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

Programme description
This programme aims to develop the fundamental skills and understanding of applied linguistics, which are crucial for many careers outside of academia. These include work in public services, health, law, business, and education. This programme provides a linguistic perspective on the foundations for a research doctoral training programme, or a career in applied research. It may also be useful for those who wish to work in science communication, writing for the general public or non-academic professionals.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree, or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/internationalgraduate-entry), preferably in linguistics. We may also consider your application if you have substantial practical experience as a language professional.

English language requirements
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Cognition in Science & Society

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

Programme description
This programme combines the scientific study of human cognition with the application of cognitive science to broader societal concerns. You will focus on core perspectives and methodologies and theories of cognitive science, but also explore the synergy between cognitive science and its applications. This unifies forms of scholarly activity that are often pursued independently.

You will develop the skills to embark on your own research project and will learn how to communicate research, so if you are interested in developing a research career or in working within science communication, this programme will provide an excellent foundation. Students may choose to pursue scientific research aimed primarily at an academic audience that has implications for the broader society, or will receive support if they choose to seek placement projects for knowledge exchange.

Programme structure
This programme comprises two semesters of taught courses, followed by a dissertation. The taught component consists of a number of courses that are based around lectures, tutorials or small group seminars, and are assessed by oral presentations, essay or exam.

COMPULSORY COURSES PREVIOUSLY OFFERED INCLUDE:
- Cognition, Culture and Context: Human Cognition; Science and Application to Society; Psychological Research Skills; Transferability; Knowledge to Society; Univariate Statistics & Methodology Using R.

OPTION COURSES PREVIOUSLY OFFERED INCLUDE:
- Advanced Topics in Mind, Language and Embodied Cognition; Child Language; Discourse: Theories and Foundations; Cognitive-Aging and Cognitive Epidemiology; Concepts and Categorisation; Disorders of Language Functions; Human-Computer Interaction; Multiauthorship on Language Acquisition: Origins and Evolution of Language; Pragmatics of Linguistic Communication; Psycholinguistics; Psychology of Language Learning; Simulating Language; Working Memory; Language-Memory in the Healthy and the Damaged Brain.

Career opportunities
This programme is intended for those who wish to pursue advanced research in human cognition in science and society. It provides the foundations for a research doctoral training programme, or a career in applied research. It may also be useful for those who wish to work in science communication, writing for the general public or non-academic professionals.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree, or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/internationalgraduate-entry), preferably in psychology, linguistics, philosophy, or computer science/informatics.

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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Developmental Cognitive Science

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

Programme description
How do children learn to reason in increasingly abstract ways? How do they learn language with such remarkable speed and fluidity? How do they understand and manipulate the theories and concepts of cognitive science, and understand people's behaviour and emotions? Why does the amount of information that we can hold in mind at once increase from early childhood to adulthood? Why does children's ability to control their own thinking, attention and behaviour improve as they get older? How does the development of children's brains affect their behaviour, memory and ability to learn?

This programme will show you how to address questions like these using research techniques from inter-related disciplines such as developmental psychology, developmental cognitive science, computational science, neuroscience, and linguistics. You will enhance your understanding of key theoretical and practical issues about typical and atypical development in children and young people, from a cognitive science perspective. This programme will also equip you with the skills required to conduct independent research that addresses key issues in developmental cognitive science.

We have a long tradition of research expertise in developmental psychology and cognitive science. This programme brings these two strands together, focusing on a developmental cognitive science approach to both typical and atypical development in children and young people, and you will benefit from the breadth and strength of our interdisciplinary academic community.

Programme structure
You will study taught courses including options, relevant to developmental cognitive science, from psychology or other disciplines approved by the programme director, and complete a dissertation.

COMPULSORY COURSES PREVIOUSLY OFFERED INCLUDE:
- Introduction to Developmental Cognitive Science; Research Methods for Developmental Cognitive Science; Seminar in Developmental Cognitive Science; Research Internship in Developmental Cognitive Science; Univariate Statistics and Methodology using R; Multivariate Statistics and Methodology using R; Psychological Research Skills; Current Topics in Psychological Research.

Career opportunities
The programme provides preparation suitable for those who wish to progress to a PhD (in developmental cognitive science or a related field) or to a professional career (such as educational or clinical psychology). It is also relevant to careers that involve developing and evaluating practices and policies relating to children/young people, such as teacher, speech and language therapy, and policy development in education, health or social care.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree, or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/internationalgraduate-entry), either in psychology or in a cognitive science-related discipline. You should also be able to demonstrate evidence of your ability to learn advanced statistical/computational analysis techniques as well as evidence of your experience/interest in conducting research with children as participants.

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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Taught masters programmes

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Developmental Linguistics

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

Programme description
This programme will develop your understanding of how knowledge of language changes as people acquire or lose language at various points in their lifespan. It is designed primarily for graduates with a background related to linguistics and/or psychology who wish to develop their knowledge of current research on language acquisition (first, second, bilingual, and impaired) and language change from a cognitive perspective and from the point of view of current linguistic theories. Joining a vibrant research community of developmental linguists, you will have the opportunity to carry out advanced research to try to answer questions related to the area of language development and bilingualism, such as 'how do children learn language?' or 'what happens when we forget a language?'

You will benefit from the programme's strengths in:

- scope (with equal emphasis on first and second language acquisition and bilingualism);
- interdisciplinary teaching (staff drawn from Linguistics, Psychology and Informatics); and
- skill-oriented training (through methodology courses, lab sessions and project work).

Programme structure
This programme comprises two semesters of taught courses, followed by a dissertation.

