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* Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014
† Latest Emerging Global Employability University Ranking
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Taught programmes

The School of Social & Political Science offers a range of taught postgraduate study options including professional training, online learning, and masters programmes designed to take your career to the next level, or prepare you for academic research.

Most of our programmes are offered as a master of science (MSc) or postgraduate certificate (PgCert). However we also offer a master of public policy (MPP) and a master of social work.

We have an intellectually vibrant community at postgraduate level and attract a diverse body of students from across the world. Providing a meeting place for cultures and perspectives is a valuable part of the taught postgraduate experience that we offer.

Many of our taught postgraduate programmes have a very interdisciplinary nature with subject areas from across the School and the University coming together to provide a postgraduate learning experience that is unique and unrivalled.

Our taught postgraduate programmes are grouped into themes that reflect our expertise across key areas as well as the demand for highly qualified graduates in these areas:

- Global Health Policy
- International Development
- Polities & International Relations
- Science, Technology & Innovation Studies
- Social Anthropology
- Social & Public Policy
- Social Work
- Sociology.

Taught masters programmes

Global Health Policy programmes

www.ed.ac.uk/pg/384

Global Health Policy

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

Programme description

Over the course of the last decade, global health has received dramatically increased attention, both as an emergent academic discipline and in terms of heightened policy salience. Global health concerns have become a central component of foreign and security policy and of development and human rights agendas, and have reshaped debates regarding the social impacts of global economic and environmental change.

Finding answers to the key questions confronting global health policy and practice is vital. Through this programme you will explore the issues that shape population health and build the knowledge and skills necessary to address them.

From the impact of globalisation and the recent development of influential global health partnerships to the complex relationships between health objectives and the trade policies of leading states, you’ll learn to understand, critically appraise and apply key concepts and theories within policy studies, international political economy and public health science.

Situated within the Global Public Health Unit, this programme offers innovative research-led teaching that draws on academic expertise from disciplines including public health, political science, social policy, economics, medicine, epidemiology, geography and anthropology. Our location within the Graduate School of Social & Political Science gives students access to an academically challenging but friendly and supportive environment and to diverse postgraduate courses offered in one of Europe’s leading centres of social science research.

This programme is affiliated with the University’s Global Health Academy.

www.ed.ac.uk/globalhealth

Programme structure

You will complete two compulsory courses and a number of option courses. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available. Following the taught course you will work towards an independently researched dissertation.

Career opportunities

This highly regarded qualification will improve your chances of securing rewarding roles. Recent graduates have taken up employment and research positions with NGOs, health agencies, government departments, international organisations and local government departments.

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Entry requirements

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English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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Programme description

This programme situates health, health inequalities and health policy in a global context. It examines the extent to which health and its determinants are shaped by social, economic and political processes. With its multidisciplinary approach and online learning delivery, this programme will provide you with a flexible and focused examination of health, health inequalities and health policy in a global context.

Whether you’re from a health or social science background, you’ll develop a critical awareness of the role of the state, the commercial sector, civil society and international organisations in health policy and global governance, and an understanding of the challenges confronting policymakers in addressing health and reducing health inequalities.

Programme structure

The programme will be taught through a mix of online activities, including video lectures, study guides, self-directed and guided reading, and a range of interactive online reflection and discussion activities. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available. You will become part of a vibrant and supportive virtual community, and will be taught through a combination of group work and independent study.

Career opportunities

The programme aims to provide the skills you need to pursue or develop a career in a health-related agency, public sector or non-governmental organisation. The transferable skills you gain in areas such as communication and research will give you an edge in the employment market, whatever your eventual career.

Entry requirements

A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry).

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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Programme description

This programme will develop your understanding of, and critical engagement with, key challenges in health policy. Both state and non-state actors grapple with how best to promote the health of communities and populations, including the most effective strategies for preventing disease, ensuring efficient and high quality health care, and reducing health inequalities. These challenges extend beyond the traditional domain of the health sector, requiring engagement with economic and social policy and a range of non-state actors including third sector organisations, commercial interests and international organisations.

The programme is designed for individuals interested in a wide range of health-related roles including government and international agencies, health advocacy, health administration and health care delivery, consultancies, advisory roles, the commercial sector, and health-related research. There is scope for you to specialise in either health systems or health inequalities, or to follow a broad policy stream.

Health systems is ideal for those seeking work in health care policy, planning or management, in the public or private sectors. Health inequalities is ideal for those seeking to engage with health disparities between and within countries, particularly those relating to inequalities in social structures and power. It is particularly suited to those interested in working in policy, advocacy or research settings with a focus on health equity. The broad policy stream is suitable for individuals wanting to work in public policy, advocacy or research.

Situated within our Global Public Health Unit, the programme reaches across traditional boundaries, linking policy analysis, public health, social policy, economics, sociology, medicine and epidemiology.

Programme structure

You will complete one compulsory course and a number of options, then work on an independently researched dissertation.

Career opportunities

You will graduate with the skills and knowledge to pursue employment in policy, advocacy and research roles relevant to health policy. You will be able to develop your career or move into a more policy-focused area, including roles with health agencies or consultancies, government departments, international organisations and third sector organisations.

Recent graduates have moved into exciting employment and research including positions with health departments and other government ministries in both high income and developing countries; with agencies and donor organisations working in health care and health promotion; with international organisations and consultancy; examining health systems for the European Union and other levels of regional governance; and with commercial sector organisations including pharmaceutical and other health-related companies.

Entry requirements

A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry).

English language requirements

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Entry requirements

A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry).

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Taught masters programmes

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International Development programmes

www.ed.ac.uk/pg/622

African Studies

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Africad & International Development

PgCert 12-24 mths PT

Programme description

This programme is designed for those with an interest in international development who wish to develop analytical and theoretical skills along with an in-depth knowledge of development issues in the African continent. International development in Africa raises a complex set of issues. In this programme, you’ll draw on our Centre of African Studies’ longstanding reputation as a global hub of Africanist expertise to develop a deeper understanding of these issues. Suitable for both students and professionals from a wide variety of backgrounds, the programme combines theory and practice in seeking to contextualise and analyse the processes that have shaped poverty and underdevelopment in Africa, and the many responses to these issues. This programme is affiliated with the University’s Global Development Academy: www.ed.ac.uk/globaldevelopment

Programme structure

You will study three courses over nine months. The courses are taught using a range of innovative interactive teaching methods. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

Career opportunities

This qualification in African & International Development offers a multidisciplinary grasp of issues that will be of use when pursuing a career in development agencies, consultancy, the public sector and non-governmental organisations. In addition, you will develop a range of transferrable skills, such as communication and project management, which can be applied to roles in any field.

Entry requirements

A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry).

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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**I did a placement-based dissertation with Link Community Scotland, analysing partnerships between schools in Scotland and Malawi. A placement-based dissertation stands out on your CV and you definitely leave with really strong transferable skills.**

Andy Houlihan, MSc Africa & International Development

Programme description

This long-established and highly regarded programme offers an intensive introduction to the study of Africa, the world’s fastest growing continent. It provides the analytical tools and the empirical knowledge to understand the fundamental social, political, and economic forces that are shaping Africa in the 21st century. It is the longest running programme offered by the Centre of African Studies, one of the world’s leading centres of Africa-focused knowledge and research, and is designed to give a forward-thinking and evidence based perspective on contemporary issues. Grounded in the disciplines of anthropology, politics, and history, with a suite of exciting new course options – including Peace and Conflict, Economic Change, and Transitional Justice – the MSc will develop your diverse research and career goals. It also provides research training necessary for a strong foundation in area-specific knowledge for students who wish to progress to PhD study. The programme is suitable for anyone looking to strengthen their Africa-specific research skills or broaden their knowledge base, whether they are well-acquainted with African issues or looking to develop a new, more nuanced understanding of this dynamic global region.

Programme structure

You will study five core courses and four option courses including courses on African politics, public health, transitional justice, gender and development, mineral extraction and Africa's postcolonial history. A weekly seminar series and other extracurricular events will enhance your learning. After the taught courses, you will work towards your independently-researched dissertation. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

Career opportunities

Past students have continued on to doctoral programmes in the UK and overseas, and to careers related to, or in, Africa with non-governmental organisations, international organisations, governments, universities and in the private sector. In addition, you will develop a range of highly transferrable skills, such as communication and project management, and research skills, which can be applied to roles in any field. Recent graduates are now working in research and policy development for organisations such as Community Aids Response and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in The Hague.

Entry requirements

A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry).

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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Government funding for MSc African Studies

The programme is open to students from the UK and EU. International students are advised to seek funding from the universities they are applying to.

For more information visit www.sps.ed.ac.uk

Global Challenges

PgCert Global Development Challenges (12-24 mths PT)
PgCert Global Environment Challenges (12 mths PT)*
PgCert Global Health Challenges (12-24 mths PT)**
PgCert Global Human Rights and Conflict Challenges (12-24 mths PT)**

*This PgCert is delivered by the College of GeoSciences.
**This PgCert is delivered by the College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine.

