Funding for Postgraduate Students
2018-2019 Academic Session

Postgraduate Open Day
Wednesday 15th November 2017
Postgraduate Funding

- Tuition fees and living costs
- Sources of Postgraduate Funding
- General Funding Tips
- Useful Websites for Further Information
- Contact Details
Postgraduate Tuition Fees 2018-2019
Taught Degrees

Fees vary depending on programme:

• Home/EU fees from £10,100 – £29,100
• Overseas from £20,500 – £29,100

Example fees:

MSc Archaeology:
Full time £10,100 (home) £20,500 (overseas)
Part time (2 years) £5,050 (home) £10,250 (overseas)

MSc Informatics
Full time £13,100 (home) £29,100 (overseas)
Part time (2 years) £6,550 (home) £14,550* (overseas)
Part time (3 years) £4,370 (home) £9,700* (overseas)

*if eligible to study on a part time basis
Postgraduate Tuition Fees 2018-2019
Research Degrees

MSc by Research fees:
• Home/EU: £7,900
• Overseas: £20,500 (classroom) £25,100 lab

PhD and MPhil fees:
• Home/EU: £4,195 (2017/18)*
• Overseas: £18,000 (classroom) £21,000 (lab)

*Home/EU Fees for MPhil and PhD degrees are set by Research Council, and will be published in January 2018

Some research degrees have additional programme costs in addition to fees varying between £100 - £5,000.
Living costs

Current estimated living costs

• £10,000 - £15,000 per academic year (12 months)

Accommodation costs

• £5,473 - £9,300 (university accommodation single room in 2017-2018)
• Start from £3,570 (sharing a room in 2017-2018)

Detailed breakdown of living costs
https://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/international/finance/cost-of-living
Graduate and Alumni Discounts

- Open to UK, EU and Overseas alumni of the University of Edinburgh
- 10% discount
- Applies to tuition fees that are self-funded and which are not covered by another scholarship, employer, or other funding body
- You MUST apply as applicants are not automatically identified for this discount
- Further information can be found at: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/discounts
Funding available for Masters study

- **Postgraduate Loans:**
  - Scotland through SAAS
  - England through Student Finance England
  - Wales through Student Finance Wales
  - Northern Ireland through Student Finance Northern Ireland
  - EU through SAAS (usually tuition fee only)

- **Erasmus+ loans**
- **Canadian and US loans**
Professional and Career Development Loans (PCDLs)

www.direct.gov.uk/pcdl

0800 100 900

- PCDLs are bank loans
- You can borrow between £300 - £10,000
Funding available for Masters study

- Highly Skilled Workforce Scholarships
- MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program
- School Awards
- Commonwealth Scholarships
Funding available for Research Degrees

• Principal’s Career Development PhD Scholarships
• Edinburgh Global Research Scholarships
• China Scholarship Council/ University of Edinburgh Scholarships
• Enlightenment Scholarships
• The Carnegie Trust
• College and School Awards
• Canadian and US loans
• PhD Loans
Research Councils

- Primarily fund research programmes
- Awards normally require a minimum 2:1
- You must be “ordinarily resident” in the UK
- Applications are usually made through the School of Study
- Application deadlines vary - the earlier, the better
- Refer to individual Research Council websites for the most up-to-date information www.rcuk.ac.uk (Research Councils UK)
The Research Councils

• Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC)  
  www.sgsah.ac.uk/dtp/

• Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)  
  www.socsciscotland.ac.uk/home

• Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC)  
  http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/skills/investing-doctoral-training/

• Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)  
  www.epsrc.ac.uk

• Natural Environment Research Council (NERC)  
  www.nerc.ac.uk/skills/postgrad/

• Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC)  
  www.stfc.ac.uk

• Medical Research Council (MRC)  
  www.mrc.ac.uk
Trusts, Foundations and Charities

- Usually dedicated to a specific purpose – e.g. subject of study
- Rarely provide full funding (e.g. tuition fees and cost of living)
- No standard rules on eligibility criteria and application process
- Open4learning (available from Scholarships website)
- The Grants Register (published by Palgrave) – available in the University Careers Service
- The Association of Charitable Foundations (ACF)
Charities, Foundations and Trusts

• General
  British Federation of Women Graduates; Cross Trust; George Hein Memorial Trust; Holywood Trust; Sir Halley Stuart Trust; Wolfson Foundation.

• Arts and Humanities
  British Association for American Studies; European Consortium for Political Research; Joel Davies Foundation; Institute of Historical Research Schemes; National Gallery; Royal Historical Society; Royal Institute of Philosophy.

• Business and Social Sciences
  Leverhulme Trust, Social Workers Educational Trust, UK eInformation Group; Sutasoma Trust.
Charities, Foundations and Trusts

• **Science and Engineering**
  Institute of Engineering and Technology; Worshipful Company of Engineers; Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining; Royal Academy of Engineering; Royal Geographical Society; Douglas Bomford Trust; Bernard Butler Trust Fund.

• **Medicine**
  Heart Research UK; Swann-Morton Foundation; Sir John Sumner’s Trust; Muirhead Trust.
Working and Studying

• Almost half of all postgraduate students study part time (HESA figures)

• Many institutions recommend a limit of 10 to 15 hours a week during semester time

• Some postgraduate students have their fees paid for by their employer
General Funding Tips

• Submit your application for a place on the programme first
• Start looking for funding early
• Request references well in advance
• Apply for a number of awards
• Spend time putting together your funding application

10 Key Funding Tips on our website:
www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding
Useful Websites

• Scholarships and Student Funding Services: [www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding](http://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding)

• Postgraduate Studentships: [www.postgraduatestudentships.co.uk](http://www.postgraduatestudentships.co.uk)

• Graduate Prospects: [www.prospects.ac.uk](http://www.prospects.ac.uk)


• A guide to postgraduate research and PhD studentships: [www.findaphd.com](http://www.findaphd.com)
Further Information

For more information on Scholarships at the University of Edinburgh contact:

Scholarships and Student Funding Services,
The University of Edinburgh, Old College, South Bridge,
Edinburgh EH8 9YL

E-mail: studentfunding@ed.ac.uk

Website: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding