Postgraduate Opportunities 2020

History, Classics & Archaeology

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Ian Rankin
Best-selling author and alumnus
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For more than 400 years the University of Edinburgh has been changing the world. Our staff and students have explored space, won Nobel Prizes and revolutionised surgery. They’ve published era-defining books, run the country, made life-saving breakthroughs and laid the foundations to solve the mysteries of the universe.

Our distinguished alumni include NASA astronaut Piers Sellers, former MI5 Director-General Dame Stella Rimington, Olympians Sir Chris Hoy and Dame Katherine Grainger and historical greats such as philosopher David Hume, suffragist Chrystal Macmillan, who founded the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom, and physicist and mathematician James Clerk Maxwell.

International collaboration
An internationally renowned centre for academic excellence, we forge world-class collaborations with partners such as the California Institute of Technology (Caltech), Stanford University, the University of Melbourne, Peking University, the University of Delhi and the University of KwaZulu-Natal. As a member of the League of European Research Universities and the Coimbra Group, we link up with leading institutions across Europe.

Linking research and commerce
We were one of the first UK universities to develop commercial links with industry, government and the professions. Edinburgh Innovations promotes and commercialises our research excellence and can assist you in taking the first step to market, through collaborative research, licensing technology or consultancy.

Enhancing your career
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 20th in the 2020 QS World University Rankings.

4th
We’re ranked fourth in the UK for research power, based on the 2014 Research Excellence Framework.*

83%
The majority of our research – 83 per cent – is considered world leading or internationally excellent.*

TOP 100
We are ranked in the top 10 in the UK and in the top 100 in the world for the employability of our graduates.†

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

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

22nd
We’re ranked 22nd in the world’s most international universities.‡ Since 2010, we have taught students from more than 160 countries.

* 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 masters programmes

History programmes

American History

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

Programme description
This programme allows you to explore American history in the sense of the whole hemisphere of the Americas. You will take a comparative or transnational approach to the history of the Americas, and will be able to study some countries and regions in more depth. Our exceptional range of historians of the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean, allows us to provide courses and research supervision on an array of topics and time periods, from the American Revolution to comparative slavery, from the Latin American dictatorships to US Cold War foreign policy. You’ll take various seminar-style courses while developing your own research project in consultation with our internationally-recognized historians.

English language requirements
(A UK 2:1 honours degree or other international equivalent)

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or other international equivalent, in a subject related to this programme. Relevant experience or professional, or other, qualifications will also be considered.

Career opportunities
Our students view the programme and a graduate degree from Edinburgh as an advanced qualification valued and respected by many employers. Others are interested in pursuing long-term academic careers and therefore consider the MSc as preparation for a PhD. The combination of specialised skills training courses and seminars, and the opportunity for independent research provides you with transferable skills that will be beneficial whatever path you choose. Graduates pursue work in related areas such as museums, policy think tanks, national and international civil services, non-governmental organisations, archives, libraries, and historic services, providing you with transferable skills that will be beneficial whatever path you choose. Graduates pursue work in related areas such as museums, policy think tanks, national and international civil services, non-governmental organisations, archives, libraries, and historic services, underlining the increasing globalisation of our recent past. The MSc makes use of Edinburgh’s unique archival and bibliographical resources – the National Archives of Scotland, the National Library of Scotland, the University’s library and archives – and is enriched by the city’s key role in current British politics. Additionally, with our close association to the Centre for the Study of Modern and Contemporary History, Edinburgh is a wonderful environment for contemporary scholarship.

Contemporary History

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

Programme description
Has the end of the Cold War created a new world order? Has the fall of the Berlin Wall inaugurated a new Europe? Has 9/11 changed our world and the character of our democracies forever? Are we facing a ‘clash of cultures’ in the Middle East? Is American power declining and being replaced by new players on the world stage? This MSc allows you to explore such questions critically and analytically while discovering how the recent past shaped the modern world.

English language requirements
(A UK 2:1 honours degree or other international equivalent)

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or other international equivalent, in a subject related to this programme.

Career opportunities
This is an advanced qualification, valued and respected by employers and also suitable as preparation for a PhD and a long-term academic career. The combination of skills training, specialised seminars and independent research provides you with transferable skills that will be beneficial whatever path you choose. Graduates pursue work in related areas such as museums, policy think tanks, national and international civil services, non-governmental organisations, archives, libraries, and historic trusts. Others enter business, media, public administration or marketing.

Fees and funding
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For more detailed information on the courses typically available.

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Programme structure
You’ll take two semesters of small-group seminar-style courses then apply your independent research skills to your supervised dissertation. Be creative; our broad expertise means we’re open to almost any interest.

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Fees and funding
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Key FT: Full time. PT: Part time.

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English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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Key FT: Full time. PT: Part time.
### Intellectual History

**Programme description**
Ideas and patterns of thought have always been, and continue to be, subject to historical change. The ways in which they change, and the reasons why they do so, make for fascinating study. In this comprehensive programme, you’ll be introduced to the principal methodologies of intellectual history. You will also have the opportunity to explore particular themes in intellectual history, developing a detailed understanding of their origins, historical circumstances and implications. By the end of the programme you will have the tools to contribute to and understand the interdependence of text and context and the importance of ideas in past and present, as well as the ability to research effectively and present your work with confidence.

**Programme structure**
You will take a variety of seminar-style courses in small groups. Most courses are assessed by means of an extended piece of written work, although some courses, including at least two language options or skills-based courses, will cover Europe and the Mediterranean.

**Career opportunities**
Our students view the programme and a graduate degree from Edinburgh as an advanced qualification valued and respected by many employers. Some students are interested in pursuing long-term academic careers and therefore consider the MSc as preparation for a PhD. The combination of skills training courses, specialised seminars, and independent research provides you with transferable skills that will be beneficial whatever path you choose.

**COMPULSORY AND OPTION COURSES:**

#### Compulsory courses
- You will complete four compulsory courses, and a further four options from a wide range on offer. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

#### Option courses
- You will complete two compulsory courses and select a further four options from a wide range on offer. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

**Fees and funding**
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**Entry requirements**
A UK 2:1 honours degree or other international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry), in a subject related to this programme. Relevant experience or professional, or other, qualifications will also be considered.

### Medieval History

**Programme description**
In this programme, you will take an in-depth look at the fascinating history of medieval Europe and the Mediterranean and develop your own specialised interests. Through small, seminar-based classes, and specialised training you will develop knowledge of the principal categories of surviving evidence and the technical skills needed to analyse it. You will also learn the value of an interdisciplinary approach to medieval research with opportunities to enrol for relevant courses in other parts of the University.

**Programme structure**
You will take a variety of seminar-style courses in small groups. Most courses are assessed by means of an extended piece of written work, while some courses may also assess non-written skills. You will then complete an independent research dissertation and will be assigned a supervisor from the outset.

**COMPULSORY AND OPTION COURSES:**

#### Compulsory courses
- You will complete two compulsory courses and select a further four options from a wide range on offer. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

#### Option courses
- You will complete two compulsory courses and select a further four options from a wide range on offer. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

**Fees and funding**
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**Entry requirements**
A UK 2:1 honours degree or other international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry), in a subject related to this programme.

**English language requirements**
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**Programme description**
This programme can be taken at your own pace and can be completed in a period of between one and six years. You can exit the programme at any stage with the qualification you have earned which is determined by the number of credits successfully achieved at the required level. You will be examined through a combination of coursework and discussion forum tasks, source reviews, article reviews or recordings of oral presentations. To complete the MSc you will undertake independent research in the form of a supervised dissertation.

#### Year 1
Many students balance their studies alongside other commitments and the programme provides you with transferable skills that will be beneficial whatever path you choose.

#### Year 2
Graduates pursue work in related areas such as museums, policy think tanks, national and international civil services, non-governmental organisations, galleries, libraries and historic trusts whilst others build on the transferable skills gained and enter areas as diverse as business, media, public administration and marketing.

**Entry requirements**
A UK 2:1 honours degree or other international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry), in a subject related to this programme. Relevant experience or professional, or other, qualifications will also be considered.

**Fees and funding**
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**Entry requirements**
A UK 2:1 honours degree or other international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry), in a subject related to this programme.
History programmes (continued)

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Scottish History

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

Programme description
Taught by one of the largest groups of specialist Scottish historians found at any university, this programme is world leading. It offers an unrivalled range of courses that explore Scotland's past across a broad period – from the early medieval period to contemporary developments – and Scotland's place in a comparative and global context. The sense of place that has been at the centre of history teaching at the University since the Sir William Fraser Chair of Scottish History and Palaeography was established in 1901. You'll have access to some of the most impressive archival collections in the UK, including our Centre for Research Collections and the nationally significant collections held by the National Library of Scotland and the National Records of Scotland, both of which are nearby.

Programme structure
You will take a variety of seminar-style courses in small groups. Most courses are assessed by means of an extended piece of written work, while some courses may also assess non-written skills. You will then complete an independent research dissertation and will be assigned a supervisor from the outset.

COMPULSORY AND OPTION COURSES:
You will complete three compulsory courses and select a further three options from a wide range of subjects on offer. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

Career opportunities
Our students view the programme and a graduate degree from Edinburgh as an advanced qualification valued and respected by many employers. Some students are interested in pursuing long-term academic careers and therefore consider the MSc as preparation for a PhD. The combination of skills training courses, specialised seminars, and independent research provides you with transferable skills that will be beneficial whatever path you choose. Graduates pursue work in related areas such as museums, policy think tanks, national and international civil services, non-governmental organisations, galleries, libraries and historic trusts while others build on the transferable skills gained and enter areas as diverse as business, media, public administration and marketing.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or other international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry), in history or another humanities or social science subject with a significant historical component (not necessarily Scottish).

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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See also...
You may also be interested in programmes offered by other Schools within the University, particularly Edinburgh College of Art or the Schools of Divinity; Literatures, Languages & Cultures; or Social & Political Science.

www.ed.ac.uk/studying/prospectus-request

Classics programmes

www.ed.ac.uk/pg/917

Ancient History

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

Programme description
This programme gives you the opportunity to study ancient history at an advanced level, developing the opportunity to explore the human past from early prehistory to late antiquity, taking advantage of Edinburgh's wide range of expertise in archaeology and classics. The programme will help you to develop the kind of deep knowledge and understanding of ancient history that can help you think critically and communicate effectively. Our graduates in Classics are now putting their skills to use as tutors, archivists, writers, editors and civil servants.

Programme structure
Most teaching takes place in small-group seminars and the programme is designed to allow both breadth of coverage and specialisation. The specialised compulsory course will provide you with the key methodological and practical skills required of researchers in all classical subjects, while the options offer a large degree of flexibility, allowing you to develop or consolidate your language skills and explore a diverse range of historical topics in depth. Independent research, in the form of a dissertation, forms a substantial component of the programme, challenging you to build on the material and approaches covered in the taught courses and develop your research skills.

COMPULSORY AND OPTION COURSES:
You will complete one compulsory course and select a further three skills courses and an additional two options from a wide range on offer. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

Career opportunities
Graduates typically find employment in a variety of ways or branch into related or different fields, while maintaining a lifelong interest in the study of ancient cultures and civilisations.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or other international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry), in a subject related to this programme, normally classics, classical civilization, ancient history or classical archaeology. Relevant experience or professional, or other, qualifications will also be considered.

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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Ancient Worlds (Archaeology & Classics)

MSc 2-4 yrs PT

Programme description
This unique online MSc is a combined archaeology and classics programme, developed at an advanced level, developing the opportunity to explore the human past from early prehistory to late antiquity, taking advantage of Edinburgh’s wide range of expertise in archaeology and classics. The programme will help you to develop the kind of deep knowledge and understanding of ancient history that can help you think critically and communicate effectively. Our graduates in Classics are now putting their skills to use as tutors, archivists, writers, editors and civil servants.

Programme structure
This programme can be taken at your own pace and can be completed in a period of between two and four years. Should you decide to exit the programme early, you could obtain a PgDip or PgCert depending on the number of credits you have successfully achieved. There are a range of different types of coursework by which you will be assessed, including essays, discussion forum posts, archaeological reports on objects and sites, source and article reviews, and/or oral recordings of your own presentations. To complete the MSc you will undertake independent research in the form of a supervised dissertation on a topic related to archaeology and/or classics. Your precise topic/research question will be formed in discussion with academic staff.

Many students balance their studies alongside other commitments and the programme’s flexible structure supports this, allowing you to take up to two full semesters, in which you remain a student but take no courses.

COMPULSORY AND OPTION COURSES:
You will complete one compulsory course and select a further five options from a wide range on offer. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

Career opportunities
This programme helps to provide a solid foundation from which you could apply for postgraduate study at PhD level. You will have the opportunity to gain a range of practical skills and academic experience, in a variety of contexts. Examples of career paths could include: higher education, and various roles in the heritage, travel or tourism sectors (some may require further training). You may develop your own career pathway in unusual ways or branch into related or different fields, while maintaining a lifelong interest in archaeology and the ancient world.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or other international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry), in a subject related to this programme, normally classics, classical civilization, ancient history or classical archaeology. Relevant experience or professional, or other, qualifications will also be considered.

