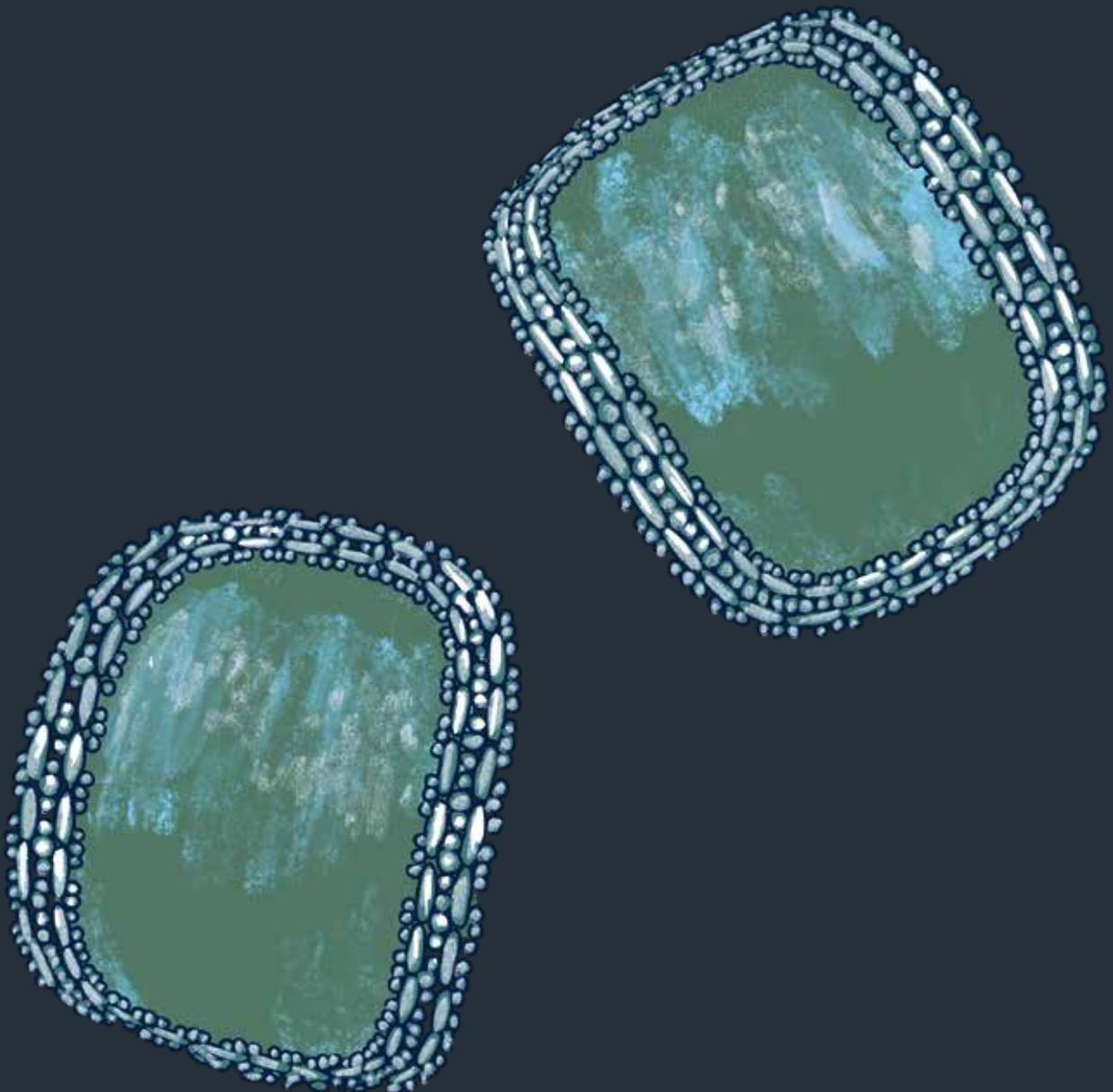




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We are committed to embedding employability in your University experience and have an impressive track record for graduate employment. From volunteering schemes to our sector-leading careers service, we provide you with opportunities to develop your skills, knowledge and experience, giving you an edge in the competitive job market.

## TOP 50

We're consistently ranked one of the top 50 universities in the world. We're 18<sup>th</sup> in the 2019 QS World University Rankings.

## 4<sup>TH</sup>

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\* Times Higher Education, Overall Ranking of Institutions

† Times Higher Education, Global Employability University Ranking 2017

‡ Times Higher Education: The World's Most International Universities 2017

# Taught masters programmes

We offer five taught masters programmes, most of which can be taken either as a Master of Theology (MTh) or a Master of Science (MSc), the difference being one of name only.

Our taught masters programmes are designed to deepen knowledge in a subject you will typically have studied at undergraduate level, although they can in some cases offer a new direction in your academic career.

Taught masters programmes take 12 months, consisting of two semesters of taught courses followed by an individually supervised dissertation. They can also be studied part-time over two years by UK and EU students.

## See also...

You may also be interested in postgraduate programmes offered by other Schools, particularly the Schools of History, Classics & Archaeology; Literatures, Languages & Cultures; Philosophy, Psychology & Language Sciences; and Social & Political Science.

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## Biblical Studies

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

### Programme description

This programme is for students who wish to develop expertise in biblical studies, including those who want to prepare for a PhD. Its emphasis is on adding depth and breadth to expertise in biblical languages. Finely-honed language skills are central to the programme's engagement with the Bible, the world that produced it, and its later readers. The programme provides expert in-depth study of the Hebrew Bible and New Testament, the wider ancient Near East and Mediterranean World, and related extra-biblical literature including the Dead Sea Scrolls. You will be taught by leading academics with research interests in the Hebrew Bible, New Testament, early Judaism and early Christianity. You will benefit from weekly research seminars in biblical studies and from our Centre for the Study of Christian Origins.

### Programme structure

This programme is taught over one year full-time (or two years part-time), mainly in small classroom/seminar groups. You will receive research methods training, offering a practical approach to postgraduate-level critical investigation and writing skills, and individual supervision for your 15,000-word dissertation.

### COMPULSORY COURSES PREVIOUSLY OFFERED INCLUDE:

Our compulsory courses comprise two biblical language/reading courses, in Greek or Hebrew/Aramaic, and two in research methods. Many scenarios for language study can be chosen in consultation with the Programme Director. If you have only one year's prior biblical languages study you may take *Intermediate Biblical Hebrew* or *Intermediate New Testament Greek*.

### OPTION COURSES PREVIOUSLY OFFERED INCLUDE:

You will choose three options. At least two must be from biblical studies courses such as *Hebrew Bible in Historical Critical Perspective*; *Hebrew Scripture Theology*; *The New Testament in its Graeco-Roman Context*; *Science and Scripture*. With your Programme Director's agreement, you may also choose options from other taught masters or from advanced undergraduate courses such as *Historical Jesus* or *Jesus in Film*.

### Career opportunities

This programme is designed to provide a strong foundation for postgraduate research in the field or for employment in a range of areas requiring critical analysis and empathetic understanding.

### Entry requirements

A UK 2:1 honours degree with a mark of at least 65 per cent or its international equivalent ([www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry](http://www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry)), in theology/religious studies or a related field in which biblical studies features prominently. Previous study of at least one biblical language is required.

### English language requirements

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### Fees and funding

For fees see page 17 and for funding information see page 18.

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## Religious Studies

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

### Programme description

This programme provides the opportunity to study a variety of religious traditions, in combination with advanced learning in the theory and method of the study of religion. Religious beliefs, behaviours and institutions are fascinating and powerful components in human societies. Understanding their motivations and structures can help the search for solutions to major challenges in the contemporary world. This programme allows a deepening engagement with the methodological ramifications of the field, while encouraging in-depth study of one or more religious traditions. The focus extends beyond theory and method in religious studies to specific local, national and international religious traditions. You can study Jewish, Christian, Islamic and Indian traditions, as well as indigenous religions of Africa, North America and East Asia, and new age and diasporic traditions. This combination of theoretical know-how with studies in specific traditions equips you to compare, interpret and explain religion in a cross-cultural perspective. The programme also offers the opportunity to learn Sanskrit, Arabic or Persian (subject to availability) through our leading expertise in Asian Studies and in Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies.