Programme description

This is a part-time, online programme that takes a multidisciplinary approach to understanding the issues around international development and developing your capacity to address them. The programme can be studied independently or combined with the study of postgraduate certificates offered by the School of GeoSciences and the College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine to form a PgDip or MSc award.

The programme offers you an innovative route to gaining understanding and skills to address the complex, interrelated problems facing the world today. It draws on the University’s best research and teaching to deliver a programme that is flexible, challenging and cutting edge in content, delivery and ambition.

You’ll examine a variety of case studies to shed light on strategies for addressing some of the most pressing global challenges of our time. Issues covered by this programme range from global governance, human rights and donor aid strategy, to global health challenges, climate change impacts and ecosystem management.

This programme is affiliated with the University’s Global Development Academy: www.ed.ac.uk/globaldevelopment

Programme structure

You will learn through a mix of online methods, including video lectures, study guides, self-directed and guided reading, and a range of interactive online reflection and discussion activities. You will be part of a vibrant and supportive virtual community. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

Career opportunities

This programme will equip you with the knowledge and skills you need for work with governments, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), international aid organisations, United Nations agencies, the private sector, universities, other research institutions and elsewhere. The transferable skills you gain in areas such as communication and research will give you an edge in the employment market, whatever your career.

Entry requirements

A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry).

English language requirements

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You may also be interested in PgCert Global Environment Challenges, offered by the College of GeoSciences, or PgCert Global Health Challenges, offered by the College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine.

See also...

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*This PgCert is delivered by the School of GeoSciences.
**This PgCert is delivered by the College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine.
Programme description
This programme engages critically with international development thinking and practice, and more broadly with processes of social, political and economic transformation throughout the global south. It is designed to suit the needs of both recent graduates of various disciplines, and professionals with two to five, or more, years’ experience who want to shift their career, upgrade their qualifications, or take a year out to reflect critically on their work. Although most students will move on after one year to development-related jobs, some may use the programme as a pathway into PhD study (see page 28).

We realise the importance of offering practical experiences to complement our critical and historical approaches in the classroom. An integral part of the programme – and one of our advantages compared to other masters programmes in international development – are placement based dissertations. These consist of eight weeks of on-location research with a host organisation, usually an international body but also sometimes in the UK. Our extensive network of partners includes NGOs, charities, international think tanks and government bodies.

Alternatively, you can explore an academic issue or theme in greater depth by choosing to complete a research dissertation based on fieldwork and/or print and primary sources.

Programme structure
You will complete a total of six courses over two semesters stretching from September to April. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available. Two are compulsory, one on the historical evolution and paradigm shifts in politics and theories of development, the other on contemporary issues and institutions of relevance to development policy and practice. The other four courses are options. These will be offered across the University, drawing on the expertise of faculty members within political and social science and beyond, including business, law, geosciences, and other areas belonging to the Global Development Academy. www.ed.ac.uk/global-development

From May to August you will complete either a placement based dissertation or a standard research dissertation.

Career opportunities
This programme provides a multidisciplinary training and perspectives on development theory, policy and practice that is aimed to equip graduates for careers in public sector and non-governmental development agencies, consultancy and private business. Recent graduates are now working in teaching and research, public policy and civil service for employers including the United Nations, the British Council, UK Trade & Investment, the Government of New Brunswick and the Milanese Chamber of Commerce. The opportunity to apply your academic training to real-world problems and acquire hands-on work experience through the placement-based projects will give you an edge in the employment market whatever your eventual career.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry).

English language requirements
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International Development
MSc 24-36 mths PT
PgDip 24 mths PT

Programme description
This is a flexible part-time programme that you can study from anywhere in the world. It combines the best and latest online teaching platform with dedicated, personalised support to help you deepen your understanding and engagement with the most pressing challenges confronting careers, academics, and institutions in low- and middle-income countries and beyond.

The programme delves into debates around poverty and growth, injustice and inequality, social and environmental change, migration and refugees, gender, and power dynamics. This allows you to acquire an outstanding combination of interdisciplinary regional expertise, including politics, history, economics, and sociology, with a critical knowledge of international development theory and practice.

The programme is designed for both recent graduates of various disciplines and professionals with work experience who are looking to change careers, upgrade their academic qualifications, or take some time out to reflect critically on their work.

Programme structure
You will study two compulsory courses: Politics and Theories of International Development; Global Development Challenges; Analysing Development; Reseaching International Development; and two option courses. MSc students also complete a dissertation.

All the courses are delivered through short lecture clips, videos, core texts, and podcasts. There are weekly readings and you will engage with the material through asynchronous discussion boards and e-activities, including blog writing, producing policy briefs, mind maps, and academic posters, and writing a group wiki. In addition Q&A sessions take place through live online seminars that are recorded for students who are not able to participate at that time.

Career opportunities
Whether you plan to work or continue working with communities, charities, businesses, policy-makers, or researchers, this programme is your stepping stone to a critically engaged and research informed career. Past students of our online programmes in this area have gone on to secure competitive jobs in government and diplomacy, top international organisations and non-governmental organisations (NGOs); policy-making, research (including PhD programme), and the private sector in Europe, Africa, America, and Asia and the Pacific.

The programme brings together a strong core curriculum and the flexibility to develop your individual interests towards specialist expertise. With its combination of practitioners’ and researchers’ courses, including a research dissertation, it is perfectly suited to both policy/practice- and research-oriented students.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry).

English language requirements
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Global Environment, Politics & Society
MSc 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

Programme description
This is a truly interdisciplinary programme, combining environmental policy and political theory. It provides a science-based, practice-oriented understanding of global environmental challenges and solutions. Understanding issues such as climate change, sustainable development and biodiversity requires knowledge about the political, moral and societal dimensions of environmental problems and solutions.

This programme will provide you with knowledge and analytical tools to address questions such as:
- Are meaningful environmental agreements possible in a system of sovereign states?
- Is the environment more than an economic resource for human exploitation?
- Can these groups, individuals or institutions take action on environmental issues?
- What is the effect of such mobilisation?

This programme is affiliated with the University’s Global Environment & Society Academy (www.ed.ac.uk/global-environment-society).

Programme structure
Teaching methods will include seminars, group work, lectures, presentations and group independent study. Students will be assessed through coursework, seminar assessment and presentations. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

Students will also undertake a supervised research dissertation, or may apply to complete a project based report with an NGO, government department, political party, or business over the spring and summer.

Career opportunities
You will acquire an advanced, multidisciplinary understanding of the major contemporary environmental challenges facing the world, and the different disciplinary and theoretical perspectives (from politics, international relations, ethics and sociology) used to explain them. You will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to assess competing claims and make informed judgments about current global environmental problems and possible solutions. Such knowledge and skills are sought after by a wide range of public and private employers in the fields of environmental policy, consultancy and advocacy. Recent graduates are now working in environmental policy and politics roles for organisations such as the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, the Town Planning Institute, Friends of the Earth, and local government.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry).

English language requirements
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International & European Politics (including European Practitioner Pathway)
MSc 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

Programme description
Developed in response to the numerous political challenges facing changing societies in Europe and beyond, this programme offers an advanced understanding of the contemporary world, concentrating on international relations, European studies and comparative and regional studies.

You’ll explore in depth key theories, issues and controversies, and have the opportunity to pursue interdisciplinary studies and develop your interests in a large and intellectually stimulating community. Guest lectures and various seminar series will make an important contribution to your academic year, along with enriching prominent international scholars and practitioners to Edinburgh to present current research and perspectives.

Programme structure
Teaching will be by lectures, seminars, group work and guided independent study. You will complete two compulsory courses and four option courses, after which you will work towards an independently researched dissertation. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available. In the second semester you have the choice to embark on the European Practitioner Pathway (conditional on performance in semester 1 coursework). This will allow you to do a placement-based dissertation.

A highlight of the academic year is our study trip to Brussels, when we visit multiple international organisations who are not able to participate at that time.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry).

English language requirements
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Politics & International Relations programmes
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Global Environment, Politics & Society
MSc 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

Programme description
This is a truly interdisciplinary programme, combining environmental policy and political theory. It provides a science-based, practice-oriented understanding of global environmental challenges and solutions. Understanding issues such as climate change, sustainable development and biodiversity requires knowledge about the political, moral and societal dimensions of environmental problems and solutions.

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- Are meaningful environmental agreements possible in a system of sovereign states?
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Programme structure
Teaching methods will include seminars, group work, lectures, presentations and group independent study. Students will be assessed through coursework, seminar assessment and presentations. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

Students will also undertake a supervised research dissertation, or may apply to complete a project based report with an NGO, government department, political party, or business over the spring and summer.

