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Thomas Jefferson, American Founding Father and President (speaking to his son-in-law, Thomas Mann Randolph, as he began his studies at Edinburgh in 1786)

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Our proud history and alumni ambassadors
For more than 400 years our staff and students have been making their mark on the world. They’ve explored space, revolutionised surgery, won Nobel Prizes, published era-defining books, run the country, paved the way for life-saving breakthroughs and laid the foundations for solving the mysteries of the universe. By choosing further study or research at Edinburgh you will be joining a community of scholars who have been at the forefront of knowledge since 1583.

We are associated with 20 Nobel Prize winners, including physicists Peter Higgs, Charles Darwin and Max Born, medical researcher Peter Doherty, economist Sir James Mirrlees and Biologist Sir Paul Nurse. Our distinguished alumni include: NASA astronaut Piers Sellers, former MI6 Director-General Dame Stella Rimington, Olympians Sir Chris Hoy and Katherine Grainger and historical greats such as philosopher David Hume, physicist and mathematician James Clerk Maxwell, inventor Alexander Graham Bell and Sherlock Holmes creator Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

Teaching and research excellence
We are consistently ranked as one of the world’s top 50 universities. We are 17th in the 2014/15 QS World University Rankings. As home to more than 30,000 students, from some 137 countries, studying across 100 academic disciplines, the University of Edinburgh continues to attract the world’s greatest minds. In the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014, 83 per cent of our research was judged world-leading or internationally excellent. We’re ranked fourth in the UK for research power, based on the quality and breadth of our research.

Collaborations and international partnerships
As an internationally renowned centre of academic excellence, Edinburgh is the site of many world-class research collaborations. Our postgraduate students are crucial to our continued success and development and, along with our staff, they forge research links through regular travel and overseas exchanges. We take pride in our partnerships with other institutions such as the California Institute of Technology (Caltech), Stanford University, the University of Melbourne, Peking University, the University of Delhi and the University of KwaZulu-Natal – to name but a few. We are a member of both the League of European Research Universities and the Coimbra Group, giving us strong links with leading European institutions from Barcelona to Berlin.

Linking research and commerce
Edinburgh was one of the first UK universities to actively develop commercial links with industry, government and the professions. Edinburgh Research and Innovation (ERI) has continued, for the past four decades, to develop the promotion and commercialisation of the University’s research excellence. ERI assists our postgraduates in taking a first step to market, whether it is through collaborative research, licensing technology or providing consultancy services.

Enhancing your career
We ranked 18th in the world for the employability of our graduates.* With one of the best track records for graduate employment in the Russell Group, we are committed to embedding employability into your teaching and learning experience. From offering access to volunteering schemes to providing support from our sector-leading Careers Service, the University provides many opportunities to develop your skills, knowledge and experience giving you the edge in a competitive job market.

An inspiring destination
Your first-class education will take place in one of Europe’s most striking capital cities, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that is regularly voted one of the best places in the world to live. Edinburgh enjoys a solid reputation as a centre for innovation, whether as home to the 18th-century Scottish Enlightenment, as a modern source of pioneering science, medicine and technology, or as the host of the world’s largest and longest-established arts festival. You couldn’t ask for a more inspiring setting in which to further your knowledge and broaden your horizons.

Join us
Edinburgh offers unparalleled academic, bread and diversity, making it a vibrant, challenging and stimulating environment for postgraduate study. Whether you plan to change direction, enhance your existing career or develop in-deep knowledge of your area of study, the University of Edinburgh provides a world-class learning experience.

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Welcome to the School of Philosophy, Psychology & Language Sciences

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

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

Philosophy

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

Psychology

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

Linguistics and English Language

Edinburgh was one of the first universities in the UK to teach linguistics and this has helped position us as the number one linguistics department in the UK and among the top three in the world. We offer a diverse range of exciting and challenging postgraduate opportunities, whether you are looking for PhD study into the history of regional variation in English or a taught masters programme dealing with current issues in speech technology. In addition to our groundbreaking work in core areas of linguistics, we are one of Europe’s largest interdisciplinary centres, producing highly rated work engaging with disciplines including biology, education, psychology, cognitive science, and speech and language technologies.

Research excellence

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

Facilities and resources

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

Help is at hand

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Exceptional libraries

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

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Specialist tools

We also have exceptional facilities for data collection and experimentation, ranging from movement tracking to electroencephalography (EEG). At the core of our experimental facilities are three suites of experiment booths, each equipped with one or more computers, together with fast displays and relevant computer hardware such as response boxes. We also house a number of eye-trackers to allow us to record participants’ eye movements when reading or viewing visual scenes, and a 64-channel EEG recording facility allowing us to record event-related potential (ERP) and related measures. To record articulation in dialogue situations, we have two electromagnetic articulographs (EMAs); we are also home to a high quality acoustic recording studio. Our George Square base houses an MRI scanner simulator, used to prepare participants to studies in collaboration with the ScottishBrain Imaging Research Centre at the Western General Hospital in Edinburgh.

