plays an essential part in your wider student experience at the University, offering a range of tailored careers and personal development guidance and support. We support you to recognise the wealth of possibilities ahead, while at university and after graduation, helping you explore new avenues, tap into your talents and build your employability with confidence and enthusiasm.

We provide specialist support for postgraduate students. From exploring career options to making decisions, from CV writing to interview practice, from Employ. ed internships to graduate posts and from careers fairs to postgraduate alumni events, we help you prepare for the future.

We sustain and continually develop links with employers from all industries and employment sectors, from the world’s top recruiters to small enterprises based here in Edinburgh. Our employer team provides a programme of opportunities for you to meet employers on campus and virtually, and advertises a wide range of part-time and graduate jobs.

More information:
www.ed.ac.uk/careers/postgrad

Connect.ed

Edinburgh encourages its alumni to stay in touch with current students who share an academic background or are interested in engaging with current students, who share their ideas and develop their business skills with employers from all industries and help create many start their businesses. We have helped Edinburgh students and alumni launch almost 100 new businesses in the last three years, ranging from language tuition to robotics companies.

More information:
www.LAUNCH.ed.ac.uk

Closing bright ideas

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Applications and fees

We have an online application process for all postgraduate programmes. It’s a straightforward system with full instructions, including details of any supporting documentation you need to submit.

When applying, you will set up an account which lets you save your application and continue at another time.

Full guidance on our application system is available at: www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/applying

General requirements

Our usual entry requirement for postgraduate study is a UK 2:1 honours degree, or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry), in a subject related to your chosen programme.

Applicants for PhD programmes must hold a relevant masters degree with a pass of at least 65 per cent in the dissertation and 65 per cent overall, or the international equivalent.

You will also need to meet the University’s language requirements (see below).

Entry requirements for individual programmes can vary, so check the details for the specific programme you wish to apply for.

Scholarships require separate applications, and those wishing to apply for them must also have applied for a place to study before the scholarship deadline. In most cases this deadline is around the end of January for PhD applications and around the end of February for MSc applications. Please check well in advance: www.ed.ac.uk/hca/funding/phd www.ed.ac.uk/hca/funding/masters

English language requirements

Students whose first language is not English must show evidence of one of the qualifications below:

• IELTS: total 7.0 (at least 6.0 in each module).
• TOEFL-IBT: total 100 (at least 20 in each module).
• PTE(A): total 67 (at least 56 in each of the Communicative Skills sections).
• CAE and CPE: total 185 (at least 169 in each module).
• Trinity ISE: ISE III (with a pass in all four components).

Note: English language requirements can be affected by government policy so please ensure you visit our degree finder to check the latest requirements for your programme: www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/degrees

Your English language certificate must be no more than two years old at the beginning of your programme.

We also accept recent degree-level English language qualifications.

References

References are not required for taught masters degrees, but can be included and will be necessary for most applications for scholarships. For applications to research programmes, two references are required. You should check the entry online for exact requirements for your intended programme of study. For general guidance on references, visit: www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/references

Deadlines

Some programmes have application deadlines. Please check the programme entry online for details. For all other programmes, you are encouraged to apply no later than one month prior to entry to ensure there is sufficient time to process your application. However, earlier application is recommended, particularly where there is a high demand for places or when a visa will be required. Should you wish to submit a late application, please contact us for guidance.

What type of programme?

We offer a range of postgraduate programmes:

Masters

Our taught masters programmes are designed to deepen knowledge in a subject you will typically have studied at undergraduate level, although they can also offer a new direction in your academic career.

• MSc or MRes by Research

Taught masters programmes last 12 months, consisting of two semesters of taught courses followed by an individual supervised research project.

An MRes by Research, which also lasts one year, is based on a research project tailored to your interests. The project can be a precursor to a PhD, or it can be a standalone qualification.

Online learning

The University is the biggest provider of online learning in the Russell Group. Just like our on-campus provision, all our online masters are delivered by dedicated academics, many of whom are leaders in their field. You can study full- or part-time towards a Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma or MSc, and the timescales are flexible – you can complete the MSc in a year or take up to six years part-time. Online learning is an extremely flexible option for students looking to balance further study with professional or family commitments. (See page 6).

Research degrees

• PhD

As a PhD candidate you pursue a research project under continuous guidance, resulting in a thesis that makes an original contribution to knowledge. You will gain specialist background knowledge for your intended research, and develop the skills to research in that field.