COMPULSORY COURSES PREVIOUSLY OFFERED INCLUDE:
Introduction to Phonology and Phonetics; Introduction to Syntax; First Language Acquisition; Second Language Acquisition; Psychology of Language Learning.

OPTION COURSES PREVIOUSLY OFFERED INCLUDE:
Bilingual First Language Development; Discourse Comprehension; Language and Identity in Bilingual Settings; Language Production; Origins and Evolution of Language; Proseody; Psycholinguistics; Sentence Comprehension; Simulating Language; Univariate Statistics and Methodology Using R.

Career opportunities
This programme will provide you with the specialised skills you need to pursue a career in research and teaching. It will also serve as a solid basis for doctoral study. Recent graduates are now conducting research and working as translators and teachers of Braille and English as a foreign language, for organisations including Euroschools, Global Language Services and the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB).

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree, or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry), preferably in linguistics, psychology or a related subject.

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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English Language

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

Programme description
This intensive programme will enable you to delve deeper into the structure of the English language's phonology, syntax and semantics and modern and historical development. It can function either as a stand-alone masters qualification or as a basis for further postgraduate study, typically at PhD level.

Joining an internationally acclaimed centre for research and teaching in the linguistic study of English, you will explore in depth a global language with a rich history and great social and geographical variation. You will be taught by world-leading experts who will give you a detailed awareness of the ways in which English is used in Britain and around the world.

Programme structure
This programme comprises two semesters of taught courses, followed by a dissertation. You will take compulsory and option courses. The programme focuses initially on the structure of English, and also offers option courses on aspects of the history of English, in current varieties of the language and on a good number of approaches to the study of the language and English linguistics.

COMPULSORY COURSES PREVIOUSLY OFFERED INCLUDE:
Introduction to Language Research; Introduction to Phonology; Introduction to Syntax; History of the English Language.

OPTION COURSES PREVIOUSLY OFFERED INCLUDE:
Corpus Linguistics; Current Issues in Phonology; Current Issues in Syntax; Diachronic Linguistics; Dialects of English in Britain & Ireland; Early Germanic Dialects; English Grammar: a Cognitive Account; Global Englishes; Historical Phonology; Introduction to Discourse Analysis; Introduction to Morphology; Introduction to Sociolinguistics; Middle English; Pragmatics: Pragmatics of Linguistic Communication; Reading Old English; Scots & Scottish English.

You can also choose option courses from a wide range of other areas of linguistic study. You may be able to take a course from other programmes in the School of Philosophy, Psychology & Language Sciences, and in some cases, from elsewhere in the University.

Career opportunities
This programme has been designed to help you progress your career as an English language specialist in academia. The analytical skills you develop and the research training you receive will be valuable in a wide range of careers. Recent graduates are now working as lecturers, teachers (following further training) and in research at educational establishments worldwide.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree, or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry), preferably in modern or classical language, English literature or history.

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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Epistemology, Ethics & Mind
MSc 1 yr FT (2-6 yrs PT)
PgDip 9 mths FT (2-4 yrs PT)
PgCert 1-2 yrs PT

Programme description
This innovative online programme allows you to take advantage of Edinburgh's wide range of expertise in the core philosophical areas of epistemology, ethics, and philosophy of mind and cognitive science. Thanks to our state-of-the-art e-learning software and extensive digital resources, you can gain a world-class graduate qualification without the expense of relocating. You will also benefit from the flexible structure of the programme, which will allow you to balance your studies with work and family commitments and to develop your own specialised interest under the expert guidance of our distinguished academics.

This programme is designed to offer you a thorough grounding in contemporary philosophical research, particularly in those core areas of philosophy where Edinburgh has particular strengths: epistemology, ethics, and philosophy of mind and cognitive science.

Programme structure
You will study compulsory courses in philosophical methodology and the areas of epistemology, ethics, and philosophy of mind and cognitive science. Advanced option courses are available in these areas, in philosophy of science, and in philosophy of religion. Students taking the full MSc will write a dissertation on a research topic developed in consultation with their supervisor. The programme is also available as a Postgraduate Diploma (PgDip) or Postgraduate Certificate (PgCert).

The programme is taught through a combination of short video lectures, web discussion boards, video conferencing and online exercises with regular interaction, one-to-one with teaching staff or with other students.

Career opportunities
This programme is an ideal foundation for further graduate work in philosophy.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree, or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk international/graduate-entry), in philosophy. We will also consider a UK 2:1 honours degree, or its international equivalent, in politics, classics or cognitive science, if you have taken courses in philosophy at undergraduate level. We may consider your application if you have a background in another related area, please contact us to check before you apply.

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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Evolution of Language & Cognition
MSc 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

Programme description
Joining the world leading Centre for Language Evolution (CLE), you will investigate the origins and evolution of human language, tackling questions such as: what is it that makes us human? “How did our brains evolve?” and “what are the origins of human language?” The CLE is at the cutting edge of research in this area and one of the world’s biggest research groups working on language evolution. You will have the opportunity to become involved with the centre’s research effort, and to make your own contribution to this dynamic field through your dissertation. The programme focuses on a treatment of language as a dynamic evolving system, bringing together origins, acquisition and change. It provides a broad introduction to the field of language evolution and cognitive evolution, and can form the basis for further (typically PhD) study for those wishing to continue their career research.

The programme draws on many disciplines in the University, including archaeology, biology, linguistics, neuroscience, informatics, philosophy and psychology.

Programme structure
The programme comprises two taught semesters and your own research dissertation. Five compulsory courses (in addition to the compulsory dissertation) provide a solid foundation, while option courses allow you to explore your own areas of interest. The taught element is delivered through a mix of lectures, tutorials, seminars and practical sessions.

