“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
Influencing the world since 1583

The University of Edinburgh has been changing the world for more than 400 years.

Our famous alumni include historical greats, such as Joseph Black, who discovered carbon dioxide, and philosopher David Hume, whose ideas laid the foundations of contemporary thought, as well as 21st-century luminaries such as Harry Potter creator J K Rowling and the UK’s most successful Olympian, Sir Chris Hoy.

The work we do at the University is constantly expanding the depth of human knowledge and improving the lives of ordinary people. Research conducted here led to the discovery of chloroform anaesthesia, the Higgs boson particle and in-vitro fertilisation. Our academics have advanced the public understanding of how our behaviours affect ageing, helped protect forest ecosystems, and helped bring broadband to remote communities.

Our students make a difference while they are studying here through their outreach work in local schools and communities. As graduates, our alumni go on to make positive impacts on the world using the skills, experience and knowledge gained at the University.

The University has long enjoyed a spirit of innovation, and continues to do so today. From addressing climate change to seeking cures for cancer, our researchers are at the forefront of the research that will influence tomorrow’s world.

Come and join us.

TOP 50
We are consistently ranked as one of the top 50 universities in the world. We are 21st in the 2015/16 QS World University Rankings.

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

20
We are associated with 20 Nobel Prize winners.

23rd
We are ranked 23rd in the world for the employability of our graduates.**

137 NATIONALITIES
Students from two-thirds of the world’s countries study here.

ONLINE LEADER
Edinburgh is the largest Russell Group provider of postgraduate online distance learning.

* Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014
** Latest Emerging Global Employability University Rankings
The Edinburgh experience

The University of Edinburgh is one of the largest and most diverse universities in the UK. We host more than 35,000 students from some 137 countries studying across more than 150 academic disciplines.

Whether you choose to study on campus or online, your postgraduate experience at Edinburgh will be supported and enhanced by the wealth of resources and opportunities that a university of our size can offer.

Quality teaching and research

All our postgraduates benefit from our inspiring research culture. The academics involved in your teaching and learning are leaders in their fields and although the emphasis at postgraduate level is very much on independent study, support from our teaching staff is always on hand.

The University is committed to delivering high-quality, innovative teaching. The latest report from the Quality Assurance Agency awarded us the highest rating possible for the quality of the student learning experience.

Outstanding facilities

During the last five years we have invested £800 million to maintain and enhance our teaching and learning spaces and we’re investing more than £1 billion in the next few years. You will have access to a wealth of world-class facilities for the quality of the student learning experience.

Industry links and innovation

Edinburgh was one of the first UK universities to develop commercial links with industry, government and the professions. Our commercialisation office, Edinburgh Research and Innovation (ERI), has developed the promotion and commercialisation of the University’s research excellence, helping launch 417 new companies since 1967. ERI can help you take your first step to market, whether it’s through collaborative research, licensing technology or providing consultancy services.

Social scene

We have more than 260 student societies covering all areas of interest across sport, music, drama and the arts. You’ll be living in a vibrant and historic capital city that hosts world-famous cultural festivals, a wide range of bars, clubs and restaurants, all with the mountains and beaches of Scotland on your doorstep.

Sporting excellence

In 2015/16 we were ranked third in the UK for sport by British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS). We offer 64 sports clubs, covering everything from fencing to skydiving, horse riding to ice hockey. Our world-class facilities are regularly used by visiting international teams and we host major events such as the U-19 Women’s Lacrosse World Championship in 2015. We’re proud to have produced Olympians including Sir Chris Hoy and Katherine Grainger, who both developed their talents at Edinburgh and continue to support our young athletes.

Global connections

Our ambitious internationalisation strategy aims to provide world-class experiences for students and ensures that the teaching and research we deliver offers global benefits.

Worldwide links

We collaborate with a host of world-leading institutions in fields as diverse as science, engineering, life and medical sciences, and arts and culture. Our partners include:

- California Institute of Technology
- Ludwig Maximilians-Universität, Munich
- University of Melbourne
- McGill University, Montreal
- Fudan University, Shanghai
- Peking University
- University of Delhi.

We have four Global Offices: in Beijing, Mumbai, New York and Santiago, which support engagement with students, academics and alumni. We’re also a member of the global research network Universitas 21, and the European networks COIMBRA and LERU.

Global Academies

Our Global Academies in health, development, environment and society, and justice bring together research expertise from the University community and beyond to develop solutions for global challenges such as climate change, poverty, the spread of epidemics and cross-border injustices.

Global Academies offer interdisciplinary online and on-campus postgraduate programmes aimed at anyone interested in addressing the major global issues of the day.

www.ed.ac.uk/global-academies

Postgraduate students in the Pentland Hills Regional Park, less than three miles from the University, during an excursion organised by the Institute of Evolutionary Biology. Courtesy of Natalie Pikula.
Career development

Ranked 4th in the UK and 23rd in the world for employability*, the University of Edinburgh is an excellent choice for a postgraduate education with prospects.

We’re committed to helping you develop the skills and attributes that will enhance your capacity as a graduate, both to compete in the job market and to achieve your full potential within the global community. In addition to the provision of dedicated support through our award-winning Careers Service, we broker strategic partnerships between academics, industry, specialists and other institutions, to enhance the development of your graduate attributes and to embed employability in our curricula.