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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Key FT: Full time. PT: Part time.

www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry

For more detailed information on the courses typically available.
Classics programmes (continued)

www.ed.ac.uk/pg/141

Classical Art & Archaeology

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

Programme description
This programme studies the ancient Greek and Roman worlds from the Iron Age to the late Roman and early Christian period through their material remains including sculpture, funerary art, topography and visual cultures. Focusing on the ancient Mediterranean world, broadly defined, you’ll explore not only the archaeology of Greece and Rome but also the Near East and north-western Europe. Throughout our interdisciplinary approach, you’ll also be able to work with staff from all areas of the School. Several members of classics have ongoing excavations in Italy, Georgia and Macedonia, which students are welcome to attend. The programme aims to familiarise you with the various methods used in the study of classics, enabling you to work in a manner that is theoretically and methodologically engaged.

Programme structure
We offer a range of courses, which has been designed to reflect the research interests of our lecturers and help you develop a particular topic of interest for your dissertation.

COMPULSORY AND OPTION COURSES:
You will complete one compulsory course and select a further three skills courses and an additional two options from a wide range on offer. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

Career opportunities
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Programme description
This programme will give you the opportunity to study specific periods and regions of classical civilization, analyse the literary legacy of its texts, and develop your language skills in Greek and Latin. Drawing on the diverse interests of our academic staff (which number more than 20 in this area), the programme content is highly flexible, allowing you to choose a specialised path or a more interdisciplinary approach. We have specialists in the central areas of Greek and Latin literature and thought, Greek and Roman history, and Classical art and archaeology. We also take a broad view of the discipline with, for example, expertise in late antiquity, and reception history. We provide opportunities for you to hear from distinguished speakers in the weekly classics research seminar series and to share your research with your peers at the classics graduate seminar. Studying classics in Edinburgh is the perfect marriage, known as the Athens of the North, Edinburgh is a stunningly beautiful city with a worldwide reputation as a cultural and academic capital.

Programme structure
The modular structure of the programme allows you to concentrate on areas of particular interest while still providing breadth of coverage. Your required course in classics research methods and skills equips you with the independent skills you need to complete your dissertation.

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Programme description
This programme provides an exceptional selection of linguistic and disciplinary expertise in the study of the late antique, Islamic and Byzantine worlds, embracing archaeology, art history, history, languages and literatures, and auxiliary disciplines such as paleography, numismatics, and sigillography. It preserves the ability to study the following source languages: Greek, Latin, Arabic, and/or Hebrew. This programme provides you with excellent preparation for graduate research in historical, archaeological, literary or art-historical topics focusing on the Mediterranean and western Asia in late antiquity and the early middle ages, as well as on the entire span of Byzantine history. You will have access to the expertise of academics who are all passionate about their area of study. Drawn from several schools across the University and brought together in the Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, the team comprises specialists in the various branches of late antique, Islamic and Byzantine studies.

Programme structure
The MSc comprises seminars, language classes and tutorials, which will include seminar discussion and debate, presentation to peers, and directed and independent reading, as well as interactive language teaching.

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Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or other international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/internationalgraduate-entry), in a subject related to this programme, preferably classics, classical civilization, ancient history or classical archaeology.

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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**Archaeology**

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

**Programme description**
This programme is taught by experts and specialists in fields such as European, Mediterranean, science-based and theoretical archaeology. It offers a range of courses and allows you to tailor your studies to suit your interests and take advantage of the experience of our staff, and those in related programmes in history, classics and geography. You will develop an in-depth understanding of archaeology and its links with the historical, social and natural sciences, as well as the practice of archaeology within and outside an academic setting, incorporating skills and training. The programme prepares you for a professional role in archaeology or further study at doctoral level. We have excellent facilities: dedicated study space, archaeological and computing laboratories, and teaching and reference collections. Edinburgh is ideal for archaeological study and research, allowing you to benefit from the presence of national and local institutions and heritage agencies, such as the excellent archaeological collections of the National Museum of Scotland, the archival and bibliographic resources of Historic Environment Scotland, and the presence of staff in several archaeological companies.

**Programme structure**
Our wide-ranging programme encompasses theory, methodology and practice. You will undertake a varied schedule of learning, including lectures, seminars, practicals, and individual supervisions. We help you to develop your research interests and choose a suitable dissertation topic.

**Optional and option courses:**
You will complete two compulsory courses and select a further four options from a wide range on offer. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

**Career opportunities**
Archaeology graduates can follow a variety of career options. The programme equips you to go on to advanced study, and also provides a solid foundation for a career. You will gain practical as well as academic experience, teamworking and analytical skills, and will be able to work in a variety of contexts. Examples of career paths available to archaeology graduates (although some may require additional training) include: higher education, heritage management and agencies, commercial archaeology, teaching, tourism industry, broadcasting and the police. An archaeology degree does not restrict you to a career in archaeology.

**Entry requirements**
A UK 2:1 honours degree or other international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/internationalgraduate-entry), in a subject related to this programme, preferably archaeology or classical archaeology, or another degree or combined degree in which archaeology figures prominently (such as anthropology in the case of applicants from the USA). Relevant experience or professional, or other, qualifications will also be considered.

**English language requirements**
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**Fees and funding**
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**European Archaeology**

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

**Programme description**
This programme lets you explore the richness of European archaeology, a region that presents innumerable opportunities for archaeological research, thorough examination of a wide range of periods, geographical areas and themes. The flexible programme lets you tailor your individual studies to suit your interests and take advantage of the experience of our staff, as well as those in related programmes in history, classics and geography. You will develop an understanding of European archaeology, with an emphasis on European prehistory, and a knowledge of topics including contemporary theoretical perspectives, methodologies and practice. This programme incorporates transferable skills and training, while preparing you for a professional role in archaeology or further study at doctoral level. The School has excellent facilities: dedicated study space, archaeological and computing laboratories, and teaching and reference collections. The city of Edinburgh is ideal for archaeological study and research, allowing you to benefit from national and local institutions and heritage agencies, such as the excellent archaeological collections of the National Museum of Scotland, the archival and bibliographic resources of Historic Environment Scotland, and the presence of staff in several commercial archaeology companies.

**Programme structure**
You will combine lectures, seminars, practicals, essays, research projects and one-to-one meetings in all areas of archaeology. You will then complete a dissertation on an approved subject of your choice.

