Postgraduate Opportunities
2021

Law

www.law.ed.ac.uk
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 Edinburgh Law School

Established in 1707, Edinburgh Law School has been at the heart of legal research and education for more than 300 years. Our Old College home, newly refurbished in 2019, is a symbol of international excellence in legal education.

Situated in the heart of Scotland’s beautiful and cosmopolitan capital, Edinburgh Law School values outstanding legal scholarship. We pride ourselves on our welcoming and supportive community, as well as our capacity to attract the world’s brightest legal minds.

Excellence in teaching
Our programmes are delivered by academic staff who are experts in their field. Our postgraduate provision is research-led, with a focus on real-world relevance. This means that whichever path of study you choose, you can be confident that the course material is drawn from the most up-to-date research available. Our academics are passionate, supportive and inspirational in their teaching.

World-leading research
All of our teaching is underpinned by world-class research. Edinburgh Law School was ranked 2\textsuperscript{nd} in the UK by research impact Grade Point Average (Times Higher Education, impact ranking, REF 2014) and 4\textsuperscript{th} in the UK by research power (Research Fortnight REF 2014) acknowledging the breadth and quality of our research output. Overall, 77 per cent of our research was given a world leading or internationally excellent rating on the overall quality profile.

Our research has a real impact on people and communities – one recent project led to a change in police stop and search practices, while the work of one of our academics has been cited as hugely influential on the Colombian peace process. You will benefit from learning from people who are genuinely shaping our world as they contribute to scholarly and policy-oriented publications and projects.

At the heart of the city
Edinburgh Law School returned to its historical Old College home in 2019, following an extensive refurbishment. This project has transformed our premises at Old College into a 21st-century home for the School, whilst celebrating and preserving the building’s heritage and history. Designed for the way you study, the incredible new features include a spectacular Law Library, spacious and flexible teaching rooms, and dedicated social study spaces throughout.

Old College sits in the heart of Edinburgh’s city centre, just a few minutes’ walk from many of the city’s famous attractions. We are also at the centre of Scotland’s legal community, with the courts of Scotland and the Scottish Parliament within easy walking distance.

Remarkable careers
Our graduates become part of a thriving alumni community, many of whom are leading figures in the legal world. Our alumni include: two of the twelve current UK Supreme Court Justices; the current Lord Advocate; Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Constabulary; Jula Sebutinde, the first African woman to sit on the International Court of Justice; five-time Olympic medallist Dame Katherine Grainger; politicians Douglas Alexander, Joanna Cherry, Sir Malcolm Rifkind, Ian Murray, Baron David Steel, and Eleanor Laing, Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons. We also count authors Robert Louis Stevenson, Sir Walter Scott and Alexander McCall Smith amongst our famous graduates. You will benefit from a lifelong connection to our alumni community and will be connected to professional and research networks that will afford you a wealth of opportunities. You will also be able to access our specialist law careers advisor who can offer you targeted advice in preparation for your next steps once you have completed your own studies.

Edinburgh Law School is ranked 22\textsuperscript{nd} in the world*. *QS World University Rankings by Subject 2020
Our community

By studying at Edinburgh Law School, you’ll join a vibrant and welcoming community of world-leading researchers, legal professionals and students at all stages of their education. You’ll study in a supportive, inclusive and scholarly environment in which you can nurture your educational and professional development.

Broadening horizons
Our postgraduate community is made up of people from a variety of backgrounds and experiences, making it a diverse and interesting place to study. Whatever your discipline, culture or career trajectory, Edinburgh Law School will provide you with a learning experience that will challenge your perspectives and expand your horizons.