Careers Service

Our Careers Service provides advice and support whatever your plans for the future, including careers in research. We offer workshops throughout the year that are open to all postgraduate students, plus sessions specifically for international students. We have a team dedicated to developing our already strong links with employers from all employment sectors, from the world’s top recruiters to small local enterprises. We offer lots of opportunities for students to meet employers on campus and online.

www.ed.ac.uk/careers/postgrad

Work-based projects

Many of our Schools will offer you support in undertaking a work-based project, in partnership with an employer, as the basis of your masters dissertation.

www.mastersprojects.ac.uk

* Latest Emerging Global Employability University Ranking

Employ.ed for PhDs

We encourage the provision of part-time, on-campus internships, which offer project-based, paid employment to current PhD students. These are advertised on our careers portal, MyCareerHub.

www.ed.ac.uk/careers/employed-internships

Connect.ed

We encourage our alumni to stay in touch with current students who are interested in a similar career path. Connect.ed is a networking system run by the Careers Service in partnership with our Development and Alumni department. This provides a confidential opportunity for alumni to share their occupational knowledge and experience with current students and graduates, who can contact them for advice and guidance on their future career.

www.ed.ac.uk/careers/connected

Back ing bright ideas

LAUNCH.ed is the University’s award-winning programme for student entrepreneurs. Each year, LAUNCH.ed works with hundreds of students to help them start new businesses.

www.launch.ed.ac.uk

Public engagement opportunities

Our Institute for Academic Development (IAD) hosts the Beltane Public Engagement Network, so if you’re interested in promoting your research to wider audiences you will have access to resources, events and funding opportunities to help you develop the necessary skills and experience to do so.

www.beltanenetwork.org

Doctorate Extension Scheme

We support the Doctorate Extension Scheme. This means international students completing a PhD or other doctorate-level qualification on a Tier 4 visa may be eligible to apply to stay in the UK for employment for an additional 12 months with extended support from the University as your sponsor. The scheme allows you more time to find work with a Tier 2 employer, gain practical experience or set up as an entrepreneur.

www.ed.ac.uk/immigration/tier4-des

Alessandro Cristofori

MSc Geographical Information Science (GIS) graduate from Italy

Now working at Sopra Steria

During the three years that I worked as a GIS consultant I grew the desire to acquire more technical skills and become a GIS developer. The MSc in GIS at the University of Edinburgh provided the foundations of these competencies and the Careers Service support was fundamental to helping me understand how to build on these skills and engage with the labour market. I started early in the year to plan my job hunting, going frequently to the Careers Service, both in King’s Buildings and in the Central Area, to receive help and advice. I also participated in organised events such as careers fairs, plus presentations given throughout the year in the School of GeoSciences. I always received appropriate and valid help from all the consultants and used all the services they offer, including CV and cover letter feedback, mock interviews and online resources. After graduating, I worked as a GIS developer for ThinkWhere, a Scottish company that produces and distributes mapping services for a large number of private and public sector customers. I achieved my objectives and the credit of this result also belongs to the Careers Service and the work of its staff.

Udita Banerjee

MSc Electronics graduate from India

API Marketing & Community Outreach, RBS

I wanted to translate my degree in engineering into a career in technology and with that aim, I attended the various career fairs that the School of Engineering hosts throughout the year. This helped me interact with potential employers and focus on the companies I really wanted to apply to. By the close of the academic year, I had connected with a careers consultant who helped me tailor my CV to target employers along with helpful advice about career choices. This was followed by telephone interview preparation. It was useful to have that level of guidance as I was trying to navigate in a new country where a lot of recruitment processes were unfamiliar to me.

I cracked one of the most competitive graduate programmes, and I’m now working with RBS. Looking back, the Careers Service was a great help during what was a very stressful time with little margin for error and I’m glad I availed myself of their expertise in the area.

“Postgraduates come to us with a broader outlook and more rounded and developed skills, both in their chosen discipline and more generally in terms of their communication skills and self-confidence. We value their proven aptitude for self-driven learning and further study, important requirements for anyone embarking on the demanding actuarial professional exams.”

HR department, Hymans Robertson LLP, Pensions, benefits and risk consultancy firm
Supporting you and your studies

The University provides a wide range of support services to cater for your academic and personal needs.

Institute for Academic Development
All postgraduate students can benefit from our Institute for Academic Development (IAD), which provides information, events and courses to develop the skills you 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 offers 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 the viva. Workshops cover topics such as writing skills, 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.

Personal and academic support
Every taught postgraduate student has a Personal Tutor and every research student has a supervisor – a member of staff who can offer guidance and support.

English Language Education
Our English Language Education service offers free academic English tuition, self-study materials and advice for international students seeking support: www.ed.ac.uk/english-language-teaching

Centre for Open Learning
Our Centre for Open Learning offers around 1,000 evening, weekend and part-time courses per year. Full-time students at the University are entitled to a significant discount on course fees: www.ed.ac.uk/short-courses

The Advice Place
Our drop-in advice centre, run by Edinburgh University Students’ Association (EUSA), offers free, confidential and independent advice on a range of issues: www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/advice

EUSA Global
EUSA also provides support for our international community of students, by tapping into the wealth of language skills and cultural knowledge of our vibrant global campus community, to offer services such as peer proofreading, free taster language courses (more than 70 languages to choose from), and language networking events: www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/global

Student Counselling Service
Our Counselling Service offers you a professional and confidential service: www.ed.ac.uk/student-counselling

Student Disability Service
Students with a disability are encouraged to discuss any specific support needs with one of our Disability Advisers as early as possible during the application process. Our service works to create an environment that helps disabled students participate fully in university life: www.ed.ac.uk/student-disability-service

The University Health Centre
All students should register with a doctor. Students from EU countries are eligible for healthcare under the National Health Service as long as they have a valid student card. International students and their dependents may be eligible to access NHS medical care: www.health-service.ed.ac.uk