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Every student you need

As a student at Edinburgh you will have access to extensive computing facilities, both in PPLS and across the campus. PhD students are allocated dedicated study space and computers; master’s students have access to open study space. All students have access to additional computing labs around the University in convenient places such as at halls of residence, and in the Main Library, and to the School’s own labs in the Dugald Stewart Building and in nearby Appleton Tower. Laptop users will find wireless networking coverage throughout the University.

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Community

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

Edinburgh is one of the most beautiful places I’ve ever visited, and I travel a lot. It was a wonderful living experience. It’s a friendly place and very welcoming for foreign students. It has a vibrant cultural and social life, but also offers space for peaceful study or work. It’s a place I would consider living permanently.

Angelica Kaufmann, MSc by Research Philosophy

Employability and graduate attributes

Your time as a postgraduate student within PPLS will prepare you for a wide range of career or research opportunities, and you’ll find a wealth of resources and support to help you work towards your goals.

Institute for Academic Development

All of our postgraduate students can benefit from the University’s 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.

Further information is available online: www.ed.ac.uk/iad/postgraduates

Training for life

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

Shared thinking

You’ll be part of an environment where psychologists and philosophers share ideas with each other and with like-minded people across the University. This will allow you to explore beyond the boundaries of your discipline, contributing to new, interdisciplinary knowledge.

You’ll have access to 180 societies supported by the Edinburgh University Students’ Association covering areas of interest such as sport, music, drama and the arts. We also offer opportunities to learn new skills and languages, through the Office of Lifelong Learning.

Beyond study

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

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The Service has a team dedicated to developing our already strong links with employers from all industries and employment sectors; from the world’s top recruiters to small enterprises based here in Edinburgh. The team provides a programme of opportunities for students to meet employers on campus and virtually, and advertises a wide range of part-time and graduate jobs.

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

Connect.ed

Edinburgh encourages its alumni to stay in touch with current students who are interested in a similar career path. Connect.ed is a networking system run by the Careers Service that provides a confidential opportunity for alumni to share their occupational knowledge and experience with current students, who can contact them for advice and guidance on their career in the near future.

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

Backling bright ideas

LAUNCH.ed is the University’s award-winning programme for student entrepreneurs. Each year, LAUNCH.ed works with hundreds of students to assess their ideas and develop their business skills and helps many start their businesses. We have helped Edinburgh students and alumni launch almost 100 new businesses in the last three years, ranging from language tuition to robotics companies.

More information: www.LAUNCH.ed.ac.uk
Taught masters programmes

Our year-long taught programmes offer a chance to study a subject in depth through a combination of taught courses, coursework and an independent dissertation, culminating in the award of an MSc.

www.ed.ac.uk/pg/388

Ancient Philosophy

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

Programme description
This programme introduces the main fields, topics and research methods in ancient philosophy. It is appropriate for applicants who have previously studied philosophy or classics, or have backgrounds in history, political theory, science and literature. You will explore the main doctrines and texts of ancient philosophy, including the Presocratics, Plato and Aristotle, Hellenistic philosophy and Late Antiquity, mastering analytical skills pertaining to philosophical arguments and to historical (textual) sources. You will develop the ability to reconstruct, analyse and critically assess philosophical arguments and doctrines based on a careful study of the texts.

Programme structure
You study two semesters of taught courses followed by a dissertation. Option courses can be chosen from outside philosophy and classics with permission from the programme director.

COMPULSORY COURSES

Ancient Philosophy Seminar I and II.

OPTION COURSES

May include: Ancient Ethics; Ancient Theories of Knowledge; History of Science and Religion in the Christian Tradition; Christian-Muslim Relations and the Relationship Between the World of Islam and the West; Ancient Theories of Existence; Ancient Theories of Mind; Topics in Hellenistic Philosophy.

You are encouraged to take at least one course outside the 'ancient' curriculum, such as: Introduction to Philosophical Method; Introduction to Mind, Language, and Embodied Cognition; Free Will and Moral Responsibility; Advanced Philosophical Method; Advanced Topics in Mind, Language & Embodied Cognition; Value Theory.

ANCIENT LANGUAGES

Up to 40 credits in ancient Greek, Latin or Arabic can be taken at introductory, intermediate or advanced level. Those planning a PhD in ancient and medieval philosophy should discuss this with the Programme Director.

Career opportunities
This programme aims to improve your analytical skills and give you a solid background in core areas of humanities useful for careers in professional fields such as law, education (following further training) or public policy.