Expertise at hand
Our degrees are each run by a Director with expertise in the relevant field. The courses available within our degrees are constantly updated according to the latest legal research, much of which is generated through our own research communities. These communities and centres include:
- Edinburgh Centre for Private Law
- Edinburgh Centre for Constitutional Law
- SCRIPT Centre for IP & Technology Law
- the Europa Institute
- Edinburgh Centre for International and Global Law
- Edinburgh Centre for Commercial Law
- Centre for Legal History
- Mason Institute for Medicine, Life Sciences & the Law
- the Global Justice Academy
- Edinburgh Centre for Legal Theory
- Empirical Legal Research Network.

Our research communities attract visitors and speakers from around the world, who lend their expertise to our postgraduate provision. For more information, please see: www.law.ed.ac.uk/research

Reading groups
Reading groups related to our research fields meet on a regular basis to discuss the latest issues, papers and research outcomes. Run by members of the postgraduate community, these groups offer a valuable chance to network with students from different programmes and communities. The reading groups also organise regular workshops and seminars, bringing together members of postgraduate communities from Edinburgh and beyond.

Online learning
Online learners are immersed in a highly interactive, scholarly learning environment. Each individual brings a rich diversity of knowledge and experience. Consequently, as our students learn together, they contribute to a dynamic community of learning characterised by intellectual stimulation and supportive collaboration between peers.

Connections for life
As a masters student at Edinburgh Law School, you are automatically a member of the Edinburgh Law School Postgraduate Society. This society is run by students, for students, and is dedicated to hosting events and activities for students enrolled on our programmes throughout the year. If you want to be more involved, you’ll even have the opportunity to be part of the team that organises and runs these events, which can be a great chance to add to your CV and network with staff and alumni.

Edinburgh Student Law Review
The Edinburgh Student Law Review was the first publication of its kind in Scotland. Managed and written entirely by the School’s student body, this annual journal provides a forum for law students to engage in a more analytical approach to the subject. Students working at all levels and from all legal disciplines are encouraged to submit articles, case notes and updates for publication in the Review.
Employability and graduate attributes

Graduating with a postgraduate qualification in law from Edinburgh not only provides you with a world-class degree, highly desired by employers across the globe, but it also ensures that you have the skills needed to succeed in any career.

In addition to serving as an excellent stepping-stone to further study and research, our masters degrees are highly regarded in the private legal and commercial professions. Some of our recent graduates have gone on to work as specialist advisers or researchers for international non-governmental organisations, law commissions, government agencies, private legal firms, police services and other public sector institutions.

We offer a range of activities and events designed to support you as you develop your career aims. Whether you have a firm plan or are still working out the direction you wish to take, there are plenty of opportunities to develop new skills and gain new experiences that will help you stand out in a competitive employment market.

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

Combining career and study

Many of our postgraduate students may be seeking further study to enhance their existing career. We offer a range of online learning programmes to enable students to further their studies, while balancing work or other commitments.

Graduates of our online learning flourish in a range of careers in law and related legal fields, including work in local and international firms, government legal departments, other public institutions, international organisations and academia. The programmes are also an ideal platform for advanced research.

Further information: www.ed.ac.uk/edinburgh-innovations/for-students

More information: www.ed.ac.uk/platform-one
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.

Understanding inequalities

A TV show focusing on the Edinburgh Law School's innovative and ambitious social inequalities research was nominated for two awards.

Understanding Inequalities, a three-year Economic and Social Research Council funded project led by Professor Susan McVie, featured in the second episode of Darren McGarvey's Scotland.

The popular BBC Scotland documentary series – a hard-hitting examination of poverty and inequality impacting people and communities across Scotland – was nominated for the 2020 Orwell Prize for Exposing Britain’s Social Evils and for the Royal Television Society Scotland Award 2020 for Documentary and Specialist Factual.

In the episode, Professor McVie drove around Edinburgh with Darren sharing her expertise on the effects of poverty on criminality and talking about aspirations in young people from different social backgrounds.

“If the opportunities aren’t there, it doesn't matter how hard you work, you're never going to manage to escape from your own circumstances.”

