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In 2017/18 we won £403 million in competitive research grants.

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

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* Times Higher Education, Overall Ranking of Institutions
† Times Higher Education, Global Employability University Ranking 2018
‡ Times Higher Education: The World’s Most International Universities 2019
Taught programmes

Clinical psychology programmes

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Applied Psychology (Healthcare) for Children & Young People

MSc 1 yr FT

Programme description

This MSc, developed with the NHS, combines academic teaching and clinical practice training in applied psychology for children and young people. It allows you to develop knowledge and competence in the delivery of evidence-based psychological interventions for this group, and skills and competencies for the delivery of Tier 2 psychological assessments and interventions in services for children, young people and their families.

You will be employed in a one-year clinical placement in the Scottish NHS Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service, applying psychological theory to practice, while supervised by a qualified clinical psychologist. We combine essentials for applied psychologists in health (assessment and formulation, and evaluation) and child and adolescent mental health professionals (safeguarding children, child and adolescent development and health promotion), with a focus on psychological interventions, early years and early intervention, emphasising parenting and support for parents through evidence-based models of parent-focused intervention.

Programme structure

Teaching is delivered at the University and at NHS partnership sites in Glasgow. Clinical placements will be with a Scottish NHS Health Board.

COURSES PREVIOUSLY OFFERED INCLUDE:

- Assessment and Formulation
- Child and Adolescent Development
- Early Years and Early Intervention
- Evaluation and Research
- Professional Communication
- Clinical Management: Promotion of Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing
- Psychological Intervention and Structured Treatment Approaches

Career opportunities

You will be qualified to apply for Clinical Associate in Applied Psychology (Children and Young People) posts, or equivalent, within the NHS and elsewhere (such as the voluntary sector). This is a British Psychological Society (BPS) accredited applied psychology training programme for assistant and associate psychologists.

Entry requirements

A UK 2:1 honours degree, or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk) international/graduate-entry. You must be eligible for the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC) with the British Psychological Society (you may be eligible for GBC either through your undergraduate degree or through a GBC masters conversion course). You will be required to attend an interview and must meet visa requirements to be employed in the UK.

English language requirements

See page 24.

Fees and funding

For fees see page 24 and for funding information see page 26.

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Clinical Psychology

Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (DClinPsychol) 3 yrs FT

Programme description

First taught at Edinburgh in 1959, this advanced practitioner programme is one of the longest established of its kind in the UK. The standard qualification for a career in clinical psychology, a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology makes you eligible for application with the Health and Care Professions Council and chartered status with the British Psychological Society. You’ll be trained to an advanced level in the use of psychological interventions across a variety of settings, and will gain competencies in the application of a range of therapies including cognitive behavioural therapy and systemic therapy. Other approaches such as interpersonal therapy are also available. You will also achieve advanced competencies in consultation and supervision, service development and applied psychology research and evaluation. The programme is regularly updated to ensure it reflects current practice and you’ll be taught by lecturers who, as practitioners, are able to convey the most up-to-date methods and theories. Thanks to our partnership with NHS Education for Scotland and a number of Scottish NHS boards, you’ll be employed throughout your training as a trainee clinical psychologist. At least half of your training will be clinical practice-based and you will complete a number of clinical practice placements, usually within your employing NHS Health Board area, covering different specialties and service areas.

Programme structure

Teaching blocks are interspersed with supervised NHS placements in linked areas. Placements cover a wide range of work including mental health, intellectual disability and physical health, in hospitals, primary care settings and in the community, across a range of ages.

COURSES PREVIOUSLY OFFERED INCLUDE:

Year 1: Clinical Psychology 1; Research 1; Adult Mental Health Clinical Placement and Intellectual Disabilities Clinical Placement. Year 2: Clinical Psychology 2; Research 2; Children, Adolescents and Families Clinical Placement and Neuropsychology and Older Adults Clinical Placement. Year 3: Advanced Practice seminars covering different specialist populations, such as psychosis, trauma, eating disorders, and neurodevelopment, such as ASPECT; IPT; CAT; and Schema Therapy: specialist placements 1 and 2.

Career opportunities

Once registered with the Health and Care Professions Council you may begin a rewarding career as a clinical psychologist in this stimulating field.

Entry requirements

A UK 2:1 honours degree, or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk) international/graduate-entry. You must be eligible for the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC) with the British Psychological Society (you may be eligible for GBC either through your undergraduate degree or through a GBC masters conversion course). Applicants should hold a GBC-accrediting honours degree or a GBC-accrediting MSc conversion degree in psychology with a mean percentage mark of at least 60. You should have relevant experience that allows you to apply psychological principles in practice. Shortlisted candidates will be required to attend an interview and must meet visa requirements to be employed in the UK. Please check online for further information.

English language requirements

See page 24.

Fees and funding

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Mental Health in Children & Young People: Psychological Approaches

MSc 1 yr FT

Programme description

We offer the unique perspective that children and young people’s mental health and wellbeing is influenced by developmental processes at multiple levels, from individual to sociocultural, and that our approaches to working should be informed by this dynamic, interactive system. We draw on the knowledge and clinical experience of a community of world-class developmental, clinical and health psychologists, to help you understand children and young people’s mental health and wellbeing from this perspective. Designed for those with experience working or volunteering with children and young people and professionals who wish to engage in deeper learning about these groups’ mental health, the programme has conceptual and applied elements. You will review theories of children and young people’s mental health in the complex structure of typical and atypical development and apply psychological knowledge to the difficulties experienced by children and young people and the critical appraisal of psychological knowledge and practice.

Programme structure

The programme comprises two semesters of taught compulsory and option courses, followed by a dissertation. This can take the form of an empirical study, systematic review or meta-analysis.