Assessment is by written/project assignment and examination.

COMPULSORY COURSES PREVIOUSLY OFFERED INCLUDE:

- Current issues in Language Evolution; Foundations of Evolution; Language Evolution in the Lab; Origins and Evolution of Language; Simulating Language

OPTION COURSES PREVIOUSLY OFFERED INCLUDE:

- Universals of Language; Computer Programming for Speech and Language Processing; Phonological linguistics; Dialogue: Experimental Pragmatics; First Language Acquisition; Introduction to Phonology and Phonetics; Introduction to Sociolinguistics; Introduction to Statistics and Experimental Design; Introduction to Syntax; Language Behaviour: Brains & Cognition; Linguistic Reconstruction and Language Classification; Pragmatics; Psycholinguistics; Psychology of Language Learning; (Univariate and Multivariate) Statistics and Methodology using R; Universals of Language.

You may also be able to take a course from other programmes in the School of Philosophy, Psychology & Language Sciences, and in some cases from elsewhere in the University, with permission of the Programme Director.

Career opportunities
This programme provides solid grounding in the scientific study of human behaviour, which provides the ideal basis for further research in many associated areas, including linguistics, cognitive sciences and human evolution. Recent graduates have gone on to roles in teaching (following further training), journalism and translation services for companies such as Pearson Education, BPO Training and TITweb.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 degree, or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk international/graduate-entry), in philosophy.

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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Human Cognitive Neuropsychology
MSc 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

Programme description
This programme provides an opportunity to undertake intensive training in human cognitive neuropsychology, working closely with our Human Cognitive Neurosciences Research Unit, a group of internationally recognised cognitive psychologists, clinical and academic neuropsychologists including Professor Sharon Abrahams and Professors Sergio Della Sala and Robert Logie.

Teaching follows an integrated approach with courses on neuropsychology, cognitive psychology, clinical neuropsychology and brain imaging. You will also receive training in generic research methods within psychology.

Programme structure
This programme comprises two semesters of taught courses, followed by a dissertation. In addition to the compulsory courses, you can select optional courses to tailor the programme to your interests.

COMPULSORY COURSES PREVIOUSLY OFFERED INCLUDE:
- Current Topics in Psychological Research; Multivariate Statistics and Methodology Using R; Psychological Research Skills; Specialist Techniques in Psychological Research; Univariate Statistics and Methodology Using R; Dissertation.

OPTION COURSES PREVIOUSLY OFFERED INCLUDE:
- Brain Imaging in Neuropsychology; Clinical Neuropsychology; Disorders of Language Functions; Frontal lobe Functions; Human Cognitive Neurosciences; Eye Movements and Visual Cognition; Concepts and Categorisation; Consciousness and Perceptual Awareness; Multi-sensory Integration and Working Memory.

You may also choose your option courses from a range of associated disciplines, such as individual differences, informatics and psycholinguistics, with permission from the Programme Director.

Dissertation
If you are looking to complete a research dissertation in clinically-based environments interacting with NHS patients or school/nursery children, you may be asked to apply for a research passport by your supervisor: www.epsl.ed.ac.uk/students/postgraduate/research_passports.php

Career opportunities
This programme is suitable for graduate psychologists or those who have studied or worked in related disciplines who wish to pursue a research-oriented career within cognitive neuropsychology (providing the foundations for later application to a doctoral training programme) or a clinically oriented career in neuropsychology. Recent graduates have found employment as support workers, behavioural specialists and psychologists and neuropsychologists, or gone into teaching and research, for employers such as the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust, Axxonet Brain Research, the Medical Research Council and the NHS, and at hospices, charities and health services organisations worldwide.

Entry requirements
A UK first-class degree, or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk international/graduate-entry).

English language requirements
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**Linguistics**

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

**Programme description**
This new programme offers you the intellectual and practical skills required to engage in linguistics research. Graduates will understand how to analyse key data in syntax, semantics, phonology, and morphology, and how to theorise such data, and how to exploit empirical methods to test their theories. The programme aims to provide and integrate specialist knowledge in phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics and pragmatics and establish a foundation for advanced research in those fields. It will also provide a comprehensive understanding of the basic principles of research in theoretical and descriptive linguistics and develop your analytical skills in an interdisciplinary context.

We offer a strong focus on theoretical understanding. You will learn how to analyse data in the context of current theoretical understanding of linguistic structure at all levels. We have particular expertise in theory development and you will be well placed to compare and evaluate competing proposals from within the same theoretical model and from competing models. You will also acquire data-elicitation skills and skills in naturally occurring data in corpora.

**Programme structure**
In addition to the compulsory courses, you will work under the guidance of the Programme Director to select a programme of option courses from an approved list. It may be possible to choose options from elsewhere within the School with the approval of the Programme Director. You will write a dissertation of approximately 8,000 words.

**COMPULSORY COURSES PROPOSED:**
- Introduction to Language Research
- If you do not have a background in linguistics you will also study: Introduction to Morphology, Introduction to Phonology, Introduction to Semantics & Pragmatics, Introduction to Syntax. If you have a background in linguistics, you may be exempted from any or all of the courses at the Programme Director’s discretion.

**Entry requirements**
A UK 2:1 degree, or its international equivalent ([www.ed.ac.uk](http://www.ed.ac.uk)/international/graduate-entry).

**English language requirements**
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**Fees and funding**
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**Mind, Language & Embodied Cognition**

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

**Programme description**
This programme provides an intensive grounding in the philosophy of embodied cognitive science, its methodologies, research questions and techniques of research. You will study among one of the world’s largest and most vibrant postgraduate communities in philosophy, alongside internationally recognised leaders in the study of mind, of language, and of situated and embodied cognition. By choosing this programme, you will be entering an increasingly popular field in which many largely unsolved problems remain.