Professor Susan McVie
Director of Understanding Inequalities
Edinburgh alumni appointed to top UK law positions

Recent appointments have seen three Edinburgh Law School alumni appointed to prestigious roles in UK law.

Alumnus Lord Reed, who graduated LLB Law with first class honours in 1978, was sworn in as President of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom in January 2020.

Lord Reed became Scotland’s youngest judge in 1998 at the age of 42. He has been a Justice of the Supreme Court for eight years, serving as Deputy President for the last two.

His appointment allowed fellow alumnus Lord Hodge to succeed him as Deputy President. This means Edinburgh graduates fill the two most senior positions in the court for the first time.

Lord Hodge has been a Justice of the Supreme Court since 2013 and was previously the Scottish Judge in Exchequer Causes and one of the Scottish Intellectual Property Judges.

Sheriff Peter Braid, who graduated LLB Law with first class honours in 1980, has been appointed as one of five new Senators of the College of Justice by Her Majesty the Queen, on the recommendation of the First Minister.

As a senator, Sheriff Braid will sit in the Court of Session and the High Court of Justiciary dealing with a wide range of particularly complex and high value civil matters and cases of constitutional importance.

“The Edinburgh Law School is delighted at the recent appointments of our alumni to some of the highest legal positions in the UK. Lords Reed and Hodge, and Sheriff Braid are some of our most distinguished graduates, and through their professionalism and passion for the rule of law they manifest the values that the School has always sought to nurture in its graduates.”

Professor Martin Hogg
Dean of Law and Head of School

Joining the Clinton Global Initiative

Seven Edinburgh Law School students have been accepted to the 2020 cohort of the Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI U), which aims to address the world’s most pressing problems.

Individuals and groups accepted to CGI U make a commitment to act on a particular issue.

Postgraduate Laura Glocker (MSc Criminology & Criminal Justice) has linked up with Mattis Leson (LLM European Law) and Markus Lakenbrink (LLM Corporate Law) to tackle misinformation about freedom of speech provisions in the German constitution. In particular, they intend to target German schoolchildren by recruiting legal professionals who will deliver workshops and interactive classes in schools.

Other Edinburgh students accepted to CGI U this year include Akhil Ennamsetty (LLM Human Rights), whose Centre for Rights Activism project will provide quality legal aid to the victims of human rights abuse in the tribal villages of the Northern Telangana region of India.

In addition, LLM Global Environment & Climate Change Law students Anna Martinez, Nina Pusic and Andrea Scarpello have teamed up to engage with Schools across the University of Edinburgh and ensure all undergraduates have the opportunity to study climate change and its impact.

The annual three-day CGI U conference scheduled to take place at the University of Edinburgh in 2020 has been postponed during the Coronavirus pandemic.
Making and applying gender equitable law

A groundbreaking project that examines how important legal decisions might have differed if judges involved had adopted a feminist perspective has been recognised by Edinburgh’s students.

Professor Sharon Cowan and Dr Chloë Kennedy, who coordinate the Scottish Feminist Judgements Project, won the Outstanding Commitment to Liberation in the Curriculum category in the Edinburgh University Students’ Association (EUSA) 2020 Teaching Awards. Entrants are nominated and winners voted for wholly by students in the annual awards.

The Scottish Feminist Judgements Project is one of a global series that brings academics, lawyers, judges, artists and representatives from the third sector together to think about how laws can be made and applied in a more gender-equitable way.

Professor Cowan, Deputy Head of Edinburgh Law School and Professor of Feminist and Queer Legal Studies, and Dr Kennedy, Senior Lecturer in Criminal Law, took to their bikes and made a 200-mile cycle tour bringing project workshops to universities across the country.

“This award is something really special for us. No one can liberate any curriculum unless the students want it to be liberated, so we couldn’t have done any of the things that we did in this project if the students hadn’t met us more than halfway.”