Minimum entry requirements
A UK 2:1 degree, or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international)(country), preferably in humanities, or substantial practical experience as a language professional.

English language requirements
See page 19.

Fees and funding
www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/postgraduate
For funding information see also page 16.

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www.ed.ac.uk/pg/280

Applied Linguistics

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

Programme description
With a strong emphasis on developing skills and knowledge that can be applied in professional settings, this intensive programme draws on knowledge about language, how it works and how it affects real-life issues. We were the first university in the UK to offer a programme in applied linguistics, so you will benefit from a long-established tradition of teaching in this area, much of which is delivered by world-leading experts.

This programme offers a linguistic perspective on real-world problems of language in use, with relevance to a wide range of professional interests. You will explore how language is used in a variety of social settings, compare language variability with social diversity, and examine how knowledge about language as it is actually used can impact on people's lives.

Programme structure
This programme comprises two semesters of taught courses, followed by a dissertation. Four compulsory courses provide a solid foundation in the fundamentals of Applied Linguistics, while the option courses offer you the opportunity to explore your areas of interest.

COMPULSORY COURSES

Introduction to Sociolinguistics; Introduction to Discourse Analysis; Issues in Applied Linguistics; Introduction to Language Research.

OPTION COURSES

May include: Special Topics in Sociolinguistics; Language and Identity in Bilingual Settings; Discourse Studies; Second Language Acquisition; Topics in Grammar and Discourse; Global Englishes; Corpus Linguistics; Pragmatics.

Career opportunities
This programme has been designed to help progress your career as a linguist in academia or as a language expert in a variety of industries such as artificial intelligence.

Minimum entry requirements
A UK 2:1 degree, or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international)(country), preferably in linguistics, or substantial practical experience as a language professional.

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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www.ed.ac.uk/pg/682

Cognition in Science & Society

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

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

You will develop the skills to embark on your own research project and will learn how to communicate research, so if you are interested in developing a research career or in working within science communication, this programme will provide an excellent foundation. Students have well-developed written and oral communication skills will be encouraged to take on placement projects for knowledge exchange. Other students may choose to pursue scientific research that has implications for the broader society but aimed primarily at an academic audience.

Completion of the programme would provide the foundations of a research doctoral training programme, or a career in applied research or in science writing for the general public or non-academic professionals.

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

COMPULSORY COURSES

Cognitions, Culture and Context; Human Cognition: Science and Application to Society; Introduction to Statistics and Experimental Design; Pragmatics of Linguistic Communication; Psychological Research Skills; Transferring Knowledge to Society.

OPTION COURSES

May include: Advanced Topics in Mind, Language and Embodied Cognition; Child Bilingualism; Language and Cognition; Cognitive Agency and Cognitive Epidemiology; Concepts and Categorisation; Disorders of Language Functions; Human-Computer Interaction; Maturational Constraints on Language Acquisition; Origins and Evolution of Language; Psycholinguistics; Psychology of Language Learning; Simulating Language; Working Memory in the Healthy and the Damaged Brain.

Career opportunities
This programme is intended for those who wish to pursue advanced research in human cognition in science and society. It may also be useful for those who wish to work in science communication.

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

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www.ed.ac.uk/pg/281

Developmental Linguistics

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

Programme description
This programme will develop your understanding of how knowledge of language changes as people acquire or lose language at various points in their life course. It is designed primarily for graduates with a background related to linguistics and/or psychology who wish to develop their knowledge of current research on language acquisition (first, second, bilingual and impaired), language change from a cognitive perspective and from the point of view of current linguistic theories.

Joining a vibrant research community of developmental linguists, you will have the opportunity to carry out advanced research to try to answer questions related to the area of language development and bilingualism, such as “how do children learn language?” or “what happens when we forget a language?”.

You will benefit from the programme's strengths in: scope (with equal emphasis on first and second language acquisition and bilingualism); interdisciplinary teaching (staff drawn from Linguistics, Psychology and Informatics) and skill-oriented training (through methodology courses, lab sessions and project work).

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

COMPULSORY COURSES

Introduction to Phonology and Phonetics; Introduction to Syntax; First Language Acquisition; Second Language Acquisition; Psychology of Language Learning.

OPTION COURSES

May include: Bilingual First Language Development; Discourse Comprehension; Introduction to Statistics and Experimental Design; Language and Identity in Bilingual Settings; Language Production; Origins and Evolution of Language; Prosody; Psycholinguistics; Sentence Comprehension; Simulating Language; Univariate Statistics and Methodology in CLIL; Visual Word Recognition.

Career opportunities
This programme will provide you with the specialised skills you need to perform research in language learning and development. It will also serve as a solid basis for doctoral study.

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

English language requirements
See page 19.

Fees and funding
www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/postgraduate
For funding information see also page 16.