**Programme structure**
This programme comprises two semesters of taught courses followed by a dissertation written at the end of the second semester. You will be assigned a dissertation supervisor with whom you meet to plan your reading and discuss your work.

**COMPULSORY COURSES PREVIOUSLY OFFERED INCLUDE:**
- Introduction to Mind, Language and Embodied Cognition
- Advanced Topics in Mind, Language and Embodied Cognition
- Introduction to Philosophical Method (for students without a strong philosophy background).

**OPTION COURSES PREVIOUSLY OFFERED INCLUDE:**
- A wide range of option courses in the philosophy, psychology, language sciences, informatics and music subject areas. Options may include: Advanced Philosophical Methods; Computational Cognitive Neuroscience; Critical Social Psychology; Evolutionary Psychology; Eye Movements and Visual Cognition; Foundations of Evolution; Human-Computer Interaction; Intelligent Autonomous Robots; Irrational Animals; Metaphysics of Mind; Mind and Body in Early Modern Philosophy; Music, Mind & Body A: Psychology and Sociology; Music, Mind and Body B: Physiology and Neuroscience; Neuropsychology of Perception and Action; Origins and Evolution of Language; Philosophy of Psychology: The Philosophy of Wittgenstein; Psychology of Language Learning: Self, Agency and Will; Social Cognition; Theories of Mind.

**Career opportunities**
This programme will provide you with the training necessary to undertake research in the philosophy of cognitive science, and ultimately to pursue a career in academic philosophy. You will also acquire an understanding of the central debates in the sciences of the mind today. If you do not intend to follow an academic route, the study of philosophy helps to develop general intellectual abilities and enhance analytical, critical, interpretative and problem-solving skills. Recent graduates are now working for employers such as PricewaterhouseCoopers and the Alzheimer’s Society.

**Entry requirements**
A UK 2:1 degree, or its international equivalent ([www.ed.ac.uk](http://www.ed.ac.uk)/international/graduate-entry), in philosophy or a related field such as cognitive science.

**English language requirements**
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**Fees and funding**
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Philosophy

Programme description
Our flagship philosophy programme offers excellent opportunities to enhance your learning among a large, vibrant and supportive postgraduate and research community at a university that has long been associated with some of the field's most important thinkers, such as David Hume.

This programme provides an intensive grounding in philosophy, its methodologies and techniques of research. It is the ideal programme to lead on to further research and study in philosophy as part of a PhD programme. We will provide a broad advanced education in philosophy or a chance to specialise in ancient philosophy, early modern philosophy, epistemology, ethics, mind and cognition, or philosophy of science.

Programme structure
This programme comprises two semesters of taught courses (six in total) followed by a dissertation, which you will write at the end of the second semester and over the summer. Many courses in philosophy are taught in small seminar groups that meet weekly. Assessment is by essays and a dissertation. At the dissertation stage, you will be assigned a supervisor with whom you meet to plan your reading and discuss your work.

Fees and funding
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English language requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree, or its international equivalent (and development, for employers such as Friends of the Earth and Teach First).

Career opportunities
Graduates will also have training in practical skills, such as statistics and linguistics and English language and related subject areas. You will be sought after by employers in a range of fields.

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Phonetics

Programme description
This programme will give you a comprehensive grounding in the theory and practice of phonetics. You will learn the core phonetic topics of speech production, speech acoustics, and speech perception and will learn how phonetics relates to many other language-related disciplines.

The programme has a strong practical emphasis. It is designed primarily for graduates wishing to continue studying phonetics at PhD level, and for those wishing to use phonetics as a tool for investigation in related fields, such as historical linguistics, phonology, developmental linguistics, psychology or speech technology.

You will receive an intensive grounding in phonetics and related disciplines, its methodologies, research questions, and techniques of research.

Programme structure
You will take two compulsory courses in phonetics and one compulsory course in statistics. You may also be required to take an introductory course in phonology and phonetics if you do not have a strong background in the field.

You will also take options from a wide range of courses offered in linguistics and English language and related subject areas. You will be assigned a supervisor before writing your dissertation, who will meet you to help plan your reading and discuss your work.

Career opportunities
This programme is primarily a conversion course for students with an ambition to conduct serious postgraduate work in phonetics, speech pathology, speech processing, forensic linguistics or related fields. Graduates will also have training in practical skills, such as statistics and computational techniques, which could be relevant for a variety of fields.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree, or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry).

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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Psychological Research

Programme description
Drawing from a vibrant and stimulating research culture, this programme provides you with comprehensive training and grounding in research methods and analysis across the broad field of psychology. It will help you develop professional, critical and analytical skills. You will learn how to formulate research problems, and appreciate diverse approaches to research. The programme is targeted at those with a special interest in research methods, but is also ideal for those wishing to take an empirical approach to areas of psychology that are not covered by our other taught programmes.

Programme structure
This programme comprises two semesters of taught courses, including six compulsory courses and option courses chosen from other areas within Philosophy, Psychology & Language Sciences, followed by a dissertation.

COMPULSORY COURSES PREVIOUSLY OFFERED INCLUDE:
Current Topics in Psychological Research; Multivariate Statistics and Methodology Using R; Psychological Research Skills; Qualitative Methodologies in Psychological Research; Specialist Techniques in Psychological Research; Univariate Statistics and Methodology Using R.

OPTION COURSES PREVIOUSLY OFFERED INCLUDE:
Brain Imaging in Neuropsychology; Clinical Neuropsychology; Cognitive Ageing and Cognitive Epidemiology; Critical Social Psychology; Disorders of Language Functions; History of Unnorthodox Psychology; Mind, Body, and Consciousness; Psychometrics; Working Memory in the Healthy and the Damaged Brain; Multi sensory Integration.