COURSES PREVIOUSLY OFFERED INCLUDE:

- Applied Developmental Psychopathology: Attachment Theory and Applications
- Child Development in Practice: Critical Psychology and Mental Health
- Evidence-based Psychological Interventions
- Inferential Statistics in Applied Psychology
- Parenting, Theory and Practice
- Research Methods in Applied Psychology
- Social Inequality and Child and Adolescent Mental Health
- Trauma and Resilience in a Developmental Context

Career opportunities

This programme fosters intellectual and transferable skills relevant for those who wish to advance to applied training programmes or PhD-level study. It will enhance the career prospects of those who aspire to, or who currently do, work with children and adolescents in mental health related settings.

Entry requirements

A UK 2:1 honours degree, or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk) international/graduate-entry, in psychology or a related subject. Experience of working or volunteering with children and/or young people is highly desirable. We may also consider your application if you have other professional qualifications or experience.

English language requirements

See page 24.

Fees and funding

See fees page 24 and for funding information see page 26.

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Clinical psychology (continued)

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Mental Health in Children & Young People: Psychological Approaches

Programme description
This programme offers a unique perspective: that children and young people's mental health and wellbeing is influenced by developmental processes at multiple levels, from individual to socio-cultural, and that approaches to working with mental health and wellbeing need to be informed by this dynamic and interactive system.

By drawing on a range of theoretical areas, and the knowledge and clinical experience of our world-class department of clinical and health psychology, the programme aims to equip you with the knowledge necessary for understanding children and young people's mental health and wellbeing from this unique perspective.

The programme includes both conceptual and applied elements.

At the conceptual level, the programme will review different theories of children and young people's mental health involved in the complex structure of typical and atypical development. At the applied level it will include the application of psychological knowledge to difficulties experienced by children and young people and the critical appraisal of psychological knowledge and practice.

Programme structure
The programme offers a flexible postgraduate qualification designed for recent graduates and professionals who are interested in studying at an advanced level. It is designed to be completed part-time, over a minimum of two years and a maximum of six years.

COURSES PREVIOUSLY OFFERED INCLUDE:

- Social Inequality and Child and Adolescent Mental Health: Research Methods in Applied Psychology; Applied Developmental Psychopathology; Trauma and Resilience in a Developmental Context; Critical Psychology and Child Mental Health.

Career opportunities
This programme has been designed to enhance the career development of a range of professions involved in the provision of psychological health and care by improving awareness and application of psychological theory to clinical practice and by broadening the theoretical base from which professions practice. Previous students work in a range of professions including clinical practice and voluntary sector organisations, and, with appropriate additional training, in nursing, social work and social care, and teaching.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent [www.ed.ac.uk/ international/graduate-entry], in psychology, health or a related discipline. Experience of working or volunteering with children and/or young people is required. We may also consider your application if you have other professional qualifications or experience.

English language requirements
See page 24.

Fees and funding
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Psychology of Mental Health (Conversion)

Programme description
This programme is unique in two respects. It is the only British Psychological Society accredited MSc conversion programme that focuses on the psychology of mental health. This focus is particularly suited to those who wish to pursue a career in a caring profession such as clinical psychology.

It is also unique in being delivered jointly by a staff team offering unrivalled expertise in both psychological science and clinical psychology.

Programme structure
You will study nine compulsory courses across core areas of psychology, and complete a research project. Teaching approaches focus on psychological science and its application to mental health.

COURSES PREVIOUSLY OFFERED INCLUDE:

- Developmental Psychology and Developmental Psychopathology; Individual Differences in Mental Health; Social Psychology of Mental Health; Research Methods in Applied Psychology; Psychological Research Methods; Data Management and Analysis; Cognitive Neuropsychology; Cognitive Psychology and Cognitive Disorders; Psychological Therapies: Conceptual and Theoretical Psychology.

Career opportunities
Graduates will be eligible to register with the British Psychological Society through graduate basis for chartered membership (GBC). This programme provides the opportunity to include positions where a psychology qualification is advantageous or essential. It also creates opportunities for advanced professional training in psychology such as clinical psychology, educational psychology, which normally require an undergraduate degree in psychology.

You will also develop a range of sophisticated psychological research skills that will open up a range of opportunities in research, including research assistant posts and doctoral research training.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent [www.ed.ac.uk/ international/graduate-entry], in psychology, health or a related discipline. Experience of working or volunteering with children and/or young people is required. We may also consider your application if you have other professional qualifications or experience.

English language requirements
See page 24.

Fees and funding
For fees see page 24 and for funding information see page 26.

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Psychological Therapies

www.ed.ac.uk/pg/931

MSc 2-6 yrs PT (for UK/EU students only)

Programme description
Each year, mental health problems such as anxiety and depression will affect one in four people, including one in 10 children, at an anticipated global cost of $1 trillion by 2030. Psychological therapies, especially cognitive-behavioural therapy (CBT) and interpersonal psychotherapy (IPT), provide a safe, effective solution to many of our most common mental health problems. This new programme provides practitioner and supervisor level training in CBT and IPT. With a special, but not exclusive, focus on childhood and adolescence, the programme is suited to practitioners working with children, youth and adults.

Individual courses are accredited by UK professional bodies, ensuring high quality standards and recognition by employers after graduation. Teaching and supervision are provided by experienced clinicians and clinical academics and the programme has close links with the NHS and community organisations to ensure you learn in a clinically informed context.

Programme structure
You will enrol on the MSc but will have the option to exit with a CBT or IPT specialism. You will complete practitioner level training in CBT or IPT, before going on to either complete practitioner level in the complementing therapy, or to specialise by completing advanced training in the same therapy. A range of course options is available, allowing you to tailor your therapeutic training towards specific populations in terms of age or condition.

Career opportunities
Graduates can expect to gain employment in clinical services or private practice as mental health practitioners. Depending on your course choices, you may be eligible for professional accreditation.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree, or its international equivalent [www.ed.ac.uk/ international/graduate-entry], in psychology, health or a related discipline. You should be in possession of a UK-recognised core professional qualification (such as nursing, special education teacher, doctor, practitioner psychologist, social worker), with substantial current, or recent, work experience with relevant populations in mental health settings, and have access to a clinical caseload. You will be responsible for accessing an appropriate placement and supervisor, which meets clinical governance standards set out by the programme. There are a limited number of supervised placement opportunities at our new on campus Psychological Therapies Centre. If you do not meet the academic entry requirements, we may consider your application on the basis of your relevant professional qualifications.