Career opportunities
You will acquire an advanced, multidisciplinary understanding of the major contemporary environmental challenges facing the world, and the different disciplinary and theoretical perspectives (from politics, international relations, ethics and sociology) used to explain them. You will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to assess competing claims and make informed judgments about current global environmental problems and possible solutions. Such knowledge and skills are sought after by a wide range of public and private employers in the fields of environmental policy, consultancy and advocacy. Recent graduates are now working in environmental policy and politics roles for organisations such as the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, the Town Planning Institute, Friends of the Earth, and local government.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry).

English language requirements
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International Political Theory

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

Programme description
This programme aims to equip students with the intellectual skills to analyse contemporary international affairs from a philosophically informed perspective, with a particular focus on their ethical dimensions. In the new and rapidly expanding field of international political theory, issues that relate to justice, rights, political obligation and forms of government have grown beyond their national state context, and now need to be examined in light of increasing global integration. This political philosophy programme looks at these international issues with a particular focus on their ethical dimensions, examining the rights and wrongs of international affairs and their global political and economic consequences.

As well as delving into the history of political thought, you’ll be examining the issues of today, with particular emphasis on normative political theory, learning to analyse contemporary international affairs from a philosophically informed perspective.

Programme structure
Teaching will be by lectures, seminars, group work and guided independent study. You will complete two compulsory courses and four option courses, after which you will work towards an independently researched dissertation. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available. With the agreement of the Programme Director, you may select option courses from elsewhere within the University.

Career opportunities
This programme will give you the theoretical foundation for further study and a career in academic teaching and research. Alternatively, you may apply your learning to a career relating to international political policy. Recent graduates are now working for a range of employers including the National Trust for Scotland, AECOM, EY, Moody’s Analytics, the Greek organisations. Recent graduates are now working for the United Nations, party political support, development organisations, educational, research and think-tank organisations.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/ international/graduate-entry).

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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See also...
Some of the School of Social & Political Science’s taught programmes listed here are closely related to those in other Schools and Colleges, particularly Edinburgh Law School.
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programmes continued

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International Relations of the Middle East with Advanced Arabic

MSc 2 yrs FT

Programme description
This programme offers you intensive language teaching to develop advanced Arabic proficiency, including a period spent in the Arab world, along with a theoretical and empirical understanding of the international relations of the Middle East.
You will use the Arabic language both as a means of communication and a research tool, to conduct interviews, read the local press, and explore Middle Eastern culture in a way not available to non-Arabic speakers.
This programme is only suitable if you have a level of Arabic language proficiency on entry, if you have not previously studied Arabic language, we recommend MSc International Relations of the Middle East with Arabic.

Programme structure
The programme will be delivered through lectures, seminars, group work and guided independent study followed by an independently researched dissertation.
You will complete four compulsory courses and two option courses, as well as a programme of intensive Arabic language studies that will involve oral and written exams. You may also take language courses in Persian and Turkish, although these will not count towards your qualification.

Career opportunities
The specialist knowledge you acquire through this programme will equip you for any career relating to international relations, particularly of the Middle East, either in academia (after further study) or with an International Institute. Your Arabic language skills will be invaluable in many contexts including academia, media and the NGO sector.
In addition, the transferable skills you gain in areas such as communication and research will give you an edge in the employment market, whatever your eventual career.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree, or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/ international/graduate-entry). You should also have Arabic language skills at a level between CEF B1 and C1 to be a good fit in the relevant context.
If you have any queries about language levels, please contact the Programme Director.

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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www.ed.ac.uk/pg/689

International Relations of the Middle East with Advanced Arabic
MSc 2 yrs FT

Programme description
This MSc offers an intensive Arabic language programme (including a period spent in an Arabic-speaking country) with an advanced theoretical and empirical understanding of the international relations of the Middle East.
You will study the international politics and culture of the Middle East while learning to communicate, to an advanced level, in its dominant language. This will include a period of study in an Arabic-speaking country. No prior study of Arabic is required.

Programme structure
The programme will be delivered through lectures, seminars, group work and guided independent study. You will complete three compulsory courses and three option courses, as well as a programme of intensive Arabic language studies, which will involve oral and written exams. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available. You may also take language courses in Persian and Turkish, although they will not count towards your qualification. Your second year of study will culminate in an independently researched dissertation.

Career opportunities
The specialist knowledge you acquire through this programme will equip you for any career relating to international relations, particularly of the Middle East, either in academia (after further study) or with an international institute. Your Arabic language skills will be invaluable in many contexts including academia, media and the NGO sector.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/ international/graduate-entry).

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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Science, Technology & Innovation

www.ed.ac.uk/pg/854

Making Use of Digital Research
PgCert 12-24 mins PT

Programme description
This programme is aimed at academics, coordinators and users of digital research in business, policy making and the third sector, including digital marketing and analytical services officers. It comprises a suite of courses designed to provide the critical understanding and skills needed to make best use of digital research findings, with a particular focus on social media research, web 2.0 data and their synergies with publicly available administrative datasets.

These skills include:
• understanding the production and consumption of automatic measures of user/customer feedback online;
• making best use of evidence from digital data analysis to inform business and policy decision-making;
• organising interdisciplinary strategies for digital research groups;
• identifying and accessing relevant expertise to undertake digital research for business and policy.

Programme structure
The programme is designed as a carefully thought-through progression from practical skills to a more critical understanding, through a comprehensive overview of available applications of digital research. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

COURSES PREVIOUSLY OFFERED INCLUDE:

Career opportunities
This programme is aimed at creating career opportunities in the commercial sector (e.g. such as user experience consultants, industry analyst), by offering a critical overview of digital research applications in different fields (User analytics, influence marketing and institutional research management). It will also introduce you to careers in marketing and design as well as policy making.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/ international/graduate-entry).

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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Management of Bioeconomy, Innovation & Governance

www.ed.ac.uk/pg/769

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

Programme description
This programme responds to the rapid growth in the global bioeconomy by providing the core knowledge and skills needed to compete in a rapidly evolving, highly skilled workforce. It is an innovative and dynamic postgraduate qualification designed to meet the increasing demand for skilled people in the growing global bioeconomy.
The programme responds to the central challenges of the bioeconomy, including developing sustainable innovation in a responsible manner; identifying and exploiting value throughout innovation ecosystems; and bringing new technologies to existing and emerging markets. To meet these modern challenges, the programme provides you with a dynamic set of competencies, and knowledge about life science innovation, as desired by prospective employers in the public, private and not-for profit sectors.

Areas covered by the programme include:
• agricultural biotechnology;
• sustainable food and animal production;
• synthetic biology;
• pharmaceuticals and antimicrobial resistance;
• regenerative medicine and cell therapies;
• stratified medicine;
• industrial biotechnology; genetic databases;
• biofuels and energy-related developments.
Graduates from this programme will excel in strategic thinking that brings new technologies to existing and emerging markets. They will have the skills to anticipate problems relating to innovation and firm strategy, policy and regulation, collaborative research and development (R&D) models, and governance and intellectual property.

Programme structure
This programme draws on real-life case studies and the latest research findings from the Innogen Institute. Experiential learning is encouraged, and is accomplished through problem based group work activities, presentations and interactive seminars, along with conventional lectures.
You will complete five compulsory courses and a selection of option courses, then work on an independently researched dissertation, which can be a conventional academic dissertation or a placement-based dissertation. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

Career opportunities
Basic scientific knowledge is no longer sufficient for building a successful career in the growing bioeconomy. There is a high demand for trained professionals in this area, and the programme is an opportunity to impress prospective employers in the public, private and not-for profit sectors with expertise in life science innovation. You may also choose to continue your studies and pursue an academic career in this rapidly growing field. The transferable skills you gain in areas such as communication and research will give you an edge in the employment market, whatever your eventual career.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/ international/graduate-entry).

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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Science, Technology & Innovation Studies programmes continued

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Science & Technology in Society

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

Programme description

Science, technology and innovation are central to contemporary society, solving and creating challenges in equal measure. This interdisciplinary programme examines the social, political and cultural dimensions of science, technology and innovation. It offers a comprehensive introduction to the interdisciplinary field of science and technology studies, and is intended for students wishing to develop a theoretical and practical understanding of the role of science, technology and innovation in society. We host one of the leading international centres of interdisciplinary research and teaching in science, technology and innovation studies, which means you’ll be studying as part of a vibrant community of scholars. You’ll be able to call on the expertise of our highly regarded academic staff, particularly in the sociology of knowledge and the sociology and economics of the life sciences and medicine; the social shaping of technology; science and technology for international development; the management of technology and innovation; and the politics of public engagement with science and technology.

Programme structure

This programme is delivered through lectures, seminars, group work and guided independent study. You will complete four compulsory courses and three or four option courses and then work on an independently researched dissertation. You can also pursue a dissertation through a placement-based project. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

Career opportunities

This programme is ideally suited to students looking to enter a career in academia, science communication, policy and government, social research and analysis, and non-governmental organisations. You will also develop a range of highly transferable skills, such as communication and project management, which can be applied to roles in any field.

Entry requirements

A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry).