Career opportunities
This programme has been designed to help you progress your research career and offers a firm basis for further postgraduate study, or for related research in industry.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree, or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry), in psychology or a related discipline.

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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Psychology of Individual Differences

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

Programme description
This programme provides an exciting opportunity to gain intensive training in the psychology of individual differences by a large team of world-class researchers. It provides advanced graduate-level study in the field of the psychology of individual differences and psychological research skills, and forms a strong basis for further (typically PhD) study. There are two key subdivisions in the study of individual differences: personality and mental abilities. Psychology at Edinburgh has a uniquely large number of world-class researchers in both subdivisions. The programme covers psychometric research methods; the foundations and correlations of human individual differences (including approaches involving information processing, brain-imaging, molecular genetics and biometric models), and the application of individual differences in personality to health. No prior experience of the psychology of individual differences is assumed.

Programme structure
This programme comprises two semesters of taught courses, followed by a research-based dissertation supervised by a member of staff with similar research interests.

COMPULSORY COURSES PREVIOUSLY OFFERED INCLUDE:
Current Topics in Psychological Research; Multivariate Statistics and Methodology Using R; Psychological Research Skills; Seminar in Intelligence; Seminar in Personality; Univariate Statistics and Methodology Using R.

OPTION COURSES PREVIOUSLY OFFERED INCLUDE:
Advanced Statistical Methods: Categorical and Survival Data; Brain Imaging in Neuropsychology; Clinical Neuropsychology; Emotional Intelligence; Evolutionary Psychology; Human Genetics; Bioinformatics; Working with Specialist Psychological Data.

Career opportunities
This programme has been designed to help you progress your research career and offers a firm basis for further postgraduate study.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree, or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry), in psychology, linguistics, cognitive sciences or a related subject.

English language requirements
See page 24.

Fees and funding
For fees see page 24 and for funding information see page 26.

Programme Contact
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Email pplspg@ed.ac.uk

Psychology of Language

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

Programme description
This respected programme provides advanced understanding of current research in psycholinguistics, the study of how the brain learns, uses and reacts with humanity’s most advanced and characteristic feature: language.

The programme is designed to provide an in-depth understanding of current research in psycholinguistics, and is aimed primarily at students who are considering advanced research in the area. Students are actively encouraged to join in the activities of the Language, Cognition and Communication research group, and to collaborate with staff (many of whom are international experts in the field) and senior postgraduates.

You will gain perspectives on the latest developments, and gain the necessary statistical and methodological skills to conduct your own novel research.

Programme structure
This programme comprises two semesters of taught courses, followed by a dissertation. The taught component consists of a number of lecture- and tutorial-based courses, which are assessed by essay or exam. For the dissertation (which centres on original research) you will work in close collaboration with members of staff and senior postgraduates engaged in research in similar areas.

COMPULSORY COURSES PREVIOUSLY OFFERED INCLUDE:
Psychological Research Skills; Univariate Statistics and Methodology using R; Multivariate Statistics’ Methodology Using R; Psychological Research Skills; Current Topics in Psychological Research.

OPTION COURSES PREVIOUSLY OFFERED INCLUDE:
You will choose further courses that may be taken from the compulsory course list or from option courses in related areas such as philosophy, language sciences and informatics. These include: Concepts and Categorisation; Eye Movements and Visual Cognition; First Language Acquisition; Introduction to Phonology and Phonetics; Introduction to Semantics; Introduction to Syntax; Origins and Evolution of Language; Second Language Acquisition; Simulating Language.

Career opportunities
This programme has been designed to help you progress your research career and offers a firm basis for further postgraduate study. Recent graduates are now working in research and academia at universities internationally.

Entry requirements
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The programme will prepare you for PhD study and a possible academic career. You will complete compulsory and option courses and a dissertation in social psychology. You will be part of a growing group of friendly, enthusiastic social psychologists in a vibrant department. You will benefit from our expertise working in different cultures, in the field, and with mixed methods. You will also benefit from the strength of our interdisciplinary academic community, attending research seminars and participating in the social psychology reading group or in discursive psychology and conversation analysis data sessions.

Programme structure
You will complete compulsory and option courses and a dissertation in social psychology.

COMPULSORY COURSES PREVIOUSLY OFFERED INCLUDE:
- Topics in Social Psychology
- Critical Social Psychology
- Research; Psychological Research Skills
- Research Methods for Social and Methodology using R
- Qualitative Methodologies in Psychological Science
- Multivariate Statistics and Methodology using R
- Univariate Statistics and Methodology using R

OPTION COURSES PREVIOUSLY OFFERED INCLUDE:
- Accelerated Natural Language Processing; Speech Processing
- Computer Programming for Speech and Language Processing; Introduction to Phonology and Phonetics
- Automatic Speech Recognition; Speech Synthesis; Machine Translation; Natural Language Understanding; The Human Factor; Simulating Language; Language Learning and Pattern Recognition; Advanced Topics in Speech Production and Perception
- Computer Programming for Speech and Language Processing

Career opportunities
This programme will provide you with the specialised skills you need to perform research or develop technology in speech and language processing. It will also serve as a solid basis for doctoral study. Recent graduates are now working in computational linguistics, natural language processing, speech research and software engineering and development for organisations such as Nuance, Apple, Amazon, Microsoft, Google, Intel and the many start-ups in this field.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 degree in linguistics, computer science, engineering, psychology, philosophy, mathematics or a related subject. We do not require a high level of computing or mathematical ability, but we do expect you to be willing to learn and to have done some preparation before the programme begins.