The Chaplaincy Centre
Our Chaplaincy is for students of all faiths and of none. We cover a wide variety of beliefs, including humanism and all major world religions. All are welcome: www.ed.ac.uk/chaplaincy

Childcare
The University’s Arcadia Nursery, was designed by award-winning architects around the concept of free play, and is catered to Children’s Food Trust and Food for the Brain standards. Encompassing indoor and outdoor play, it has places for 0-5-year-olds and is open to students, staff and other local parents: www.arcadianursery.co.uk

My experience: business skills training

Harsh Vaidya
PhD Stem Cell Biology, MRC Scottish Centre for Regenerative Medicine

Business skills training offered by the University’s Institute for Academic Development is helping Harsh, from India, prepare for a career in business.

When I finish my PhD I plan to get a job in industry, maybe a pharmaceutical company or a biotechnology company – not in R&D but more in business development. There’s a lot of help available at Edinburgh if someone wants to pursue a career in industry or start their own business.

The Institute for Academic Development runs workshops throughout the year, giving you basic knowledge of business finance, business plans and team building. Previously, I attended the Institute’s LEADER Summer School in Denmark. It was really helpful because there were sessions on entrepreneurship and business, personality development, leadership and communication, and intellectual property and copyright. We also learned how to communicate our research to the public.

I think it’s always important to have additional skills because when you go for a job it’s not only your theoretical knowledge or how you work in the lab that counts, but how you communicate with others, or how you work in a team, so all this training really helps.

I think I’d be pretty competitive when applying for jobs because employers also look for what you do alongside your qualification, and I can demonstrate skills from these workshops and the other things I’ve done here.

www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/support

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Join an international community

As a truly global university, we can offer a range of specialist services designed to make your move to Edinburgh as smooth and seamless as possible.

Our International Office
Our International Office is the central contact point for overseas students. It will provide you with all the information and support you will need to settle in, and also runs events and activities. www.ed.ac.uk/studying/international

Support begins early
You can contact our International Office for advice at any time during or after the application process. Our International Officers regularly make trips abroad to attend education exhibitions and to hold a range of events for prospective applicants as well as pre-departure briefings for offer-holders. More information on our forthcoming trips can be found at: www.ed.ac.uk/international/our-visits-overseas

Immigration assistance
Our International Office's trained Immigration Advisers are available to assist you with visa advice, from the initial stage of applying to study in the UK, through to graduation. We can help with bringing your family to Edinburgh or working during or after your studies. www.ed.ac.uk/immigration

Your arrival
We offer an airport welcome service before the academic year starts and arrange activities to help you settle in. Once you have received an offer to study at the University you can check online for essential information about joining us. www.ed.ac.uk/new-students

Staying connected
We organise a series of year-round social events and information sessions. We run a week-long programme of orientation events for new students at Edinburgh, including International Day – an orientation event for non-UK students – and other ongoing induction activities. You can also attend our study-skills event, which introduces and explains the Scottish academic system to new international taught masters students. www.ed.ac.uk/international/our-visits-overseas

International Students’ Centre
Run by student volunteers, our International Students’ Centre is a place where all our students can meet and socialise. The centre runs a programme of events throughout the year tailored to international students, including subsidised trips around Scotland, social evenings, parties and regular coffee gatherings. www.ed.ac.uk/international-office/isc

Meet the locals
Our Go Connect scheme links international students with Edinburgh residents to help settle into University life, learn more about Scotland and enhance your experience of studying abroad. It’s a great opportunity to find out more about Scottish culture. www.international.ed.ac.uk/go-connect

Join a society
You’ll find more than 260 societies catering for a multitude of interests at the University. Among these are a number of international and multicultural societies, which not only offer support in settling in to a new environment but can also help you to locate students from your home country. www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/societies

My experience: making a global impact

Jessica Perez Santivanez
MSc by Research Integrative Neuroscience

Jessica, from Peru, has used her time at Edinburgh to further her ambitions to make a global impact.

I wanted to improve the quality of life of patients, so I chose Edinburgh for its extensive disease-related research. The programme enabled me to become better trained for a career in research and gave me the confidence to apply for PhD study. I’ve not only secured a PhD position at the University of Cambridge, but also the prestigious Gates Scholarship. I was really surprised to get the scholarship because it’s very competitive. To be successful you have to show academic excellence, leadership skills and that you are willing to help others, but I have loads of volunteering experience, which helped a lot. Because the scholarship funds you for three years, you have a commitment to change or impact the lives of others. I can do that through my research but I want to go beyond that. Edinburgh has made me aware of so many global issues and how you can get involved.

I think this university has not only prepared me academically and scientifically, but has helped me to develop as a person. I’ve pursued passions outside neuroscience and have been involved in activities and discussions regarding global issues. I feel that coming to the University of Edinburgh was one of the best decisions I’ve ever made – it’s had such a positive impact on my life.
Our students travel from all over the world to study here and we aim to provide the best range and standard of accommodation possible.

The map shows the University-managed accommodation planned for postgraduate students in 2017/18. The circles indicate the walking distance between the accommodation and the main University locations and resources.

Accommodation

Our recently developed Holyrood postgraduate village includes a Residence Hall with 480 en-suite bedrooms. It is unique to the UK in providing a large communal kitchen with space for all residents to cook, eat and get together at any time and all have allocated cupboard, fridge and freezer spaces. A bookable private dining room is also available to those in the Residence Hall. The main common room on the ground floor can be enjoyed by residents of the Residence Hall and adjoining flats, who can all come together to study or celebrate. There is also a dedicated study room, a TV room and four bookable music rooms equipped with a range of instruments.

