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Postgraduate Opportunities

2021

History, Classics & Archaeology



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Top 50[†]

We're consistently ranked one of the top 50 universities in the world. We're 20th in the 2021 QS World University Rankings.

19TH

We're ranked 19th in the world's most international universities‡. Since 2010, we have taught students from 160 countries.

4TH

We're ranked fourth in the UK for research power, based on the 2014 Research Excellence Framework.†

Top 100

We're ranked in the top 10 in the UK and in the top 100 in the world for the employability of our graduates.§

7TH

Edinburgh is ranked the seventh best student city in Europe and 15th in the world.*

19

There are 19 Nobel Prize winners who are alumni of the University or who have been members of academic staff here.

Online leader

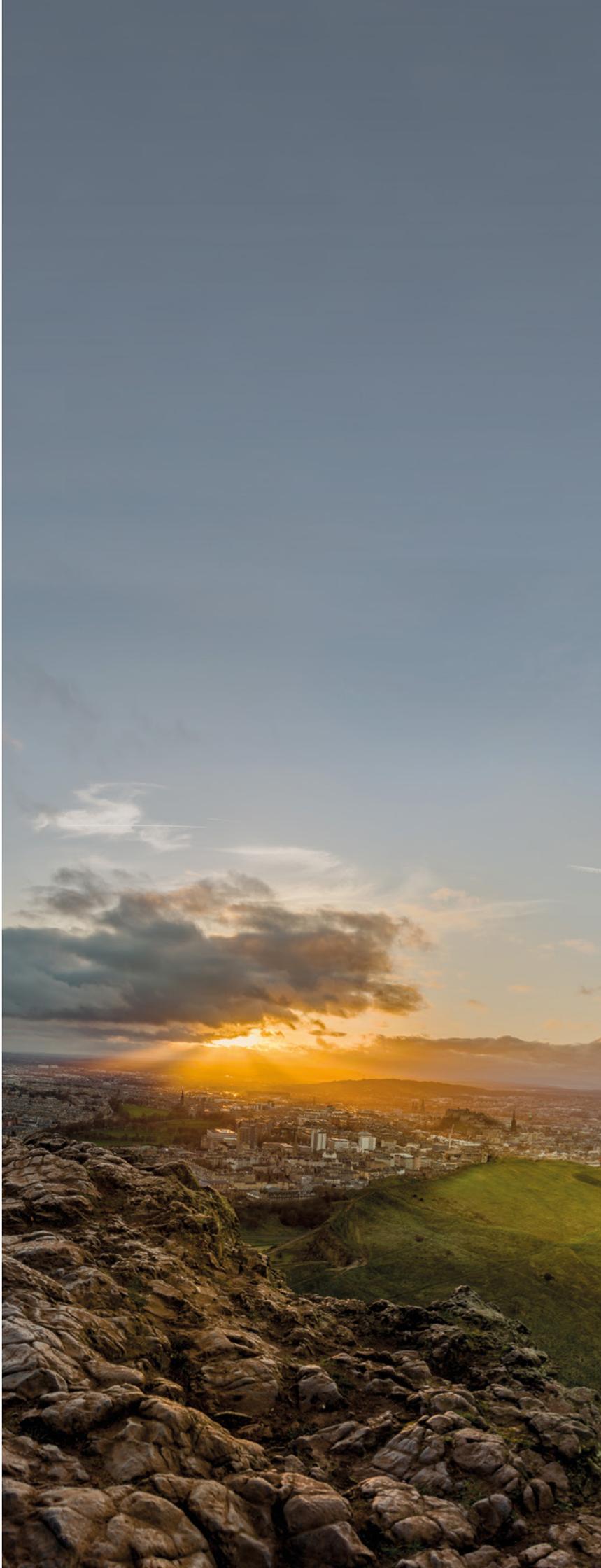
Edinburgh is one of the largest providers of online postgraduate programmes in the UK.