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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Social Anthropology programmes

www.ed.ac.uk/pg/299

Medical Anthropology

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

Programme description

This programme studies health, illness and healing from a cross-cultural perspective. With a focus on the understanding of health, illness and medicine in a globalised world, this programme allows you to engage with contemporary debates about known and emerging diseases, and explore both traditional forms of healing and modern medical technologies. You’ll examine key questions in current medical anthropology from the perspective of both medical and social sciences, and address relevant issues, such as the way encounters between patients and professional healers are negotiated in varied cultural settings; the importance of political, economic and historical analyses to an understanding of the body, and the health-related effects of globalisation.

Intended for a diverse range of students, this distinctive and interdisciplinary programme will complement your background in anthropology or health sciences.

This programme is affiliated with the University’s Global Health Academy and Global Development Academy: www.ed.ac.uk/global-health

Programme structure

Teaching combines lectures, seminars and tutorials, and you will produce essays and assessed coursework. The programme works in close collaboration with the Global Public Health Unit and other subjects in the School of Social & Political Science. You will complete two compulsory courses and four option courses. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

After the taught courses you will work towards your independently researched dissertation. Courses range from those offering an overview of theories and theorists to those examining specific issues such as kinship, gender, development and religion. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

Career opportunities

Past students of this programme have gone on to doctoral research in anthropology, while others have been very successful in securing places both in the UK and overseas in a wide variety of careers – from journalism to working in non-governmental organisations. You will also develop a range of highly transferable skills, such as communication and project management, which can be applied to roles in any field. Recent graduates are now working for employers such as the United Nations, Refugee Action and Police Scotland.

Entry requirements

A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry).

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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www.ed.ac.uk/pg/310

Social Anthropology

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

Programme description

This programme offers an intensive introduction to contemporary social anthropology. It is primarily intended for graduates with little or no previous training in anthropology; these may be either students contemplating future doctoral research in the subject or students who wish to acquire anthropological expertise to supplement their existing range of professional skills. Whatever your aim is, this MSc offers an intensive introduction to social anthropology. We provide a programme of study that will enable you to engage reflexively with the particularities of your own cultural and social context as well as with the possibilities inherent in cross-cultural comparison. Working within a rich and active research culture, we shall explore the distinctive nature of social anthropology and its contribution to a critical and informed understanding of the contemporary world – a world reflected in the diversity of our students and the wide variety of our research/teaching interests.

Programme structure

The programme will be delivered through lectures, seminars, group work and guided independent study. You will complete four compulsory courses and two option courses then work towards an independently researched dissertation. Courses range from those offering an overview of theories and theorists to those examining specific issues such as kinship, gender, development and religion. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

Career opportunities

Past students of this programme have gone on to doctoral research in anthropology, while others have been very successful in securing places both in the UK and overseas in a wide variety of careers – from journalism to working in non-governmental organisations. You will also develop a range of highly transferable skills, such as communication and project management, which can be applied to roles in any field. Recent graduates are now working for employers such as the United Nations, Refugee Action and Police Scotland.

Entry requirements

A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry).

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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Childhood Studies

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

Programme description
This is an interdisciplinary programme, designed to explore issues such as child law and how it is implemented through policy and practice, and the implications of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child for child welfare, disability, education, family studies, juvenile justice, social policy and social work.

This programme responds to the increasing importance of the study of childhood in disciplines as wide-ranging as philosophy, sociology and geography. It offers an opportunity to develop skills in research and consultation with children and young people.

You’ll examine the implications of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and gain knowledge and analytical perspectives on particular areas of legislation, policy, theory and practice that affect children. We have particular expertise in directly undertaking ethical research with children. You can undertake the necessary research training, through this programme, to progress onto a PhD or a research career. The programme benefits from the childhood studies expertise of academic staff across the University.

Programme structure
Teaching combines lectures, seminars and tutorials, plus a combination of essays and assessed coursework. You will complete three compulsory courses and three option courses. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available. Your dissertation can be your own independent research or you can undertake a placement-based dissertation which can be undertaken in the UK or abroad. For more details on placement-based dissertations see page 38.

Career opportunities
Graduates go on to employment with national and international non-governmental organisations, research posts and PhD study, and beyond Europe, with a view to understanding how and why nations differ in their social and public policies and what they can learn from each other’s experience in key contemporary policy concerns, including labour market, work-life balance, health, social care, inequality and welfare issues, education policy and child-oriented policy and practice.

Programme description
This programme offers an interdisciplinary training in the systematic comparison of social and public policies from an international perspective. It helps develop substantive knowledge in a wide range of policy fields around topical issues such as policy evaluation, policy learning and policy transfer.

The programme is popular internationally, and you’ll study in a setting where students from various backgrounds learn from the policy experience of their own and each other’s nations. As a recently developed policy, Scotland is an exciting place to observe contemporary developments in government, and Edinburgh hosts democratic institutions that will inform your studies.

Programme structure
The programme will be delivered through lectures, seminars, group work and guided independent study. You will complete two compulsory courses and four option courses then work towards an independently researched dissertation. You can undertake a standard dissertation or produce a placement-based dissertation which can be undertaken in the UK or abroad. For more details on placement-based dissertations see page 38.

Career opportunities
Graduates are well placed for careers in public policy, government, NGOs, research and consulting. You will develop an advanced understanding of political, economic and social contexts of policy making, and be trained in the skills needed to analyse and research policy decisions and outcomes.

In place of a dissertation you will normally undertake a capstone project, including a placement at a policy organisation of up to 12 weeks. This comprises a professional analytical report, based on the placement, exploring existing public policy problems. This project will be marked by a policy practitioner from any of the public sector, non-profit sector or civil society organisations to provide you with the skills necessary for a career in the public sector. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available. The assessment types used will include: writing short policy briefs of memos; problem-solving tasks; individual and group presentations; writing analytical reports; self and peer assessment; and developing skills portfolios, and other varied oral and writing tasks.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry).

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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See also...
Some of the School of Social & Political Science’s taught masters programmes are closely related to those in other Schools and Colleges. You may be interested in programmes offered by other Schools, particularly the Schools of Biological Sciences; Education; Literature, Languages & Cultures; Philosophy, Psychology & Language Sciences; Health in Social Science; or GeoSciences.

www.ed.ac.uk/pg/306

Policy Studies

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

Programme description
This well-established programme focuses on analysing the activities of government, especially those policies relating to the welfare state.

You’ll develop an advanced understanding of political, economic and social contexts of policy-making, and be trained in the skills needed to analyse and research policy decisions and outcomes.

The programme is popular internationally, and you’ll study in a setting where students from various backgrounds learn from the policy experience of their own and each other’s nations. As a recently developed policy, Scotland is an exciting place to observe contemporary developments in government, and Edinburgh hosts democratic institutions that will inform your studies.

Programme structure
The programme will be delivered through lectures, seminars, group work and guided independent study. You will complete two compulsory courses and four option courses then work towards an independently researched dissertation. You can undertake a standard dissertation or produce a placement-based dissertation which can be undertaken in the UK or abroad. For more details on placement-based dissertations see page 38.

Career opportunities
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Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry).

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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www.ed.ac.uk/pg/690
Social Work programmes

www.ed.ac.uk/pg/634

Advanced Social Work Studies (Mental Health Officer Award)

PgCert 1 yr PT (UK/EU students only)

Programme description
This programme is for qualified social workers wishing to practise as mental health officers (MHOs). It has been designed by, and is delivered in partnership with, 12 local authorities in the east of Scotland. It focuses upon the role of the MHO in relation to relevant Scottish legislation. In addition to the taught elements, students undertake two periods of assessed MHO practice. Under Section 32(2) of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003, local authorities have a statutory duty to appoint and provide training for MHOs to undertake mandatory MHO responsibilities, enshrined in legislation: mainly the 2003 Act, but also the Adults with Incapacity Act 2000 and the Criminal Proceedings Act 1995. Our primary aim is to provide the required MHO qualification in partnership with the East of Scotland MHO Award Partnership.

Programme structure
The programme comprises 12 taught days and eight days of online learning over two semesters. You will also undertake two periods of assessed MHO practice (32 days each), organised and supported by your employing local authority. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

Career opportunities
This qualification is for qualified social workers wishing to practise as mental health officers (MHOs).

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/ international/graduate-entry), or a recognised qualification in social work and at least two years’ relevant experience in social work practice. If you are a qualified social worker but you do not hold a degree-level qualification, you may ask for special consideration when applying. You must be employed, supported, and seconded by one of the 12 employing local authorities within the East of Scotland MHO Partnership catchment area.

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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Social Work

Master of Social Work 21 mths FT

Programme description
This programme offers you a professional qualification recognised by the Scottish Social Services Council and the Health and Care Professions Council UK, and eligibility for registration as a social worker.

You’ll gain a fundamental understanding of the theory and practice that underpins all work in the field, splitting your time between theoretical learning on campus and practical work in various social work practice learning environments.