All successful applicants will be required to join Disclosure Scotland’s Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Scheme before starting the programme.

English language requirements
See page 24.

Fees and funding
For fees see page 24 and for funding information see page 26. Please note, the programme fee does not cover any additional costs associated with supervision for external or on-campus placements.

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See also...
You may be interested in programmes offered by the School of Psychology, Philosophy & Language Sciences, the School of Social & Political Science or the College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine.

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Counselling, psychotherapy and applied social sciences programmes

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Counselling

MCours 4 yrs PT (UK/EU students only)
PgCert 3 yrs PT (UK/EU students only)
PgCert Counselling Studies 3 yr PT (UK/EU students only)

Programme description

This programme aims to foster the development of critically reflective practitioners who are able to work in a variety of settings with a broad range of people. It is founded in dialogue between the person-centred and psychodynamic perspectives in counselling. The Master of Counselling is validated professionally by Counselling & Psychotherapy Scotland (COSCA) at Postgraduate Certificate and Postgraduate Diploma levels. It is a flexible, student-centred training process with a strong emphasis on practice, including a counselling placement. A distinctive feature of the MCours programme is its focus on your individual counselling practice with clients, which normally begins in Year 2.

Programme structure

Teaching and learning methods include experiential group work, supervised practice, theory seminars and independent study. A distinctive feature is the system of individual tutorials. Assessment methods combine essays, with seminar presentations, self and peer assessments, placement-based assessment, the professional portfolio and the dissertation. The programme provides a high level of student tutor contact and close supervision of both counselling practice and research, in line with professional and academic requirements.

Career opportunities

The Postgraduate Certificate in Counselling Studies enhances your career prospects in a variety of fields that use listening skills, such as healthcare, social work or education. It is also an excellent foundation for further specialist therapeutic training in the UK or abroad. In addition, the general skills you gain (such as communication, research and project management) will be of use in any professional or academic role. The Postgraduate Diploma in Counselling is a professionally accredited programme that allows you to practise counselling and psychotherapy in the UK and in other countries that recognise equivalent qualifications. Successful completion of this programme, followed by post qualification practice and supervision, enables you to apply for individual accreditation as a counsellor or psychotherapist with a UK professional body. Many employers today require masters qualifications for management positions in counselling and psychotherapy. With the Master of Counselling, you can join the many Edinburgh graduates who now hold senior positions in the field, and contribute to the development of counselling and psychotherapy in the UK and across the world. As a graduate, you could also gain employment as a counsellor and psychotherapist working in the statutory, voluntary or private sectors, or use your counselling training and allied skills in communication and project management to enhance your career in a related profession, such as healthcare, social work, nursing or education.

Entry requirements

A UK 2.1 honours degree, or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry), is required. You should demonstrate a high level of motivation through your personal statement, indicating why you wish to study counselling, and demonstrating an understanding of counselling and the capacity to reflect on personal aptitude for work in this field.

Progression from the first year of the programme requires an interview designed to determine your professional suitability. We will also consider a UK 2:2 honours degree, or its international equivalent, with a strong personal statement and relevant experience or references confirming aptitude for study at postgraduate level.

We may also consider your application if you have other professional qualifications or experience; please contact us to check before you apply. All successful applicants will be required to join Disclosure Scotland’s Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Scheme before starting the programme. In addition, all applicants who do not live in the UK, or who have spent more than a year abroad, will need to provide equivalent verification from the relevant national authority.

As this is a professional training programme, students are subject to the University’s Fitness to Practise policies and procedures.

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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Counselling (Interpersonal Dialogue)

MCours 2 yrs FT

Programme description

This programme is a two-year, full-time professionally accredited postgraduate qualification in counselling. It is an accelerated version of the well-established Master of Counselling (MCouns), which is offered over four years part-time.

The programme is specifically designed for international students, with significant professional experience in related fields, who are seeking to gain a fully accredited professional qualification in counselling in the UK. Combining academic rigour with high-quality professional training, the programme provides unique opportunities for learning and research in the field of counselling and psychotherapy.

The programme is founded in dialogue between the person-centred approach and psychodynamic perspectives in counselling. It involves substantial placement practice (internship) with counselling clients.

Programme structure

Teaching and learning methods include experiential group work, supervised practice, theory seminars and independent study. A distinctive feature is the system of individual tutorials. Assessment methods combine essays, with seminar presentations, self and peer assessments, placement-based assessment, the professional portfolio and the dissertation. The programme provides a high level of student tutor contact and close supervision of both counselling practice and research, in line with professional and academic requirements.

Career opportunities

The Master of Counselling (Interpersonal Dialogue) enables graduates to practice as counsellors or psychotherapists in the UK, and in other countries with equivalent professional and academic standards. Graduates can gain employment as counsellors and psychotherapists working in the statutory, voluntary, non-governmental and private sectors, or can use their counselling training to enhance their career in a related profession such as health care, social work, nursing or education. Increasingly, employers are seeking master qualifications from applicants for management roles in counselling and psychotherapy, and graduates will be well positioned for these opportunities.

Entry requirements

A UK 2:1 honours degree, or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry), is a subject relevant to counselling and psychotherapy. You should also have substantial relevant experience of working in helping roles in counselling or a cognate area, such as education, social work, nursing, mental health practice, applied psychology or equivalent.