‡ *Times Higher Education*, The World's Most International Universities 2020

† *Times Higher Education*, Overall Ranking of Institutions

§ *Times Higher Education*, Global Employability University Ranking 2019

* QS Best Student Cities 2019



Open to the world

We're open to the world today so we can influence the world tomorrow. The University brings people with new ideas and perspectives together in a spirit of interdisciplinary innovation and collaboration. This has already shaped the world in so many ways, from the great thinkers of the Scottish Enlightenment, to the discovery of the Higgs boson particle and the development of a genetically engineered vaccine for Hepatitis B. Our 21 Schools, across three academic Colleges, embody our approach.







About the School of History, Classics & Archaeology

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

We are ranked 11th in the world and 3rd in Europe for arts and humanities[†]. Our expertise ranges from the ancient to the contemporary and stretches to every corner of the globe. This allows us to offer an unrivalled and wide-ranging portfolio of programmes, while our diverse and energetic research culture covers many periods, areas and themes. Our home is the William Robertson Wing, an A-listed building in Edinburgh's Old Town – a UNESCO World Heritage site – that provides state-of-the-art research and study facilities.

Be inspired by world-class research

We cultivate interdisciplinary research collaborations that bring experienced academics, early career and postdoctoral researchers and postgraduates together. Our research groups include digital humanities, intellectual history, material culture and science, medicine and technology. With a research tradition in archaeology, classics and history that we trace back to the 18th century, we offer a stimulating study environment built on a solid foundation of research excellence. Many of our researchers are global experts in their field and the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014 rated 83 per cent of our history research and 67 per cent of our classics research either 4* world leading or 3* internationally excellent in the overall quality profile. In both these areas we were ranked in the top 5 universities in the UK by research power (Research Fortnight REF 2014).

Our academics are regular prize winners, recently receiving Philip Leverhulme Prizes, the 2017 Elsa Goveia Prize, the Royal Society of Edinburgh's Thomas Reid Medal 2017, and the Senior Hume Brown Prize in Scottish History.

We host numerous research centres, groups and projects, including the internationally renowned Centre for the Study of Modern and Contemporary History, and the Edinburgh Centre for Global History. Our staff are also involved with the University's Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies.

History

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

Classics

Classics at Edinburgh continues a tradition that goes back to the University's foundation in 1583. Our teaching covers all the major disciplines in the field: Greek and Latin literature and thought; Greek and Roman history; and Classical art and archaeology. With around 20 permanent academic staff, we are one of the largest, most wide-ranging classics centres in the UK.

Archaeology

Archaeology at Edinburgh has a long tradition going back to the 19th century. Our first Abercromby Professor of Prehistoric Archaeology was the distinguished prehistorian, Vere Gordon Childe. Edinburgh has research and teaching expertise in European, Mediterranean and Near Eastern archaeology (including Egyptology), and bioarchaeology (human and animal osteoarchaeology). Staff direct fieldwork projects in the UK, Europe, the Mediterranean, Egypt and Turkey.

Our community

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

Our international community represents approximately 50 nationalities, making the School the ideal environment in which to share ideas, collaborate on research, gain new perspectives and meet like-minded individuals. We actively encourage our students to become fully involved in academic life, offering numerous opportunities to attend events or join specialist interest groups. Our active programme of workshops, seminars, conferences and symposia is supplemented with many informal gatherings and events, and our student societies – ArchSoc, the Classics Society and the History Society – provide countless opportunities to get to know your fellow students in a non-academic environment.

Learn from distinguished academics

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

Join a thriving community

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



Employability and graduate attributes

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

Fieldwork and independent research are an essential component of many of our degrees. Many of our students take compulsory courses designed for skills acquisition, while option courses also have specific objectives in terms of skills training.

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

You will learn how to:

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

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

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 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, the 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. It offers on-campus and online workshops and one-to-one study skills consultations, as well as online advice and learning resources in the Study Hub (www.ed.ac.uk/iad/studyhub).

The programme and learning resources cover key study skills tailored to different academic stages, including prearrival sessions; 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 programme consists of workshops that are 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, as well as developing personal and professional skills that can be transferred to your future employment. 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, as well as support for tutoring and demonstrating, and public engagement and communication.