Tuition fees

The following table provides an overview of indicative fee levels for programmes commencing in 2018.

Figures marked * show the fee level set for the 2017/18 academic year. All other figures are indicative of expected fee levels for your studies during the 2018/19 academic year. Because these figures are indicative, it is important you check online before you apply and check the up-to-date fee level that will apply to your specific programme: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/tuition-fees/postgraduate

Please note:

• International students starting full-time taught programmes of study lasting more than one year will be charged a fixed annual fee.

• All other students on full-time and part-time programmes of study lasting more than one year should be aware that annual tuition fees are subject to revision and are typically increased by approximately five per cent per annum. This annual increase should be taken into account when you are applying for a programme.

• In addition to tuition fees, your programme may be subject to an application fee and additional costs; programme costs may apply. Please check the latest programme information online.

Tuition fees for EU students

EU students enrolling in the 2018/19 academic year will be admitted as Scottish/ EU fee status students. Taught masters students will be eligible for the same tuition support as Scottish domiciled students from the Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS).

For UK/EU students

Most taught programmes 1 year FT £10,500
Most taught programmes 2 years PT £5,050
Human Osteoarchaeology 1 year FT £11,500
PhD 3 years FT £4,195*
PhD 6 years PT £2,998*
MSc by Research FT £7,900
MSc by Research PT £3,950

Online Learning

MSc £13,100
PgCert £8,715
PgDip £4,370

For international students

Most taught programmes 1 year FT £26,000
Human Osteoarchaeology 1 year FT £21,300
PhD 3 years FT £18,000
MSc by Research FT £20,500
MSc by Research PT £10,250

* Figure shown is the 2017/18 fee level
All other fees quoted are indicative of 2018/19 fee levels. Because these figures are indicative, it is important you check online before you apply and check the up-to-date fee level that will apply to your specific programme: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/tuition-fees/postgraduate

Abbreviations: IELTS = International English Language Testing System; TOEFL-IBT = Test of English as a Foreign Language Internet-based Test; PTE(A) = Pearson Test of English (Academic); CAE = Certificate of Proficiency in English; CPE = Certificate in Advanced English; Trinity SE – Integrated Skills in English.

www.ed.ac.uk/english-requirements/pg

www.ed.ac.uk/hca

www.ed.ac.uk/history/collection/graduate-postgraduate-opportunities-2018
As an international student, I largely credit the University’s funding opportunities with facilitating my academic career goals. I used the student funding pages online to successfully procure two scholarships and a grant that fully fund my PhD and provide me the opportunity to study at a world-class institution.

Meaghan Dyer, PhD Archaeology, Principal’s Career Development Scholarship, Global Research Scholarship and Innovative Initiative grant

Funding

A large number of scholarships, loans and other funding schemes are available for your postgraduate studies. It is only possible to show a small selection in print. To see the full range, please visit: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/postgraduate

Scholarships at the University of Edinburgh

- **Beit Trust**
  - Beit Trust and the University of Edinburgh Scholarship jointly fund postgraduate students from Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe to undertake masters: www.beittrust.org.uk

- **College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences Studentships and Scholarships**
  - Studentships and scholarships are open to those admitted to the first year of PhD research: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/research-ahss

- **Edinburgh Global Masters Scholarships**
  - A number of scholarships are available to international students for masters study: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/masters

- **Edinburgh Global Research Scholarships**
  - These scholarships are designed to attract high-quality international research students to the University: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/global-research

- **Edinburgh Principal’s Career Development Scholarships**
  - A number of scholarships, open to UK, EU and international PhD students: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/development

- **Enlightenment Scholarships**
  - The University is currently developing a new style of PhD scholarship to attract the best PhD applicants from around the world. These scholarships will provide funding for up to four years. For the latest information, and for details on which Schools will be participating, please check: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/enlightenment

- **Edinburgh Syrian Postgraduate Scholarships**
  - A number of scholarships are available to postgraduate students from Syria studying a full-time one-year masters: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/postgraduate/syria

- **Fennell Postgraduate Scholarship**
  - For overseas-paying applicants accepted on a full-time (one year) MSc programme in the School of History, Classics & Archaeology: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/hca/fennell

- **Julius Nyerere Masters Scholarships (Tanzania)**
  - One scholarship is available to citizens of Tanzania who are normally resident in Tanzania who are accepted on a full-time masters programme: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/nyerere

- **School of History, Classics & Archaeology Doctoral Awards**
  - A number of awards are made each year to students applying for PhD programmes: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/hca-phd

- **School of History, Classics & Archaeology Masters Scholarships**
  - A number of awards are offered each year to students applying for masters programmes: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/hca-masters

Research council awards

Research council offers award to masters, MPhil and PhD students in most of the Schools within the University of Edinburgh. All studentship applications from the research councils must be made through the University, through your School or College office. Awards can be made for both taught and research programmes.