**Optional and option courses:**
You will complete one compulsory course and select a further five options from a wide range on offer. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

**Career opportunities**
Archaeology graduates can follow a variety of career options. The programme equips you to go on to advanced study, and also provides a solid foundation for a career. You will gain practical as well as academic experience, teamworking and analytical skills, and will be able to work in a variety of contexts. Examples of career paths available to archaeology graduates (although some may require additional training) include: higher education, heritage management and agencies, commercial archaeology, teaching, tourism industry, broadcasting and the police. An archaeology degree does not restrict you to a career in archaeology.

**Entry requirements**
A UK 2:1 honours degree or other international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/internationalgraduate-entry), in a subject related to this programme, preferably archaeology or classical archaeology, or another degree or combined degree in which archaeology figures prominently (such as anthropology in the case of applicants from the USA). Relevant experience or professional, or other, qualifications will also be considered.

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**Human Osteoarchaeology**

**MSC 1 yr FT**

**Programme description**

Human skeletal remains are the most direct evidence of past lifeways and their scientific investigation gives unique insights into human history. Bioarchaeology (the study of archaeological human remains) is an exciting field that draws on a variety of techniques, ranging from visual examination of the whole skeleton to the biomolecular analysis of small bone samples. Demographic shifts, environmental changes, migrations, the spread of diseases and the impact of violence and conflict all leave traces on the skeleton. This MSC provides the skills required to understand skeletal biographies and interpret them in their cultural context at the individual and the population level. Combining theoretical learning with hands-on practice, we will provide you with the theoretical knowledge and practical skills essential to your handling and analysis of specimens recovered from archaeological sites.

**Programme structure**

Throughout the programme, you’ll take part in lectures, seminars and practical work with archaeological skeletal assemblies and reference collections. Drawing on Edinburgh’s long history in the study of the human body, you will also have the opportunity to visit Surgeons’ Hall Museum and the University’s anatomy department, which provide unique collections of pathological and anatomical study specimens. You will be assessed through reports, lab exams, oral and poster presentations, and essays. You will also submit a dissertation on a research topic of your choosing. Past dissertations have ranged from experimental projects on violence in prehistory to dietary studies of Chalcolithic Turkey and considerations of disease and impairment in post-medieval England.

**COMPULSORY AND OPTION COURSES:**

You will complete six compulsory courses and select one further option from a range of courses on offer. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

**Career opportunities**

Examples of career paths available to archaeology graduates (although some may require additional training) include: higher education, heritage management and agencies, commercial archaeology, teaching, tourism industry, and broadcasting. An archaeology degree does not, of course, restrict you to a career in archaeology. You will gain practical as well as academic experience, teamworking and analytical skills, and will be able to work in a variety of contexts. Examples of career paths available to archaeology graduates (although some may require additional training) include: higher education, heritage management and agencies, commercial archaeology, teaching, tourism industry, broadcasting and the police. An archaeology degree does not restrict you to a career in archaeology.

**Entry requirements**

A UK 2:1 honours degree or other international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry), in a relevant subject, such as archaeology, anthropology, anatomy, medical sciences and related fields. No previous knowledge of human osteology is required. We will also consider relevant experience or professional, or other, qualifications.

**English language requirements**

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**Fees and funding**

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Owing to its popularity, there are restrictions on the numbers we can admit to this programme, so we strongly recommend that you submit your application by the end of February 2020, particularly if you are also applying for funding or will require a visa. We may consider later applications if we have places available.

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**Mediterranean Archaeology**

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

**Programme description**

The area around the Mediterranean presents many opportunities for archaeological research. This MSC allows you to explore the region through the examination of periods, geographical areas and themes. You will be encouraged to make use of contemporary theoretical approaches, hone your skills in current methodologies and take advantage of the specialist fields and periods of study that our staff, and those in History and classics, can offer. You will develop an understanding of specific regions and periods, current theories, methodologies and major research issues, all of which provide the basis for a PhD or future participation in excavation, survey and/or lab work. Edinburgh is ideal for archaeological study and research, allowing you to benefit from national and local institutions and heritage agencies, such as the excellent collections of the National Museum of Scotland, the archival and bibliographic resources of Historic Environment Scotland, and the presence of staff in commercial companies.

**Programme structure**

You will take a variety of seminar-style courses in small groups while developing your own research project, in the form of the dissertation, on an approved subject of your choice.

**COMPULSORY AND OPTION COURSES:**

You will complete one compulsory course and select a further five options from a wide range on offer. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

**Career opportunities**

This programme equips you to go on to advanced study and provides a solid foundation for a career. You will gain practical as well as academic experience, teamworking and analytical skills, and will be able to work in a variety of contexts. Examples of career paths available to archaeology graduates (although some may require additional training) include: higher education, heritage management and agencies, commercial archaeology, teaching, tourism industry, broadcasting and the police. An archaeology degree does not restrict you to a career in archaeology.

**Entry requirements**

A UK 2:1 honours degree or other international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry), in a subject related to this programme, preferably archaeology or classical archaeology, or another degree or combined degree in which archaeology figures prominently (such as anthropology in the case of applicants from the USA). Relevant experience or professional, or other, qualifications will also be considered.

**English language requirements**

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**Fees and funding**

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Research at the School of History, Classics & Archaeology

We enjoy an active research culture across the three areas of history, classics and archaeology. As one of the world’s largest academic centres in this field, we have an active research culture and provide expertise in an extremely broad range of areas within each of the three disciplines.

Our research quality was validated in the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014. We had 83.7 per cent of our research in history and 67.1 per cent of our research in classics rated 4* world leading or 3* internationally excellent in the overall quality profile. In both areas we were ranked in the top five universities in the UK by power research (Research Fortnight REF 2014). We host around 80 core researchers and many members of the School have strong public roles, recognised through a wide range of external funding, prizes and awards.

History
We are one of the largest and most vibrant communities of historians in the UK. More than 60 researchers, whose interests and expertise span three millennia and an unusually broad range of methodologies, work with our postgraduate community across our Centre for the Study of Modern Contemporary History, Edinburgh Centre for Global History, research groups, and multiple seminars and workshops. History at Edinburgh is further enriched by its links to other disciplines within the University and to the city’s archives and museums and the National Library of Scotland.

Classics
Classics at Edinburgh is a large community, more than 35 strong, of teachers and researchers. It is distinctive for combining wide coverage of all the core areas of Greek and Roman, Latin literature, history and archaeology with, on the one hand, a strong interdisciplinary focus and, on the other, an expansive outlook on the ancient world. We have research projects about, for example: Classics and cognitive science; Greek and modern notions of honour, respect and recognition; the role of earthen materials in Roman provincial architecture; and a comparative investigation of Byzantine, Islamic and Tang Song xue. We have strong research clusters on Late Antiquity, Byzantium and the Medieval Latin World.