Careers Service

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

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 will 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

Platform One

We provide opportunities for students to draw on the knowledge and experience of our worldwide alumni network through lectures, workshops and panel discussions, and online via Platform One. This supportive environment allows students, alumni, staff and volunteers to gather to share their knowledge and experiences and discuss ideas, plans and possibilities.

More information:

www.ed.ac.uk/platform-one

Open to new ideas

If you consider yourself something of an entrepreneur, you'll be interested to know that Edinburgh is an entrepreneurial city, home to two of the UK's \$1 billion-valued unicorn companies. We boast one of the most entrepreneurial student bodies in the UK and have helped students launch nearly 100 startups in the last two years. One in five of those startups was a social enterprise. Edinburgh Innovations, the University's commercialisation service, offers free support to student entrepreneurs including one-to-one business advice and a range of workshops, bootcamps, competitions and networking events. Successful recent clients include Orfeas Boteas, creator of the Dehumaniser sound effects software used by Hollywood movies and blockbuster video games; Douglas Martin, whose company MiAlgae aims to revolutionise the global aquaculture and pet food industries; and Aayush Goyal and Karis Gill, whose gift box enterprise Social Stories Club brings ethical products to a wider market: www.ed.ac.uk/edinburgh-innovations/for-students

Open to the world



Working with the community

Student groups in the School of History, Classics & Archaeology have been reaching out to the children of Edinburgh to give something back to their local community.

The Edinburgh Archaeology Outreach Project and Literacy Through Latin both provide opportunities for postgraduates to share their passion for their subject with a younger generation.

The Edinburgh Archaeology Outreach Project was formed in 2013. Members work with the University's Archaeology Society to give children and the wider community an insight into the subject.

The group aims to spark children's interest in their local heritage, history and archaeology by visiting local schools and community groups with fun, practical activities, including mock digs, rebuilding pottery, making clay cuneiform tablets and examining real and replica bones.

In a similar fashion, Literacy Through Latin is an entirely student-led scheme run by the Classics Society.

Volunteers work with pupils at three Edinburgh primary schools introducing them to the basics of Latin language and to ancient cultures.

Both projects thrive thanks to the dedication of reliable, enthusiastic and committed students and are always on the lookout for new volunteers.

"I have really enjoyed sharing my love of classics with the children involved and it's so rewarding to see how engaged they become. It has challenged me to explore my subject in a different way and has taught me invaluable skills."

Isabelle Chasey
Literacy Through Latin Charity and Outreach Officer

The University of Edinburgh has been influencing the world since 1583. Our Schools have a long history of making a difference but it isn't one we take for granted. To this day, we strive to deliver excellence and help address tomorrow's greatest challenges.

Here's a snapshot of what your School's community has been up to recently.

Leverhulme support

Two members of staff from the School of History, Classics & Archaeology have received support for their research from the Leverhulme Trust.

Awards to Dr Guillaume Robin, Senior Lecturer in Archaeology, and Professor Stana Nenadic, Professor of Social and Cultural History, were announced earlier this year.

Professor Nenadic has been awarded a Leverhulme Major Research Fellowship for *The Business of Art in Scotland c.1700-1900*. Her research will lead to a book focusing on artists as entrepreneurs and their engagement with clients or institutional patrons for public art. The commercial and personal relationships that linked Edinburgh with local centres for art production will illuminate processes of modernity in the creation, movement and consumption of a form of commodified culture.

Dr Robin has received a British Academy/ Leverhulme Grant to support ongoing excavations at the site of Monte Mannu in Ossi, Sardinia. The site has already revealed architectural evidence, material culture such as ceramics and stone tools and faunal remains. Future work will explore the oldest Neolithic contexts of the site and investigate other geophysical anomalies.

“I am very happy to receive this funding that will support survey and excavation work in Sardinia for two years, working there with French and Italian colleagues as well as archaeology students from the University of Edinburgh.”

Dr Guillaume Robin
Senior Lecturer in Archaeology

President's personal letter revealed

A personal letter, handwritten by United States President George Washington to the Earl of Buchan, has been unveiled by the Centre for Research Collections at the University of Edinburgh.

The letter, dated 1796, was one of many donated to the University's collections by the great Scottish polymath and antiquarian Sir David Lang in the 1870s. Analysis of it has been conducted by historians and archivists at the University and at the Washington Estate at Mount Vernon, Virginia.