The programme is approved by the Scottish Social Services Council, complies with the Scottish Requirements for Social Work Training and enables you to meet the Standards in Social Work Education and the Key Capabilities in Child Care and Protection. It is also recognised as a professional qualification in social work across the world, including the United States and Canada.

Programme structure
You will study over two years, with periods of practice learning in both years. You will complete six courses in your first year and two in your second year, at the end of which you will complete your dissertation. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

Career opportunities
This programme qualifies you to practise as a social worker. Many of our students go on to work in diverse settings in social work practice, training, research, government and in the public, private and voluntary sectors. You will also develop a range of highly transferable skills, such as communication and project management, which can be applied to roles in any field.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree, or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/ international/graduate-entry), is preferred. Applicants holding or predicted less than a 2:1 degree (or equivalent) with additional qualifications and/or substantial relevant experience may also be considered.

You must be able to demonstrate knowledge and experience of social work and a sound motivation to train as a social worker through a period of paid or voluntary work in a social care/social work setting or any settings that allowed you to work with people in need. You will normally have at least six months of work experience at the time of applying.

We may also consider your application if you have other voluntary or work experience and can demonstrate an ability to transfer your learning and experience, and to manage complex relationships in personal or work contexts. You must be able to demonstrate this in your personal statement.

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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Sociology programmes

Digital Society

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

Programme description
This programme provides you with a rigorous introduction to the sociological study of digital society and digital culture. It will introduce you to the theoretical and methodological issues that arise when sociologists investigate the increasing prevalence of digital technology, digital infrastructure, and data production, capture, and analysis in everyday life. It will also allow you to study the social conditions (economic, political, and cultural) that give rise to such technologies and their circuits of power. You may study specialised topics including the sociological analysis of digital technology and new forms of data on the fields of contemporary culture, work and labour, leisure, health, education, government and law, and finance. Primarily intended for those with some background in the social sciences, the programme is also suitable for anyone who wants to understand and learn to study, analyse, and critique digital technologies and the complex ways in which they shape society, social institutions, and culture.

Programme structure
This programme combines seminar teaching with individual research supervision by leading researchers in the emerging field of digital sociology. Compulsory courses provide a sociological perspective and prepare you for your independent dissertation research. Four further option courses can address digital media, social and cultural theory, and research training needs as you prefer. The dissertation, a piece of self-designed research with expert supervision, allows you to put your personal stamp on your studies.

Career opportunities
You will be well positioned for a range of careers in the public, private, and third sectors, particularly digital research or digital media design and development. The programme is also suitable for those who wish to engage with digital technology and data in their own personal lives or on a wider scale as an activist, artist, manager, practitioner, or policymaker. You may go on to undertake roles in social media analysis, Internet research, journalism, education, or law and government. The programme also offers progression to a PhD in social research and you will gain highly transferable skills in research, communication, and project management applicable to roles in many fields.

Entry requirements
A UK 2.1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry).

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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Nationalism Studies

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

Programme description
This is an interdisciplinary programme designed to give you an understanding of nationalism that is broad in scope and theoretically informed, while also tailored to your specific interests within the field. Here in Edinburgh we have a unique perspective on the study of nationalism. The recently established national-level democratic institutions, along with the independence debate, give you a first-hand view of the cultural, historical and political background of nationalism. This programme also addresses the conflict and oppression that can be engendered through nationalism, and the global changes that can be brought about by national identities, ideologies and interests. You’ll gain a comprehensive knowledge of the central concepts and major theories of nationalism, and identify key issues and problems through comparative and case study approaches.

Along the way, you’ll be supported by expert staff and the resources of the University’s respected centres of study, such as the Centre of African Studies, Canadian Studies and South Asian Studies, and the subject areas of Politics and International Relations, Economic and Social History, and Social Anthropology.

Programme structure
The programme will be delivered through lectures, seminars, group work and guided independent study. You will complete two compulsory courses and four option courses then work towards an independently researched dissertation. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available. MSc students will also produce an independently researched dissertation, which may be based on a placement you undertake at a workplace of your choosing.

Career opportunities
Drawing on the communication and research skills provided by the programme, our students have gone on to undertake professional internships and secure jobs at governmental, non-governmental, educational and commercial institutions across the world, such as the Canadian and Scottish Governments and the European Centre for Minority Issues. Graduates have also gone on to doctoral programmes at Edinburgh and around the world, pursuing study across the social sciences and humanities. Importantly, our students make strong friendships and connections that last long after their studies on the programme.

Entry requirements
A UK 2.1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry).

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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Social Research

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

Programme description
This programme is designed to provide a firm grounding in the theory, philosophy and methods of social research, as well as opportunities to develop an area of substantive interest within the social sciences. It combines compulsory training in a combination of quantitative and qualitative social research skills with the essentials of research design; you’ll graduate with an in-depth understanding of the key issues, approaches and techniques of research in the social sciences, and the ability to conduct quality social research of value to the public, policymakers, professionals, and the academic community.

Practical application of your skills is also a priority, and you will have the option to complete a placement-based dissertation. Our programme has been uniquely chosen within the School for the Student Awards Agency for Scotland’s (SASS) Postgraduate Loans (Scotland and EU) scheme. Recognised as research training by the Economic and Social Research Council, the programme is also eligible for the Open Societies Foundation grant scheme.

Programme structure
The programme will be delivered through lectures, seminars, group work and guided independent study. You will complete three compulsory courses for the MSc and an additional three option courses for the MSc. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available. MSc students will also produce an independently researched dissertation, which may be based on a placement you undertake at a workplace of your choosing.

Career opportunities
This is a flexible and comprehensive qualification that will make you a sought after researcher with strong quantitative and qualitative research skills. This programme will equip you to gain employment in the public, voluntary and private sectors, or it can be used as the basis of doctoral research, potentially leading to an academic career. You will also develop a range of transferrable skills, such as communication and project management, which can be applied to roles in any field. Recent graduates are now working for employers such as Alzheimer Scotland, the BBC, the Scottish Government, Hill Cabinet and NFU Scotland.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry).

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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Sociology & Global Change

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

Programme description
This programme provides you with teaching in the ideas and approaches of sociology as applied to understanding social order and social change globally and internationally. It explores the local impacts of global processes, and global impacts of local processes. This programme will give you a good understanding of global processes of social change, and allow you to explore topics of personal interest in depth, both through coursework and in a supervised dissertation project. It will appeal to those concerned about some of the key social problems and dynamics of our day, providing a thorough grounding in approaches to social research on global issues.

It presents sociology as the study of a dynamic and globalising world, dealing with issues such as sustainable development, migration, refugees and displacement, global families and the transformation of intimacy, global financial markets, China, India, Latin America, human rights, citizenship and national identity, digital and global popular culture, global inequality, and religious and cultural change.

You will become part of a community led by international experts working on globally involved topics, in one of the UK’s best departments for research and teaching. In the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014 the University of Edinburgh’s sociology research was ranked first in the UK for research quality, with 83 per cent of our work rated world leading or internationally excellent.

Programme structure
You will take compulsory courses that give you a sociological perspective and prepare you for independent dissertation research. Your four further option courses can address global topics, social theory and research training, as you prefer. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available. The dissertation, a piece of self-designed research with supervisory support, allows you to put your personal stamp on your studies.

Career opportunities
This programme is extremely relevant if you are seeking employment working on globally involved topics, in one of the UK’s best departments for research and teaching. In the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014 the University of Edinburgh’s sociology research was ranked first in the UK for research quality, with 83 per cent of our work rated world leading or internationally excellent.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry).

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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Research at the School of Social & Political Science

The School of Social & Political Science boasts an outstanding range of subjects and research centres, with more than 200 academic staff supporting nearly 400 postgraduate research students.

We offer a mix of research programmes – MSc by Research and PhD – across the following areas:

- African Studies
- Global Health Policy
- International Development
- Politics & International Relations
- Science, Technology & Innovation Studies
- Medical Anthropology
- Social Anthropology
- Social Policy
- Sociology
- Socio-Cultural Studies
- South Asian Studies
- Social Work

Programme types

PhD
A PhD is the highest academic research qualification entailing research training and supervised research over a three-year period.

MSc by Research
A one-year programme assessed by research coursework, examination and a dissertation designed to prepare you for advanced research.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 Honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/ international/graduate-entry). Many programmes also require a UK masters degree with an overall mark of 65 per cent or its international equivalent. Please check the specific entry requirements for your programme online before applying.

Career opportunities
Many of our graduates use a research programme as a platform for a career in academia, or postdoctoral research internationally. Others have found work in international development, the charities sector, the civil service or in business, with organisations such as the Red Cross and the Ford Motor Company.

Subjects and disciplines

Politics and international relations
Research in politics and international relations explores the theory, practice and ethics of politics and governance. We cover a broad area of expertise, from local policy to global governance, political theory to empirical studies, constructivism to rational choice approaches. Much of our work focuses on the exciting challenges posed by new institutional settings: devolution, European integration, and multilateral cooperation. Empirical research is complemented by strong political theory, analysing issues of justice, rights and legitimacy in European and international relations. We also address challenges of governance in environmental, security, migration, health and finance policy. We specialise in the comparative politics of countries in Europe, Russia, Africa and North America.