We will also consider a UK 2:2 honours degree, or its international equivalent, in a subject relevant to counselling and psychotherapy with references confirming your aptitude for study at postgraduate level. If your undergraduate degree is not relevant to counselling and psychotherapy, you may be admitted at the discretion of the programme director as long as you meet the personal and professional suitability and relevant experience requirements laid down by the British professional bodies for counselling and psychotherapy. Entry is subject to passing the professional suitability review. As this is a professional training programme, students are subject to the University’s Fitness to Practise policies and processes. Please check the programme website for more information.

All successful applicants will be required to join Disclosure Scotland’s Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Scheme before starting the programme. In addition, all applicants who don’t live in the UK, or who have spent more than a year abroad, will need to provide equivalent verification from the relevant national authority.

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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See also...

You may also be interested in MSc by Research Health Humanities & Arts. See page 16 or www.ed.ac.uk/pg/952
Counselling, psychotherapy and applied social sciences (continued)

Counselling Studies

www.ed.ac.uk/pg/131

Psychotherapy & Counselling

DPsychotherapy 4yrs FT (7 yrs PT for UK/EU students only)

Programme description
This advanced professional programme meets recognised standards for psychotherapy and counselling training and education. Designed for both international and UK students, the programme provides a route to a qualification in psychotherapy and counselling at doctoral level. It contains a recognised qualification to allow you to practice as a psychotherapist or counsellor, and it combines theoretical insights from the psychodynamic and person-centred traditions with practical experience gained in a range of psychotherapy and counselling agencies and through advanced research engagement. You will be supported in this effort to provide evidence-based practice at a range of counselling agencies, including our own dedicated placement agency, Hope Park Counselling Centre, one of very few research and practice centres in the UK.

Programme structure
Teaching and learning methods include lectures, theory seminars and independent study. Assessment is through essays and the dissertation. The Postgraduate Certificate component involves experiential group work, practice skills workshops and individual tutorials, with self and peer assessment and portfolio work, complementing essay-based assessment. The programme provides a high level of student-tutor contact and close supervision of both listening practice and research, in line with professional and academic requirements.

Career opportunities
Recent graduates have found employment in psychiatry and counselling, and in counselling roles in social work, teaching and research in the UK and overseas. Others have found opportunities in fields including education, policy and research development on health and illness, and emotional health and wellbeing, often in combination with first degrees or other professional training. The programme enhances the career prospects of professionally qualified counsellors and practitioners. Many graduates undertake further specialist therapeutic training in the UK or abroad. Others enhance their careers by using newly developed conceptual, analytical and research skills to embark on doctoral research.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/ international/graduate-entry), or a UK 2.2 honours degree with a strong personal statement, relevant experience and/or references confirming your aptitude to study at this level. You should demonstrate a high level of motivation through your personal statement, indicating why you wish to study counselling and demonstrating an understanding of counselling and the capacity to reflect on personal aptitude for work in this field. We may also consider your application if you have professional qualifications equivalent to an honours degree; please contact us to check before you apply.

English language requirements
See page 24.

Fees and funding
For fees see page 24 and for funding information see page 26.

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Nursing studies programmes

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Advanced Nursing

MSc 1 yr FT (2-3 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)
PgDip 21 mths FT (UK/EU students only) Exit only
PgCert 9 mths PT (UK/EU students only) Exit only

Programme description
This programme offers advanced study for nurses working in a global context for local practice. You can choose a specific pathway in leadership, clinical research or education, or follow a flexible programme with the opportunity to study relevant courses from across the School and the wider University. Nursing, health and social care research underpins the whole programme. This programme is suitable for nurses who are registered to practice in their own country and want to critically examine the ways that evidence-based research, theory and knowledge can advance nursing in the global context. It also provides an excellent foundation for postgraduate research, such as a doctoral degree, or to advance your professional career.

The programme will provide you with the:
• advanced specialist knowledge and skills to interrogate nursing, health and social care research, scholarship and practice in the context of a globalised world;
• extensive, detailed and critical knowledge and understanding of leadership, education or clinical research;
• skills to be a professional and critically reflective practitioner able to provide evidence-based practice in a local and international context;
• advanced skills in critical analysis to work in an evolving landscape of nursing, health and social care.

Programme structure
You will study two compulsory courses, which reflect the changing context of healthcare in a digital age and focus on nurse leadership and research innovation: Nursing and Global Health Policy; Developing Your Political Leadership and Designing Faith, Health and Social Care. You will be able to take option courses in nursing or from subjects across the wider University, in accordance with your interests and career goals.

Career opportunities
This programme is suitable for nurses looking to advance into senior clinical, educational, leadership, teaching and policy roles within the healthcare service, the independent sector, academy, a professional organisation or the voluntary sector. Recent graduates are now working in a range of nursing, teaching and social care roles in the UK and overseas, and have secured promoted posts.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/ international/graduate-entry) and a nursing qualification. We may also consider your application if you have other qualifications or experience; please contact us to check before you apply.

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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Research at the School of Health in Social Science

The School has a vibrant research culture. We offer postgraduate research programmes in clinical psychology, counselling and psychotherapy, health in social science, and nursing studies.

Clinical psychology
Clinical psychology is the home of active and vibrant research groupings centred on key areas of applied and clinical psychology research, including forensic psychology, applied developmental psychology and health and behaviours. Our research involves national and international collaborations, with many projects involving NHS and voluntary sector partnerships. We have specific strengths in the areas of mindfulness and third wave approaches, eating behaviours and disorders, psychosis and complex mental health, risk and resilience in children and adolescents, psychological treatments, the digital world, violent behaviour and sexual offending.