### Programme structure

This programme is taught over one year full-time (or two years part-time), mainly in small classroom/seminar groups. You will receive research methods training, offering a practical approach to postgraduate level critical investigation and writing skills, and individual supervision for your 15,000-word dissertation.

### COMPULSORY COURSES PREVIOUSLY OFFERED INCLUDE:

*Theory and Method in the Study of Religion*; with one further course from the options specific to this programme and two courses in research methods.

### OPTION COURSES PREVIOUSLY OFFERED INCLUDE:

You will choose three options. At least one must be a religious studies course, such as *Contemporary Theories of Religion*; *Hindu Traditions: Critical Investigations*; *From Diatribe to Dialogue in Christian-Muslim Relations*; *New Age Spirituality in Contemporary Culture*. With your Programme Director's agreement, you may also choose options from other taught masters, language courses, or advanced undergraduate courses.

### Career opportunities

This programme is designed to provide a strong foundation for postgraduate research in the field or for employment in a range of areas requiring critical analysis and empathetic understanding.

### Entry requirements

A UK 2:1 honours degree with a mark of at least 65 per cent or its international equivalent ([www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry](http://www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry)), in theology/religious studies or in a relevant field within humanities and social sciences.

### English language requirements

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### Fees and funding

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## Science & Religion

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

### Programme description

This dedicated masters programme in science and religion is intended for students who wish to engage in the advanced interdisciplinary study of science and religion, including those who wish to prepare for subsequent PhD work.

This is one of the world's very few science and religion programmes. Much of the recent debate surrounding 'new atheism' has taken place within a poorly informed view of the history and philosophy of science and its relationship with religion. This programme aims to inform and engage with the debate in depth, looking at it from scientific, philosophical, historical, ethical and theological perspectives.

The history of science is studied from ancient times through the modern scientific revolution, together with philosophical trends in our understanding of reality. The main areas of dialogue between science and religion are explored in depth, including cosmology, evolution, divine action and miracles, consciousness and the human person.

### Programme structure

This programme is taught over one year full-time (or two years part-time), mainly in small classroom/seminar groups. You will receive research methods training, offering a practical approach to postgraduate level critical investigation and writing skills, and individual supervision for your 15,000-word dissertation.

### COMPULSORY COURSES PREVIOUSLY OFFERED INCLUDE:

*History of Science and Religion in the Christian Tradition*; *Cosmos, Cell and Creator: Current Debates in Science and Religion*; and two courses in research methods.

### OPTION COURSES PREVIOUSLY OFFERED INCLUDE:

You will choose three options from science and religion courses, such as *Economy, Ecology, and Ethics*; *Key Thinkers in Science and Religion*; *Philosophy of Time*; *Philosophy of Science: Contemporary Debates*; *Science and Religion in Literature*; *Science and Scripture*. With your Programme Director's agreement, you may also choose options from other taught masters, language courses, or advanced undergraduate courses.

### Career opportunities

This programme is designed to provide a strong foundation for postgraduate research in the field or for employment in a range of areas requiring critical analysis and empathetic understanding.

### Entry requirements

A UK 2:1 honours degree with a mark of at least 65 per cent or its international equivalent ([www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry](http://www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry)), in theology/religious studies or a relevant field within humanities and social sciences, or the natural sciences.

### English language requirements

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### Fees and funding

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“Choosing New College for both my masters and PhD has been one of the best decisions I've ever made. The world-class quality of academic instruction and research, the warm and vibrant postgraduate community, and the relationships I've formed with both students and staff members have all been invaluable in preparing me for both academic and personal success.”

**Sarah Lane Ritchie**, Masters and PhD in Divinity  
Research Fellow in Theology & Science, University of St Andrews

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## Theology in History

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

### Programme description

This flexible programme looks at the Christian past from a variety of perspectives – theological, philosophical and historical – and provides options for special study of themes from the early church to modern times.

The programme will enable you to understand and reflect critically upon the historical contexts in which Christian thought has developed. Our approach is interdisciplinary: instructors include historians, philosophers of religion and systematic theologians. Your work will be enriched by the School's guest lectures and regular research seminars in theology and ethics, and the history of Christianity.

### Programme structure

This programme is taught over one year full-time (or two years part-time), mainly in small classroom/seminar groups. You will receive research methods training, offering a practical approach to postgraduate level critical investigation and writing skills, and individual supervision for your 15,000-word dissertation.

#### COMPULSORY COURSES PREVIOUSLY OFFERED INCLUDE:

*Creeds, Councils and Controversies I: Patristic and Medieval; Creeds, Councils and Controversies II: Reformation and Modern;* and two courses in research methods.

#### OPTION COURSES PREVIOUSLY OFFERED INCLUDE:

You will choose three options. At least one must be a theology in history course, such as *Byzantine Theology; Calvinist Theology and Piety; Church, State and Civil Society; From Diatribe to Dialogue in Muslim-Christian Relations; History of Christianity in Africa; Reformation in Sixteenth Century Britain and Ireland; Religion and the Enlightenment: the Birth of the Modern*. With your Programme Director's agreement, you may also choose options from other taught masters, language courses, or from advanced undergraduate courses.

### Career opportunities

This programme is designed to provide a strong foundation for postgraduate research in the field or for employment in a range of areas requiring critical analysis and empathetic understanding.

### Entry requirements

A UK 2:1 honours degree with a mark of at least 65 per cent or its international equivalent ([www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry](http://www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry)), in theology/religious studies or a relevant field within humanities and social sciences.

### English language requirements

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### Fees and funding

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## World Christianity

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

### Programme description

This programme is designed to enable you to understand a wide range of Christian belief, culture and practice throughout the world, in historical, theological, and sociological contexts.

With more than 2.2 billion followers, and as one of the oldest religions, Christianity plays an important role in influencing a wide range of social, political and cultural issues. This programme interprets some of the key themes and trends in Christianity in the non-western world, and is designed to provide expert insight, knowledge, skills and understanding, particularly in relation to Africa, Latin America and Asia. It is taught in a strongly interdisciplinary way, and employs historical, sociological, anthropological and theological perspectives. You will enjoy a unique framework to study, research and understand the complexity of Christian communities in the world and their wider significance for culture and society.

### Programme structure

This programme is taught over one year full-time (or two years part-time), mainly in small classroom/seminar groups. You will receive research methods training, offering a practical approach to postgraduate level critical investigation and writing skills, and individual supervision for your 15,000-word dissertation.

#### COMPULSORY COURSES PREVIOUSLY OFFERED INCLUDE:

*Selected Themes in the Study of World Christianity;* with one further course from the options specific to this programme and two courses in research methods.

#### OPTION COURSES PREVIOUSLY OFFERED INCLUDE:

You will choose three options. At least two must be world Christianity courses, such as *Christianity in Asia; Critical Debates in Christian Mission; History of Christianity in Africa; Theologies of World Christianity*. With your Programme Director's agreement, you may also choose options from other taught masters, language courses, or advanced undergraduate courses.

### Career opportunities

This programme is designed to provide a strong foundation for postgraduate research in the field or for employment in a range of areas requiring critical analysis and empathetic understanding.

### Entry requirements

A UK 2:1 honours degree with a mark of at least 65 per cent or its international equivalent ([www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry](http://www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry)), in theology/religious studies or a relevant field within humanities and social sciences.

### English language requirements

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### Fees and funding

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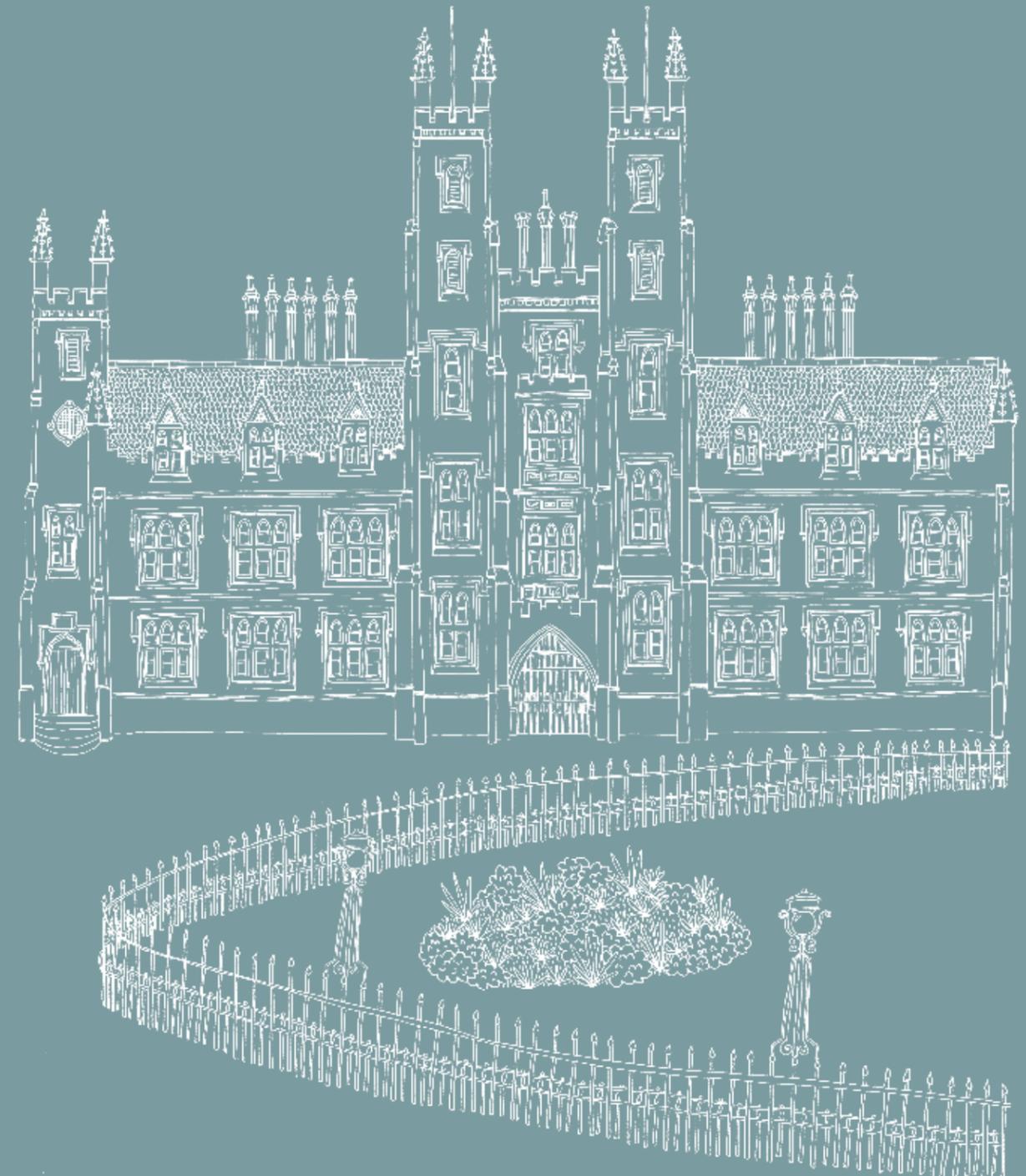


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Artist's impression of New College as seen from the Mound.

# Research at the School of Divinity

The School of Divinity is home to a thriving research community. All of our academic staff are engaged in individual research and writing projects and many are also involved in collaborative projects with colleagues across the globe.

## The Graduate School

The Graduate School is a diverse and stimulating research environment. You will join a community of around 150 research students, mostly PhDs but also MPhil and Masters by Research students. This community is drawn from around the world, and from a variety of religious and non-religious backgrounds.

Research supervision is provided by a team of more than 30 full-time academic staff – internationally respected scholars who cover a wide range of specialisms.

The Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014 gave a high rating to the quality of research by our academic staff. The REF rated 78 per cent of our research in theology and religious studies either 4\* world leading or 3\* internationally excellent on the overall quality profile.

Crucially for you as a research student, the School's research environment was reviewed in the REF and was rated at 100 per cent either 4\* world leading or 3\* internationally excellent.

We were also ranked fourth in the UK and first in Scotland for research power (*Research Fortnight* REF 2014).

These outstanding results reflect our lively and diverse programme of weekly research seminars, our special guest lectures from internationally distinguished scholars, and the vibrancy of our research centres and overall research culture.

The resources for research are excellent. As a graduate researcher you can draw on the holdings of the specialist library at New College, of the University of Edinburgh's main library, and of the nearby National Library of Scotland. You will be provided with research training and can take advantage of opportunities to learn ancient and modern languages.

A formal University review in 2015 commended the Graduate School for the excellent support it provides to students; for its responsiveness to student feedback; for its proactive approach to helping students to integrate into life at New College and the University, and into Scotland and the UK; and for its enthusiasm and practical support for career development. The postgraduate student committee works closely with the School to make the research student experience the best it can be.

You can enrol for a research programme in a wide range of areas: ethics and practical theology; Hebrew and Old Testament studies; history of Christianity; Islamic studies and Christian-Muslim relations; New Testament and Christian origins; religious studies; science and religion; world Christianity. You are encouraged to contact a potential supervisor to discuss your research project before making a formal application. Details of academic staff research interests and email addresses can be found on our website.

## Research centres

All academic staff are engaged in research, and the School runs weekly research seminars in all its disciplines, but in three areas our research centres provide a special focus for activity.

### Centre for the Study of Christian Origins

This Centre (CSCO) bridges the study of New Testament and earliest Christianity. It provides a means of linking interested scholars and graduate students from the University of Edinburgh and beyond. Its activities reach across several traditional disciplines, such as New Testament/Christian origins, patristics, Roman history, archaeology, Second-Temple Judaism, and palaeography. The Centre stages a variety of lectures, seminars and conferences.

### Centre for Theology and Public Issues

This Centre (CTPI) was founded in 1984 as the world's first centre for research on public theology. It promotes theological reflection on public life and it brings together theologians, social scientists, church leaders, policy makers and the broader public. Recent focus areas include peace building through the media and the arts; religion and ethics in the making of war and peace; and the Millennium Development Goals. The Centre is an active member of the Global Network for Public Theology, an academic research partnership that promotes theological contributions on public issues.

### Centre for the Study of World Christianity

This Centre (CSWC) advances high-quality scholarship in Christianity as a polycentric faith, whose adherents are now far more numerous in the southern hemisphere – the majority world – than in Europe or North America. The Centre supports scholars and graduate students by its seminars and conferences, and by research supervision, to make a distinctive and distinguished contribution to all areas of the study of world Christianity. Since 1992 the Centre has collaborated with Yale University Divinity School to run the annual Yale-Edinburgh conference on the *History of the Missionary Movement and World Christianity*.

Some PhD students travel abroad – for library/archive research, fieldwork, or to learn a language.

# Research opportunities

We offer two types of research-based masters, as well as PhD programmes.

## Masters by Research

If you have academic training in theology or religious studies (or another relevant subject), and would like to develop your interest with a focus on a particular area, the Masters by Research may interest you. This programme can be taken as a Master of Theology by Research or a Master of Science by Research – the difference is only in the name. You can study full-time (one year) or part-time (two years). Your pattern of study can either be three supervised research essays followed by a 15,000 word dissertation, or a 30,000 word dissertation. Most students take the research essays and shorter dissertation path. All students receive research training.

## Master of Philosophy (MPhil)

Studying for an MPhil commits you to at least two years' full-time study and to writing a thesis of up to 50,000 words. You will have regular 1:1 supervision and work with advice from two supervisors. During the first year you explore your chosen area of research and refine your research proposal. At around the nine-month mark, you will submit a draft chapter for discussion at a Review Board, together with a developed proposal for the whole thesis. On the basis of your progress-to date, and the prospects for your research, the Review Board will make recommendations on the continuation of your studies into the second year.

## Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Research for a PhD requires you to undertake at least three years' full-time study and write a thesis of up to 100,000 words. You will have regular 1:1 supervision and work with advice from two supervisors. For admission to the PhD programme, you will need to show a proven ability to sustain independent research under supervision, normally in the form of a masters programme that includes a dissertation. From the beginning, the British pattern of PhD studies focuses on working towards the thesis – there is little or no coursework. Thus you will need to be well-prepared in any special skills you need for your research project, including languages, and competent in academic writing in English. During the first year you explore your chosen area of research and refine your research proposal. At around the nine-month mark, you will submit a draft chapter for discussion at a review board, together with a developed proposal for the whole thesis. On the basis of your progress-to date, and the prospects for your research, the review board will make recommendations on the continuation of your studies into the second year. You will then have an annual review to discuss your progress.