Science, technology and innovation studies
The University has an international reputation in all aspects of the study of science, technology and innovation in society. With the founding of the Science Studies Unit in 1964 came pioneering work in the sociology of scientific knowledge. Likewise, the establishment of the Research Centre for Social Sciences in 1984 produced innovative and interdisciplinary research, public policy advice and consultancy on the socioeconomic aspects of technology and innovation.

These two bodies have come together to form the Science, Technology and Innovation Studies subject group (STIS). STIS also hosts two interdisciplinary research institutes – Innogen, the Institute for Innovation Generation in the Life Sciences, and the Institute for the Study of Science, Technology and Innovation.

Social anthropology
Social anthropology at Edinburgh has a thriving research culture, bringing together academic staff, a lively and cosmopolitan body of postgraduate researchers, and a growing number of postdoctoral fellows.

In recent years we have won significant funding from the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), the Arts and Humanities Research Council, the British Academy, and the Leverhulme Trust, as well as non-academic partners such as the Department for International Development. We have an excellent record of success in recent ESRC and British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship schemes. Our strengths include: the anthropology of politics; kinship, personhood and ritual; film, media and the aesthetic; anthropology in practice; and medical anthropology.

Social policy
Research in social policy is organised in three groups. Work, Economy and Welfare explores the relationship between trends in modern welfare states, resource allocation and labour markets. Much of the work conducted is cross-national and comparative in nature. The group was strongly involved in the EU Network of Excellence in Reconciling Work and Welfare. Our Policy and Governance group provides a social policy perspective to the University’s work on socio-legal studies, governance, devolution studies and public sector management, working in collaboration with colleagues in politics and sociology and also with Edinburgh Law School, University of Edinburgh Business School and the Institute of Governance. Our Families, Children and Welfare group explores aspects of family relationships, childhood and youth studies that can be applied to policy research and practice. This group has strong ties with the Centre for Research on Families and Relationships and the University-based Child and Youth Studies Network.

Social work
As social work academics, we see our role as not only producing research and pursuing scholarship, but also encouraging the use of research in practice.

Although we conduct a large amount of our research in Scotland, reflecting our core interest in legislation, policy and practice here, we also have a commitment
Research at the School of Social & Political Science (continued)

to research in the European and wider international arena. This is reflected in the research carried out by our PhD students and academic staff.

We have been involved in a range of research projects on topics as diverse as youth justice, community mental health in India, HIV and asylum seekers, communicating with children in child protection and linking administrative data for child welfare research.

Sociology
Our work focuses on the intertwining of individual lives, social processes and historical change. Edinburgh is one of the world’s leading centres of the empirical study and theorisation of identity, nations, and nationalism. It takes a leading role in research on intimate relations, emotion, social demography and processes of marginalisation. Renowned for its work on sociological, narrative and auto-biography as well as the social studies of finance it also offers an exciting new focus on digital sociology and cultural sociology.

Critical sociology – the re-examination of the foundations of the discipline – remains a theme of much of the above work. The area is an increasing focus of events and symposia, including our annual Goftman Lecture.

Research centres

Academy of Government
The Academy of Government prepares students and professionals for leadership roles in the public sector, international organisations and the voluntary sector, and pursues research on all the major issues of public policy. We seek to generate ideas about the most pressing public policy problems; to undertake high-quality research that has an impact on public services and ultimately improves the quality of life of citizens; and to reach out to local, national and international communities. We have strong links with the Scottish, UK, European and international policy community.

Centre of African Studies
Founded in 1962, we are the only academic unit in Scotland dedicated to the study of Africa. Drawing on a proud history of links between Scotland and Africa, from the 19th-century missionaries who played a major role in southern Africa to 20th-century African leaders, such as Edinburgh alumnus Julius Nyere, the Centre of African Studies brings together African expertise from across the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, and beyond.

Centre of Canadian Studies
We offer opportunities to develop research projects that focus directly on Canada or study Canada in relation to broader research on the Arctic, Scotland, the UK, Europe, North America and developing regions. Our interdisciplinary approach is supported by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, the Foundation for Canadian Studies in the UK, and Foreign Affairs & International Trade, Canada.

Centre for Research on Families and Relationships
The Centre for Research on Families and Relationships is a partnership between six Scottish universities: Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Glasgow Caledonian, Highlands and Islands, and Stirling. We produce, stimulate and disseminate high-quality social research based on qualitative and quantitative approaches. Our research programmes encompass diverse themes and inform policy, practice and debate in Scotland, the UK and internationally.

Center for Security Research
CeSeR is an interdisciplinary centre that aims to promote and link diverse forms of security research across disciplines. It connects the increasing number of University researchers who work on security from Social and Political Science, Law, Business, Psychology, Informatics, Divinity, History, Geoscience, Engineering, and elsewhere. CeSeR is based in Politics and International Relations in the School of Social & Political Science and was established in 2015. Security was once a matter of war and international relations alone, but has become a pressing issue for potentially any area of research or policy. Security challenges have become multi-dimensional and crossing, ranging from traditional security topics such as war and military alliances to new insecurities including human security, cyber security, environmental resource conflicts, pandemics, global terrorism, environmental crises, health threats, resource disruption and critical infrastructure breakdown. The multi-dimensional nature of security and insecurity demands the multi-disciplinary perspective that CeSeR provides.

Centre of South Asian Studies
Our Centre of South Asian Studies is one of the major UK research centres focused on the affairs of Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Whatever the topic, staff at the Centre work with students to make the study of South Asia come alive. In addition to a weekly seminar (offering graduate students, staff and visitors a platform for sharing research and ideas), the Centre organises workshops and conferences on topical themes.

Europa Institute
Instituted in 1968, the Europa Institute is one of the longest-established specialist centres for advanced study of European integration. The Institute brings together world-class scholars on EU law, politics and policy, and supports a vibrant community of early-career researchers and postgraduate students. The Institute works closely with the School of Social & Political Science and Edinburgh Law School. The Institute is a pre-eminent centre for the study of the European Union and enjoys close collaborations with leading research scholars in European Union studies and practitioners from across the world. The Europa Institute has been designated a Centre of Excellence and of Excellence by the European Commission in recognition of its high-quality research and teaching.

Global Development Academy
The Global Development Academy has been created to harness the University’s international teaching, research and partnerships to ensure Edinburgh plays a role in contributing solutions to world problems. Researchers at the School of Social & Political Science work at the heart of the Global Development Academy, teaching the majority of the Academy’s Mic programmes and supervising its PhD students, who typically work on interdisciplinary research projects.

Global Public Health Unit
The Global Public Health Unit provides a broad focus on population health and the factors that influence it at a national, regional and global level. The Unit is a leading centre for research examining health systems and global governance, the commercial sector and public health, social determinants of health and public policy, and science, advocacy and health policy.

Innogen – the Institute for Innovation Generation
Innogen conducts internationally recognised research with practical impact on innovation in life science and related advanced technology areas. We consider the business models and value chains that need to be developed to translate new scientific discoveries to practical use, how smarter approaches to regulation can help to support innovation that better meets societal needs, and how stakeholders can most effectively participate in governance processes.

Innovations in Global Health

The Institute of International Cultural Relations
The Institute of International Cultural Relations (IICR) has its research focus on the global political economy; the global political economy; Arts and sports; The conduct of international relations; International business; Digital communications and media; Direct engagement and partnership with external decision-maker, policy, and practitioner communities is a unique strength of IICR’s educational and research programmes, as is connecting internationally and inter-culturally real world communities.

The Institute for the Study of Science, Technology and Innovation
The Institute for the Study of Science, Technology and Innovation (ISSTI) is a research network that brings together scholars and research groups across the University of Edinburgh who are involved in research, teaching and knowledge transfer on social and policy aspects of science, technology and innovation. Much of the work undertaken within the ISSTI network focuses on four areas:

• information and communication technologies;
• energy technologies and environmental innovation;
• life science innovations; and the historical sociology of science, technology and medicine.

ISSTI’s interdisciplinary research collaborations extend beyond the School of Social & Political Science and include the Schools of Business, Economics, Engineering, Informatics, Law, Health in Social Science and Edinburgh College of Art.

Institute of International Cultural Relations
The Institute of International Cultural Relations (IICR) has its research focus on the role of culture, science and education in:

• The global political economy
• Arts and sports
• The conduct of international relations
• International business
• Digital communications and media

Just World Institute
The Just World Institute was founded in 2008 to foster interdisciplinary research into the global challenges facing the international order. Our expertise spans political science, international relations, philosophy, social anthropology, law, sociology, geography, economics, criminology, business management, African studies and South Asian studies. The institute also promotes science research collaborations with Edinburgh’s world-class researchers in geosciences and medicine.