It reveals that George Washington was deeply interested in improving US farming methods and was aware of the emerging discipline of agricultural science in Scotland – a by-product of Scottish Enlightenment thinking.

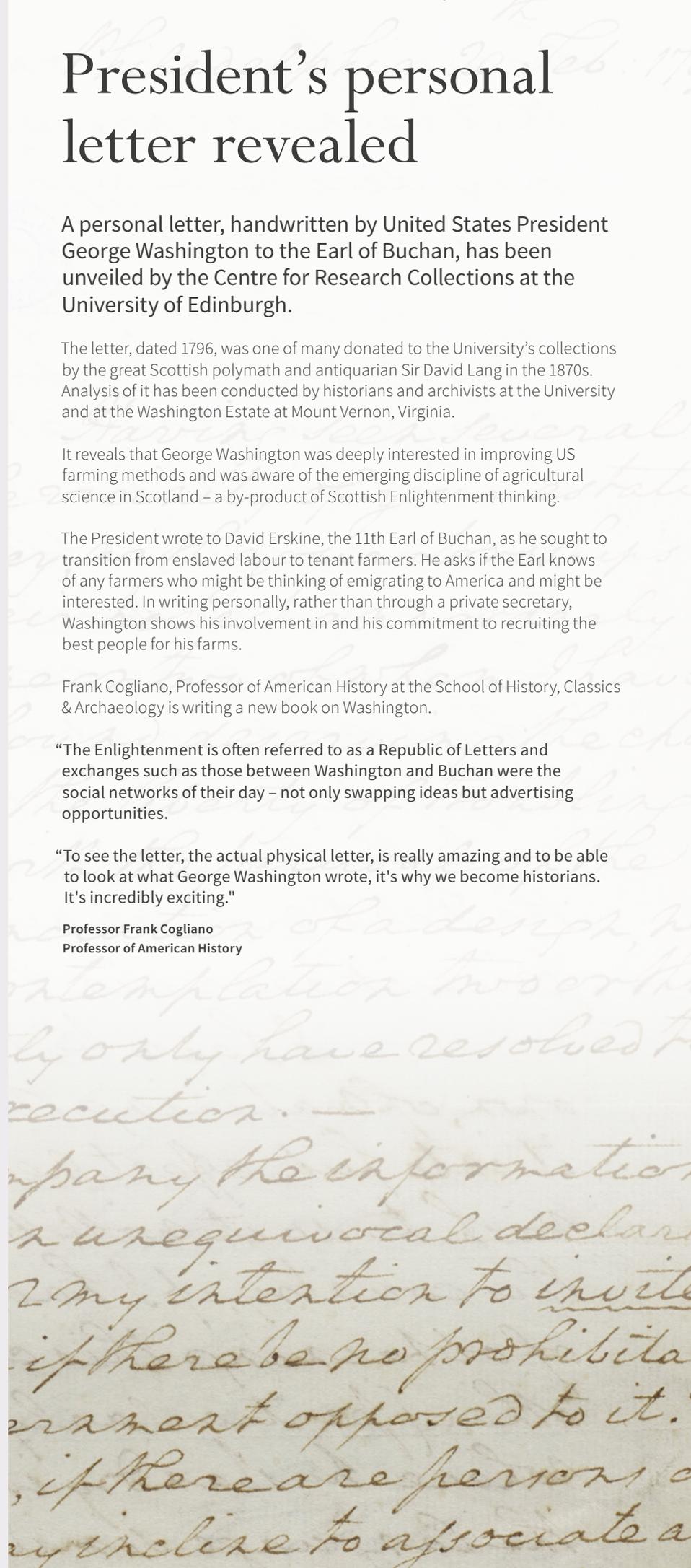
The President wrote to David Erskine, the 11th Earl of Buchan, as he sought to transition from enslaved labour to tenant farmers. He asks if the Earl knows of any farmers who might be thinking of emigrating to America and might be interested. In writing personally, rather than through a private secretary, Washington shows his involvement in and his commitment to recruiting the best people for his farms.