Our students have access to a comprehensive community and welfare networks from our Residence Life team; mixed gender residences, with some single sex flats available; laundry facilities; secure cycle storage; data network services in each bedroom for access to email and the internet.

We offer accommodation for those with disabilities. For details, please contact our Allocations team.

Residence Life

Most of our properties are managed by professional Wardens, supported by specially trained Resident Assistants who are usually students living on site, readily available to address welfare or community issues. They also organise and host a wide range of social and academic activities.

Costs

Rents for University accommodation typically include utility costs, internet, personal contents insurance and some cleaning services. Rents for single rooms during the 2016/17 academic year, based on a typical 51-week lease, are in the range of £5,095–£8,553. Further information is available online.

Sharing rooms

If you are interested in sharing and express this preference in your application, we will do our very best to satisfy your request. There are many advantages to sharing. We use larger rooms and provide additional storage and study spaces. With rents starting from £4,200 per 51-week lease, your costs are significantly reduced.

Family provision

For students coming to Edinburgh with a partner or a family, we do have limited accommodation suitable for families.

Private accommodation

If we are unable to provide you with an offer of University accommodation, we can often offer assistance with alternative accommodation in Edinburgh. A useful starting point for students seeking privately let options is: www.studentpad.co.uk

 guarantees apply as long as:

• all new, single postgraduate research (PhD) students;
• new single postgraduate taught students from outside the EU only.

In such cases, guarantees apply as long as:

• your accommodation application is received by 31 July 2017;
• you have accepted an unconditional firm offer to study at the University by 31 July 2017;
• you will be studying in Edinburgh for the whole of the academic year starting in September 2017.

New to Edinburgh is Buccleuch Place/ Meadow Lane, which is very close to George Square and the Main Library and is built around two courtyards with landscaped gardens; a double height common room and a games room. Buccleuch Place is an extensive and sensitive refurbishment of historic houses; retaining original features, the flats are shared between five to seven students and have shared facilities with a mix of single, superior single and twin rooms. Meadow Lane offers 136 rooms in new build flats with en-suite shower rooms.
“Edinburgh is one of Europe’s most beautiful cities, draped across a series of rocky hills overlooking the sea.”

Lonely Planet

Edinburgh’s population is approximately 500,000.

The temperature in Edinburgh typically averages up to 6°C in the winter and up to 20°C in the summer.

City life

The University is at the heart of the city of Edinburgh. Scotland’s inspiring capital is one of Europe’s great cultural hubs and a stimulating place to study.

Regularly voted one of the most desirable places to live in the world, Edinburgh has a great social and cultural life, a busy sporting calendar and a rich history. Edinburgh is well known for its friendly people, its safe, green environment and its stunning, historic architecture. Its compact size makes it easy to get around and wherever you are in the city, you are seldom far from open countryside.

Edinburgh’s location is perfect for adventurers – there are few other places in the world with such diverse and readily accessible opportunities, from snowboarding to surfing. Scotland’s natural beauty, its mountains, lochs and forests, is just a short trip away and the landscape offers one of the longest coastlines for a country of our size, so a visit to the beach is highly recommended.

In the summer months the pace of city life ignites as our world-famous annual festivals get under way. The city hosts almost 30 festivals during the year, with the most famous taking part on campus or near to the University. Highlights include:

• Edinburgh International Festival
• Edinburgh Festival Fringe
• Edinburgh Jazz and Blues Festival
• Edinburgh Art Festival
• The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo
• Edinburgh International Book Festival
• Edinburgh Mela
• Edinburgh International Film Festival
• Edinburgh International Science Festival
• Edinburgh’s Hogmanay.

In 2015, Edinburgh was named best UK city to live in by two separate studies.

The city’s cultural attractions draw more than 13 million visitors to Edinburgh each year.
“I love living in Edinburgh. It is a beautiful city with so much going on. It’s a great place to be a student!”

Laura Falkiner-Rogers
MA (Hons) Classics

Named the UK’s second best student city, and 12th in Europe, in the QS Best Student Cities 2016.

Edinburgh is a UNESCO City of Literature and has two UNESCO World Heritage sites – one covering the Old and New Towns and the other for the Forth Bridge.

Edinburgh is home to more FTSE 100 companies than any other UK city outside London.
The University’s Colleges

The University is divided into three Colleges, which collectively host 20 Schools. Such academic breadth and diversity make Edinburgh a vibrant and stimulating environment for postgraduate study, and the possibilities for interdisciplinary exchange and collaboration are vast.

College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

Our largest College, with more than 21,000 students and 3,300 staff working across the arts, law, humanities, education, business, health and social sciences. The University was ranked in the top 20 for arts and humanities by the QS World University Rankings 2015/16 and also rated highly in the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014. In sociology, for example, we ranked best in the UK, based on research breadth and quality.