Methodologically, we focus on cohort studies, clinical trials, development and validation of psychometric measures, and qualitative approaches. Recent successful PhD topics have included: at risk mental states in young people, the relationship between types of physical activity and mental health; and cognition in mentally ill offenders and the implications for risk of violence. For more information about research groups and programmes, please visit: [www.ed.ac.uk/health/capd](http://www.ed.ac.uk/health/capd)

For more information about our postgraduate research programmes and how to apply please visit: [www.ed.ac.uk/health/phd-msc-research](http://www.ed.ac.uk/health/phd-msc-research)

For more detailed information about potential supervisors in clinical psychology, their research interests and publications, please visit: [www.ed.ac.uk/health/clinical-psychology/people](http://www.ed.ac.uk/health/clinical-psychology/people)

Counselling, psychotherapy and applied social sciences
We specialise in qualitative, reflexive, participatory and critical approaches to research. We have particular expertise in practice-based research that draws directly on practitioners’ own therapeutic work, on client’s experience of therapy, and on narrative, reflexive and auto-ethnographic methods. We encourage research concerned with the interface between counselling, psychotherapy and social, cultural and political life. Our research is highly interdisciplinary, integrating concepts, practices and scholarship from counselling and psychotherapy, psychology, sociology, philosophy, education, cultural studies, health and social care, and other social sciences. Our interests include disability, gender, trauma, abuse, counselling children and young people, and sexualities. We also offer interdisciplinary expertise and specific research strengths in older people, dementia, integration of health and social care services, changing workforce patterns, learning disability, intensive care and pain.

We have an extensive track record in evaluation research. Recent successful PhDs include: how children express emotion in aesthetic arts curricula in primary schools; how experiencing trauma reverberates across the generations; the unseen, subtle ways in which non-verbal communication (and miscommunication) is enacted within psychotherapeutic relationships; how people with anorexia recover through psychotherapy; developing a conceptual underpinning of relationship-centred palliative dementia care; and how differing realities of hallucinations in dementia are enacted. Our inclusive research environment, emphasises developing work with wide impact and opportunities for knowledge exchange and translation across external organisations. We are involved in the Edinburgh Centre for Research on the Experience of Dementia (see next page) and the Centre for Creative-Relational Inquiry: [www.ed.ac.uk/health/ccri](http://www.ed.ac.uk/health/ccri)

Many of our research projects draw on partnership, working with bodies such as the NHS, local authorities, hospitals, care settings and voluntary organisations. We focus on innovative approaches to research and welcome projects that challenge methodological and disciplinary boundaries. We are also able to work collaboratively with other Schools and universities to provide research support. For more information, please visit: [www.ed.ac.uk/health/capd](http://www.ed.ac.uk/health/capd)

Nursing studies
With more than 60 years’ experience in the development of nursing research internationally, we welcome applications for postgraduate research. We offer a lively and enthusiastic research environment with a diverse student body and opportunities to study by a variety of research methods with committed and experienced researchers who have local, national and global reach. We have expertise in a diverse range of methodologies and theoretical approaches, as well as in leading and participating in interdisciplinary research.

PhD students normally have two supervisors, one of whom may be from a different discipline but relevant to your research interests. We supervise four main areas of study for doctoral research, which relate to our research priorities, but also welcome enquiries about research areas.

Research in the theme of social justice and health inequality focuses on people on the margins of society who experience inequitable access to healthcare and reduced opportunities to live well for a variety of reasons, including ethnicity, age, poverty, migration and gender. The priority of policy, professions and care encompasses research in current education, workforce, practice, systems (including information technology or eHealth) and patient factors at the intersection of health-related policy.

Our research work in global public health ranges from local to international. It looks at prevalence, experiences, and prevention of noncommunicable and communicable diseases, including people experiencing addiction, migrants, older people, and healthcare professionals. Research activity in the priority area of sudden interruptions in health is concerned with patient experiences of acute care with a particular focus on critical care and on older people’s care through recovery, rehabilitation and survival.

You can read more about our research at: [www.ed.ac.uk/health/nursing-studies/research](http://www.ed.ac.uk/health/nursing-studies/research)
Research opportunities

We offer three types of research programme and our five research centres build on our existing research strengths:

**PhD**
As a PhD candidate, you will pursue a research project with supervision and guidance from two supervisors, resulting in a thesis making an original contribution to knowledge. You will usually undertake research training courses that will assist in framing your project. A PhD takes three years full-time or six years part-time.

**MSc by Research**
Normally lasting one year (part-time options may be available) this is a shorter alternative to the PhD (MPhil), or a precursor to either.

**Entry requirements**
A UK 2:1 honours degree, or its international equivalent, in a relevant subject. Some programmes have additional or higher entry requirements so please check your programme's specific entry requirements online before applying. A research proposal is also required. Please visit the individual research programme webpages for advice on the required format ([www.ed.ac.uk/health/postgraduate-research](http://www.ed.ac.uk/health/postgraduate-research)). Eligible candidates will be invited to have a discussion with potential supervisors as candidates will be invited to have a postgraduate research proposal.

**Research centres**
The Centre for Applied Developmental Psychology focuses on the application of theories and models of developmental psychology in applied settings. The focus is on enhancing wellbeing, enabling recovery and understanding risk and resilience in children and young people through collaboration with partners in the NHS, voluntary organisations, education and social services. Our research includes experimental and basic scientific projects as well as applied population-based investigations and clinical trials, and influences service development and implementation and evidence-based treatments:

- [www.ed.ac.uk/health/cadp](http://www.ed.ac.uk/health/cadp)

The Centre for Homeless and Inclusion Health combines the University’s social, economic and political resources, with partners across the city, to develop a unique and dynamic centre for education, healthcare practice and research that improves the health and wellbeing of the most marginalised in society. Existing healthcare is supported to build capacity and expand GP access for homeless people. Placement opportunities engage with people who are experiencing homelessness; research ideas are co-produced by academic staff, service users and health, social care and third sector colleagues; and the health and wellbeing of homeless people in Edinburgh is improved:

- [www.ed.ac.uk/health/research/chih](http://www.ed.ac.uk/health/research/chih)

The Scottish Collaboration for Public Health Research and Policy works with policy makers, practitioners, and members of the public to develop and evaluate interventions and programmes that impact on the health of the public at local, national and global levels. These may be health service related or may impact on health in transport, education, youth work, and welfare, etc. The Collaboration has expertise in: qualitative and quantitative research; systematic reviews of qualitative and quantitative studies; theory-based intervention development; and evaluation (e.g. realist, and both experimental and quasi-experimental):