Archaeology
Archaeology at Edinburgh has a dynamic, internationally-recognised research profile. Geographically our research primarily covers Britain, Europe, the Near East and North Africa, with a broad chronological spread from the appearance of modern humans in Europe over 40,000 years ago to the post-medieval period. Our research community comprises 14 teaching staff and postdoctoral researchers, with more than 40 research postgraduate students who benefit from excellent research laboratories and teaching facilities. Our key research themes are:

- Human-Environment Interactions
- Society, Stratification and Conflict
- Life, Health and Death
- European and Near Eastern Prehistory.

Research options
We offer two research programme types:

- PhD
- MSc by Research

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree, US GPA 3.4 or other international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry) in a subject related to your programme. In some cases you will also require a relevant masters degree with a mark of at least 65 per cent in the dissertation and 65 per cent overall. Relevant experience or professional, or other, qualifications may also be considered. Please contact us to check before you apply.

Career opportunities
Recent graduates have used our research programmes as a springboard for careers in postdoctoral research or academia internationally. Others are now working in roles as diverse as osteoarchaeologist, recruitment consultant and policy analyst for organisations including Ipsos Mori, Amazon and Rubicon Heritage.

Research opportunities

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Archaeology

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

Research environment
We have a long and distinguished tradition of teaching, research and fieldwork in archaeology at Edinburgh, all of which are closely integrated. We have active research contacts with National Museums Scotland, the Scottish Universities Environmental Research Centre and Historic Environment Scotland.

Staff have internationally recognised expertise in the prehistory of Europe, the Mediterranean and Near East, including Egyptology, as well as in archaeological theory, environmental and landscape archaeology, including geographical information systems, osteoarchaeology, zooarchaeology and various aspects of science-based archaeology.

Focal areas of research include: bioarchaeology; zooarchaeology; human-animal environment intersections; and the transition from hunter-gatherer to farming communities. Our research profile in classical and historical archaeology has also expanded in recent years.

Our PhD students develop a highly valued set of research and professional skills which enable them to go on to a wide variety of careers including academia and in sectors such as museums and heritage, commercial or developer-funded archaeology, the civil service and teaching.

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"The University of Edinburgh was a clear choice for me as it had a well-established archaeology department with access to good facilities, such as the labs, and staff members that had research areas which complemented my own and were approachable and willing to be my supervisors. Being in Edinburgh also provided access to other facilities such as the National Museum of Scotland and the National Library, which have been invaluable to my study." 

Lisa Brown, PhD Archaeology

See also...
You may also be interested in research areas offered by Edinburgh College of Art or the Schools of Divinity; Law; Literatures, Languages & Cultures; or Social & Political Science.

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The University of Edinburgh's research with impact

Revealing the lost architecture of the Roman Empire

When we think of Roman architecture, we tend to think of marble, brick, and concrete – rarely mud. However, various forms of earthen construction (turf, rammed earth, cob and mudbrick) were mainstays of Roman construction around the Mediterranean and up into the north-western provinces. This is true especially of military structures such as the Antonine Wall but also of domestic buildings. Using innovative techniques, an interdisciplinary team of archaeologists, architectural historians, and engineers across the School of History, Classics & Archaeology and the School of Engineering is drawing new attention to the properties and uses of these overlooked materials.

Project background
The Earthen Empire project is funded by a three-year research project grant from the Leverhulme Trust and directed by Dr Ben Russell, a specialist in Roman architecture and construction materials, and Dr Chris Beckett, who works on the geotechnical properties of earth building materials. Dr Tanja Romankiewicz and Dr Riley Snyder, experts in Roman and Iron Age architecture and construction, are developing, and this section of analysis and architectural energetics respectively, add expertise as research fellows. The team will collaborate with archaeologists and heritage bodies across Europe to identify sites at which earthen materials have been found and study their uses and properties. Materials samples from selected sites will be analysed using micromorphology.

Project goals
Working through publications and grey literature, a new dataset of sites at which earth and turf structures have been excavated will be created allowing us to map the spread of different materials and their architectural uses. New micromorphology will be undertaken at selected sites to explore how materials were used and which processes were involved in construction. Samples have already been taken from the ramparts at Vindolanda, near Hadrian’s Wall, where the techniques are easily discernible due to the incredible state of preservation. Finally, we will reverse engineer new walls in various ancient materials and test their properties to determine the utility of earth and turf for modern sustainable construction. This will subject Roman walls to modern geotechnical techniques and feedback into modern architectural practice.

See more online: www.ed.ac.uk/research/impact
Archaeology

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

Programme description
MSc by Research programmes are aimed at students who have a specific topic of interest into which they wish to conduct their own research. We welcome applications from anyone keen to work in fields that overlap with or complement our academic staff interests. These include human osteoarchaeology, zooarchaeology, isotopes and science-based methods of investigation, geographical information systems, early civilisations and urban societies in the Mediterranean and Europe, Egyptology, Roman archaeology, the Byzantine world and late antiquity, hunter-gatherers and the spread of farming in Europe, megalithic monuments, later European prehistory and the archaeology of Scotland. As part of your application, you must submit a viable research proposal which sets out your aims and plans, while demonstrating your knowledge of the chosen field; this will be scrutinised as part of our admissions process. Two supervisors will be appointed to work with you on the project. It is a good idea to consult with prospective supervisors in advance of an application.

The School of History, Classics & Archaeology, and our relationships with prospective supervisors in advance of an application.

Programme structure
A long dissertation is the sole form of assessment, but you will also attend a prescribed training course and are encouraged to take other relevant courses.

Career opportunities
Archaeology graduates can follow a variety of career options. The programme equips you to go on to advanced study, and also provides a solid foundation for a career. You will gain practical as well as academic experience, teamwork and analytical skills, and will be able to work in a variety of contexts. Examples of career paths available to archaeology graduates (although some may require additional training) include: higher education, heritage management and agencies, commercial archaeology, teaching, tourism industry, and broadcasting. An archaeology degree does not restrict you to a career in archaeology.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:2 honours degree, or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry), in a relevant discipline and a good research proposal.

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Fees and funding
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Case study: Edinburgh’s research with impact

Listening to Britain’s wartime voices

The popular image of Britain in 1940 – its “finest hour”, according to Winston Churchill – is one of stoicism, optimism and national pride, with the nation rallying together to defy the Germans as its fate hung in the balance. However, the School of History, Classics & Archaeology’s Dr Paul Addison and Dr Jeremy Crang revealed a different reality in a 2010 publication.