Schools

The College hosts 11 very diverse Schools:

- Business
  - www.business-school.ed.ac.uk
  - Email: mc@business-school.ed.ac.uk
- Divinity
  - www.ed.ac.uk/divinity
  - Email: divinity.pg@ed.ac.uk
- Economics
  - www.ed.ac.uk/economics
  - Email: economics@ed.ac.uk
- Edinburgh College of Art
  - www.eca.ed.ac.uk
  - Email: eca.postgraduate@ed.ac.uk
  - For taught programmes: eca.researchdegrees@ed.ac.uk
  - For research programmes:
- Education
  - www.ed.ac.uk/education
  - Email: education.pg@ed.ac.uk
- Health in Social Science
  - www.ed.ac.uk/health
  - Email: health@ed.ac.uk
- History, Classics & Archaeology
  - www.ed.ac.uk/hca
  - Email: gradschool.hca@ed.ac.uk
- Law
  - www.law.ed.ac.uk
  - Email: law.pg@ed.ac.uk
- Languages, Literatures & Cultures
  - www.ed.ac.uk/litlc
  - Email: litl.postgraduate@ed.ac.uk
- Philosophy, Psychology & Language Sciences
  - www.pplis.ed.ac.uk
  - Email: pplis.office@ed.ac.uk
- Social & Political Science
  - www.sps.ed.ac.uk
  - Email: ppls.office@ed.ac.uk

Academic research

The College is home to more than 70 research centres and institutes.

www.ed.ac.uk/humanities-soc-sci

College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine

The College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine has more than 5,000 students and 2,700 staff and offers an extensive range of postgraduate programmes covering all aspects of medicine, including community health, molecular and clinical medicine and veterinary medicine. The Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014 ranked our Vet School top in the UK; we were third for Neuroscience and our Medical School is in the top five, with 84 per cent of our research rated world leading or internationally excellent.

Schools

The College comprises two Schools, the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies and the Edinburgh Medical School, which is home to three Deaneries: Clinical Sciences, Biomedical Sciences, and Molecular, Genetic & Population Health Sciences.

Spanning both the veterinary and medical schools, the College’s Graduate School provides an interdisciplinary support network for postgraduate students and staff.

Academic research

The College has five major research institutes, each home to various interdisciplinary research centres.

www.ed.ac.uk/medicine-vet-medicine

College of Science & Engineering

Science has been studied at Edinburgh since the University was established in 1583. Today the College, made up of 2,900 staff and more than 8,000 students, is one of the largest science and engineering groupings in the UK. Our expertise spans seven scientific areas, in which you’ll find some of the world’s best research. In the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014, three of our seven submissions were ranked top in the UK and all seven were in the top five in their discipline in the Times Higher Power rankings.

Schools

Teaching and research is arranged in seven Schools:

- Biological Sciences
  - www.ed.ac.uk/biology
  - Email: ppgs@ed.ac.uk
- Chemistry
  - www.chem.ed.ac.uk
  - Email: chem.pgt@ed.ac.uk
- Computer Science
  - www.inf.ed.ac.uk
  - Email: computer-science.pgt@ed.ac.uk
- Earth Sciences
  - www.geoscience.ed.ac.uk
  - Email: geosciences.pgt@ed.ac.uk
- Informatics
  - www.inf.ed.ac.uk
  - Email: ito@inf.ed.ac.uk or igs@inf.ed.ac.uk
- Mathematics
  - http://imac.maths.ed.ac.uk
  - Email: queries@maths.ed.ac.uk
- Physics & Astronomy
  - www.ph.ed.ac.uk
  - Email: info@ph.ed.ac.uk

Academic research

The College’s 20 research centres stimulate an innovative programme of interdisciplinary research.

www.ed.ac.uk/science-engineering
Our campuses
The University of Edinburgh is an integral part of the city with buildings at eight sites.

01 George Square
Most of our Schools are located in the city centre, with the Royal Mile and Princes Street close by.

02 Edinburgh College of Art
The art college’s main building, where you’ll find studio and exhibition space, is based on Lauriston Place, close to George Square.

03 New College
The striking New College – home to the School of Divinity – lies close to Edinburgh Castle and overlooks Princes Street.

04 Holyrood
The Moray House School of Education is near the Royal Mile, the Scottish Parliament and the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

05 King’s Buildings
Science and engineering subjects (other than informatics) are taught at King’s Buildings, a 10 minute bus ride from the Central Area (a free University shuttle bus operates during semester time).

06 Little France
The Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh lies just four miles from the city centre, next to our medical teaching and research facilities.

07 Easter Bush/Roslin
Six miles south of the Central Area is the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies, including the prestigious Small and Large Animal Hospitals and the Roslin Institute.

08 Western General
The research-intensive facilities of the Western General hospital are a 20 minute bus journey from the Central Area.

View our maps online
www.ed.ac.uk/maps

Visit us
We encourage you to come and discover if Edinburgh is the place for you, and we invite anyone interested in postgraduate study at Edinburgh to attend one of our events.

Within reach of the rest of the British Isles and European destinations

Travel
Edinburgh is easily accessible from across Europe and beyond. The city is served by an excellent international airport, and rail and road links across the country.

Travel information
www.ed.ac.uk/visit/city/getting-here

Open days
Our Postgraduate Open Day, held on Wednesday 16 November 2016, is a great way to find out more about the University, meet staff and fellow prospective students and ask any questions in person. If you can’t come to the Open Day, you might be interested in attending one of our student-led campus tours.

If you can’t visit us, you might like to participate in our regular online information sessions, usually held on the last Wednesday of each month.

www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/online-events
We offer a range of options for postgraduate study at Edinburgh. From professional qualifications to independent research, on-campus taught programmes to online part-time study, you’ll find a mode of learning that suits your needs.

Taught masters programmes
Masters programmes are designed to deepen knowledge in a subject studied at undergraduate level, although some of our postgraduate offerings may be suitable for students looking to change direction. Students on our taught masters programmes typically undertake a combination of taught courses, assessment and supervised research. Studies culminate in a dissertation or equivalent project.