## Entry requirements

A UK 2:1 honours degree with a mark of at least 65 per cent, or its international equivalent ([www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry](http://www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry)), in a relevant subject. You should also have academic training in the area of your research project. PhD applicants also require a specialist masters degree with a high level of attainment (at least 67 per cent in both coursework and dissertation), or their international equivalents. Please check the specific entry requirements for your programme online before applying.

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# Ethics & Practical Theology

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/MTh by Research 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

## Research profile

The research interests of academic staff and graduate students in ethics and practical theology encompass a range of theoretical and practical approaches including environmental ethics, peacebuilding and reconciliation, ethical theory, and pastoral and practical theology. You can find out more and identify a potential supervisor via the programme entry online. The School's staff web pages each include details of their research interests and publications. In this research area, projects are often interdisciplinary: if you follow this path you may be jointly supervised with a subject specialist from another School at the University. You will also be part of a research seminar for staff and students to which visiting speakers are invited and to which postgraduate students present their work-in-progress. You may also be able to take taught courses (see pages 4-6 for examples) that are relevant to your interests and research.

## English language requirements

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## Fees and funding

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Our Point of Contact peer-support system links incoming and current PhD students.

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## Hebrew & Old Testament Studies

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/MTh by Research 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

### Research profile

Academics in this area offer research supervision in most areas of research related to the Hebrew Bible – pentateuchal and historical studies, poetry and prophecy, biblical theology and ethics, Hebrew language, Septuagint and targumic studies, and the Dead Sea Scrolls in their Hellenistic context. You can find out more and identify a potential supervisor via the programme entry online. You will be part of a research seminar for staff and students to which visiting speakers are invited and to which postgraduate students present their work-in-progress. You may also be able to take taught courses that are relevant to your interests and research.

### English language requirements

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### Fees and funding

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## History of Christianity

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/MTh by Research 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

### Research profile

We offer excellent specialist supervision and library resources for research on the history of Christianity. Areas of particular strength include patristics and early Christian history; the Reformation in Britain and on the continent; puritanism; the history of British and European Christianity from the 18th century; and the history of Christian missions, especially in Africa, from the 18th century. You can find out more and identify a potential supervisor via the programme entry online. You will be part of a research seminar for staff and students to which visiting speakers are invited and to which postgraduate students present their work-in-progress. You may also be able to take taught courses that are relevant to your interests and research.

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### Fees and funding

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## Islamic Studies & Christian-Muslim Relations

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)

We offer interdisciplinary study of Islamic thought and practice, and of historical, theological, ethical and political encounters between Christianity and Islam. Staff research focuses on Islamic theology (kalam), law (shari'a and fiqh), and philosophy; Qur'an, Hadith, and Tafsir; Muslim views of Christianity and Judaism; Christian theological engagements with Islam; constructive theology and ethics from a Christian or Muslim perspective; Arab Christianity, classic and contemporary; political Islam; political theology; comparative theology; migration, religion and politics. You can find out more and identify a potential supervisor via the programme entry online. You can attend research seminars for staff and students to which visiting speakers are invited and to which postgraduate students present their work-in-progress. You may also be able to take taught courses relevant to your interests and research.

### English language requirements

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### Fees and funding

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## New Testament & Christian Origins

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/MTh by Research 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

### Research profile

Our specialists focus on the gospels; Paul; the apocalypse; the apocryphal gospels and early second-century texts and developments; textual criticism; New Testament ethics; Qumran; the historical, religious and literary environment of the New Testament; and New Testament Christology. You can undertake research in exegesis, historical-critical issues, textual and literary criticism, the relation between Christianity and its religious and historical setting, the history of interpretation, and hermeneutical questions. You can find out more and identify a potential supervisor via the programme entry online. You will be part of a research seminar for staff and students to which visiting speakers are invited and to which postgraduate students present their work-in-progress. You may also be able to take taught courses relevant to your interests and research.

### English language requirements

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### Fees and funding

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## Religious Studies

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 profile

Religious studies or the study of religion/s is a vibrant research cluster based in theoretically informed and comparative studies of religion. You can specialise in a variety of areas including contemporary and historical topics and fields such as Asian studies, history of religions/new religions, and Jewish studies. You will be encouraged to frame your research using theoretical and methodological approaches from the classic to the cutting-edge. You will be able to draw on methodological expertise which includes biographical analysis, discourse analysis, ethnography, historical and textual studies, memory studies and narrative studies. The thematic interests of academic staff include ethnicity, gender, indigeneity, nationalism, textuality and the transnational. You can find out more and identify a potential supervisor via the programme entry online. The School's staff web pages each include details of their research interests and publications. You will be part of a research seminar for staff and students to which visiting speakers are invited and to which postgraduate students present their work-in-progress. You may also be able to take taught courses that are relevant to your interests and research.

### English language requirements

See page 17.

### Fees and funding

For fees see page 17 and for funding information see page 18.

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### Current research

**Professor Helen Bond**, Chair of Christian Origins, is the author of *Jesus: a very brief history* (2017). She is a TV consultant for series on the history of Jesus and the early church. Her work has informed productions including *The Real Jesus of Nazareth* (2017), presented by Robert Powell, a four-part documentary for the Smithsonian Channel, and RTE's *Countdown to Calvary* (2018), presented by Hugh Bonneville. She has presented programmes to international audiences including C4's *Jesus' Female Disciples* (2018).

**Dr Hannah Holtschneider**, Senior Lecturer in Jewish Studies, has led the Jewish Lives, Scottish Spaces project since 2015 with a colleague at the University of Glasgow. Exploring patterns of acculturation and identity, her work produced a public exhibition and a popular walking tour of Jewish Edinburgh. She has a forthcoming book on Rabbi Dr Salis Daiches and British Jewish Orthodoxy, and a film on a century of immigration to and seeking refuge in Scotland.

**Dr Joshua Ralston**, Lecturer in Muslim-Christian Relations, works extensively on issues surrounding the religious factors that impact global migration. He contributes to public forums including ABC's Religion and Ethics Portal, speaks on themes of secularism, theology, Islam, and migration, and serves as a consultant on inter-religious dynamics to a number of international non-governmental organisations. He currently serves on the World Communion of Reformed Churches' European Task Force on Migration. He wrote *Bearing Witness: Reframing Christian-Muslim Encounter in Light of the Refugee Crisis* (2017) and co-edited *Church in an Age of Global Migration: A Moving Body* (2015).

**Professor Mona Siddiqui**, Chair in Islamic and Inter-Religious Studies, led an independent review into the application of sharia law in England and Wales. Established by the former Home Secretary in 2016, the commission published its findings in 2018 and the UK government is currently taking steps to implement the key recommendations. Professor Siddiqui is well known internationally as a public intellectual and speaker on issues around religion, ethics and society. A regular contributor to *Thought for the Day* on BBC Radio 4 and Radio Scotland, her publications include *The Good Muslim: Reflections on Classical Islamic Law* (2012).

**The UK government is currently taking steps to implement the key recommendations.**

See more online: [www.ed.ac.uk/research/impact](http://www.ed.ac.uk/research/impact)

[www.ed.ac.uk/pg/925](http://www.ed.ac.uk/pg/925)

## Science & Religion

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 profile

This research area invites you to bring together the two great truth-seeking disciplines and understand the ways in which science and religion challenge and inform each other. This interdisciplinary venture is more than the sum of its parts. You will make use of the methods of historical study, philosophy, theology, and literary studies to assess state-of-the-art scientific research alongside well-established areas of debate. Research supervision is offered by academic staff with interests in physics, cosmology and faith; reduction and emergence; consciousness and the soul; evolutionary biology, human uniqueness, and the image of God; the laws of nature and the idea of ultimate reality; science and the doctrine of creation; miracles and science; the Bible and science; science and religion in literature and the arts; ecology, ethics and theology. You can find out more and identify a potential supervisor via the programme entry online. The School's staff web pages each include details of their research interests and publications. You will be part of a research seminar for staff and students to which visiting speakers are invited and to which postgraduate students present their work-in-progress. You may also be able to take taught courses that are relevant to your interests and research.

### English language requirements

See page 17.