Programme Contact
PPLS Postgraduate Office
Tel +44 (0)131 651 5002
Email pplpsg@ed.ac.uk
**English Language**

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

**Programme description**
This intensive programme will enable you to delve deeper into the structure of the English language's phonology, syntax and semantics. It offers a route into research and future postgraduate study, both in the UK and abroad.

**Programme structure**
This programme comprises two semesters of taught courses, followed by a dissertation. You will take compulsory and option courses. The programme focuses initially on the structure of English, and also offers option courses from a wide range of other areas of philosophy where Edinburgh has particular strengths: epistemology, ethics, and philosophy of mind and cognitive science.

**COMPULSORY COURSES**
- Introduction to Language Research: Introduction to Phonology
- Introduction to Syntax: History of the English Language

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

You can also choose option courses from a wide range of other areas of philosophy; advanced option courses are available in these areas and in philosophy of science. Students taking the full MSc will write a dissertation on a research topic developed in consultation with their supervisor.

**Career opportunities**
You may also be able to take a course from other programmes in the School of Philosophy, Psychology & Language Sciences, and in some courses, from elsewhere in the University.

**English language requirements**
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**Programme Contact**
PPLS Postgraduate Office
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**Evolution of Language & Cognition**

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

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

**Programme structure**
You will study compulsory courses in philosophical methodology and the areas of epistemology, ethics, and philosophy of mind and cognitive science. Advanced option courses are available in these areas and in philosophy of science. Students taking the full MSc will write a dissertation on a research topic developed in consultation with their supervisor.

**OPTION COURSES**
- Univariate Statistics and Methodology using R
- Introduction to Psychology
- Social Categorisation
- Cognitive Psychology
- Introduction to Philosophy of Language
- Language Evolution
- Origins and Evolution of Language
- First Language Acquisition
- Language Behaviours
- Intellectual and Cognitive Trauma
- Language and Cognition
- Personality and Wellbeing
- Psychology of Language
- Psychological Research Skills
- Specialist Techniques in Psychological Research
- Multivariate Statistics
- Statistical Analysis
- Psychological Research Methods
- Research Design
- Introduction to Ethical Decision-Making
- Ethics & Mind
- Brain Imaging in Neuropsychology
- Clinical Neuropsychology
- Disorders of Language Functions
- Frontallobe Functions
- Human Cognitive Neuroscience
- Eye Movements and Visual Cognition
- Concept and Category Learning
- Consciousness and Perceptual Awareness
- Multi-sensory Integration and Working Memory

**Career opportunities**
You may also choose your own courses from a range of associated disciplines, such as individual differences, informatics and psychology, with permission from the programme director.

**Dissertation**
If you are looking to complete a research dissertation in clinical-based environments (interacting with NHS patient or school/nursery), you may be asked to apply for a Research Passport by your Supervisor: www.ppls.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/research_passports.php

**Career opportunities**
This programme is suitable for graduate psychologists or those who have developed skills related to psychology and for a career in cognitive neuropsychology (providing the foundations for later application to a doctoral training programme) or a clinical or applied career in neuropsychology.

**Minimum entry requirements**
Applicants should have achieved or expect to achieve a first class/ distinction grade for their undergraduate degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international). High upper second class grades may be considered.

**English language requirements**
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**Programme Contact**
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Mind, Language & Embodied Cognition

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

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

COMPULSORY COURSES

Introduction to Mind, Language and Embodied Cognition; Advanced Topics in Mind, Language and Embodied Cognition; Introduction to Philosophical Method (for students without a strong philosophy background).

OPTION COURSES

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

Career opportunities
This programme will provide you with the training necessary to undertake research in philosophy of cognitive science, and ultimately to pursue a career in academic philosophy. You will also acquire an understanding of the central debates in the sciences of the mind today. If you do not intend to follow an academic route, the study of philosophy helps to develop general intellectual abilities and enhances analytical, critical, interpretive and problem-solving abilities.

Minimum entry requirements
A UK 2:1 degree, or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/ international/country), in philosophy or a related field such as cognitive science.

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
For funding information see also page 16.

Programme Contact PPLS Postgraduate Office Tel +44 (0)131 651 5002 Email pplspg@ed.ac.uk

Philosophy

Programme description
Our flagship philosophy programme offers excellent opportunities to enhance your learning among a large, vibrant and supportive postgraduate and research community at a university that has long been associated with some of the field’s most important thinkers, such as David Hume.
This programme provides an intensive grounding in philosophy, its methodology and techniques of research. It is the ideal programme to lead on to further research and study in philosophy as part of a PhD programme. We will provide a broad advanced education in philosophy or a chance to specialise in ancient philosophy, early modern philosophy, epistemology, ethics, or mind and cognition.