Project background
Listening to Britain: Home Intelligence Reports on Britain’s Finest Hour, May–September 1940 is a book that presents a view of Britain in 1940 taken from the morale reports of the day: a view that challenges popular perceptions of life during World War Two. As they delved into this mine of information, Drs Addison and Crang found that, while these previously unpublished reports illustrate the expected themes of national solidarity, they also reveal that British voices of the time could be querulous and complaining, highly critical of government and military officialdom, suspicious of outsiders and susceptible to anxiety and defeatism.

Project results
The Edinburgh researchers’ controversial book won critical and popular acclaim. As one newspaper, The Tablet, put it, “It... comes as something of a shock to read that Britain – a country one is accustomed to thinking of as a scourage of wartime fascists and their racism – was not immune to moments of bigotry itself, and in all social strata.”

A Channel 5 documentary was inspired by the book, with Dr Crang providing expert commentary. The Times called it “deeply emotional” and The Telegraph reported it as “a deeply moving and important story”. In 2011, Listening to Britain was a source of evidence for a report that became the centrepiece of the Green Party’s ‘New Home Front’ initiative to learn from Britain’s wartime mobilisation efforts to reduce waste and domestic consumption of scarce resources.

The Edinburgh researchers’ controversial book won critical and popular acclaim.

See more online: www.ed.ac.uk/research/impact

Classics

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

Programme description
Our classics research group is one of the most significant clusters of scholars in the UK, working in all areas of the discipline: Greek and Latin language, literature and thought; Greek, Roman and Byzantine history; and classical archaeology from the Archaic Period through to Late Antiquity.

Research interests
Major research interests include: Homer and early Greek poetry; Greek philosophy; Greek drama; Hellenistic and Roman poetry; classical Greek and Hellenistic history; the ancient economy; archaic and classical Greek archaeology; Judaism in the ancient world; Byzantine history and literature; the Roman republic; Cicero; Roman imperial history; Greek literature of the Roman empire; late Roman literature and history; Christianity in the Roman empire; ancient slavery; ancient law; epigraphy; the city of Rome; gender in antiquity; the reception of classical antiquity; Greek sculpture; mythology in art; Roman and late antique archaeology.

Our research culture centres on the weekly research seminar which welcomes distinguished speakers in all fields of classics, one of the most high-profile and best-attended events of its type in the UK. Every year we host major international conferences (including the biennial conference on a Greek topic endowed by the Levantis Foundation, which is organised by an eminent visiting professor), as well as a wide range of one-day events. Our PhD students develop a highly valued set of research and professional skills and we equip them to go on to a wide variety of careers including academia and in sectors such as museums and heritage, the civil service, banking and the law.

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Economic & Social History

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

Research environment

We host one of the largest economic and social history research groupings in the UK. Staff research interests are wide-ranging, including the study of economic development, energy policy, globalisation, slavery, urban history, consumption, material culture, museums and collecting, leisure, religious belief, popular culture, medicine and disease, gender, sexuality and the family.

The diversity of our research means we can support students’ economic and social history study in a vast range of time periods and geographical regions and from the early modern period to the present day.

Particular areas of expertise available for research are culture and society in early modern Britain; slavery in the Atlantic world; 1650-1834; the material culture of gender in 18th-century Britain; urban society and civil society in historical context; clothing cultures in comparative historical contexts; cinema and society in modern Britain; gender, crime and deviance; Britain 1860-1960; energy policy in Britain since 1950; the economic history of China in the 20th century.

The University’s economic and social historians host three research groups: material and visual cultures of the past; enlightenment and popular culture; and economic and social history.

Our PhD students develop a highly valued set of research and professional skills which enable them to go on to a wide variety of careers including academia and in sectors such as museums and heritage, the civil service, banking and the law.

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Economic & Social History

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

Programme description

This programme is aimed at students who have a specific topic of interest into which they wish to conduct their own research. It provides structured research training while at the same time enabling you to pursue a research project that you design yourself, in consultation with supervisors. It serves as both a self-contained research programme and as preparation for further study for a PhD.

Economic and social history addresses the historical processes underlying the evolution of modern society by employing a range of insights and approaches from the social sciences, including economics, sociology and social anthropology. The programme focuses on civil society, material culture, youth, gender, crime, cinema, economic growth and energy policy in a variety of historical contexts.

Edinburgh has a large and distinguished group of academics in this research area. Their specialist fields provide you with an outstanding range of options, both in terms of historical period and areas of the world.

Programme structure

This programme is designed to meet Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC: http://rcuk-funded.org/) requirements as a research training masters qualification. It thus includes recognised courses in research design and methodology, including quantitative and qualitative methods.

Teaching methods include lectures, seminars, tutorials and computer-lab sessions. In addition to the skills training elements, you will take an option course and a directed reading course that will feed into your dissertation research.

You will be examined through coursework and will then work towards an independently-researched dissertation of 15,000 words. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

Career opportunities

This programme is specifically designed for students who anticipate progressing to a doctoral programme, but it can also function as excellent preparation for a wide variety of careers.

Entry requirements

A UK 2:1 honours degree, or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/ international/graduate-entry), in a relevant discipline. You will also require a strong and viable research proposal.

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History

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

Research environment

Research interests within history are extremely wide-ranging and include: medieval culture, religion, gender, and law; historical theory; early modern witchcraft and the occult; the Italian Renaissance; North America from the colonial era; intellectual history from Machiavelli to Marx; genocide; Nazi and post-war Germany; Russia and the Soviet Union; the Cold War; and political, social, and cultural aspects of the history of China, Japan, Africa and India in the modern era.

In particular, we host expertise in:

• Medieval history: our research interests lie in the social, political, religious and cultural history of Britain, Europe and the Mediterranean – from the fall of Rome to the Renaissance, with particular emphasis on gender, saints, medicine, and the crusades.

• Modern British and Irish history: we have particular interests in early modern religion, belief and intellectual history (including the Scottish Enlightenment); social and political history; relations between Britain and Ireland; Irish migration; and international relations and warfare.

• Modern European history: specialisms include 18th-century political and intellectual history; genocide; France; Germany; Russia and the Soviet Union; and Spain.

• American history: our expertise includes revolutionary and early national America; the Civil War; US diplomatic history in the 19th and 20th centuries; politics in the 20th century; African-American history and the civil rights movement.

• Global and transnational history: we research African history; Caribbean and Latin American history; the history of the British Empire and Commonwealth; modern India, Pakistan, and China and Japan since the early modern period.

Our PhD students develop a highly valued set of research and professional skills which enable them to go on to a wide variety of careers including academia and in sectors such as museums and heritage, the civil service, banking and the law.