### Fees and funding

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## Systematic Theology

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/MTh by Research 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

### Research profile

You will join academic staff and graduate students who represent a variety of nationalities and theological perspectives. This intellectual diversity is strongly encouraged. Recent PhD projects have included research into Augustine, medieval theology, the history of reformed theology, Dutch Neo-Calvinism, Edwards, Schleiermacher, Barth, Wittgenstein, Torrance, Levinas, Balthasar, Pannenberg, Adams, contextual theology, theology of religions, providence, theological anthropology, ecclesiology, pneumatology, eschatology and puritan theology. The interests of academic staff range across philosophical, historical and systematic theology. You can find out more and identify a potential supervisor via the programme entry online. The School's staff web pages each include details of their research interests and publications. You will be part of a research seminar for staff and students to which visiting speakers are invited and to which postgraduate students present their work-in-progress. You may also be able to take taught courses relevant to your interests and research.

### English language requirements

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### Fees and funding

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## World Christianity

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/MTh by Research 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

### Research profile

You will work with the academic specialists who lead our Centre for the Study of World Christianity, which focuses on Christianity in and from all parts of the majority world and also on the growing presence of African and Asian churches in the northern hemisphere. You will join a vibrant research community whose focus is the regular postgraduate seminar in World Christianity. The research interests of our academic staff include: Asian and African Christian theologies; Chinese Christianity; the history of missionary movements, from both the north and the global south; Pentecostalism; conversion; inculturation; gender; migration; and inter-faith encounters, especially Christian-Muslim relations. The University of Edinburgh has a global reputation as a pioneer of the academic study of Christianity in the non-Western world. By choosing Edinburgh as the location of your studies, you will be joining one of the world's leading centres of research in this field.

### English language requirements

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### Fees and funding

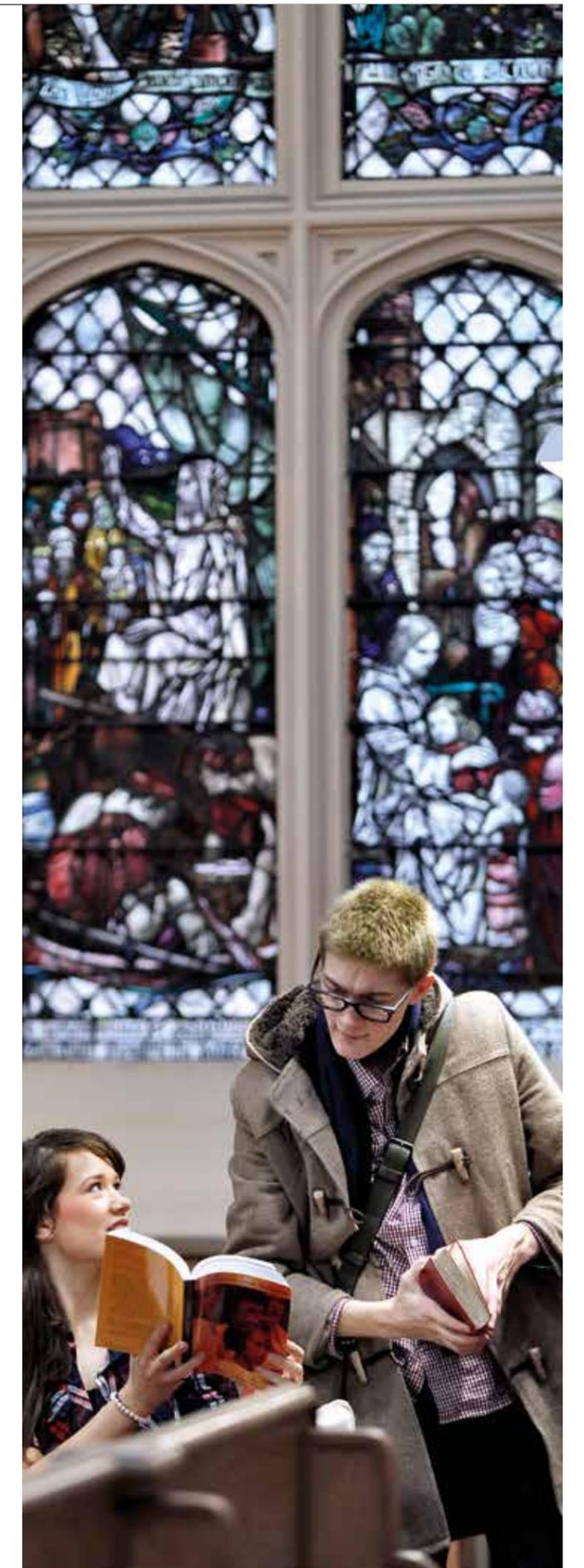
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### See also...

You may also be interested in research areas offered by other Schools, such as the Schools of History, Classics & Archaeology; Literatures, Languages & Cultures; Philosophy, Psychology & Language Sciences; and Social & Political Science.

[www.ed.ac.uk/studying/prospectus-request](http://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/prospectus-request)

# About the School of Divinity

Theology has been taught at Edinburgh since the foundation of the University in 1583. Now housed in the historic New College building near Edinburgh Castle, the School of Divinity occupies a commanding city-centre site on the Mound, overlooking Princes Street Gardens, the Scottish National Gallery and the Royal Scottish Academy.

You will be part of a community of 450 students (undergraduate and postgraduate) and more than 30 full-time academic staff. This is one of the largest centres for the study of religion in the United Kingdom.

Our international standing for research has been a traditional strength, but is also vital to our identity here and now. Historically, the School's origins lie in providing education for ministers, but today this is a small part of our work. From the 1970s – alongside long-established strengths such as in biblical studies, systematic theology, and the history of Christianity – the School pioneered work on the comparative study of religions. In recent times we have built up areas of expertise in Christian-Muslim relations and in science and religion and we foster a variety of cutting-edge interdisciplinary approaches.

The ethos of the Graduate School is to promote excellence in postgraduate study, within a stimulating and supportive environment. We value equality and diversity in the School community, and an academic culture that is both critical and constructive.

## Leading lights

The School is led by some of the UK's most respected and high-profile scholars of theology and religion, including:

- Helen Bond, Professor in Christian Origins and Director of the School's Centre for the Study of Christian Origins, who is a distinguished historian of the New Testament period. She has shared her scholarship more widely by contributing to BBC Radio 3 and 4 and on television to the BBC and Channel 4.

- David Fergusson, Professor of Divinity and Principal of New College, who has delivered the Gifford Lectures (Glasgow), the Warfield Lectures (Princeton) and the Birks Lectures (Montreal). He was elected a Fellow of the British Academy in 2013.
- Hannah Holtschneider, Senior Lecturer in Jewish Studies, who leads a major AHRC-funded project on the immigration of Jews to Scotland from 1880 to 1950, *Jewish Lives, Scottish Spaces*.
- S. Jay Brown, Professor of Ecclesiastical History, is one of the most distinguished historians of Christianity working in the UK. A past president of the Ecclesiastical History Society, he has published extensively on social Christianity in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, the Oxford Movement, and the place of Christianity in the British Empire.
- Mona Siddiqui, Professor of Islamic and Interreligious Studies and the University's Assistant Principal for Religion and Society, who is a well-known contributor to broadcast and print media. She has been appointed to chair an independent review of the application of Shari'a law in England and Wales.
- Jolyon Mitchell, Professor of Communications, Arts, and Religion, worked as a producer and journalist for BBC World Service and BBC Radio 4 before he was appointed to the University. His interests focus on religion, violence and peacebuilding with particular reference to the arts. He is Director of the Centre for Theology and Public Issues, and President of TRS-UK, the national association for theology and religious studies.

## Facilities and resources

The School of Divinity has its own unique library, dining and socialising areas, and a strong sense of community between students and staff, as well as being part of a large, world-class university.

The School takes a personal interest in students and offers a welcoming and friendly setting in which to pursue the exciting and demanding study of theology and religious studies.

New College Library has one of the largest theology collections in the UK, with more than a quarter of a million items and a large and rich manuscript collection, including the papers of Thomas Chalmers, John Baillie, JH Oldham and James S Stewart.