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

COMPULSORY COURSES

Advanced Philosophical Method; Introduction to Philosophical Method (for students without a strong philosophy background).

OPTION COURSES

If you choose to follow a specialisation, the courses you choose will relate to that route. Options may include:\n- Advanced Topics in Mind, Language and Embodied Cognition; Bounded Rationality: Introduction to Mind, Language and Embodied Cognition; Meta Ethics; Free Will and Moral Responsibility; Epistemology I: Philosophy and the Environment; Ancient Theories of Existence; British Enlightenment Philosophy.

Career opportunities
This is the ideal programme for deepening your involvement in philosophy, giving you a grounding in postgraduate work or developing an academic career in philosophy. The study of philosophy helps develop general intellectual abilities and enhances analytical, critical, interpretive and problem-solving abilities. This programme brings you into a postgraduate community with a very high academic job-placement record.

Minimum entry requirements
A UK 2:1 degree, or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/ international/country), in philosophy or a related discipline.

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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Programme Contact PPLS Postgraduate Office Tel +44 (0)131 651 5002 Email pplspg@ed.ac.uk

Psychological Research

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

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

COMPULSORY COURSES

Current Topics in Psychological Research; Multivariate Statistics and Methodology Using R; Psychological Research Skills; Qualitative Methodologies in Psychological Research; Specialist Techniques in Psychological Research; Univariate Statistics and Methodology Using R.

OPTION COURSES

Brain Imaging in Neuropsychology; Clinical Neuropsychology; Cognitive Ageing and Cognitive Epidemiology; Critical Social Psychology; Disorders of Language Functions; History of Unorthodox Psychology; Mind, Body and Consciousness; Psychometrics; Working Memory in the Normal and the Damaged Brain; Multisensory Integration.

Career opportunities
This programme has been designed to help you progress your research career. Psychology at Edinburgh gives you a grounding in postgraduate work or developing an academic career in psychology. The study of psychology helps develop general intellectual abilities and enhances analytical, critical, interpretive and problem-solving abilities. This programme brings you into a postgraduate community with a very high academic job-placement record.

Minimum entry requirements
A UK 2:1 degree, or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/ international/country), in psychology or a related discipline. Please contact the Postgraduate Office if you have any other qualifications.

English language requirements
See page 19.

Fees and funding
For funding information see also page 16.

Programme Contact PPLS Postgraduate Office Tel +44 (0)131 651 5002 Email pplspg@ed.ac.uk

Psychology of Individual Differences

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

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

COMPULSORY COURSES

Seminar in Cognitive Ability or Cognitive and Ageing and Cognitive Epidemiology; Current Topics in Psychological Research; Multivariate Statistics and Methodology Using R; Professional and Generic Psychological Research Concepts and Research Design; Psychological Research Skills; Univariate Statistics and Methodology Using R; Seminar in Personality.

OPTION COURSES

May include: Advanced Statistical Methods: Categorical and Survival Data; Brain Imaging in Neuropsychology; Clinical Neuropsychology; Emotional Intelligence; Evolutionary Psychology; Human Genetics and Bioinformatics; Working with Specialist Psychological Data.

Career opportunities
This programme has been designed to help you progress your research career. Psychology at Edinburgh gives you a grounding in postgraduate work or developing an academic career in psychology. The study of psychology helps develop general intellectual abilities and enhances analytical, critical, interpretive and problem-solving abilities. This programme brings you into a postgraduate community with a very high academic job-placement record.

Minimum entry requirements
A UK 2:1 degree, or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/ international/country), in psychological, biological or social sciences, or any similar degree based on methodology and statistical studies.

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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Programme Contact PPLS Postgraduate Office Tel +44 (0)131 651 5002 Email pplspg@ed.ac.uk
Psychology of Language

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

Programme description
This respected programme provides advanced understanding of current research in psycholinguistics, the study of how the brain learns, uses and processes language. It will work in close collaboration with members of staff and senior postgraduates. You will gain perspectives on the latest developments, and gain the necessary statistical and methodological skills to conduct your own research.

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

COMPULSORY COURSES
Psychological Research Skills; Univariate Statistics and Methodology Using R. You will also choose six from the following: Disclosure; Discourse Comprehension; Disorders of Language Functions; Language Behaviours; Brain and Cognition; Data and Theories; Language Behaviours, Brain and Cognition: Principles and Approaches; Multivariate Statistics and Methodology Using R: Sentence Comprehension. Under exceptional circumstances, alternative courses may be substituted with the permission of the programme director.

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

Career opportunities
This programme has been designed to help you progress your research career and offer a foundation for further postgraduate study. Minimum entry requirements
A UK 2:1 degree, or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international) in psychology, linguistics, cognitive science or a related subject.