Normally only those UK/EU students who have been resident in the UK for the preceding three years are eligible for a full award. For some awards, candidates who are EU nationals and are resident in the UK may be eligible for a fees-only award. The UK Government has confirmed that EU postgraduate research students commencing their studies in 2018/19 will retain their fee status and eligibility for research council support for the duration of their programme: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/researchcouncils

The University also offers a number of scholarships in partnership with the following overseas government agencies:

- **Chile**

- **Colombia**
  - Administrative Department of Science, Technology and Innovation (Colciencias): www.colciencias.gov.co

- **Ecuador**
  - Secretaria Nacional de Educacion Superior, Ciencia y Tecnologia (SENESCYT): www.educacionsuperior.gob.ec

- **Iraq**
  - Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research: wwwирацикультуралатчче.org.uk

- **Mexico**
  - National Council of Science and Technology of the United Mexican States (CONACYT): www.conacyt.mx
  - Banco de Mexico and the Banco de Mexico’s FIDERH trust (FIDERH): www.fiderh.org.mx
  - Fundacion Mexicana para la Educacion, la Tecnologia y la Ciencia (FUNED): www.funedmx.org

- **Pakistan**

Loans available for study at the University of Edinburgh

The University of Edinburgh is a participating institution in the following loans programmes, meaning we certify your student status and can help with the application process.

- **The Canada Student Loans Program**
  - The University is eligible to certify Canadian student loan applications: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/canadian-loans

- **Erasmus+**
  - The Erasmus+ Master Loan helps masters students with their living and tuition costs when studying in an Erasmus+ country other than where they live or where they took their first degree. For more information: https://erasmusplus.org.uk/master-loan

- **Postgraduate Loans (PGL)**
  - England:
    - Student Finance England offers postgraduate loans for taught and research masters programmes, payable to eligible students: www.gov.uk/postgraduate-loan
  - Scotland:
    - Student Finance Northern Ireland offers a tuition fee loan for taught and research programmes, at certificate-, diploma-, and masters-level, which will be paid directly to the University: www.studentfinanceni.co.uk
  - Wales:
    - Student Finance Wales offers eligible students postgraduate loans for taught and research masters programmes: www.studentfinancewales.co.uk
  - **Other sources of funding**
    - **Chevening Scholarships**
      - A number of partial and full funding scholarships are available to one year masters students: www.chevening.org
    - **Commonwealth Scholarships**
      - Scholarships available to students who are resident in any Commonwealth country, other than the UK: www.dfid.gov.uk/ksuk
    - **Marshall Scholarships (USA)**
      - Scholarships available to outstanding US students wishing to study at any UK university for at least two years: www.marshallscholarship.org
    - **Scotland’s Saltire Scholarships**
      - A number of scholarships open to students who are citizens permanently and ordinarily resident in Canada, China, India, Pakistan and the USA for one year of masters study: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/saltire

Funding for online learning

The University offers several scholarships specifically for online, part-time postgraduate programmes, including the Edinburgh Global Online Distance Learning Masters Scholarship, for which students of our MSc History can apply: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/e-learning/online-distance

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The School is located in a recently renovated and historic building in central Edinburgh. Entrance is through the arch of the Old Medical School quadrangle on Teviot Place. The School of History, Classics & Archaeology entrance is doorway four, in the south-west corner of the quadrangle.

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Taught programmes
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We are also happy to arrange visits at other times, and it may be possible to arrange telephone or video conversations with prospective supervisors.

Our visits to you
If you are unable to visit the University, we attend events throughout the year so you can meet and speak to us in person.
UK and Europe: www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/uk-eu-events
International: www.ed.ac.uk/international/our-visits-overseas

Chat online
We offer all postgraduate students monthly online information sessions. To find out more and see when the next session will be: www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/online-events
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The front cover shows a Scottish suffragette’s belt with the signature white, green and purple colours associated with the suffrage movement. It is believed to have been worn in the Women’s Social and Political Union procession in Edinburgh on 9 October 1909 and is now held by our Centre for Research Collections.

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