Professor Sharon Cowan
Deputy Head of Edinburgh Law School

Mooting internationally

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Marlene Straub, Franziska Heim and Jackson Neagly represented Edinburgh in the annual Willem C Vis Moot focusing on international commercial law and international dispute resolution through arbitration.

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Excellence in research

Edinburgh Law School is internationally renowned for research excellence, attracting more than £20m in funding over the last 10 years.

The School’s fellowships and projects are generously supported by a number of prestigious funders including UK Research and Innovation, the Department for International Development, Wellcome, the British Academy, the Leverhulme Trust, the Nuffield Foundation, the Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland and the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

This funding contributes significantly to the quality of the School’s outputs and impact. In the last Research Excellence Framework, we were ranked 2nd in the UK by research impact Grade Point Average (Times Higher Education, impact ranking, REF 2014).

Current research projects include Law, Wealth and Inequality, led by Professor Alexandra Braun. This interdisciplinary research project explores the relationship between law, wealth and inequality from comparative and historical perspectives.

Wealth inequality is a global issue of increasing economic and social importance, with growing awareness that the gap between the wealthy and the poor is increasing. Professor Braun’s work will examine the role that law has played in facilitating the accumulation and distribution of wealth, thus generating or maintaining inequality in economic and social terms.

Another current project, the Political Settlements Research Programme, investigates how peace processes attempt to revise political settlements to make them more inclusive, so as to end violent conflict.

The Global Justice Academy at the University is one of seven research partners exploring how conflict societies and international interveners navigate the tension between negotiating an end to violent conflict and forming a broader social contract to ensure subsequent good governance.

For further information on research at Edinburgh Law School, see page 12.
Our teaching

We offer one of the widest ranges of legal masters degrees in the UK, giving you the opportunity to specialise, or to pursue a broader perspective on law. Our on-campus degrees can be taken either full-time or part-time. Alternatively, you can study for an internationally-recognised postgraduate qualification online from anywhere in the world.

We encourage an interactive approach to teaching so that you not only learn from academic teaching staff but also from discussing ideas with your fellow students. This is true whether you choose to study on campus or online, where you will participate in a collaborative learning environment with people all over the world, at different stages of their career, from policymaking, professional practice, business and industry, who all interact, learn and engage together.

You will experience a range of teaching styles while you are studying, depending on the subject matter and the courses you are taking. Class sizes are limited to ensure everyone has a chance to take part. Our aim is to enable you to think for yourself, helping you learn how to make and develop your own arguments. This dynamic style of learning is more intensive than traditional lecturing, but we believe it helps give you a deeper understanding of the law and its practical application. Our approach will also develop your problem solving and communication skills, helping you prepare for your future career in the legal profession, business, government, non-governmental organisations or academia after successfully completing your programme.

From 2020, Edinburgh Law School will offer a variety of resources and activities for postgraduate students to access and engage with to develop key skills.

Teaching staff

Edinburgh Law School staff are engaged in high-quality research in a wide range of specialisms. Our experienced academics take a research-led approach to teaching, enabling you to engage with current research and issues in the field. Some courses will also feature input from senior practitioners from relevant industry or government sectors, who will provide practical insights into real-world challenges.

At the time of printing, our planned taught degrees for 2021 are:

**On-campus taught masters**
- Commercial Law (LLM)
- Comparative & European Private Law (LLM)
- Corporate Law (LLM)
- Criminal Law & Criminal Justice (LLM)
- Criminology & Criminal Justice (MSc)
- European Law (LLM)
- Global Crime, Justice & Security (MSc)
- Global Environment & Climate Change Law (LLM)
- Human Rights (LLM)
- Innovation, Technology & the Law (LLM)
- Intellectual Property Law (LLM)
- International Banking Law & Finance (LLM - full time only)
- International Economic Law (LLM)
- International Law (LLM)
- Law (LLM)
- Medical Law & Ethics (LLM)

**Online learning**
- Information Technology Law (LLM)
- Innovation, Technology & the Law (LLM)
- Intellectual Property Law (LLM)*
- International Commercial Law & Practice (LLM)
- Law (LLM)
- Medical Law & Ethics (LLM)
- Postgraduate Certificate in Law (PgCert)

*Subject to approval

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 postgraduate students can take advantage of a wealth of world-class facilities and resources to support their studies.