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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Research opportunities

Linguistics & English Language

PhD 3 yrs FT (6 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)
MSc by Research 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

Research environment
We have an outstanding international reputation in many areas of linguistics and English language research. We offer expert supervision across a wide range of topics, including:

- Developmental linguistics
- Discourse analysis
- Historical English linguistics
- Language evolution
- Linguistic fieldwork
- Morphology, including word formation
- Phonetics and phonology
- Scots
- Sociolinguistics
- Speech technology
- Syntax and semantics
- Variables of English
- Various theoretical approaches to the study of language.

Support and training
Researchers are assigned a supervision team of academic staff, who will meet regularly with you to discuss your progress and wider issues in your field of study. This may include discussion of journal articles or books, and preparation for conference presentations, as well as discussion of your dissertation or draft chapters of your thesis.

Most research students are assigned to a research group, each of which hosts regular research activities. Many PhD students will gain undergraduate teaching experience, for which you will be given training and mentoring.

Philosophy

PhD 3 yrs FT (6 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)
MPhil 2 yrs FT (4 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)
MSc by Research 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

Research environment
We are one of the UK’s leading departments of philosophy for research. Our teaching and research span most areas of philosophy and our strengths are in five main research clusters, forming the following groups:

Ancient Philosophy
Ancient philosophy includes research interests in ancient metaphysics and ethics, ancient and medieval philosophy and science, the Presocratics, Plato and Aristotle.

Epistemology
We have a unique wealth of research interest in epistemology. In particular, we host researchers who are interested in scepticism, epistemic value, contextualism, social epistemology, epistemic responsibility, perceptual knowledge, rationality, the nature of cognitive processes and virtue epistemology.

Ethics
Ethics is one of the central areas of philosophy and one in which there have been exciting recent developments. We have particular strengths in ethical theory, meta ethics, normative theory and political philosophy.

Mind and Cognition
Our research team ranks among the world leaders in this fast-moving area, and specialises in the study of embodiment, consciousness, perception, action, and situated reason. Our researchers benefit from close links with the University’s world-leading School of Informatics.

Philosophy of Science
Our philosophy of science research group specialises in the philosophy of the natural sciences, and the philosophy of cognitive sciences. Topics we cover include: laws, causation, realism, time, models, explanation, measurement and fictionalism.

Support and training
You will meet regularly with your supervisors, who will advise you on the steps to take towards producing your thesis. All doctoral students are encouraged to participate in a weekly postgraduate work-in-progress research seminar, and to take advantage of regular professional development and research training seminars. Most PhD and MPhil students will gain undergraduate teaching experience, for which you will be given training and mentoring.

The majority of our graduates go on to teaching or research roles and are now working for universities and educational establishments worldwide.

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“...the philosophy department was a vibrant research environment where I found much stimulation to explore a variety of research directions, within ancient philosophy but also in other areas.”

Anna Marmodoro, PhD Philosophy (now Official Fellow in Philosophy, Corpus Christi College, the University of Oxford)
About the School of Philosophy, Psychology & Language Sciences

From unravelling the secrets of the ageing process to shaping tomorrow’s speech technologies, the University of Edinburgh’s School of Philosophy, Psychology & Language Sciences is at the forefront of innovation.

The School of Philosophy, Psychology & Language Sciences (PPLS) offers a rich environment for postgraduate study and research. Our students benefit from the close links between the three core teaching areas, as well as from our connections with other world-class research groups at the University and beyond.

Philosophy

The University of Edinburgh’s thriving Philosophy unit is one of the largest in the UK with a total of 32 full-time members of staff. We host a vibrant community of about 100 postgraduate students who have access to a wealth of research expertise. Our research programme covers most aspects of philosophy, with particular strengths in epistemology, ethics, history of philosophy (especially ancient and early modern philosophy), philosophy of mind and cognition, philosophy of science, logic and philosophy of language.

Psychology

Psychology has been taught at Edinburgh for more than 100 years, and our research programme has expanded rapidly over the past decade. By joining us you will become part of a large and active postgraduate community, working alongside world-leading academic staff, including the editors of major journals in the field. Our research is organised into four broad themes: developmental psychology, differential psychology, human cognitive neuroscience, and language, cognition and communication. Psychology researchers collaborate closely with colleagues elsewhere in PPLS and the University. We have a strong presence in the Human Communication Research Centre and in the Scottish Imaging Network (SINAPSE), and we host the internationally important Centre for Cognitive Ageing and Cognitive Epidemiology (CACEs).

Linguistics and English Language

Edinburgh was one of the first universities in the UK to teach linguistics and this has helped position us as the number one linguistics department in the UK in the last Research Excellence Framework. We’re also ranked in the top five in the world for linguistics in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2017. We offer a wide range of postgraduate programmes supervised and taught by world-leading experts. Courses and topic areas cover traditional areas like phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax and semantics, as well as related areas such as sociolinguistics, pragmatics, speech technology, language acquisition, language evolution and more. In addition to our groundbreaking work in core areas of linguistics, we are one of Europe’s largest interdisciplinary centres, producing highly rated work engaging with disciplines including biology, education, psychology, cognitive science, and speech and language technologies.

Research excellence

In the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014 all three of our core areas were highly ranked. We were ranked best in the UK for linguistics, first in Scotland and second in the UK for philosophy, and first in Scotland and third in the UK for psychology.

Facilities and resources

Our students are based in and around George Square, on our Central Area campus at the heart of Edinburgh. We have an excellent support team, and provide a fully equipped, modern environment for research and learning.