Frank Cogliano, Professor of American History at the School of History, Classics & Archaeology is writing a new book on Washington.

“The Enlightenment is often referred to as a Republic of Letters and exchanges such as those between Washington and Buchan were the social networks of their day – not only swapping ideas but advertising opportunities.

“To see the letter, the actual physical letter, is really amazing and to be able to look at what George Washington wrote, it's why we become historians. It's incredibly exciting.”

Professor Frank Cogliano
Professor of American History



Forging links with the Signet Library

A PhD student from the School of History, Classics & Archaeology is taking on a unique internship intended to forge closer links between two Edinburgh institutions.

PhD candidate Sarah Moxey's placement in Edinburgh's Signet Library will evaluate and report on potential future collaboration and teaching links with the University.

The Signet Library is owned and operated by the Society of Writers to Her Majesty's Signet – an incorporated body of Scottish lawyers established more than 400 years ago. The library supports lawyers and legal business with research, comment, learning, networking and culture, and has occupied the Signet Library building on Edinburgh's Parliament Square since 1810.

Having worked in the National Library of Scotland, Sarah is no stranger to special collections and archives, but she is now learning how a private library operates and discovering its vast collection of rare Scottish history materials.

"I am delighted I was chosen for this very important role which will lay the foundations for a long-term partnership between both institutions and will hopefully highlight the vast undiscovered potential of the Signet Library's collections."

Sarah Moxey
PhD candidate



Brazilian history from the inside

Two grants from the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) will allow a lecturer from the School of History, Classics & Archaeology to rethink Brazil's past.

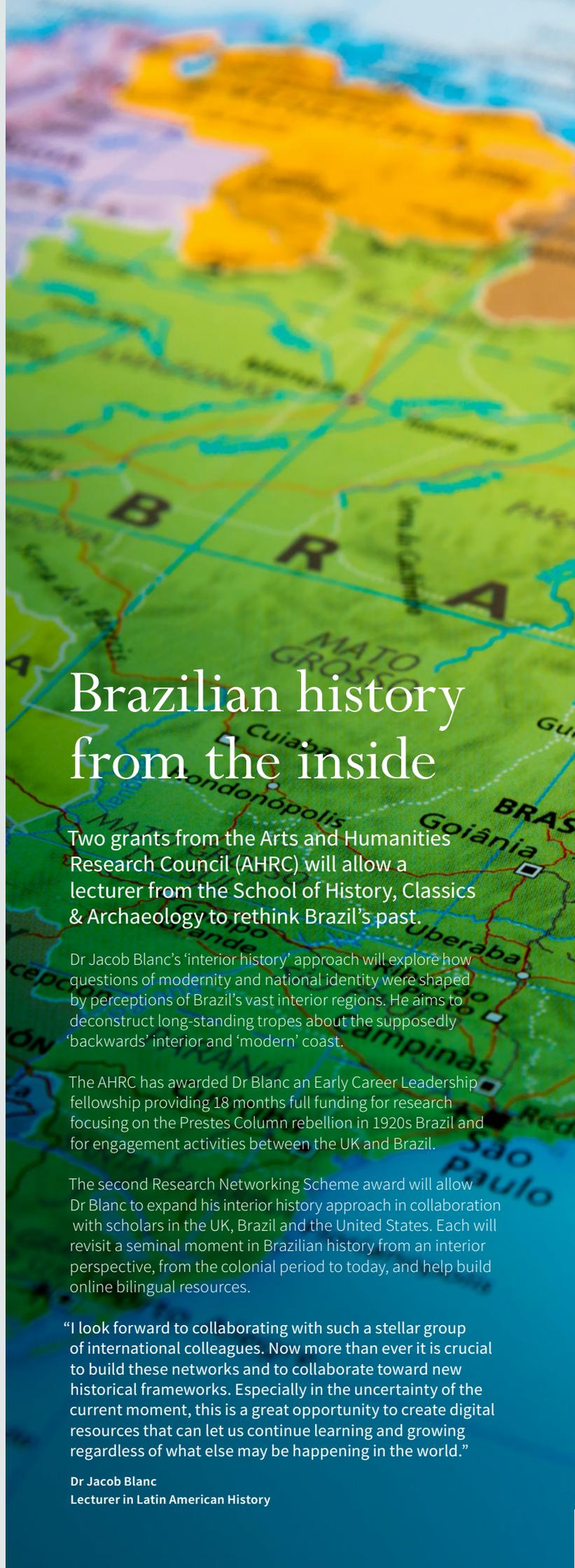
Dr Jacob Blanc's 'interior history' approach will explore how questions of modernity and national identity were shaped by perceptions of Brazil's vast interior regions. He aims to deconstruct long-standing tropes about the supposedly 'backwards' interior and 'modern' coast.