The strengths of the Library collections contribute greatly to the teaching and research of members of the School as well as students elsewhere in the University. These collections are complemented by the many resources available in the University and beyond. The total holdings in all the University libraries exceed 2.25 million volumes. In addition, the National Library of Scotland holds more than five million volumes. The New College Library boasts a magnificent reading hall, originally built as the sanctuary of the Free High Kirk.

The School provides extensive and well-equipped computing facilities for coursework and research at all levels, including dissertations. All students have access to computers, scanners and printers, across four labs.

Postgraduate students are provided with dedicated study spaces in the Ramsay Lane Wing and Semples Close Wing of New College. Both are accessible 24 hours a day via a secure swipe-card entry system.

New College's gothic Rainy Hall provides a marvellous setting for dining and a welcoming social space for lively conversation and informal debate. The New College complex is also home to the General Assembly Hall of the Church of Scotland.

### Collections of the University

The University of Edinburgh has one of the world's great collections, which has been growing ever since its foundation in 1583. Our collections include rare books, archives and manuscripts, art, historical musical instruments and a wide range of museum objects from geological specimens to anatomical models. If laid out end to end, we would have almost 60 kilometres of shelving and storage space devoted to our heritage material, from 1<sup>st</sup>-century Greek papyrus fragments to new works of sculpture. This is curated by specialist staff across 45 sites and used for our teaching and research and by the wider public community.

The Centre for Research Collections in the Main Library is the hub for all our collections, where specialist curators make them available for study, research and pleasure. Postgraduate students are welcome to study original objects and have made many important research discoveries while working on the archives. You will find an incredible range of material in our collections that is available nowhere else in the world.



A panoramic tour  
of New College:  
[http://edin.ac/  
divinitytour](http://edin.ac/divinitytour)

“My experience at New College was part of what trained me to think. My dissertation was on ‘Augustine, Scripture and Power’, and I’ve been thinking about how people use and think about power ever since.”

David Nussbaum, School of Divinity alumnus, Chief Executive of The Elders Foundation

# Employability and graduate attributes

Here at Edinburgh we believe in offering you the best possible support for your studies and in preparation for your future. Our local learning support along with the central Careers Service play a large part in this.

A postgraduate qualification from the School of Divinity prepares you for a vast array of employment, depending on your subject area.

You will develop transferable skills, which could be applied in a wide range of careers such as advocacy, community development, counselling, crisis services, public relations, journalism, social work and teaching.

## Institute for Academic Development

All postgraduate students can benefit from our Institute for Academic Development (IAD), which provides information, events and courses to develop the skills you will need throughout your studies and in the future. IAD events also offer the perfect opportunity to meet and network with other postgraduates from across the University.

Further information is available online: [www.ed.ac.uk/iad/postgraduates](http://www.ed.ac.uk/iad/postgraduates)

For taught postgraduates, 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. We offer on-campus and online workshops and one-to-one study skills consultations, plus online advice and learning materials. Workshops and learning resources cover key topics tailored to different academic stages, including: pre-arrival 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 workshop programme is designed to help you successfully prepare for the various milestones of your PhD, from getting started with your research, to writing up and preparing for the viva, 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, plus support for tutoring and demonstrating, and research 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.

We provide specialist support for postgraduate students. 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](http://www.ed.ac.uk/careers/postgrad)

## Platform One

Platform One is an online meeting place where members of the University community, past and present, can gather. It aims to provide a supportive environment where students, alumni, staff and volunteers can share knowledge and experiences. Together, we form a single community that meets on Platform One. Join us and find out more about the people and possibilities.

More information: [www.ed.ac.uk/platform-one](http://www.ed.ac.uk/platform-one)

## Backing 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](http://www.LAUNCH.ed.ac.uk)

# Applications and fees

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.

Full guidance on our application system is available at: [www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/applying](http://www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/applying)

## General requirements

A UK 2:1 honours degree with a mark of at least 65 per cent, or its international equivalent ([www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry](http://www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry)), in theology/religious studies or a relevant field within humanities and social sciences. You will also need to meet the University's language requirements (see below).

PhD applicants also require a specialist masters degree with a high level of attainment (at least 67 per cent in both coursework and dissertation), or their international equivalents. Please check the specific entry requirements for your programme online before applying.

## References

For taught programmes, the normal requirement is one reference, although an additional reference may be requested. For research programmes, two references are required. For general guidance on references, visit: [www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/references](http://www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/references)

## Deadlines

Some taught programmes have application deadlines. Please check online for details. For other taught programmes, you are encouraged to apply no later than one month prior to entry to allow time to process your application. Earlier application is recommended, particularly where there is a high demand for places or when a visa will be required. To submit a late application, please contact us for guidance. Research programme applications are considered the whole year round, but the deadline for consideration for our financial awards is the end of January.

## 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 6.0 in each module).
- TOEFL-iBT: total 100 (at least 20 in each module).
- PTE(A): total 67 (at least 56 in each of the Communicative Skills sections).

- CAE and CPE: total 185 (at least 169 in each module).
- Trinity ISE: ISE III (with a pass in all four components).

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/postgraduate/degrees](http://www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/degrees)
- Your English language certificate must be no more than three years old at the beginning of your programme, unless you are using an English language test such as IELTS in which case it must be no more than two years old.
- 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), or at a university in a non-majority English-speaking country which has specifically been approved by the University of Edinburgh's Admissions Qualifications Group. A list of approved universities is published online. The award date must be no more than three years prior to the start date of the programme.
- We do not require you to take an English language test before you apply.

Abbreviations: IELTS – International English Language Testing System; TOEFL-iBT – Test of English as a Foreign Language Internet-Based Test; PTE(A) – Pearson Test of English (Academic); CPE – Certificate of Proficiency in English; CAE – Certificate in Advanced English; Trinity ISE – Integrated Skills in English.

[www.ed.ac.uk/english-requirements/pg](http://www.ed.ac.uk/english-requirements/pg)

## Tuition fees

The following table provides an overview of indicative fee levels for programmes commencing in 2019.

Please note:

- International students starting full-time taught programmes of study lasting more than one year will be charged a fixed annual fee.

- All other students on full-time and part-time programmes of study lasting more than one year should be aware that annual tuition fees are subject to revision and are typically increased by approximately five per cent per annum. This annual increase should be taken into account when you are applying for a programme.
- In addition to tuition fees, your programme may be subject to an application fee and additional costs/programme costs may apply. Please check the latest programme information online.

## Asylum seeker tuition fee status and scholarship

Information for applicants seeking asylum from within the United Kingdom, who wish to commence a programme of study at the University in 2019, is available online. This includes our tuition fee rates and scholarship opportunities: [www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/asylum](http://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/asylum)

## Tuition fees for EU students

EU students enrolling in the 2019/20 academic year will be admitted as Scottish/EU fee status students. Taught masters students will be eligible for the same tuition support as Scottish domiciled students from the Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS).

## For UK/EU students

	Annual fee
Taught programme 1-year FT	£10,700
Taught programme 2-years PT	£5,350
MSc/MTh by Research 1-year FT	£8,300
MSc/MTh by Research 2-years PT	£4,150
MPhil 2-years FT/PhD 3-years FT	£4,260*
MPhil 4-years PT/PhD 6-years PT	£2,130*

## For international students

	Annual fee
Taught programme 1-year FT	£21,600
MSc/MTh by Research 1-year FT	£21,600
MPhil 2-years FT/PhD 3-years FT	£19,000

\* Figure shown is the 2018/19 fee level  
All other fees quoted are indicative of 2019/20 fee levels. Because these figures are indicative, it is important you check online before you apply and check the up-to-date fee level that will apply to your specific programme: [www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/tuition-fees/postgraduate](http://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/tuition-fees/postgraduate)

# 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](http://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/postgraduate)

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

Here we list a selection of potential sources of financial support for postgraduate students applying to the School of Divinity. This list was correct at the time of printing but please check the full and up to date range online (see above) or in the School of Divinity's funding guide: <http://tiny.cc/divinityfunding>

## Tuition fee discounts

We offer a 10 per cent discount on postgraduate fees for all alumni who have graduated with an undergraduate degree from the University. We also offer a 10 per cent discount for international graduates who spent at least one semester at the University of Edinburgh as a visiting undergraduate: [www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/discounts](http://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/discounts)

### Key

- Taught masters programmes
- Masters by Research programmes
- Research programmes