English language requirements
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Programme Contact PPLS Postgraduate Office
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www.ed.ac.uk/research/impact

Research at the School of Philosophy, Psychology & Language Sciences

The aim of our research programmes is to provide a thorough training in a particular academic area and to support original investigation. They are tailored to your individual research interests, and supervision is provided by experts in the relevant fields.

Choosing a programme
There are three kinds of research programme available to you at PPLS:

MSc by Research (Master of Science by Research)
The aim of this one-year research programme is to prepare you for advanced research. Your programme of study will be designed around your specific requirements and you will be assessed either wholly on a dissertation submitted at the end of the year or on a combination of coursework and dissertation.

MPhil (Master of Philosophy)
This two-year research programme is offered in Philosophy only. You will be assessed solely on the research thesis submitted at the end of your programme. The MPhil is assessed and examined in the same way as a PhD but the shorter period of study is reflected in a shorter thesis length.

PhD (Doctor of Philosophy)
The three-year research programme is our highest academic research qualification. PhD research is a challenging yet exciting undertaking that allows you to make a significant contribution to the existing body of knowledge in your field, and to work with eminent academics at the University. Students entering PhD study are usually expected to hold a masters-level degree.

If you are not sure which programme suits your needs, please contact the PPLS Postgraduate Office with a draft research proposal and an academic CV so that we can advise you further.

The research has been widely profiled in the media and featured heavily in numerous science festivals and public talks. See more online: www.ed.ac.uk/research/impact

THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH

Case study: Edinburgh’s research with impact

Changing policy and public perceptions around ageing

In the Lothian area of Scotland, a group of people in their 80s and 90s have been influencing public perceptions and policies about ageing. They’re the subjects of a long-running research project, led by Professor Ian Deary of the University’s Centre for Cognitive Ageing and Cognitive Epidemiology.

Project background
The Lothian Birth Cohorts are two groups of people born in 1921 and 1936 who took a test of mental ability at school when they were 11 years old. By contacting these people many years later and having them undertake a series of tests and studies, Professor Deary and his team were able to delve into the causes of cognitive change during ageing – changes in intelligence, memory, speed and other thinking skills. His results uncovered a number of ways in which lifestyle and genetics have contributed to ageing, some of which have been unexpected.

Project results
With the overall age of our population increasing, research such as this has the potential to capture the attention of the media and the art world. The research has been widely profiled in the media, and featured heavily in numerous science festivals and public talks. The Wellcome Trust has commissioned a play about the Lothian group, and they have also been the focus of a series of artworks created for ‘The Art of Ageing’, exhibited in Newcastle in 2009.

In observing just how lifestyle, health and genetic factors have influenced the ageing process of the study’s participants, Professor Deary and his team have been able to provide valuable information with wide-ranging applications: bodies across government and private/charitable sectors are formulating policy based on the findings this research has uncovered.
The Philosophy department was a vibrant research environment where I found much stimulation to explore a variety of research directions, within ancient philosophy but also in other areas.

Anna Marmodoro, PhD Philosophy (Now Official Fellow in Philosophy, Corpus Christi College, the University of Oxford)

Research opportunities

www.ed.ac.uk/pg/293 (PhD Linguistics & English Language) www.ed.ac.uk/pg/437 (MSc by Research Linguistics) www.ed.ac.uk/pg/605 (MSc by Research English Language)

Linguistics & English Language

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

Research environment

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

• developmental linguistics;
• discourse analysis;
• historical English linguistics;
• language evolution;
• linguistic fieldwork;
• morphology, including word formation;
• phonetics and phonology;
• Scots;
• sociolinguistics;
• speech technology*;
• syntax and semantics;
• varieties of English; and
• various theoretical approaches to the study of language.

*The Centre for Speech Technology Research is a collaboration between PPLS and Informatics. Admissions are organised by the School of Informatics.

More information: www.cstr.ed.ac.uk

Support and training

Each research student receives supervision by at least two members of academic staff, who will meet regularly with you to discuss your progress and wider issues in your field of study. This may include discussion of journal articles or books, and preparation for conference presentations, as well as discussion of your dissertation or draft chapters of your thesis.

Most research students are assigned to a research group, each of which hosts regular research activities. We also have a visiting speaker series (the Linguistic Circle), and research students are encouraged to participate in the School’s Language at Edinburgh research network.

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/postgraduate

For funding information see also page 16.

Philosophy

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

Research environment

We are one of the UK’s leading departments of philosophy for research. Our teaching and research span most areas of philosophy and our strengths are in five main research clusters.

Ancient Philosophy

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

Epistemology

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

Ethics

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

Mind and Cognition

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

Philosophy of Science

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

Support and training

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

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/postgraduate

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www.ed.ac.uk/pg/297 (PhD)

www.ed.ac.uk/pg/439 (MSc by Research)

Psychology

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

Research environment

The psychology unit is rapidly establishing itself as a centre of excellence for interdisciplinary research. We host four major research groups: Developmental Science; Human Cognitive Neuroscience; Language, Cognition and Communication; and Differential Psychology.