Libraries
The Law Library is the beating heart of our School and has a beautiful new home in Old College that befits its international reputation. The collection is recognised internationally due to its scale and significance. The library not only boasts an enviable collection of books, journals and other reference materials, but also provides students with comfortable study spaces. It is one of the largest law libraries in the UK and houses the library of the Europa Institute, an outstanding European Documentation Centre holding a vast collection of legal, criminological and European materials. You will also be provided with full access to all of the University of Edinburgh’s libraries, including the Main Library, which boasts one of the largest and most important collections in Britain. If you are in need of further resources, you will be just a few minutes’ walk from the National Library of Scotland – a legal deposit library holding seven million books, 14 million printed items and more than two million maps.

IT support
You will have access to all of the University’s extensive computing facilities, including wifi access and IT support. The Main Library offers a laptop loan system and our students also have free access to a broad range of legal research facilities including LexisNexis, Westlaw and electronic journals.

Events
The School hosts an exciting calendar of events, including public lectures and conferences that regularly attract high-profile speakers and delegates. We also run numerous workshops, seminars and discussion groups. Our postgraduate students are warmly encouraged to take an active role in these sessions and we welcome input and ideas for future events.

Study space
We provide dedicated office space and necessary IT equipment for all PhD students. Students on our masters degrees will be able to take advantage of dedicated study spaces in the newly refurbished Old College.

“I decided to come to the University of Edinburgh because of the close contact I could have with some of the world’s most important researchers in my area. I’m sure I couldn’t learn as much anywhere else, because of the deep expertise in different themes.”

João Paulo Miranda, LLM in Global Environment & Climate Change Law
Research opportunities

Edinburgh Law School is renowned for its research excellence. We strive to produce work that has real-world reach and influence. Our postgraduate researchers are key to the School’s research activities and we work hard to ensure that our research students are fully engaged with staff and projects across all our legal disciplines.

A dynamic environment
Edinburgh Law School provides a supportive and inspiring environment to help you carve out your own research specialism. In the last Research Excellence Framework we were ranked 2nd in the UK by research impact Grade Point Average (Times Higher Education, impact ranking, REF 2014) and 4th in the UK by research power (Research Fortnight REF 2014). We have research excellence in a range of fields, spanning the spectrum of law, socio-legal studies and criminology.

You’ll find opportunities in the following fields: company and commercial law; comparative law; constitutional and administrative law; criminal law; criminology and criminal justice; environmental law; European law, policy and institutions; European private law; evidence and procedure; family law; gender and sexuality; human rights law; information technology law; intellectual property law; international law; labour law; legal theory; media law; medical law and ethics; obligations, contract delict, unjustified enrichment; property, trusts and successions; Roman law and legal history; socio-legal studies; and tax law.

You will be encouraged to work alongside our highly regarded research communities and centres, which include:

- Centre for Legal History
- Edinburgh Centre for Commercial Law
- Edinburgh Centre for Constitutional Law
- Edinburgh Centre for International and Global Law
- Edinburgh Centre for Legal Theory
- Edinburgh Centre for Private Law
- Empirical Legal Research Network
- Europa Institute
- Global Justice Academy
- Mason Institute for Medicine, Life Sciences & the Law
- SCRIPT Centre for IP & Technology Law

Research opportunities
At the time of printing, our planned full-time and part-time postgraduate research opportunities for 2021 are:

- Law (LLM by Research)
- Law (PhD)

Smaller research projects may be accommodated within our LLM by Research programme, which allows you to focus on a period of dedicated research and, for some students, serves as a stepping stone towards doctoral study. For full PhD study, we offer expert supervision across an exceptional range of subject areas.