*"I've enjoyed the keen sense of community, close attention from my supervisors, the view from the windows in the Martin Hall, and the brightness of lunchtime chats. I've valued being able to learn, tutor and do fieldwork relatively unconstrained by anxieties about the exchange rate."*

**Krittika Bhattacharjee,**

PhD Religious Studies, Principal's Career Development Scholar and Edinburgh Global Research Scholarship

## Scholarships at the University of Edinburgh

- **Beit Trust** ●●  
Beit Trust and the University of Edinburgh Scholarships jointly fund postgraduate students from Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe to undertake a masters: [www.beittrust.org.uk](http://www.beittrust.org.uk)
- **Church of Scotland Scholarship (China)** ●●  
This scholarship will provide funding for an applicant from mainland China to take a programme of theological study: [www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/church](http://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/church)
- **College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences 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-ahss](http://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/research-ahss)
- **The Desmond Tutu Masters Scholarship (Africa)** ●●  
One scholarship will be awarded to a student from Africa on a full-time masters programme in the School of Divinity: [www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/tutu](http://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/tutu)
- **Edinburgh Global Masters Scholarships** ●●  
A number of scholarships are available to international students for masters study: [www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/masters](http://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](http://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/global-research)
- **Edinburgh Principal's Career Development Scholarships** ●  
A number of scholarships, open to UK, EU and international PhD students: [www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/development](http://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/development)
- **Enlightenment Scholarships** ●  
The University is currently developing a new style of PhD scholarship to attract the best PhD applicants from around the world. These scholarships will provide funding for up to four years. For the latest information, and for details on which Schools will be participating, please check: [www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/enlightenment](http://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/enlightenment)
- **Julius Nyerere Masters Scholarship (Tanzania)** ●●  
One scholarship is available to citizens of Tanzania who are normally resident in Tanzania who are accepted on a full-time masters programme: [www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/nyerere](http://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/nyerere)
- **The Kirby Laing International Scholarships** ●●  
Up to three scholarships are available to applicants domiciled in the 'Majority World' for postgraduate masters study: [www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/kirby-laing](http://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/kirby-laing)
- **The Reverend Dr Norma P Robertson Scholarships** ●●●  
At least one award available for postgraduate study in Christian History, Bible and Theology: [www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/robertson](http://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/robertson)
- **The Rev Dr Ruth Page Scholarship** ●●●  
The Rev Dr Ruth Page Scholarship was established to support School of Divinity postgraduates from New Zealand, Australia, the islands of the South Pacific, Indonesia and Japan. At least one award equivalent to international masters fees will be made to an eligible applicant: [www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/ruth-page](http://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/ruth-page)
- **School of Divinity Postgraduate Research Scholarships** ●●  
A number of scholarships are available for postgraduate research applicants: [www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/school-scholarships](http://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/school-scholarships)
- **School of Divinity Postgraduate Masters Scholarships** ●●  
A number of scholarships are available for postgraduate masters applicants: [www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/divinity-masters](http://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/divinity-masters)

## Research council awards

Research councils offer awards to masters 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. The UK Government has confirmed that EU postgraduate research students commencing their studies in 2019/20 will retain their fee status and eligibility for research council support for the duration of their programme: [www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/research-councils](http://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/research-councils)

The University also 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](http://www.conicyt.cl)
- **Colombia** ●  
Administrative Department of Science, Technology and Innovation (Colciencias): [www.colciencias.gov.co](http://www.colciencias.gov.co)
- **Ecuador** ●●●  
Secretaria Nacional de Educacion Superior, Ciencia y Tecnologia (SENESCYT): [www.educacionsuperior.gob.ec](http://www.educacionsuperior.gob.ec)
- **Iraq** ●  
Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research: [www.iraqiculturalattache.org.uk](http://www.iraqiculturalattache.org.uk)
- **Mexico**  
National Council of Science and Technology of the United Mexican States (CONACYT): ●●●  
[www.conacyt.mx](http://www.conacyt.mx)  
Banco de Mexico and the Banco de Mexico's FIDERH trust (FIDERH): ●●●  
[www.fiderh.org.mx](http://www.fiderh.org.mx)  
Fundacion Mexicana para la Educacion, la Tecnologia y la Ciencia (FUNED): ●●  
[www.funedm.org](http://www.funedm.org)

## 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](http://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/canadian-loans)
- **Erasmus+** ●  
The Erasmus+ Master Loan helps masters students with their living and tuition costs when studying in an Erasmus+ country other than where they live or where they took their first degree. For more information: <https://erasmusplus.org.uk/master-loan>
- **Postgraduate Doctoral Loans England** ●  
Student Finance England offers postgraduate loans for doctoral study, payable to eligible students and divided equally across each year of the doctoral programme: [www.gov.uk/doctoral-loan/eligibility](http://www.gov.uk/doctoral-loan/eligibility)
- **Postgraduate Doctoral Loans Wales** ●  
Student Finance Wales offers loans for postgraduate doctoral study, payable to eligible students, divided equally across each year of the doctoral programme: [www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/postgraduate-students/postgraduate-doctoral-loan.aspx](http://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/postgraduate-students/postgraduate-doctoral-loan.aspx)
- **Postgraduate Loans (PGL) England** ●●  
Student Finance England offers postgraduate loans for taught and research masters programmes, payable to eligible students: [www.gov.uk/postgraduate-loan](http://www.gov.uk/postgraduate-loan)
- **Postgraduate Loans (PGL) Northern Ireland** ●●  
Student Finance Northern Ireland offers a tuition fee loan for taught and research programmes, at certificate-, diploma-, and masters-level, which will be paid directly to the University: [www.studentfinancenir.co.uk](http://www.studentfinancenir.co.uk)

## Postgraduate Loans (SAAS) Scotland and EU

The Student Awards Agency Scotland offers tuition fee loans for taught diploma and masters programmes which will be paid directly to the University. Full-time students resident in Scotland can also apply for a non-income assessed living cost loan: [www.saas.gov.uk](http://www.saas.gov.uk)

## Postgraduate Loans (PGL) Wales

Student Finance Wales offers eligible students postgraduate loans for taught and research masters programmes: [www.studentfinancewales.co.uk](http://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk)

## US Student Loans

The University is eligible to certify loan applications for US loan students. Full details on eligibility and how to apply can be found online: [www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/us-loans](http://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/us-loans)

## Other sources of funding

The following are examples of the many scholarships and support schemes available to students from particular countries who meet certain eligibility criteria.