Most of our taught masters programmes, across all subjects, lead to the award of MSc to distinguish postgraduate masters from our undergraduate MA degree. This is with the exception of awards from Edinburgh College of Art, which are normally postgraduate Master of Art (MA) or Master of Fine Art (MFA) awards. Other qualifications we offer include MBA, LLM, MMus, MEd and MTh.

Full-time duration: typically one year, but occasionally can be longer if, for example, the programme includes a placement.

Research programmes
Masters by Research
Programmes which are offered as MSc by Research are designed to prepare you for advanced research, although they can be taken as a qualification in their own right. An MSc by Research is assessed by a dissertation.

Full-time duration: one year

MPhil
Programmes which are offered as an MPhil are ideal if you need to develop strong all-round knowledge of your subject, in-depth understanding of a specialised area, and the research skills to carry out and present a piece of original research for submission for a higher degree. The MPhil is assessed by thesis. You may extend your studies to PhD registration subject to satisfactory progress.

Full-time duration: two years

PhD
A PhD is the highest academic research qualification, entailing research training and supervised research, either on a one-to-one basis with a supervisor or as part of a research team. PhD students gain the specialist background knowledge for the projected research, and develop the skills appropriate to research in that field. Their work culminates in a thesis. The precise focus of the research will be agreed between the student and the supervisor and is likely to develop over the course of the PhD. The PhD is assessed by an oral examination in which the candidate defends his or her research thesis.

Full-time duration: three years

Professional doctorates
Professional doctorates are specialist qualifications designed for professional development in specific areas, such as engineering and psychology. Professional doctorates combine advanced research training, a substantial contribution to knowledge through your own research and a rigorous reflection on professional practice.

Full-time duration: varies between three and seven years

Part-time study
Please note that although many of our on-campus programmes offer part-time options, these are only available to UK and EU students due to UK visa regulations.

Online distance learning
As the largest provider of online distance learning in the Russell Group of UK research-intensive universities, we offer an exceptional range of online study – more than 60 programmes across more than 15 subject areas. Our online masters qualifications are of equal value to those taught on-campus. Both are delivered by dedicated academics, many of whom are leaders in their fields.

Our experience in delivering high-quality online distance learning is substantial. Our e-learning researchers and practitioners are among the most respected in the field and one of our early online programmes, the Edinburgh Surgical Sciences Qualification, won an E-Learning UK Gold Award in 2010 and the Queen’s Anniversary Prize in 2013. We were the UK’s first university to offer Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs), demonstrating our ongoing commitment to developing innovative online learning.

Our flexible and supportive online distance learning programmes are an increasingly popular choice for students looking to balance further study with professional or family commitments. Duration: varying lengths of programmes are offered

"Edinburgh attracts the best and the brightest. My cohort was an especially strong group of highly eager learners from all walks of the educational field, many of whom I still call friends and consult now."

Michael Sean Gallagher, MSc Digital Education (Online Distance Learning)
For the latest information on postgraduate degree opportunities visit our Degree Finder: www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/degrees

Please note that although we offer part-time options on many of our on-campus programmes, due to the UK’s visa restrictions for international students these are only available for UK/EU students. However, all our students can study part-time on our online distance learning programmes.

Our English language requirements vary across our programmes. The stars indicated in the third column of the tables correspond to our online distance learning programmes. However, all our students can study part-time on

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www.ed.ac.uk/apply/prospectus

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Masters programmes (continued)

**SCHOOL OF HISTORY, CLASSICS & ARCHAEOLOGY**

**HISTORY**
- American History MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK/EU only)
- Ancient History MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK/EU only)
- Contemporary History MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK/EU only)
- Economic & Social History MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK/EU only)

**ARCHAEOLOGY**
- Classical & Ancient Archaeology MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK/EU only)
- Greek & Roman Studies MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK/EU only)
- Mediterranean Archaeology MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK/EU only)

**SCHOOL OF LAW**
- Commercial Law LL.M. 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK/EU only)
- Corporate & European Private Law LL.M. 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK/EU only)
- Corporate Law LL.M. 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK/EU only)
- Criminal Law & Criminal Justice LL.M. 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK/EU only)
- Criminal justice & Criminal Law LL.M. 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK/EU only)
- European Law LL.M. 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK/EU only)
- Global Crime, Justice & Security LL.M. 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK/EU only)
- Global Environment & Climate Change Law LL.M. 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK/EU only)
- History & Philosophy of Law LL.M. by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK/EU only)
- European Law LL.M. 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK/EU only)
- Information Technology Law LL.M. 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK/EU only)
- Intellectual Property Law LL.M. 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK/EU only)
- Law & Technology LL.M. 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK/EU only)
- Law LL.M. 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK/EU only)
- Legal Research LL.M. by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK/EU only)
- Medical Law & Ethics LL.M. 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK/EU only)
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- Postgraduate Certificate in Law PgCert 4–12mths FT (2yrs 6mths Pt)
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**THE ROYAL (DICK) SCHOOL OF VETERINARY STUDIES**

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Advice on finding a research supervisor: www.ed.ac.uk/studying/postgraduate/degree-guide/doctoral