We also have strengths in the supervision of projects in history and theory of psychology, social psychology and visual cognition.

Developmental Science

Research in the Developmental Science group examines how different developmental factors interact across the lifespan, from before birth into adolescence and old age. The group comprises a diverse but well integrated set of researchers, with expertise in cognitive, social and linguistic development, differential psychology and genetics, and computational modelling.

Human Cognitive Neuroscience

This research group comprises academics with core interests in memory, attention, executive function, visual memory, sensory integration and perceptuo-motor control in both normally functioning adults and people with neurological disorders. The group uses traditional behavioural measures, neuroimaging techniques such as fMRI and ERP, eyetracking, motion tracking, computational modelling and clinical assessment.

Language, Cognition and Communication

The Language, Cognition and Communication research group is internationally recognised for its work on the psychology of language. We have wide expertise in such areas as spoken and written comprehension, production, dialogue, bilingualism, language development, and the cognitive neuroscience of language.

Differential Psychology

The Differential Psychology group examines how thinking, behaviour and feelings differ from person to person, attempting to understand their psychological similarities and how psychological characteristics vary. Research includes the psychometric structure of intelligence; genetic and environmental effects on intelligence differences; associations between intelligence and information processing speed; and brain imaging and intelligence.

Support and training

Psychology postgraduate students typically receive formal research training through a wide range of courses. You will be assigned at least two supervisors who provide expert academic guidance on your research. Each student is assigned to a research group, each of which hosts a regular programme of research activities. Many PhD students will gain undergraduate teaching experience, for which you will be given training and mentoring.

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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See also...

Much of our research is interdisciplinary and collaborative. You may find your preferred research area offered elsewhere in the University, for example in the College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine or the Schools of Divinity, Education, Health in Social Science, Informatics 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.

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

• The Student Awards Agency Scotland
  The Student Awards Agency Scotland offers eligible students postgraduate tuition fee loans for eligible programmes: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/loan

• 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

Research council awards

Research councils offer awards to masters, MPhil and PhD students in most of the Schools within the University of Edinburgh. All studentship applications from the research councils must be made through the University, through your School or College office. Awards can be made for both taught and research programmes. Normally only those UK/EU students who have been resident in the UK for the preceding three years are eligible for a full award. For some awards, candidates who are EU nationals and are resident in the UK may be eligible for a fees-only award: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/research-councils

University of Edinburgh scholarships

The University offers a number of scholarships in partnership with the following overseas government agencies:

- Chile
  National Commission for Scientific and Technological Research (CONICYT): www.conicyt.cl

- Colombia
  Administrative Department of Science, Technology and Innovation (Colciencias): www.colciencias.gov.co

- Ecuador
  Secretaria Nacional de Educacion Superior, Ciencia y Tecnologia (SENESCYT): www.educacionsuperior.gob.ec

- Iraq

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

- China
  Fundacion Mexicana para la Educacion, la Tecnologia y la Ciencia (FUNED): www.funedmx.org.mx

Banco de Mexico and the Banco de Mexico’s FIDERH trust (FIDERH): www.fiderh.org.mx

Other scholarship opportunities include:

- Ailie Donald Bursary
  Awarded annually to a full-time or part-time postgraduate student in English Language: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/donald

- China Scholarships
  China Scholarships Council/University of Edinburgh Scholarships (China)
  A number of scholarships for PhD study to candidates who are citizens and residents of China: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/china-council

- College of Humanities & Social Science Studentships and Scholarships
  Studentships and scholarships are open to those admitted to the first year of PhD research: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/research-hss

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

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

- Edinburgh Global Masters Scholarships
  A number of scholarships are available to international students for masters study: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/masters

- Edinburgh Global Research Scholarships
  These scholarships are designed to attract high-quality international research students to the University: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/global-research

- Eric Liddell China Saltire Scholarships (China)
  Ten scholarships are available to Chinese citizens who are permanent residents of mainland China who are accepted on a full-time masters degree programme: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/liddell

- Julius Nyerere Masters Scholarships (Tanzania)
  One scholarship is available to citizens of Tanzania who are normally resident in Tanzania who are accepted on a full-time masters degree programme: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/nyerere

- Southern African Scholarship
  One award for masters study available to students from selected southern African countries: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/postgraduate/southern-africa

- UK/EU Masters Scholarships
  A number of scholarships for UK and EU students who have been accepted on a full-time masters degree programme: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/uk-masters

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

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.