Our PhD involves undertaking independent research, culminating in the submission of a thesis of up to 100,000 words, which should be an original piece of work that makes a significant contribution to knowledge in the field of study and contains material worthy of publication. As a doctoral student, you will join a diverse community of around 100 postgraduate researchers and become an integral part of the intellectual life of the School.

We offer excellent research training and support for PhD students through the Doctoral Research Training Programme. In the first year of the programme, you will take part in a structured course covering legal research methods and transferable skills (such as presentation skills), with the option of taking more specific training as required by your project. In later years the focus of training is on supporting the external dissemination of work.

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
Case study
Edinburgh’s research with impact

Reforming police practice in Scotland: stop and search

A PhD project conducted by Dr Kath Murray from Edinburgh Law School examined Scottish stop and search practices and led to a complete reform of police practice in Scotland.

**Project background**
Kath Murray’s PhD, *The Proactive Turn: Stop and Search in Scotland*, examined stop and search practices in Scotland and the effects of search encounters on public attitudes towards the police.

The aim of the project was to deepen understanding of stop and search in a Scottish context. The project examined the expansion of search powers in the post-war period; the contemporary patterning of stop and search; the ways in which stop and search is regulated and accounted for; and the politics and policies that underpin search practices.

**Project results**
The analysis of data from 2005 to 2010 showed that the police use of stop and search in Glasgow was higher than in New York or London and that it was disproportionately weighted towards children and young people.

Dr Murray’s findings were shared with the police and the Scottish Government and publicised through the Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research (SCCJR). An Independent Advisory Group report credited Murray with bringing the matter forward for political debate and led the UN Human Rights Committee to call on the Scottish Government to end unlawful and disproportionate stop and searches.

In 2015 the Scottish Government passed the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill 2015, which abolished non-statutory stop and search, and enhanced scrutiny arrangements.

Dr Murray’s outstanding contribution to real-world change was recognised when she was awarded the ESRC/SAGE Outstanding Early Career Impact Award in 2016.

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See more online: www.ed.ac.uk/research/impact
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 Edinburgh Law School, 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 Edinburgh Law School. 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

- College Research Award
  One PhD studentship, supported by the College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences, that will cover UK/EU tuition fees and provide an annual stipend in line with UKRI rates: www.law.ed.ac.uk/research-degrees/funding

- 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

- Edinburgh Law School and Ewen Cameron PhD studentships
  Edinburgh Law School offers two PhD scholarships and one Ewen Cameron PhD scholarship. They will each cover UK/EU tuition fees and provide an annual stipend in line with UKRI rates: www.law.ed.ac.uk/research-degrees/funding

- Edinburgh Legal Education Trust Scholarships (LLM by Research)
  One scholarship for a student on an LLM by Research in Scots Private Law that will cover UK/EU tuition fees and a maintenance award of £10,507. In addition, assistance may be given by the Trust in respect of research expenses, but this will not normally exceed £400: www.law.ed.ac.uk/research-degrees/funding

- Ewen Cameron Scholarship in Comparative and European Private Law
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- Mastercard Foundation Scholars Programme (Africa)
  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 for African scholars with few educational opportunities: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/mastercardfdn

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  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

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The main research councils for legal studies are the Arts and Humanities Research Council and, for socio-legal and criminology projects, the Economics and Social Research Council. Further information is available on these scholarships online:
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Student Finance England offers postgraduate loans for taught and research masters programmes, payable to eligible students: www.gov.uk/postgraduate-loan

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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.studentfinanceni.co.uk

• Postgraduate Loans (SAAS)
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• Postgraduate Master’s Finance Wales
Student Finance Wales offers eligible students postgraduate finance for taught and research masters programmes: www.studentfinancewales.co.uk

• US Student Loans
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Dolapo Sayeedat Ayoola,
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