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- African Studies
- Archaeology
- Architecture
- Art
- Canadian Studies
- Celtic & Scottish Studies
- Chinese
- Christian Ethics & Practical Theology
- Classics
- Clinical & Health Psychology
- Collections & Curating Practices
- Comparative Literature
- Counselling Studies
- Creative Writing
- Cultural Studies
- Design
- Digital Media & Culture
- Digital Studio Practice
- Economic & Social History
- Economics
- Education
- English Language
- English Literature
- European Theatre
- Film Studies
- French
- Gender & Culture
- German
- Hebrew & Old Testament Studies
- Hispanic Studies
- History
- History of Christianity
- Interdisciplinary Creative Practices
- Interdisciplinary Social Sciences in Health
- International Development
- International Public Health Policy
- Islamic & Middle Eastern Studies
- Italian
- Japanese
- Landscape Architecture
- Law
- Linguistics
- Management
- Medical Anthropology
- Medieval Studies
- Music
- New Testament Language, Literature & Theology
- Nursing in Clinical Research
- Nursing Studies
- Philosophy
- Politics & International Relations
- Psychology
- Public Health Policy
- Reflective Design Practices
- Religious Studies
- Russian
- Sanskrit
- Scandinavian Studies
- Science & Technology Studies
- Scottish Ethnography
- Scottish History
- Social Anthropology
- Social Policy
- Social Work
- Socio-cultural Studies
- Sociology
- Sound Design
- South Asian Studies
- Systematic Theology
- Translation Studies
- World Christianity

College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine
Contact: mmvpgr@ed.ac.uk

- Biomedical Sciences (Life Sciences)
  - Cancer
  - Cardiovascular Biology & Science
  - Child Life & Health
  - Clinical Brain Sciences
  - Clinical Education
  - Cognitive & Neural Systems
  - Dentistry
  - Developmental Biology
  - Genetics
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  - Pathology
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  - Psychiatry
  - Regenerative Medicine
  - Rehabilitation Studies
  - Reproductive Health & Sciences
  - Respiratory Medicine
  - Science Communication
  - Surgery
  - Tissue Repair
  - Veterinary Sciences & Training

College of Science & Engineering
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- Algebra & Number Theory
- Analysis
- Applied & Computational Mathematics
- Astrophysics
- Atmospheric & Environmental Sciences
- Automated Reasoning, Agents, Data Intensive Research, Knowledge Management
- Bioengineering
- Cell Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Architecture, Compilation & System Software, Networks & Communication
- Condensed Matter
- Data Science
- Digital Communications
- Energy Systems
- Evolutionary Biology
- Geographical Information Science
- Geography & Human Geography
- Geology & Geophysics
- Geosciences
- Immunology & Infection
- Infrastructure & the Environment
- Integrated Micro & Nano Systems
- Integrative Sensing & Measurement
- Language Processing & Speech Technology
- Machine Learning
- Materials & Processes
- Mathematical Analysis
- Mathematical Physics
- Molecular Plant Sciences
- Nuclear Physics
- Offshore Renewable Energy
- Optical Medical Imaging with Healthcare Innovation & Entrepreneurship
- Optimization & Operational Research
- Parallel Computing
- Particle Physics
- Pervasive Parallelism
- Probability & Stochastic Analysis
- Quantitative Biology, Biochemistry & Biotechnology
- Robotics & Autonomous Systems
- Robotics, Computer Vision, Computer Graphics & Animation
- Signal & Imaging Systems
- Statistics
- Stem Cell Research
- Theory & Foundations of Computer Science

Our research areas

Students at the William Robertson Wing.
### How to apply

Applications for postgraduate study are made online.

**Step by step**

1. Find the degree you wish to apply for using the Degree Finder at: www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/degrees
2. Look for the button labelled 'Apply'. Click this to access the online application form.
3. Create an online account with us. You will receive a username and a password, which will allow you to track your application through its various stages. Having an online account means that you don’t need to complete your online application in one sitting. You can save your partially completed application at any point and come back to it at another time.
4. Complete and submit your application.
5. Track your application. Details about your application, including any offer of admission, will be available through your online account. If there are any problems with your application, for example if your documents are not in the correct format, we will notify you through your online account.

For more information about how to apply please visit: www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/applying

**Please note**
A small number of programmes charge an application fee. Where applicable this will be stated in the programme entry on our online Degree Finder.

**PhD study**
If you are considering PhD study, you are encouraged to contact a potential supervisor to discuss your intended research before you apply. You can choose from existing research project vacancies or discuss your own research idea. If you have a multidisciplinary proposal, it could be helpful to talk to more than one potential supervisor.

For more information on PhD study please visit: www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/doctoral-study

**Applying via a representative**
The University has approved representatives in 23 countries worldwide. Representatives can guide you through the application process if you prefer. www.ed.ac.uk/international/representatives

### Applying for a Tier 4 General Student visa
If you are a national of a country outside the UK or E.U. it is likely that you will have to apply for a student visa to study on campus at the University of Edinburgh, www.ed.ac.uk/immigration

**More information**
Detailed information about our postgraduate programmes is available in the individual School prospectuses that complement this Postgraduate Guide. www.ed.ac.uk/studying/prospectus

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### Academic and English language entry requirements

Applicants for postgraduate study at Edinburgh are typically expected to hold a minimum of a 2:1 honours degree, or its international equivalent. Guidance on international equivalents is available on our website at: www.ed.ac.uk/international/country. Your first degree should typically be in a relevant subject but some programmes are open to candidates from other disciplines.

**Supporting your application**
The supporting documentation required will depend on the programme you are applying for. Typically you will be asked to provide:

- academic transcripts;
- your degree certificate;
- a personal statement;
- academic reference(s) and
- a research proposal (if appropriate).