The AHRC has awarded Dr Blanc an Early Career Leadership fellowship providing 18 months full funding for research focusing on the Prestes Column rebellion in 1920s Brazil and for engagement activities between the UK and Brazil.

The second Research Networking Scheme award will allow Dr Blanc to expand his interior history approach in collaboration with scholars in the UK, Brazil and the United States. Each will revisit a seminal moment in Brazilian history from an interior perspective, from the colonial period to today, and help build online bilingual resources.

"I look forward to collaborating with such a stellar group of international colleagues. Now more than ever it is crucial to build these networks and to collaborate toward new historical frameworks. Especially in the uncertainty of the current moment, this is a great opportunity to create digital resources that can let us continue learning and growing regardless of what else may be happening in the world."

Dr Jacob Blanc
Lecturer in Latin American History



Lost manuscript found in Cathedral archives

An Edinburgh historian has uncovered the lost autobiography of 17th century writer Alice Thornton.

Dr Cordelia Beattie, a Senior Lecturer in Medieval History at the School of History, Classics & Archaeology, found the missing text while researching the archives of Durham Cathedral.

The manuscript, the second of four books written by Thornton (1626-1707) during the English Civil War, had been missing since the early 20th century, leaving a gap in her autobiographical writings.

Thornton wrote about her eventful life as a 17th century Yorkshire woman. The daughter of the Lord Deputy of Ireland, she lived in Dublin until the Irish Rebellion of 1641 then returned to Yorkshire. A Royalist, she had nine children (only three of whom survived to adulthood) before being thrust into poverty following her husband's death.

Dr Beattie made her discovery in cathedral archives after researching Thomas Comber, Dean of Durham from 1689 and the husband of Alice Thornton's eldest daughter, Alice Comber.

The full text of this volume has never been made available to the public, though selected extracts were published by the Surtees Society in 1875. Thornton's first and third books were acquired by the British Library and Dr Beattie also found the final 'Memorandum Book' in private hands.

Dr Beattie now plans to produce a digital version of all four books, making them accessible to the public and allowing them to be studied further.

"I am very excited that we can now read Alice Thornton's autobiographical writings as she intended them to be read. It is clear that she saw them as interconnected books as they cross-reference each other."

Dr Cordelia Beattie
Senior Lecturer in Medieval History

Image credit: Chapter of Durham Cathedral



Our teaching

We offer an extensive and flexible range of taught masters-level degrees across each of our subject areas:

- **History** – we cover a rich diversity of topics across many periods, regions and specialisms.
- **Classics** – we offer a wide and varied range of degrees covering topics including languages, Byzantine Studies and classical archaeology.
- **Archaeology** – our archaeology and osteology degrees reflect a long and distinguished tradition of teaching, research and fieldwork.

We also offer flexible cross-disciplinary degrees and online learning.

At the time of printing, our planned taught degrees for 2021 are as follows although this may be subject to change:

History

- American History (MSc)
- Contemporary History (MSc)
- History (MSc)
- History (MSc) 
- Intellectual History (MSc)
- Medieval History (MSc)
- Scottish History (MSc)

Classics

- Ancient History (MSc)
- Classical Art & Archaeology (MSc)
- Classics (MSc)
- Late Antique, Islamic & Byzantine Studies (MSc)

Archaeology

- Archaeology (MSc)
- European Archaeology (MSc)
- Human Osteoarchaeology (MSc)
- Mediterranean Archaeology (MSc)

Classics & Archaeology

- Ancient Worlds (Archaeology & Classics) (MSc) 

Online learning

Please check our online degree finder for the most up-to-date information available on our taught postgraduate opportunities and to make an application: www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/degrees





Facilities and resources

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

Our postgraduate students normally have access to:

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

All of our facilities are in addition to the multiple libraries and computer labs provided across the University's estate.