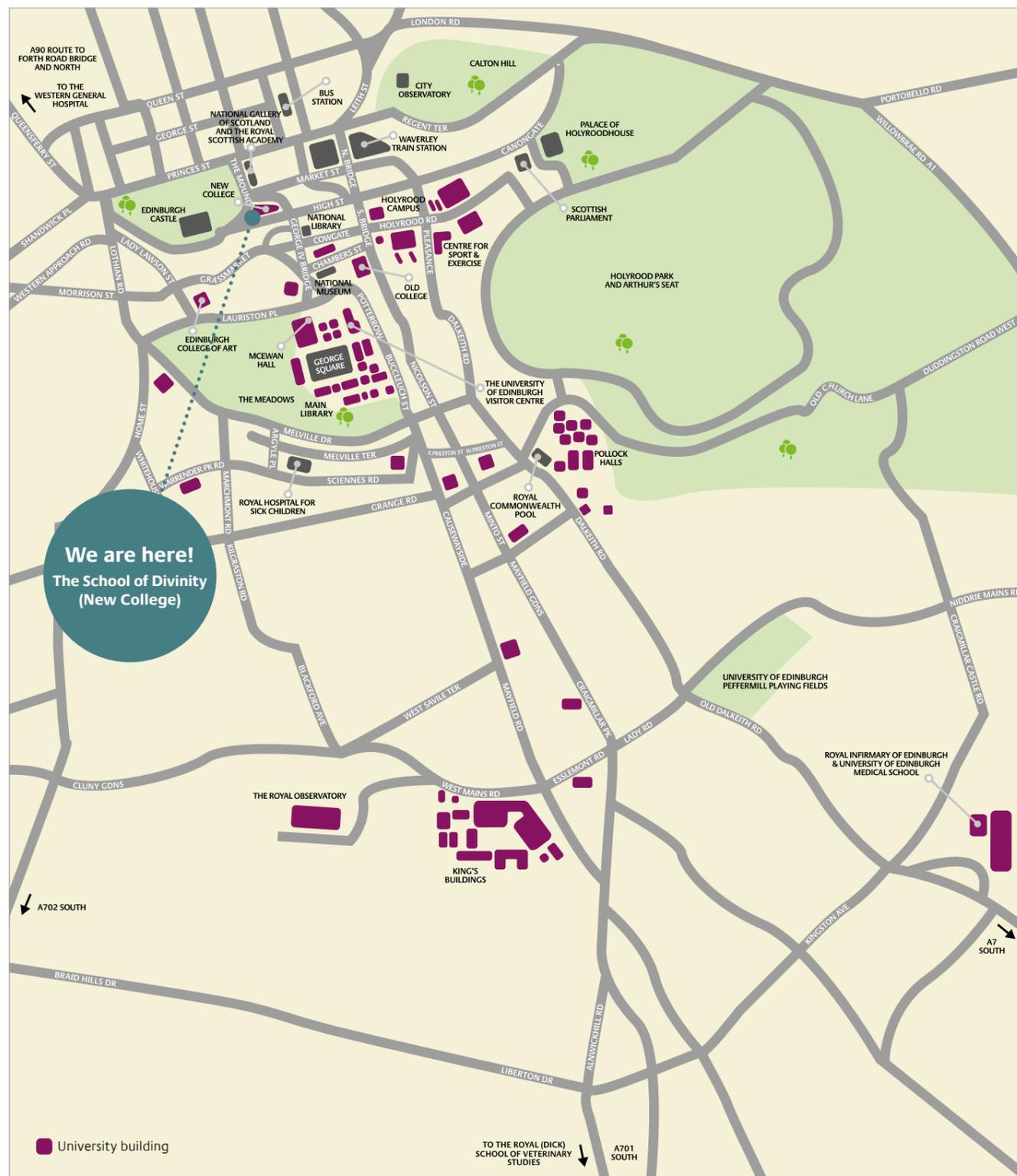
- **Chevening Scholarships** ●●  
A number of partial and full funding scholarships are available to one-year masters students: [www.chevening.org](http://www.chevening.org)
- **Commonwealth Scholarships** ●●●  
Scholarships available to students who are resident in any Commonwealth country, other than the UK: [www.dfid.gov.uk/csck](http://www.dfid.gov.uk/csck)
- **Marshall Scholarships (USA)** ●●●  
Scholarships available to outstanding US students wishing to study at any UK university for at least two years: [www.marshallscholarship.org](http://www.marshallscholarship.org)
- **Scotland's Saltire Scholarships** ●●  
A number of scholarships open to students who are citizens permanently and ordinarily resident in Canada, China, India, Japan, Pakistan and the USA for one year of masters study: [www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/saltire](http://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/saltire)

## Campus map

The School of Divinity's home, New College, has an unrivalled location at the top of the Mound, overlooking one of the most scenic cities in the world. We are a few minutes' walk from the University's Central Area, and close to all city-centre amenities.



Detailed maps  
can be found at:  
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## Get in touch

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### Our visits to you

If you are unable to visit the University, we attend events throughout the year so you can meet and speak to us in person.

UK and Europe: [www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/uk-eu-events](http://www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/uk-eu-events)

International: [www.ed.ac.uk/international/our-visits-overseas](http://www.ed.ac.uk/international/our-visits-overseas)

### Chat online

We offer all postgraduate students monthly online information sessions. To find out more and see when the next session will be: [www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/online-events](http://www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/online-events)

For international students, Edinburgh Global runs two online chat sessions each month. These are timed to give students in all timezones a chance to get involved. You can find out more and register online: [www.ed.ac.uk/international/chat-to-us-online](http://www.ed.ac.uk/international/chat-to-us-online)

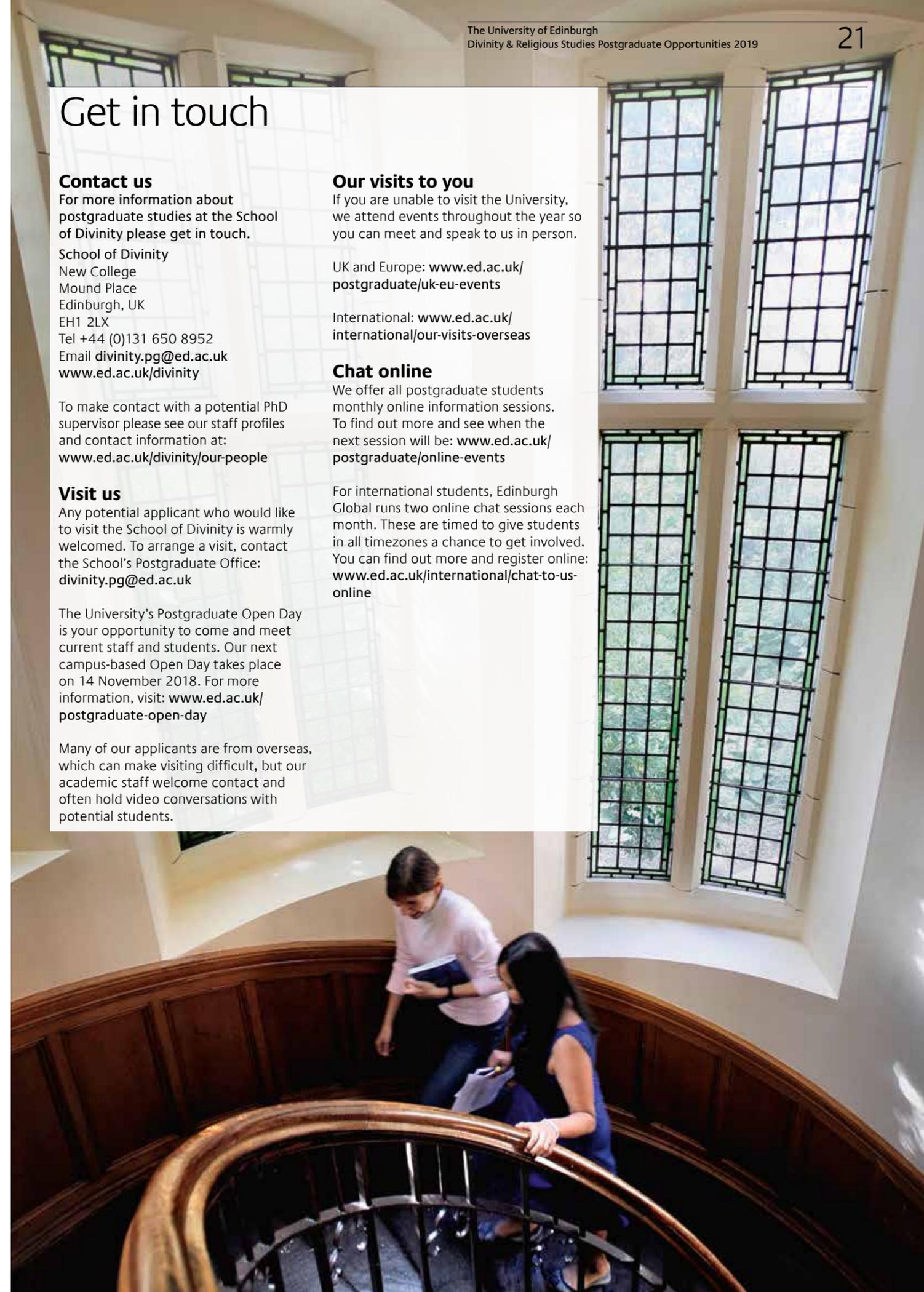
To make contact with a potential PhD supervisor please see our staff profiles and contact information at: [www.ed.ac.uk/divinity/our-people](http://www.ed.ac.uk/divinity/our-people)

### Visit us

Any potential applicant who would like to visit the School of Divinity is warmly welcomed. To arrange a visit, contact the School's Postgraduate Office: [divinity.pg@ed.ac.uk](mailto:divinity.pg@ed.ac.uk)

The University's Postgraduate Open Day is your opportunity to come and meet current staff and students. Our next campus-based Open Day takes place on 14 November 2018. For more information, visit: [www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate-open-day](http://www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate-open-day)

Many of our applicants are from overseas, which can make visiting difficult, but our academic staff welcome contact and often hold video conversations with potential students.



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