Some programmes may ask for specific evidence of your suitability for study, such as a portfolio, demonstration of relevant experience, or in a small number of cases, attendance at interview. Check specific programme entry requirements online. www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/degrees

**English language requirements**
Please refer to our Degree Finder for specific score requirements for this programme: www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/degrees

- **IELTS Academic module** 7.0 (with 6.5 in each module)
- **TOEFL–iBT** 100 (with at least 23 in each section)
- **CAE/CPE** 185 (at least 169 in each module)
- **Pearson Test of English** 67 (at least 61 in each section)
- **Trinity ISE** 1st III (with a pass in all four components)

- **IELTS Academic module** 7.0 (with 6.0 in each module)
- **TOEFL–iBT** 100 (with at least 20 in each section)
- **CAE/CPE** 185 (at least 169 in each module)
- **Pearson Test of English** 67 (at least 56 in each section)
- **Trinity ISE** 1st III (with a pass in all four components)

- **IELTS Academic module** 6.5 (with 6.0 in each module)
- **TOEFL–iBT** 92 (with at least 20 in each section)
- **CAE/CPE** 176 (at least 169 in each module)
- **Pearson Test of English** 61 (at least 56 in each section)
- **Trinity ISE** 1st II (with distinctions in all four components)

**Abbreviations used in table**

- **IELTS** International English Language Testing System
- **TOEFL–iBT** Test of English as a Foreign Language – Internet-based Test
- **CAE** Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English
- **CPE** Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English
- **Trinity ISE** Integrated Skills in English

**English language courses**
Our English Language Education service runs English courses run throughout the year. You can take extra classes and an examination in the summer in Edinburgh before your start date, or take additional classes after starting your programme. www.ed.ac.uk/english-language-teaching
Fees, funding and costs

Postgraduate study can be a significant financial commitment, but you may be surprised by the range of funding sources available.

To help you pursue your ambitions, we offer academically outstanding candidates a number of postgraduate scholarships and studentships. The University’s Scholarships and Student Funding Services offer guidance on sources of scholarships, loans and other funding opportunities.

Scholarships

More information on funding opportunities, including the examples listed below, can be found online:

- Edinburgh UK/EU Masters Scholarships
  A number of scholarships for UK/EU students who have a place on a full-time masters programme. www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/masters

- Edinburgh Global Masters Scholarships
  A number of scholarships are available for international masters students who are liable to pay tuition fees at the overseas rate. www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/masters

- Edinburgh Global Online Distance Learning Masters Scholarships
  Scholarships are available to students undertaking eligible online distance learning programmes. www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/e-learning/online-distance

- Edinburgh Global Research Scholarships
  A number of scholarships will be available for students who have been accepted to study on a University PhD programme in any subject. Each scholarship will cover the difference between the tuition fee for a UK/EU postgraduate student and the amount chargeable to an international postgraduate student. www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/global-research

- Edinburgh Syrian Postgraduate Scholarships
  A number of scholarship will be available to postgraduate students from Syria studying a full-time one-year masters programme. www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/postgraduate/international/region/syria

- Highly Skilled Workforce Scholarships
  A number of scholarships are available to UK nationals who are permanently domiciled in Scotland, and to EU nationals domiciled either on mainland EU or in Scotland, who have been accepted on an eligible full-time or part-time masters programme. The scholarships will cover the UK/EU tuition fee. www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/sfc-hsw

- The MasterCard Foundation Scholars Programme
  A number of scholarships for applicants who are residents and citizens of a Sub-Saharan African country will be available for eligible masters programmes. The scholarships cover full tuition fees and expenses for accommodation and maintenance. www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/mastercardfdn

- University of Edinburgh PhD Scholarships
  A number of scholarships open to UK, EU and international PhD students. www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/development

- Chevening Scholarships
  The Foreign and Commonwealth Office funds a number of Chevening Scholarships for postgraduate study, mainly for one-year taught masters degrees. Full details of these awards can be obtained from local British Council offices. www.chevening.org

- Commonwealth Scholarships
  The Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan provides opportunities for students in one Commonwealth country to pursue advanced academic study at masters or MPhil/PhD level in another Commonwealth country. Applications are made to the Commonwealth Scholarship Agency (usually the Ministry of Education) in the applicant’s home country. http://csuk.dfid.gov.uk

Funding councils (for UK/EU only)

- Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) www.ahrc.ac.uk
- Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) www.esrc.ac.uk
- Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBBSC) www.bbbsc.ac.uk
- Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) www.epsrc.ac.uk
- Medical Research Council (MRC) www.mrc.ac.uk
- National Environment Research Council (NERC) www.nerc.ac.uk
- Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) www.stfc.ac.uk

Erasmus+

An Erasmus+ loan supports students accepted for a masters programme in an Erasmus+ country. For more information: http://ec.europa.eu/education/opportunities/higher-education/masters-loans_en.htm

University of Edinburgh Graduate Discount Scheme

We offer a 10 per cent discount on postgraduate fees for all alumni who graduated with an undergraduate degree from Edinburgh. www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/discounts

UK Government loans

- Student Finance England
  Student Finance England offers postgraduate loans for masters programmes to eligible students who have most recently been resident in England www.gov.uk/student-finance

- The Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS)
  The Student Awards Agency Scotland provides tuition fee and living cost loans to eligible students on certain programmes: www.saas.gov.uk

Living costs

For information on the day-to-day cost of living in Edinburgh, please check our guidance online: www.ed.ac.uk/international/cost-of-living

Awards by region

See: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/postgraduate/international/region
Deepti received a British Council scholarship, a School of Biological Sciences Bursary and a Scotland Saltire Scholarship allowing her to study at the University.

"My horizons have been broadened by my experience at Edinburgh. Classmates come from different linguistic and cultural backgrounds, and I enjoy learning with them."

Jialin Dong, from China, MSc Applied Linguistics
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