Our work addresses interconnected themes: global justice and human rights; security, conflict and peace; and environment, natural resources and climate change.

The Institute has an Ethics Forum, which supports academic and public debate on the ethical dimensions of contemporary concerns, with standing groups addressing the research and teaching themes of the University’s Global Academies.

The University is making PhDs by online learning. If you’re interested in studying with us this way, we’re keen to investigate possibilities in some of our areas of research.
Research opportunities

African Studies

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

**Research environment**

Since its foundation in 1962, the Centre of African Studies (CAS) has expanded research activities from its core disciplines of history, politics, social anthropology and education to include many other fields, including law, business and management studies, sociology, gender studies, environment and development, and religious studies.

African Studies doctoral students will receive regular one-to-one thesis supervision from two supervisors with expertise in their research areas. As well as having access to a wide range of methodological courses and training resources in the School of Social & Political Science, you are encouraged to participate in the Centre’s weekly research seminar series, which features a wide range of influential scholars.

A series of workshops are given throughout the academic year that help prepare you for various stages of the PhD and offer guidance on career choices. Recent graduates are now working for the Department for Work & Pensions, IHS Country Risk and Forecasting, and for universities worldwide.

**Outstanding collections**

The city of Edinburgh and the University both have superb resources for the study of Africa. The National Library of Scotland has major collections relating to Africa, especially through the Church of Scotland’s mission papers. The University Library has built up one of the finest collections of African studies texts in the UK. Through the UK’s Standing Conference on Library Materials on Africa, the library additionally has an obligation to maintain collections on Zambia and Malawi. CAS organises weekly seminars for visiting scholars and also holds an annual international conference.

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Global Health Policy

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

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

**Research environment**

This programme aims to provide rigorous postgraduate training to those interested in pursuing interdisciplinary research across public health and the social sciences. It offers structured training towards research, either for a PhD or a masters by research, as a solid basis for a research career. The Global Public Health Unit (GPHU) was established to carry out and disseminate research in health policy and provide exceptional postgraduate teaching.

Focusing on the principles of equity, access and universality, we have gained an international reputation for the quality and social relevance of our research.

Our research is organised around the following four intersecting themes, each of which is central to contemporary policy debates:

- Commercial sector and public health
- Health systems and global governance
- Social determinants of health and public policy
- Science, advocacy and health policy

GPHU staff have a history of conducting outstanding research and of playing a leading role in debates around the impact of current policies on public health and social inequalities. We contribute to the world’s leading peer reviewed journals and to professional journals, as well as the wider media.

**Collaborative culture**

We offer PhD students a supportive research environment in which you’ll find senior academics and research fellows working together on team-based projects. Students studying for the PhD are encouraged to contribute to GPHU’s ongoing projects.

All postgraduates researching public health policy are encouraged to take part in seminars and to take advantage of training courses run at School, College and University level.

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“I’m currently working with the National Museum of Scotland, Perth Museum and Art Gallery and the University of Aberdeen Collection, where I’ve been on research visits to explore the exchange of argillite art through the fur trade.”

Kaitlin McCormick, from Ontario, Canada, PhD
Research opportunities

miners, who are often overlooked when industry regulations are formulated.

Dr Spiegel's research has changed attitudes towards artisanal mining, with the Minimata Convention now making allowances for the industry's specific needs (for example, in allowing the use of limited quantities of mercury). He has also advised policymakers and NGOs from Africa, Asia and South America on implementation of these new regulations, resulting in improved environmental management and lifestyles in many rural developing areas. Regional artisanal miners’ associations, such as the Zimbabwe Artisanal and Small-Scale for Sustainable Mining Council, have also benefited from the research.

International Development

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

Research environment

The University of Edinburgh is host to a thriving and cosmopolitan community of researchers working on global development challenges. We are home to internationally renowned academics working at the intersection of international development policy and health, science/technology, religion, migration, energy, urbanisation, mining and human rights, as well as regional centres of expertise in Africa and South Asia.

Doctoral students in International Development become part of a vibrant, interdisciplinary research community, and members of the Global Development Academy, which coordinates research and teaching on international development across the University. We also welcome students who are keen to develop doctoral research projects in collaboration with third parties (NGOs, multilateral/bilateral agencies, campaign groups, or media organisations).

Support and training

Postgraduates in our International Development group will receive regular one-to-one thesis supervision from two supervisors with expertise in their research areas. Doctoral students will enjoy special opportunities to meet development policymakers, practitioners, diplomats, and internationally recognised academics visiting the Global Development Academy. In addition, they will be invited to join research workshops hosted by the Global Development Academy and regular open research seminars held by subject areas across the School of Social & Political Science. Focused supervision in the International Development group is drawn from staff associated to the Centre of African Studies, Sociology, Social Anthropology, Social Policy, Politics and History. All of the School’s research areas were ranked among the UK’s top eight in their subject by the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014. In addition, staff from across the University provide expertise and training for our research students.

You will have the opportunity to attend the weekly seminar series, International Development Exchanges and Advanced Skills (IDEAS), which involves peer research presentations, guest speakers and discussion of key theoretical texts. As well as having access to a wide range of methodological courses, you will benefit from monthly workshops on academic and career development.

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Medical Anthropology

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

Programme description
This programme will enable you to join the key debates on contemporary medical anthropology and sociology, apply analytical tools drawn from social theory, select anthropological or sociological research methods for use in health related settings and develop a research agenda.

You will follow taught courses, and receive hands-on training in social research skills. You will also complete an individually supervised project on a topic of your choice. Students often progress to a PhD in Social Anthropology, but the MSc can also be taken as a standalone.

Structure
The dissertation will constitute the main work in which you demonstrate your learning. It normally takes the form of an extended research proposal with the following components: a literature review; an outline of the specific questions to be addressed; a statement of research design and methods to be employed; a discussion of the practical, political and ethical issues affecting the conduct of the research; a presentation of the schedule for the research, and its estimated budget.

Where the programme is taken as a stand-alone degree, the dissertation normally includes a component of data collection and analysis, or selection of theoretical documents and analysis.

Opportunities
This interdisciplinary MSc by Research is an opportunity to develop a specialisation in an area of medical sociology or anthropology. On completion of the programme you will be able to articulate your own approach to theories and methodologies in medical sociology, think creatively about the social dynamics of health and healing in local and global perspectives; and think from both medical and social science perspectives.

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Politics & International Relations

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

Research environment
Our Politics and International Relations group has close links with cross-disciplinary and internationally recognised research centres. Major research focuses include:
- comparative, sub-state and supranational dimensions of politics and governance;
- the impact of devolution in the UK and elsewhere, and the constitution and governance of the European Union;
- international politics: critical security, security politics and policy, transatlantic relations, international political economy, international development;
- nationalism, democratic transition, civil society and institution building;
- public policy: including health, welfare, environment, competition, migrations and citizenship;
- political theory, especially war ethics, environmental ethics and theories of freedom;
- gender and politics.

Support and training
This programme includes courses in research design and methodology. The Graduate School provides a suite of ESRC-recognised research training courses for social science students across the University. We have an exciting package of flexible, web-based training courses in line with the increased emphasis on advanced training throughout the course of doctoral studies.

Most of our recent graduates have gone on to research and academia at universities worldwide. Others find private sector employment for organisations such as KPMG.

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Science & Technology Studies

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

Research environment
The University of Edinburgh has an international reputation as a leading centre of research in science and technology studies (STS). Edinburgh scholars work around the globe on the social and historical aspects of developments in science and technology. Particular strengths in research include:
- the history and philosophy of science;
- the social shaping of technology;
- the history of medicine;
- the politics of controversies and public engagement with science and technology;
- science, technology and gender;
- the sociology of financial markets and emissions trading schemes;
- innovation in biotechnology and the life sciences;
- the development and use of information and communication technologies;
- innovation for sustainability;
- science and technology in developing countries.

Support and training
PhD students will usually follow our MSc by Research in STS for their first year. This comprises specialist courses, as well as training in research methods. By the end of this year, you will have completed a full research proposal. You will join the lively research community and participate in regular seminars and workshops, and, if a PhD student, an annual retreat. Frequent seminars and lectures by visiting scholars provide opportunities for contacts beyond the University.

Facilities
Research library and archive facilities in Edinburgh are outstanding. All research students are members of the Graduate School of Social & Political Science, with full access to the Graduate School's facilities in the Chytral Macmillan Building. Other library and archive facilities include the University's Main Library, the National Library of Scotland and the Scottish Records Office. Proximity to the Scottish Parliament and other institutions of national government provides further research opportunities.

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New information systems have made it possible for organisations to store, analyse and share personal information in increasingly complex ways. Whether it’s online or in the real world, new information systems have made it possible for organisations to store, analyse and share personal information in increasingly complex ways. Professor Raab, along with other researchers, pioneered the systematic investigation into the regulation of privacy by analysing the full range of institutions, roles, processes and tools involved in data protection and in safeguarding the right of information privacy. Arguing that lack of privacy protection has a potentially corrosive impact on society as a whole, he called for a more holistic view of the impacts of surveillance, and an expansion of the current privacy impact assessment (PIA) process to take into account the different social groups and categories who may experience disadvantage and unwarranted suspicion.