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

The city of Edinburgh offers our students:

- the National Library of Scotland, one of six legal deposit libraries with a legislative right to acquire a copy of any book published in the UK. The library also has a world-class collection of rare books and manuscripts;
- the National Records of Scotland, the main repository for the records of Scotland's institutional past. Its extensive collection, based on legal, political and ecclesiastic records, is supplemented by gifts and deposits relating to Scottish landed estates, the correspondence of leading political figures and the records of Scottish businesses;
- the National Museum of Scotland, which has since been ranked one of the UK's top 10 visitor attractions;*

- the National Galleries of Scotland, home to one of the best collections of Scottish and international art, across three Edinburgh galleries; and
- the medical museum at the Royal College of Surgeons and the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, which has an outstanding medical archive and a historical library.

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

Archaeology tools

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

* Association of Leading Visitor Attractions

Research at the School of History, Classics & Archaeology

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

Our research quality was validated in the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014. We had 83 per cent of our research in history and 67 per cent of our research in classics rated 4* world leading or 3* internationally excellent in the overall quality profile. In both areas we were ranked in the top five universities in the UK by research power (Research Fortnight REF 2014). We host around 80 core researchers and many members of the School have strong public roles, recognised through a wide range of external funding, prizes and awards.

History

We are one of the largest and most vibrant communities of historians in the UK. More than 60 researchers, whose interests and expertise span three millennia and an unusually broad range of methodologies, work with our postgraduate community across our Centre for the Study of Modern Contemporary History, Edinburgh Centre for Global History, research groups, and multiple seminars and workshops. History at Edinburgh is further enriched by its links to other disciplines within the University and to the city's archives and museums, and the National Library of Scotland.

Classics

Classics at Edinburgh is a large community, more than 35 strong, of teachers and researchers. It is distinctive for combining wide coverage of all the core areas of Greek and Roman/Latin literature, history and archaeology with, on the one hand, a strong interdisciplinary focus and, on the other, an expansive outlook on the ancient world. We have research projects about, for example: Classics and cognitive science; Greek and modern notions of honour, respect and recognition; the role of earthen materials in Roman provincial architecture; and a comparative investigation of Byzantine *paideia* and Tang/Song *xue*. We have strong research clusters on Late Antiquity, Byzantium and the Medieval Latin World.

Archaeology

Archaeology at Edinburgh has a dynamic, internationally recognised research profile. Geographically our research primarily covers Britain, Europe, the Near East and North Africa, with a broad chronological spread from the appearance of modern humans in Europe over 40,000 years ago to the post-medieval period. Our research community comprises 14 teaching staff and postdoctoral researchers, with more than 30 research postgraduate students who benefit from excellent research laboratories and teaching facilities. Our key research themes are: Human-Environment Interactions; Society, Stratification and Conflict; Life, Health and Death; and European and Near Eastern Prehistory.

Research options

We offer two research degree types:

PhD

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

MSc by Research

Our master of science by research degrees combine research training with the opportunity to work on a substantial piece of supervised independent research in your chosen field.





Research opportunities

At the time of printing, our planned postgraduate research opportunities for 2021 are:

- Archaeology (PhD/MScR)
- Classics (PhD/MScR)
- Economic & Social History (PhD/MScR)
- History (PhD/MScR)
- Scottish History (PhD/MScR)

Please check our online degree finder for the most up-to-date information available on our postgraduate research opportunities and to make an application.

Research degree index:

www.ed.ac.uk/studying/postgraduate/degrees/research

PhD research projects:

www.ed.ac.uk/studying/phd-research-projects

Advice on finding a research supervisor:

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

Career opportunities

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

See also...