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History

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

Programme description
This programme is perfect if you have a specific topic of interest you wish to research in depth. In History, we can offer supervision across an exceptionally wide chronological and geographical range. When applying, as for other research programmes such as a PhD, you must submit a research proposal explaining your plans and demonstrating your knowledge of the chosen field; this will be closely scrutinised as part of our admissions process. Two supervisors will be appointed to work with you on the project and it is a good idea to consult with prospective supervisors before applying.

Programme structure
This programme is assessed by means of a long dissertation of 30,000 words. You will also take the history skills courses: Historical Research: Skills and Sources; and Historical Methodology.

Career opportunities
Our students view the programme and a graduate degree from Edinburgh as an advanced qualification valued and respected by many employers, others are interested in pursuing long-term academic careers and therefore consider the MSc as preparation for a PhD. The combination of skills training courses, specialised seminars, and independent research provides you with transferable skills that will be beneficial whatever path you choose. Graduates pursue work in related areas such as museums, policy think tanks, national and international civil services, non-governmental organisations, galleries, libraries and historic trusts while others build on the transferable skills gained and enter areas as diverse as business, media, public administration and marketing.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree, or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry), in a relevant discipline. You will also require a strong and viable research proposal.

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Scottish History

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

Research environment
Here in the nation’s capital, Scottish history is taught by a strong and distinguished team, comprising seven core academic staff members, plus a number of postdoctoral fellows and associated staff. The subject has been taught at the University of Edinburgh since the prestigious Sir William Fraser Chair of Scottish History and Palaeography was established in 1901. The post is currently held by Professor Ewen Cameron. From the early middle ages to the founding of the new Scottish Parliament, we can offer expertise in all periods of study. Our academic staff have published extensively on topics including late medieval kingship, saints’ cults, urban history, the Reformation and religious change, the witch hunt, government and finance, the Highlands in all periods, Scotland’s external relations and its place in the Union, and culture and society in modern Scotland.

Our PhD students develop a highly valued set of research and professional skills which enable them to go on to a wide variety of careers including academia and in sectors such as museums and heritage, the civil service, banking and the law.

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About the School of History, Classics & Archaeology

As one of the largest of its kind in the UK, the University of Edinburgh’s School of History, Classics & Archaeology is one of the great world centres for the study of the human past.

We are ranked 13th in the world and 3rd in Europe for arts and humanities1. Our expertise ranges from the ancient to the contemporary and stretches to every corner of the globe. This allows us to offer an unrivalled and wide-ranging portfolio of programmes, while our diverse and energetic research culture covers many periods, areas and themes. Our home is the William Robertson Wing, an A-listed building in Edinburgh’s Old Town – a UNESCO World Heritage site – that provides state-of-the-art research and study facilities.

Be inspired by world-class research

We cultivate interdisciplinary research collaborations that bring experienced academics, early career and postdoctoral researchers and postgraduates together. Our research groups include digital humanities, intellectual history, material culture and science, medicine and technology. With a research tradition in archaeology, classics and history that we trace back to the 18th century, we offer a stimulating study environment built on a solid foundation of research excellence. Many of our researchers are also global experts in their field and the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014 rated 83 per cent of our history research and 67 per cent of our classics research either 4* world leading or 3* internationally excellent in the overall quality profile. In both these areas we were ranked in the top 5 universities in the UK by research power (Research Fortnight REF 2014).

We host numerous research centres, groups and projects, including the internationally renowned Centre for the Study of Modern and Contemporary History, the Edinburgh Centre for Global History and the Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies.

History

History at Edinburgh is one of the largest and most distinguished centres of its kind. In fact, we hold the oldest established Chair in Scottish History. Our teaching offers a rich diversity of topics, delivered by a multinational group of historians whose interests cross many periods, regions and specialisms, from Scotland and Renaissance Italy through to contemporary political history and non-European history. Please see pages 4-8 for our history programmes.

Classics

Classics at Edinburgh continues a tradition that goes back to the University’s foundation in 1583. Our teaching covers all the major disciplines in the field: Greek and Latin literature and thought; Greek and Roman history; and Classical art and archaeology. With around 20 permanent academic staff, we are one of the largest, most wide-ranging classics centres in the UK. See pages 8-11 for our classics programmes.

Archaeology

Archaeology at Edinburgh has a long tradition going back to the 19th century. Our first Abercromby Professor of Prehistoric Archaeology was the distinguished prehistorian, Vere Gordon Childe. Edinburgh has research and teaching expertise in European, Mediterranean and Near Eastern archaeology (including Egyptology), and bioarchaeology (human and animal osteoarchaeology). Staff direct fieldwork projects in the UK, Europe, the Mediterranean, Egypt and Turkey. Please see pages 12-14 for our archaeology programmes.

Facilities and resources

Our building offers you exceptional, modern facilities, resources and study spaces, in a stunning location.

Our postgraduate students have access to:

• a dedicated study and computing lab with printing, copying and scanning facilities, overlooking the Meadows, one of the city’s best-loved green spaces;
• two research rooms, shared with undergraduates, housing some of our impressive book collections and a small selection of computing facilities;
• a large common room overlooking the Meadows, shared by students and staff;
• our PhD study room. Subject to available desk space, you may apply after your first year;
• a number of small-scale teaching rooms, well-equipped with facilities such as data projection and smart boards; and
• exhibition areas, filled with artefacts and artwork from our collections.

All of our facilities are in addition to the multiple libraries and computer labs provided across the University’s estate.

Our location, right in the heart of Edinburgh, means you will be based close to the city’s cultural attractions and facilities, including a wealth of libraries, archives, museums and galleries, which provide uniquely rich support for the disciplines we teach.

The city of Edinburgh offers our students:

• the National Galleries of Scotland, home to one of the best collections of Scottish and international art, across three Edinburgh galleries; and
• the medical museum at the Royal College of Surgeons and the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, which has an outstanding medical archive and historical library.

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, historical musical instruments and a wide range of museum objects from geological specimens to anatomical models. It 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.

1 QS World University Rankings by Subject 2019

* Association of Leading Visitor Attractions
Community

As home to more than 110 members of academic staff, some 60 honorary professors, 310 postgraduate students and 1,400 undergraduates, we can offer an extensive knowledge base and support system to help you develop your postgraduate studies to the best of your ability.

Our international community represents 56 nationalities, making the School the ideal environment in which to share ideas, collaborate on research, gain new perspectives and meet like-minded individuals. We actively encourage our students to become fully involved in academic life, offering numerous opportunities to attend events or join specialist interest groups. Our active programme of workshops, seminars, conferences and symposia is supplemented with many informal gatherings and events, and our student societies – ArchSoc, the Classics Society, and the History Society – provide countless opportunities to get to know your fellow students in a non-academic environment.