- [www.scphrp.ac.uk](http://www.scphrp.ac.uk)

The Edinburgh Centre for Research on the Experience of Dementia is an international group of dementia researchers and practitioners, people with dementia, and representatives from related organisations, exploring and developing theories, methods and impact around living with dementia. Research themes include social and emotional relationships, living and dying with dementia, design and dementia, marginalised groups, risk and resilience, and methodological developments with people who have dementia. The perspective of the person with dementia is central to our work:

- [www.ed.ac.uk/health/research/c-red](http://www.ed.ac.uk/health/research/c-red)

The Centre for Creative-Relational Inquiry focuses on qualitative research that is situated, positioned, context-sensitive, personal, experience-near, and embodied: embraces the performative and aesthetic; engages with the political, social and ethical; problematises agency, autonomy and representation; cherishes its relationship with theory, creating concepts as it goes; is dialogical and collaborative; and is explicit and curious about the inquiry process. This includes: detailed, close-up explorations of therapeutic and pedagogical relationships; the use of arts and performance as a methodological approach; inquiries that put concepts and theories to work; and research that engages practitioners and the public in and with it, creatively and relationally:

- [www.ed.ac.uk/health/ccri](http://www.ed.ac.uk/health/ccri)

**English language requirements**

**Programme Contact**
Tel +44 (0)131 651 5144
Email pgradmissions.health@ed.ac.uk

**Fees and funding**
For fees see page 24 and for funding information see page 26.

**Counselling Studies**

The MSc by Research in Counselling Studies provides students with a comprehensive understanding of research design, data collection and data analysis for research in the field of counselling and psychotherapy. It offers an advanced education to students interested in developing research skills, including qualified counselling and psychotherapy practitioners and social science researchers. You will complete a programme of research training courses and submit a dissertation on an approved topic. The MSc by Research can be taken as a stand-alone qualification or as a foundation for PhD study.

The MSc/MPhil is an advanced research programme enabling you to conduct an independent research on a topic of your choosing, thereby making a significant and original contribution to knowledge in the field of counselling and psychotherapy. For PhD study you will be assigned two supervisors with whom you will meet monthly. The second supervisor may be drawn from another discipline relevant to your research topic. In the first year, you will attend epidemiological and research methods courses. You will also attend and contribute to counselling and psychotherapy research seminars and School research student seminars throughout your studies, including the annual Counselling and Psychotherapy Postgraduate Student Research Conference. All students are encouraged to present their research at national and international conferences and to publish their research findings in relevant journals. You are also welcome to attend other selected courses in counselling and psychotherapy, as well as courses provided by other subject areas in the School, and in related disciplines across the University. Studying at a world-class institution, you will benefit from outstanding resources to support your learning on this established and recognised programme.

We welcome PhD research proposals that reflect our methodological expertise and our commitment to produce practice-relevant knowledge in the field. We recommend you approach us before making a PhD application to discuss your research ideas and to decide whether we would be able to support and supervise your research.

**English language requirements**

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**Fees and funding**
For fees see page 24 and for funding information see page 26.
**Research opportunities**

**Health in Social Science**

**PhD 3 yrs FT (6 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)**

A PhD in Health in Social Science offers a focus on innovative and cross-disciplinary health and social care research. Our staff embrace a range of academic disciplines, including sociology, geography, social anthropology, social policy and healthcare studies. From these perspectives we examine the overlapping concerns of research, policy and practice in health and social care. Broad themes in our research portfolio include ageing, dementia, intellectual disabilities, disability, care, critical care, pain, emotion, and service improvement within health and social care. We welcome projects using a range of research designs and have special interests in qualitative and collaborative research and innovative methods. We are keen to encourage research around the interface between social and cultural aspects of health, and the policy and practice contexts of healthcare delivery.

Our PhD students are supported through regular meetings with two supervisors able to provide expertise in the relevant fields of interest. All students have access to the considerable resources available across the College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences in research methods training, professional skills development, seminars and workshops. You will be encouraged to take part in the varied activities of our postgraduate research student community, including presenting your work at internal and external conferences and publishing your findings.

**English language requirements**

See page 24.

**Programme Director**

PG Research Admissions Secretary

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**Fees and funding**

For fees see page 24 and for funding information see page 26.

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**Health Humanities & Arts**

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

**Programme description**

**Nursing 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 (2-3 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

**Aims of research**

- To enhance your career in a related profession such as healthcare, social work, nursing or education. Increasingly, employers are seeking graduates with research experience to enhance your career in a related profession.
- To prepare you for a career in further research-based postdoctoral study. We are able to offer supervision in a variety of specialist areas.

**We offer PhDs by distance learning. If you're interested in studying with us this way, we're keen to investigate possibilities in some of our areas of research (see page 14).**

**Programme Contact**

PG Research Admissions Secretary

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The School of Health in Social Science is a leading provider of postgraduate education in health, health policy and related fields.

We offer taught programmes and research opportunities in nursing studies, clinical psychology, counselling and psychotherapy. We also offer programmes in interdisciplinary social sciences in health, where social scientists are collaborating across specialisms to pursue innovative new approaches to healthcare research.

In the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014 we entered three units of assessment, achieving excellent results. In psychology, psychiatry and neuroscience 87 per cent of our research was rated 4* world leading or 3* internationally excellent on the overall quality profile. In earth systems and environmental science 78 per cent of our research was rated world leading or internationally excellent and in social work and social policy 81 per cent of our research met this level. In all three units we were ranked in the UK top 5 for research power (Research Fortnight REF 2014). Our varied postgraduate offering includes a wide range of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) courses. Learning and teaching includes face-to-face and online methods, with many courses including Socratic modes of discussion and critique to promote deep exploration of topics.