You may also be interested in research areas offered by Edinburgh College of Art or the Schools of Divinity; Law; Literatures, Languages & Cultures; or Social & Political Science.

www.ed.ac.uk/studying/prospectus-request

Funding

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

Awards are offered by the School of History, Classics & Archaeology, the College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences, the University of Edinburgh, the Scottish, UK and international governments and many funding bodies.

Here we list a selection of potential sources of financial support for postgraduate students applying to the School of History, Classics & Archaeology. This list was correct at the time of printing but please check the full and up-to-date range online (see above).

University of Edinburgh Alumni Scholarships

We offer a 10 per cent scholarship towards postgraduate fees to all alumni who graduated from the University as an undergraduate, and to all students who spent at least one semester studying at the University on a visiting programme: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/alumni-scholarships

Key

- Taught masters degrees
- Masters by Research degrees
- Research degrees

Scholarships at the University of Edinburgh

- **College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences Research Awards** ●
College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences Research Awards are open to those admitted to the first year of PhD research: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/research-ahss
- **Edinburgh Global Online Learning Masters Scholarship** ●
The University offers a number of awards for postgraduate online programmes, which eligible students can apply for: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/e-learning/online-distance
- **Principal's Career Development PhD Scholarships** ●
These prestigious scholarships give access to any applicant from around the world to undertake discipline training and additional skills development. Students are encouraged to engage with entrepreneurial training, teaching, outreach and industrial engagement. Each award covers the tuition fee and full stipend: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/development
- **School of History, Classics & Archaeology Doctoral Awards** ●
These awards are offered, where available, to students applying for PhD programmes: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/hca-phd
- **School of History, Classics & Archaeology Masters Scholarships** ●●
These awards are offered, where available, to students applying for masters programmes: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/hca-masters

Research Council (UKRI) funding

The UKRI offers awards to PhD students in most of the Schools within the University of Edinburgh. All studentship applications for UKRI awards must be made through the University, through your School or College office. Normally only those UK students who have been resident in the UK for the preceding three years are eligible for a full award. Please check individual UKRI pages on the University website for full eligibility criteria: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/research-councils

Loans available for study at the University of Edinburgh

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

- **The Canada Student Loans Program** ●●●
The University is eligible to certify Canadian student loan applications: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/canadian-loans
- **Postgraduate Doctoral Loans England** ●
Student Finance England offers postgraduate loans for doctoral study, payable to eligible students and divided equally across each year of the doctoral programme: www.gov.uk/doctoral-loan
- **Postgraduate Doctoral Loans Wales** ●
Student Finance Wales offers loans for postgraduate doctoral study, payable to eligible students, divided equally across each year of the doctoral programme: www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/postgraduate-students/postgraduate-doctoral-loan
- **Postgraduate Loans (PGL) England** ●●
Student Finance England offers postgraduate loans for taught and research masters programmes, payable to eligible students: www.gov.uk/postgraduate-loan
- **Postgraduate Loans (PGL) Northern Ireland** ●●
Student Finance Northern Ireland offers eligible students a tuition fee loan for taught and research programmes, at certificate, diploma, and masters level, which will be paid directly to the University: www.studentfinanceneni.co.uk
- **Postgraduate Loans (SAAS)** ●●
The Student Awards Agency Scotland offers eligible students tuition fee loans for taught and research programmes at diploma and masters level, which will be paid directly to the University. Eligible students can also apply for a non income-assessed living cost loan: www.saas.gov.uk

- **Postgraduate Masters Finance Wales** ●●

Student Finance Wales offers eligible students postgraduate finance 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/cscuk

- **Marshall Scholarships (USA)** ●●●

Scholarships available to outstanding US students wishing to study at any UK university for at least two years: www.marshallscholarship.org



“As an international student, I largely credit the University’s funding opportunities with facilitating my academic career goals. I used the student funding pages online to successfully procure two scholarships and a grant that fully fund my PhD and provide me the opportunity to study at a world-class institution.”

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

Where we are

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



We are here!
The School of
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Taught degrees

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

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Our visits to you

If you are unable to visit the University, we attend events worldwide whenever possible during the year. Find out about your next opportunity to speak to us in person: www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/meet-us



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Lisa Brown,
PhD Archaeology

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