Learn from distinguished academics

Among our staff are many fellows of prestigious societies, including the British Academy, Royal Historical Society, and the Royal Society of Edinburgh. Our academics are also very active in other professional and funding organisations, such as the Arts and Humanities Research Council, the Classical Association, the Leverhulme Trust, the Irish Research Council, the Carnegie Trust, and the Historical Association. They also have strong public roles in promoting their discipline, including government committee positions and media consultancy.

Join a thriving community

Our postgraduate students are all encouraged to participate in the School’s rich research community. We host a lively programme of activities and events. You will have the opportunity to attend seminar series in Scottish history, archaeology, classics, and economic and social history. We run medieval and renaissance studies, global history and American history graduate workshops. You can also join the Early American History reading group, the ArchSoc seminar series, the Gender History Network and the First Millennium Studies Group.

Employability and graduate attributes

Transferable skills are highly valued by employers and our courses and programmes are designed with this in mind.

Fieldwork and independent research are an essential component on many of our programmes. Many of our students take compulsory courses designed for skills acquisition, while option courses also have specific objectives in terms of skills training.

Our programmes give you the opportunity to gain skills, such as written and oral presentation, data collection and analysis and critical evaluation of research, which will enhance your career prospects in your chosen area.

You will learn how to:

• construct arguments lucidly, coherently and concisely;
• understand complex issues;
• draw valid conclusions from the past;
• assimilate, process and communicate a wide range of information from a variety of sources;
• conceive and pursue a coherent argument founded on evidence;
• undertake a sustained independent research project to a deadline; and
• write clear, accurate and concise prose.

A degree from the School of History, Classics & Archaeology could lead you in a number of career directions depending on your individual interests and experience. Some of our graduates have gone on to pursue work in related areas such as museums, libraries and historic trusts, whilst others build on the transferable skills gained and pursue areas as diverse as marketing, business and media, public administration 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

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-auto 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 stages 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.

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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 and support programmes, from CV writing to interview practice, from Employ.ed internships to graduate posts and from careers fairs to postgraduate alumni events, we will help you prepare for the future.

We sustain and continually develop links with employers from all industries and employment sectors, from the world’s top recruiters to small enterprises based here in Edinburgh. Our employer team provides a programme of opportunities for you to meet employers on campus and virtually, and advertises a wide range of part-time and graduate jobs.

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

Platform One

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 can start 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.

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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 moves 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.
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 is available at: www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/applying

General requirements
Our usual entry requirement for postgraduate study is a UK 2:1 honours degree, or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry), in a subject related to your chosen programme.

Applicants for PhD programmes must hold a relevant masters degree with a pass of at least 65 per cent in the dissertation and 65 per cent overall, or the international equivalent.

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

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

References
References are not required for taught masters degrees, but can be included and will be necessary for most applications for scholarships. For applications to research programmes, two references are required. You should check the entry criteria for exact requirements for your intended programme of study. For general guidance on references, visit: www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/references

Deadlines
Some programmes have application deadlines. Please check the programme entry online for details. For all other programmes, you are encouraged to apply no later than one month prior to entry to ensure there is sufficient time to process your application. However, earlier application is recommended, particularly where there is a high demand for places or when a visa will be required. Should you wish to submit a late application, please contact us for guidance.

Scholarships (see examples on page 30) require separate applications, and those wishing to apply for them must also have applied for a place to study before the scholarship deadline. In most cases this deadline is around the end of January for PhD applications and around the end of February for MSc applications. Please check well in advance: www.ed.ac.uk/history-classics-archaeology/phd www.ed.ac.uk/history-classics-archaeology/masters

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 6.0 in each module).
- TOEFL: total 100 (at least 20 in each module).
- PTE: Academic total 67 (at least 56 in each of the Communicative Skills sections).
- CAE: Certificate in Advanced English.
- Trinity ISE I: Integrated Skills in English.

What type of programme?
We offer a range of postgraduate programmes.

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

- MSc or MSc by Research

PhD
As a PhD candidate you pursue a research project under continuous guidance, resulting in a thesis that makes an original contribution to knowledge. You will gain specialist background knowledge for your intended research, and develop the skills to research in that field.

Tuition fees
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This includes our tuition fee rates and scholarship opportunities: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/asylum

Tuition fees for EU students

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Recommendations:

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- The University is one of the largest providers of online postgraduate programmes in the UK’s Russell Group. Just like our on-campus provision, all our online masters are delivered by dedicated academics, many of whom are leaders in their field. You can study full- or part-time towards a Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma or MSc, and the timescales are flexible – you can complete the MSc in a year or take up to six years part-time. Online learning is an extremely flexible option for students looking to balance further study with professional or family commitments. (See page 6).

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Tuition fees for EU students

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As an international student, I largely credit the University’s funding opportunities with facilitating my academic career goals. I used the student funding pages online to successfully procure two scholarships and a grant that fully fund my PhD and provide me the opportunity to study at a world-class institution.

Meaghan Dyer, PhD Archaeology, Principal’s Career Development Scholarship, Global Research Scholarship and Innovative Initiative grant

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 at the University of Edinburgh

- 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-councils
- 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
- 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
- School of History, Classics & Archaeology Doctoral Awards
- A number of awards are made each year to students applying for PhD programmes: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/hca-phd
- School of History, Classics & Archaeology Masters Scholarships
- A number of awards are offered each year to students applying for masters programmes: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/hca-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 2020/21 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

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

- Mexico
  - Banco de Mexico and the Banco de Mexico’s FIDERH trust (FIDERH): www.fiderh.org.mx
  - Fundacion Mexicana para la Educacion, la Tecnologia y la Ciencia (FUNED): www.funed.mx
- Pakistan

Loans available for study at the University of Edinburgh

The University of Edinburgh is a participating institution in the following loans programs, 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.edu.ca/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: erasmusplus.org.uk/master-loan

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

- Commonwealth Scholarships
  - Scholarships available to students who are resident in any Commonwealth country, other than the UK: www.dfid.gov.uk/cscuk

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

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- 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

- Postgraduate Loans (PGL) Northern Ireland
  - Student Finance Northern Ireland offers eligible students a tuition fee loan for taught and research programmes, at certificate-, diploma-, and masters level, which will be paid directly to the University: www.studentfinanceeni.co.uk

- Postgraduate Loans (SAAS) Scotland and EU
  - The Student Awards Agency Scotland offers eligible students tuition fee loans for taught and research programmes at diploma and masters level, 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

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- 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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