The School is based in the Dugald Stewart Building and at 7 George Square (see campus map, page 28). The Dugald Stewart Building is part of the University’s state-of-the-art Potterrow development, a winner of numerous architecture and design awards, that provides a contemporary environment in which to learn and collaborate. Our George Square building is a converted set of three Georgian townhouses, offering a beautiful setting for the modern facilities it now houses.

Exceptional libraries

Both buildings are near to the iconic Main Library, which includes important historical collections accessible by students. The Main Library is one of 10 University libraries. You’ll also have access to the School’s library, which has its own specialist librarian and provides an exceptional environment for postgraduate study. All University of Edinburgh postgraduates additionally have access to the extensive holdings of the National Library of Scotland and the National Archives of Scotland, within walking distance of our central campus.

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The School has its own technical support team, which can help with anything from general computing issues to graphic design. Together with the excellent central support at the University, we are able to provide a superb IT infrastructure for learning and research.

Everything you need

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Computers within PPLS are configured with software to support the School’s needs, including packages for academic analysis, statistics, and experimental design and execution.

Specialist tools

We also have extensive facilities for data collection and experimentation, ranging from movement tracking to electroencephalography (EEG). At the core of our experimental facilities are three suites of experiment booths, each equipped with one or more computers, together with fast displays and relevant hardware such as response boxes. We also house a number of eyetrackers to allow us to record participants’ eye movements when reading or viewing visual scenes, and a 64-channel EEG recording facility allowing us to record event-related potential (ERP) and related measures. To record articulation in dialogue, we have access to the School’s language acquisition, language evolution and more. In addition to our groundbreaking work in core areas of linguistics, we are one of Europe’s largest interdisciplinary centres, producing highly rated work engaging with disciplines including biology, education, psychology, cognitive science, and speech and language technologies.

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Community

Our postgraduate teaching is rooted in our research. Our research thrives on the close relationships between the School’s subject areas, and on our links within the University, throughout the UK and worldwide. We are committed to local and global communities, seeking to share our knowledge and to learn from others.

Our researchers are among the world’s foremost experts in areas ranging from epistemology to cognitive ageing, taking in ancient philosophy, sociolinguistics, formal syntax, philosophy of mind, and many more. With more than 100 active researchers and a 300-strong postgraduate community, the range of topics we cover is vast. We are proud to be at the centre of one of the largest groupings of language researchers in Europe, and of the world’s biggest group of researchers into the evolution of language. We are at the forefront of research into the ways in which memory functions are affected by Alzheimer’s disease, and into the interplay between genetics, personality and behaviour.

Our work on the philosophy of cognitive neuroscience, and on the relationship between the brain and the mind, is world leading and our Angus McIntosh Centre for Historical Linguistics is setting a new agenda for the study of language change.

Discuss, debate, develop

We host major conferences every year, which postgraduate students are encouraged to attend. Recent conferences have included Cognitive Science, Nature of Knowledge, Socially Extended Knowledge, Knowledge, Socially Extended Knowledge, and the exploration of cognitive prosthetics and human-machine hybrids. Edinburgh researchers are also involved in work on the emerging philosophy of the web, and have benefited from PhD funding from Microsoft.

Our work in philosophy includes collaborations with many non-academic groups, such as healthcare professionals, carers, speech therapists and voluntary organisations, and is intended to have an impact on people well beyond the University. For example, through our work with Alzheimer Scotland, we are involved not only in organising public events but also in the shaping of public policy on support for people with dementia. We disseminate and discuss our research in a variety of ways: we arrange seminars that are open to the public, present talks at the International Science Festival, have our research reported in the press, contribute to radio and television programmes, and take part in public exhibitions and live theatre performances.

Our Bilingualism Matters project helps teachers, parents and children all over the world. The project investigates the benefits of bilingualism and shares its findings through talks presented to community groups, nurseries and schools in a variety of countries.

Our work on speech synthesis technology is also having a major impact. In addition to creating a number of spin-out companies and leading to the current speech synthesis group in Google, our work is benefitting people who need to use computer-generated speech to communicate, by giving them personalised, individual voices.

Employability and graduate attributes

You’re a postgraduate student within PPLS and we will prepare you for a wide range of careers or research opportunities, and you’ll find a wealth of resources and support to help you work towards your goals.

Our graduates have entered a wide range of employment, including careers as translators, language tutors, business consultants, social workers, charity managers and language development consultants in local government. Many PhD graduates obtain academic posts and many masters graduates go on to PhD study in Edinburgh and elsewhere.

Training for life

You will acquire and develop skills in the critical evaluation of research, collaborative working, and written and oral presentation. Depending on your specialism you will also gain skills in areas such as research planning and execution, formal logic, computer programming, and working with historical texts and artefacts.

Shared thinking

You’ll join an environment where linguists, psychologists and philosophers share ideas with each other and with like-minded people across the University. This will allow you to go beyond your discipline and contribute to new, interdisciplinary knowledge. You’ll have access to 180 societies supported by the Edinburgh University Students’ Association, covering areas such as sport, music, drama and the arts. We also offer opportunities to learn new skills and languages through the Centre for Open Learning.

Institute for Academic Development

All postgraduate students can benefit from our Institute for Academic Development (IAD), which provides information, events and courses to help you develop the skills you will need throughout your studies and in the future. IAD events also offer the perfect opportunity to meet and network with other postgraduates from across the University.

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 transferrable skills training, resources and support for researchers completing a doctorate. The workshop programme is designed to help you successfully prepare for the various requirements of your PhD, from getting started with your research, to writing up and preparing for the viva. Workshops cover the full range of skills, including reference management tools, statistics, preparing for conferences, delivering presentations, research integrity, reference management tools, statistics, preparing for conferences, delivering presentations, research integrity, and research ethics.