- Beit Trust
  Beit Trust Scholarships support postgraduate students from Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe, usually to undertake a masters degree: www.beittrust.org.uk

- 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/scuk

- Fulbright Scholarships
  US scholarships available to US graduate students in any subject wishing to study in the UK: www.iee.org/fulbright

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

- Scotland’s Saltire Scholarships
  A number of scholarships open to students who are citizens permanently and ordinarily resident in Canada, India and the USA for one year of masters study: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/saltire

- Silber Bursary
  Funding is available to help prospective postgraduate students living in the UK who have been granted refugee status: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/silber
How to apply

We have an online application process for all postgraduate programmes. It’s a straightforward system with full instructions, including details of any supporting documentation you need to submit.

When applying, you will set up an account, which lets you save your application and continue at another time.

Full guidance on our application system: www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/applying

General requirements
Our usual entry requirement for postgraduate study is a UK 2:1 degree, or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/country), in a subject related to your chosen programme. We expect you to have a good understanding of the field you propose to study. All applicants must provide the degree transcripts for all previous degrees.

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

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

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

References
For applications to taught programmes, the normal requirement is one reference, although an additional reference may be requested in individual cases. For applications to research programmes, two references are required. You should check the entry online for exact requirements for your intended programme of study.
For general guidance on references, visit: www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/references

Deadlines
Some programmes have application deadlines. Please check the programme entry online for details. For all other programmes, you are encouraged to apply no later than one month prior to entry to ensure there is sufficient time to process your application. However, earlier application is recommended, particularly where there is a high demand for places or when a visa will be required. Should you wish to submit a late application, please contact the PPLS postgraduate office for guidance. In order to apply for funding you must have submitted your application to study and since many funding sources have deadlines between January and June, it is recommended that you complete your University of Edinburgh application early if you are interested in applying for funding.

Procedure: taught programmes
• Thoroughly explore this prospectus and our website to identify your preferred programme of study.
• Check you meet all entry requirements. Check any deadlines, including those for funding applications.
• Visit www.ed.ac.uk/pg/degrees, navigate to your chosen programme, and click on Apply. Follow the instructions within the online application system.

Procedure: research programmes
• Thoroughly explore this prospectus and our website to identify your preferred area of research. Visit www.ppls.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate to read more about our research areas and the research interests of our staff.
• You might find it helpful to contact academics in your chosen area to discuss your proposed research and the likelihood of supervision: www.ppls.ed.ac.uk/people#research_staff
• Check you meet all entry requirements. Check any deadlines, including those for funding applications.
• Visit www.ed.ac.uk/pg/degrees, navigate to your chosen programme, and click on Apply. Follow the instructions within the online application system.

All applications should include a research proposal. Your prospective supervisors, in conjunction with the relevant subject Postgraduate Adviser, will consider your research proposal to assess whether they are able to take you on as a student. Guidance on drafting a research proposal can be found at: www.ppls.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/prospective.php

If you have been in touch with prospective supervisors, please list them in the Project Arrangements section of your application.

Joining us from overseas
International applicants are advised to check the University’s website to find out more about their visa options and our Integrated English for Academic Purposes (IEAP) programme. More information: www.ed.ac.uk/international/ieap

International agents
The University has certified representative agents in the following locations: Brunei, Canada, China, Gulf Region, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, Norway, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, Zambia and Zimbabwe. International applicants can use an agent to help guide them through the application process if necessary. For more information visit: www.ed.ac.uk/international/country

English language requirements
Students whose first language is not English must show evidence of one of the qualifications below:

• IELTS: total 7.0 (at least 6.5 in each module).
• TOEFL-iBT: total 100 (at least 23 in each module).
• PTE[A]: total 67 (at least 61 in each of the Communicative Skills sections).
• CAE and CPE: total 185 (at least 176 in each module).

Please note:
• English language requirements can be affected by government policy so please ensure you visit our degree finder to check the latest requirements for your programme: www.ed.ac.uk/pg/degrees
• Your English language certificate must be no more than two years old at the beginning of your programme.
• We also accept recent degree-level study that was taught and assessed in English in a majority English speaking country (as defined by UK Visas & Immigration).


www.ed.ac.uk/english-requirements

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Open days
Our Postgraduate Open Day is your opportunity to come and meet current staff and students. Our next campus-based Open Day takes place on Wednesday 18 November 2014. For more information, visit: www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate-open-day

The University also runs online information sessions for prospective postgraduate students throughout the year. For more information, visit: www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/online-events

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

Touring the University
If you would like to take a tour of the Central Area campus and get a feel for the University there are various tour options available. For more information, visit: www.ed.ac.uk/about/campus/tours
Our teaching, learning and research takes place in two buildings on the University's Central Area campus, a stone's throw from city attractions and University amenities such as the Main Library and the Centre for Sport and Exercise.

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Ian Rankin, best-selling crime writer and University of Edinburgh alumnus.