Our research impacts on international and national policy, such as the National Dementia Strategy and the Scottish Tobacco Control Strategy, and our many national and international partnerships and collaborations allow us to regularly welcome renowned practitioners and researchers from across the world. Our research awards include funding from the European Union, the Medical Research Council, the Economic and Social Research Council, and the National Health Service in England and Scotland. Our research centres provide a critical mass of senior academic and early career academics, together with very active groups of PhD students – these centres include the Edinburgh Centre for Research on the Experiences of Dementia, the Centre for Creative Relational Inquiry, and the Centre for Applied Developmental Psychology. In addition, School staff are Directors in the Centre for Homelessness and Inclusion Health, working with the local community and existing health services for people experiencing homelessness in Edinburgh, and are Co-Directors in the cross-University Centre for Research on Families and Relationships and the Centre for Dementia Prevention.

The School strives to balance its professional strengths and identities with the interdisciplinary, creating The Hub – a space for innovation in teaching and in research across the School. We seek to provide an environment of work and learning in which all students and all staff thrive – providing a wide range of seminars and lectures by our own staff or visiting academics.

**Clinical psychology**

Our taught programmes and research focus on the development and understanding of, and intervention for, psychological difficulties across the lifespan. Our main areas of teaching are the professional training programmes Doctorate of Clinical Psychology (DClinPsych) and MSc Applied Psychology for Children & Young People. We have a strong ethos of research-based teaching and integrate doctoral-level study into our taught programmes.

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**Counselling, psychotherapy and applied social sciences**

We provide a comprehensive range of taught and research programmes in counselling and psychotherapy, including the Postgraduate Certificate in Counselling Studies and the Postgraduate Diploma in Counselling. We offer MSc and research programmes, as well as short CPD courses for counsellors and other professionals. Our taught counselling and psychotherapy programmes are based on a unique dialogue between contemporary, person-centred approaches and psychodynamic perspectives specifically object-relations theory. You will be taught by experienced practitioners, many of whom have published in the field. Our teaching is founded on the belief that effective learning is not just cognitive, but encompasses emotional, intellectual, and visceral or embodied aspects.

We develop competent, reflexive practitioner researchers who are capable of improving the wellbeing of communities and contributing to our knowledge and understanding of counselling and related helping professions.

We also bring together social scientists from disciplines including sociology, geography, social policy and healthcare studies, to collaborate across research fields in health policy and practice. We collaborate within our School, with other schools across the University and with experts in the field nationally and internationally.

**Nursing studies**

Nursing studies at the University of Edinburgh have consistently ranked at the top of the league tables for more than 10 years including in the Guardian University Guide and UK Good University Guide.

Our postgraduates are highly regarded throughout the world. We have a vision of strengthening nurse education to meet clinical need, building nurse research capacity and capability to deliver evidence-based care, and working with nurses to develop them as future nurse leaders both in the UK and internationally.

We offer taught and research postgraduate programmes that may be taken on a full-time or part-time basis. Our Innovative MSc Advanced Nursing is aimed at nurses looking to advance into senior clinical, educational and teaching roles. We offer CPD courses that can be studied as stand-alone courses to support you in your career, or to accrue credit towards postgraduate qualifications.
Facilities and resources

Your postgraduate experience will take place at the heart of our historic Central Area, with easy access to all University facilities, including the Main Library on George Square, where you’ll find more than two million printed volumes and generous electronic resources.

The School of Health in Social Science is located in the refurbished northwest wing of the 19th-century McEwan Hall building, designed by Sir Robert Rowand Anderson, which forms part of the magnificent Dr Elsie Inglis Quadrangle, in the University’s Central Area, with easy access to the whole city (see Campus map, page 28).

The School is fully accessible, featuring well-equipped teaching rooms, as well as a large and bright study room, specifically designed for postgraduate students. Individual workspaces are equipped with a computer, or connection for your own laptop, and all computers are loaded with a variety of software tools for research purposes. Every postgraduate research student has access to lockable storage space and modern kitchen facilities. The study area for postgraduate research students is available 24 hours a day. Social space for more relaxed discussion, or just a chance to unwind and catch up with the latest news, is available for all postgraduate students and staff. Wi-fi is available across the School and the University.

The School operates the Hope Park Counselling Centre, which offers counselling to individuals and couples over the age of 16 and living in Edinburgh. It is a practice and research centre for qualified counsellors and counsellors in training. The School also has an on-campus therapist training centre for psychological therapies. Trainees provide therapy (under supervision) for members of the local community. Researchers work with the Centre to better understand which therapies work.

University facilities

The University’s Main Library, only a few minutes’ walk from the School, holds one of the world’s most comprehensive ranges of books and journals, relevant to all our disciplines. Postgraduate students of the School of Health in Social Science can also access the extensive resources of the National Library of Scotland: a copyright library, entitled to receive a copy of every book published in the UK and Ireland. Again, it is located only a few minutes’ walk from the School.

Within the University, there are more than 1,400 open-access computers, with computing suites – including several with 24-hour access – located throughout our campuses. On joining us you will receive a University email account and unlimited access to computing facilities. Refresher or introductory training needs can be met by the University’s Information Services support. You will also have access to a substantial range of e-journals, through the University’s subscriptions, from wherever you wish to work. You can read, download and print these, either from a University-networked computer or from home. Books acquired by the University in the past 25 years are catalogued online and this catalogue can be accessed via the various terminals throughout the University.

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 1st-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.
The School’s ethos of interdisciplinary co-working, under the broad rubric of health, affords excellent opportunities for students undertaking taught or research programmes.

Postgraduate students in our School are welcomed into a dynamic and thriving community engaged in a range of activities. Seminars, workshops and other events take place both within subject groups and across the whole School, and are open to all students.

All our postgraduates can draw on the expertise, knowledge base and research traditions of a broad range of health-related disciplines, brought together under one roof.