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 a similar career path. Connect.ed is a networking system run by the Careers Service that provides an informal and confidential opportunity for alumni to share their occupational knowledge and experience with current students, who can contact them for advice and guidance on their future career.

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

Backing bright ideas

LAUNCH.ed is the University’s award-winning programme for student entrepreneurs. Each year, LAUNCH.ed works with hundreds of students to assess their ideas and develop their business skills and helps 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

Beyond study

We build career development into the annual review process for PhD students so completing your doctorate means you have written a first-rate thesis and built up skills and experience that prospective employers look for – a good publication record, teaching experience, an impressive list of conference talks, a polished CV and writing sample, and an engaging job pitch. We are proud of our near-100 per cent academic placement record in philosophy, and in the successful careers that many of our graduates have gone on to pursue.
Applications and fees

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: www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/applying

General requirements

Our usual entrance 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. We expect you to have a good understanding of the field you propose to study. All applicants must provide the degree transcripts for all previous degrees.

Applicants for all taught and research philosophy programmes should also include a sample of academic writing, such as an essay or article, written in the past two years.

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

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

References

For applications to taught programmes, the normal requirement is one reference, although an additional reference may be requested in individual cases. 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 the PPLS postgraduate office for guidance. In order to apply for funding you must have submitted your application to study and since many funding sources have deadlines between January and June, it is recommended that you complete your University of Edinburgh application early if you are interested in applying for funding.

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 6.5 in each module).
- TOEFL-IBT: total 100 (at least 23 in each module).
- PTE(A): total 67 (at least 61 in each of the Communicative Skills sections).
- CAE and CPE: total 185 (at least 176 in each module).
- Trinity ISE: ISE III (with a pass in all four components).

Please 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/student-funding/tuition-fees/postgraduate

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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

Annual fee

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Annual fee

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For international students

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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

Awards are offered by the School of Philosophy, Psychology & Language Sciences, the College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences, the University of Edinburgh, the Scottish, UK and international governments and many funding bodies. This list was correct at the time of printing but please check the full and up to date range online (see above).

Tuition fee discounts
We offer a 10 per cent discount on postgraduate fees for all alumni who have graduated with an undergraduate degree from the University. We also offer a 10 per cent discount for international graduates who spent at least one semester at the University of Edinburgh as a visiting undergraduate: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/discounts

Key
- Taught masters programmes
- Masters by Research programmes
- Research programmes

Scholarships at the University of Edinburgh

- Allie Donald Scholarship
  - Supports the study of historical and English linguistics at MSc level. It is awarded to one student and covers the rate applicable to home tuition fees: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/donald

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

- College of Arts, Humanities & Social Science 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

- David Vowles Postgraduate Scholarship
  - Awarded to a postgraduate student accepted on to any psychology programme provided by the School: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/postgraduate/david-vowles

- The Drever Trust MSc Postgraduate Scholarship
  - Awarded to a postgraduate student accepted onto an MSc course in any subject in psychology provided by the School of Philosophy, Psychology & Language Sciences: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/drever

- 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

- 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

Research council awards
Research councils offer awards 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/research-councils

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.educaclisuperior.gob.ec

- Iraq
  - Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research: www.iraqculturalattache.org.uk

- Mexico
  - National Council of Science and Technology of the United Mexican States (CONACYT): www.conacyt.mx

- Pakistan
  - Higher Education Commission, Pakistan [HEC]: www.hec.gov.pk

Loans available for study at the University of Edinburgh
The University 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

- Ecuador
  - The Ecuador+ Master loan helps masters students with their living and tuition costs when studying in an Ecuador+ 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)
  - Student Finance England offers postgraduate loans for taught and research masters programmes payable to eligible students: www.gov.uk/postgraduate-loan

- Postgraduate Loans (PGL) Northern Ireland
  - 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

- Postgraduate Loans (PGL) Scotland and EU
  - The Student Awards Agency Scotland offers tuition fee loans for taught diploma and masters programmes which will be paid directly to the University. Full-time students resident in Scotland can also apply for a non-income assessed living cost loan: www.sas.gov.uk

- Postgraduate Loans (PGL) Wales
  - Student Finance Wales offers eligible students postgraduate loans for taught and research masters programmes: www.studentfinancewales.co.uk

- US Student Loans
  - The University is eligible to certify loan applications for US loan students. Full details on eligibility and how to apply can be found online: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/us-loans

Other sources of funding
The following are examples of the many scholarships and support schemes available to students from particular countries who meet certain eligibility criteria.

- 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/jiscuk

- 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

“I learnt about the scholarships through the scholarships and student funding section of the University’s website. The scholarships have provided me with a wonderful opportunity to study at a premier institution, I wish to work in academia in the future and so my PhD will provide me with the necessary training and qualification to allow me to meet my goals.”

Shruti Chaudhry, PhD Sociology, Edinburgh Global Research Scholarship and College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences Research Studentship
Campus map

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We are here!
The Dugald Stewart Building

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Our Postgraduate Open Day is your opportunity to come and meet current staff and students. Our next campus-based Open Day takes place on Wednesday 15 November 2017. For more information, visit: www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate-open-day

Visit us
Feel free to visit the Postgraduate Office in the Dugald Stewart Building, where the team will be able to discuss your options with you. If you are interested in a particular programme and would like to get more specific information please email the Postgraduate Office with details of what you are interested in and when you will be in Edinburgh, so that our team can set up appointments for you.

Touring the University
If you would like to take a tour of the Central Area campus and get a feel for the University there are various tour options available. For more information, visit: www.ed.ac.uk/visit/tours

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
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