Our research will often involve collaboration with colleagues in other social science disciplines, not only across the University but across the world. The Clinical Psychology section is an expanding part of the School, where staff and students work closely together on topics that cover the whole of the life span. Nursing Studies is a long-established and world-leading centre of excellence for nursing, healthcare and health-related policy and practice. The Counselling, Psychotherapy and Applied Social Sciences section is at the forefront of the development of counselling as a professional activity and has a substantive programme of social scientific research of international standing. Our interdisciplinary intent means that we draw together social scientists with a shared focus on the overlapping concerns of research, policy and practice in health and social care. Overall, the School offers entry into an international community of researchers and teachers at the cutting edge of healthcare and its constituent professions.

New postgraduate research students join a lively and supportive community of peers, offering both student-led and staff-led activities. With their own seminar series, workshops, annual conference and summer event, as well as a social programme, our research students find themselves well-placed to develop their potential and their skills in a congenial atmosphere and alongside other leading researchers of the future.

Community

Employability and graduate attributes

Institute for Academic Development

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

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

For taught postgraduates, 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, as well as support for tutoring and demonstrating, and public engagement and communication.

Careers Service

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

We provide high-quality, tailored support to all students, from exploring career options to making decisions, from CV writing to interview practice, from Employability 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/iad/postgraduates

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

Backing bright ideas

Edinburgh Innovations, the University’s commercialisation service, offers free support to student entrepreneurs including one-to-one business advice and a range of workshops, bootcamps, competitions and networking events. Successful recent clients include David Hunter, inventor of the performance-tracking golf watch Shot Scope; Orfeas Boteas, creator of the Dehumaniser sound effects software used by Hollywood movies and blockbuster video games; and Enactus Edinburgh, a team of student social entrepreneurs who represented the UK in the Enactus World Cup with their local and international projects.

More information: www.ed.ac.uk/backingbrightideas

www.ed.ac.uk/health
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.

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 entrance requirement for postgraduate study is a UK 2:1 degree, or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/ international/graduate-entry), in a subject related to your chosen programme. We expect you to have a good understanding of the field you propose to study and at least some relevant work experience.

We welcome applicants with professional qualifications and/or experience for many of our taught programmes. You will also need to meet the University’s language requirements (see right). Some programmes require you to join Disclosure Scotland’s Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Scheme before the programme starts. Applicants who don’t live in the UK, or who have spent more than a year abroad, will need to provide equivalent verification from the relevant national authority. Entry requirements for individual programmes can vary, so check the details online 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 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. Earlier application is recommended, particularly where there is a high demand for places or when a visa will be required. If you wish to submit a late application, please contact us for guidance.

English language requirements
You must demonstrate a level of English language competency at a level that will enable you to succeed in your studies, regardless of your nationality or country of residence. We accept the following English language qualifications at the grades specified:

- IELTS: total 7.0 (at least 6.5 in each module).
- TOEFL: total 100 (at least 23 in each module).
- PTE Academic: total 67 (at least 56 in each of the Communicative Skills sections).
- CAE and CPE: total 185 (at least 176 in each module).
- Trinity ISE: ISE III (with a pass in all four components).

Advanced Nursing; Counselling; Counselling Studies (MSc) (IELTS: total 6.5 (at least 6.0 in each module).
- TOEFL: total 92 (at least 20 in each module).
- PTE Academic: total 61 (at least 56 in each of the Communicative Skills sections).
- CAE and CPE: total 176 (at least 169 in each module).
- Trinity ISE: ISE II (with distinctions 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
- Your English language qualification must be no more than three and a half years old at the beginning of your programme, unless you are using IELTS, TOEFL, PTE Academic or Trinity ISE, 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 on our website. If you are not a native of a majority English speaking country, your degree must be no more than three and a half years old at the beginning of your programme of study.
- 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 – Pearson Test of English; CPE – Certificate of Proficiency in English; CAE – Certificate in Advanced English; Trinity ISE – Integrated Skills in English.

Tuition fees
The following table provides an overview of indicative fee levels for programmes commencing in 2020.

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 2020, is available online. This includes our tuition fee rates and scholarship opportunities: www.ed.ac.uk/ student-funding/asylum

Online Learning
Information about our online learning provision is available online.

Tuition fees for EU students
EU students enrolling in the 2020/21 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

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* Figure shown is the 2019/20 fee level
All other fees quoted are indicative of 2020/21 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
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Shruti Chaudhry, PhD Sociology, Edinburgh Global Research Scholarship and College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences Research Studentship

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

Scholarships

- College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences Studentships and Scholarships
- Edinburgh Global Research Scholarships
- NHS Education Scotland

Principal’s Career Development PhD Scholarships

These provide a valuable opportunity for PhD students to undertake training and skills development and offer opportunities in areas such as teaching, public engagement, entrepreneurship, data science, and research. Each award covers the UK tuition fee and a stipend: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/development

Research council awards

Research councils offer awards to masters and PhD students in most of the Schools within the University of Edinburgh. All scholarships 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.

- The Canada Student Loans Program
- Erasmus+
- Postgraduate Doctoral Loans England
- Postgraduate Doctoral Loans Wales
- Postgraduate Doctoral Loans (PGL) England
- Postgraduate Doctoral Loans (PGL) Northern Ireland
- Postgraduate Loans (SAAS) Scotland and EU

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.

- Canada Student Loans
- Erasmus+
- Postgraduate Doctoral Loans England
- Postgraduate Doctoral Loans Wales
- Postgraduate Doctoral Loans (PGL) England
- Postgraduate Doctoral Loans (PGL) Northern Ireland
- Postgraduate Loans (SAAS) Scotland and EU
- Postgraduate Master’s Finance Wales
- Postgraduate Loans (PGL) Wales
- Postgraduate Loans (PGL) Northern Ireland
- Commonwealth Scholarships
- Marshall Scholarships (USA)
- Chevening Scholarships
- US Student 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.

- Marshall Scholarships (USA)
- Chevening Scholarships
- Commonwealth Scholarships
- 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
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