Project results
The result of this Edinburgh-based research was a report produced for the UK Information Commissioner, which, as well as generating worldwide attention and reaction, has directly influenced data protection trends and implications for the EU, and contributed to the shaping of privacy policy in both Scotland, the UK and internationally. A Report on the Surveillance Society triggered investigations by committees in both the House of Lords, and House of Commons, while it and a subsequent report have helped civil society bodies highlight worrying surveillance developments.

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### Social Anthropology

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

#### Research environment
Our Social Anthropology group forms an international centre of excellence for postgraduate training, recognised as one of the premier research departments in the UK. Applied research includes policy-related work on asylum seekers, non-governmental organisations, sustainable development and participatory rights. Our regional expertise is not confined to Scotland and the UK but includes Europe, Africa, the Middle East, South Asia, Southeast Asia, East Asia, and North and South America.  

**Particular research strengths include:**  
  - law and justice  
  - politics, governance and the state  
  - nationalism and citizenship  
  - war, violence and displacement  
  - medicine and health  
  - science and technology studies  
  - history and theory of anthropology  
  - development and environment  
  - kinship and relatedness  
  - death and the limits of the body  
  - material culture, identity and memory  
  - contemporary hunter-gatherers  
  - linguistic anthropology  
  - urban anthropology  
  - anthropology of landscape.

#### Support and training
The PhD programme combines work on your thesis project, usually based on long-term fieldwork, with systematic training in anthropological and social research skills. Research training is also available in the form of our MSc by Research. The Graduate School provides a suite of ESRC-recognised research training courses for social science students across the university. We are developing an exciting package of flexible web-based training courses in line with the increased emphasis on ongoing training throughout the course of doctoral studies.

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### Social Policy

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

#### Research environment
Our Social Policy group is one of the most respected in the UK and among the best for the quality of its teaching and research. We offer postgraduate supervision across the whole subject range, with particular expertise in comparative social policy, welfare reform, labour market policy, health policy, childhood studies, family policy and education policy. Many of our graduates use the programme as a foundation for their own future research or for an academic career.

Within social policy, we have the following active research groups:  
  - Global Public Health  
  - Policy and Governance  
  - Work, Economy and Inequality  
  - Centre for Research on Families and Relationships  
  - Discourse Analysis  
  - Social Network Analysis Project.

We enjoy close research links across the University, particularly with the Centre for Research on Families and Relationships, the Centre for Integrated Healthcare Research, Nursing Studies, and with Community Health Sciences.

#### Support and training
Our approach is research-led but student-focused teaching. There is an active programme of seminars and workshops for research students and staff. Edinburgh's excellent library facilities and the presence of the headquarters of many public, voluntary and private organisations, including the Scottish Parliament, make the city the perfect place to undertake research on social and public policy.

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### Social Work

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

#### Research environment
Our social work researchers have excellent links with professional and social work services in statutory and voluntary sectors. The research interests of staff cover the full range of applied service specialisms and theoretical issues in social work. In Scotland this includes criminal justice as well as children and families, vulnerable adults and community care. International and European perspectives are also part of academic staff interests. We have a strong commitment to knowledge exchange with practice and policy colleagues.

**Support and training**
Together with students in all disciplines across the School, you will undertake research methods courses in first year (and second year if part time) before proceeding with your thesis. Each student has two supervisors with the possibility of the second supervisor coming from an outside discipline. There are regular group meetings, especially in year one, between staff and students. Our work is enriched by the perspective of both international students and UK/EU students who are experienced professionals studying part time while working.

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### Socio-cultural Studies

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

#### Research environment
Socio-cultural studies attract people with social science backgrounds who wish to work on interdisciplinary topics, and also those from an arts or humanities background who want to gain skills and experience in social research. The MSc by Research in Socio-Cultural Studies may be taken as a stand-alone, one-year course or as a stepping stone to the PhD. It offers training in a range of qualitative methods. Indicative courses include:

- Documents of Life;  
- Research Design;  
- Analysing Qualitative Data;  
- Researching Cultures;  
- Explanation & Understanding in Social & Political Research; and  
- Working with Self and Others in Qualitative Research: Theory and Practice.

The dissertation element of the programme can take the form of either a small piece of independent research or a detailed proposal for a PhD.

**Support and training**
You will work with a supervisor on an original research dissertation and participate in advanced sociology research training workshops, work-in-progress seminars and a writing workshop. The Graduate School provides a suite of research training courses for social science students across the University. We are developing an exciting package of flexible, web-based training courses as well as training in innovative methods addressing topics such as visual sociology, in line with the increased emphasis on ongoing training throughout your doctoral studies.

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"Living in Edinburgh has been a hugely rewarding experience. The city has much to offer in terms of research resources, and it is also a great place to live as a student."  
**Kaitlin McCormick,** from Ontario, Canada, PhD
## South Asian Studies

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

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

### Research environment

South Asian Studies at Edinburgh has one of the largest concentrations of South Asianists in the UK, constituting a wide range of expertise. Examples of our recent research include the study of social, historical and anthropological aspects of Joint Forest Management Agreements in India; socio-historical research on the Indian Uprising of 1857; sociological and human geographical aspects of secondary schooling in north India; and sociological and anthropological aspects of pharmaceuticals in India and Nepal. Other cross-disciplinary areas where students are particularly welcome include the historical and contemporary study of religion (Buddhism, Islam, Christianity and Hinduism) and South Asian societies; gender, family and population; nationalism and caste; the media; the South Asian diaspora; contemporary politics and identity.

The MSc by Research in South Asian Studies offers core research skills and conceptual grounding for a research career or further study. The PhD combines work on an individual thesis project with systematic training in research skills.

The Centre for South Asian Studies hosts regular research seminars, workshops and conferences.

### Outstanding collections

The University’s Main Library has many manuscripts in oriental languages originating from the countries of the Middle East and South Asia. You will also have access to rich library and archive resources across the University including divinity and Celtic and Scottish studies. You will also have access to the National Library of Scotland (holding the papers of several Viceroy’s of India) and the Scottish National Record Office.

### English language requirements

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### Fees and funding

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## Sociology

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

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

### Research environment

Sociology at Edinburgh is one of the premier research units in the UK, as indicated by our excellent rating in the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014. We have a longstanding commitment to original empirical and theoretical work on society, and to the production of cultural and scientific knowledge. Many of our graduates use the programme as a foundation for their own future research or for an academic career.

We work closely with other colleagues in the School and supervise many cross-disciplinary projects. Applications are particularly welcome from students wishing to specialise in:

- autobiography and narrative studies
- comparative sociology
- South Asian studies
- Southern Africa
- family and intimate relations
- innovation in genomics
- medical sociology
- political sociology
- nationalism studies
- constitutional change and governance
- social studies of finance and markets
- social, cultural and feminist theory
- gender, inequality and social stratification
- work, consumption and organisations
- Scottish society and politics
- science and technology studies
- sociology of emotions.

### Support and training

You will work with a supervisor on an original research dissertation and participate in advanced sociology research-training workshops, work in progress seminars and a writing workshop. The Graduate School provides a suite of ESRC-recognised research training courses for social science students across the University. We are developing an exciting package of flexible, web-based training courses in line with the increased emphasis on ongoing training throughout your doctoral studies.

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About the School of Social & Political Science

The School of Social & Political Science provides an intellectually vibrant teaching and research environment, boasting an international community of more than 220 world-class academic staff and 800 postgraduate students.

The School was established to promote a culture of interdisciplinary research and collaboration across various subject areas, research groups and centres. This includes the subject areas of politics and international relations, social anthropology, social policy, social work, sociology and science, technology and innovation studies; the Centres of Canadian Studies, African Studies and South Asian Studies; and an array of specialist institutes and centres for the study of governance, public policy, global development, the EU, families and relationships, criminal justice, social work and innovation in genomics.

The School is one of Europe’s leading lights in social work and innovation in genomics. Edinburgh research has recently attracted large grants for research in the social sciences. In the 2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF), 77 per cent of our research was rated world leading or internationally excellent and all of our assessed research units were ranked in the top eight in the UK. Our research has greatly enhanced our ability to collaborate, linking us to high-profile universities all around the world: three in Australia, three in the UK, two each in the US, Canada and China and one each in Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea and Sweden.

The Graduate School
Our international and interdisciplinary approach cuts across traditional social science boundaries, bringing together outstanding teachers and researchers from across the University to inspire and challenge you. In the 2016 Edinburgh University Students’ Association Teaching Awards we received more nominations than any other school. We were shortlisted in four categories, won Best Course and were runner up in the other three.

We attract a diverse body of students from across the world, some continuing their studies straight after undergraduate degrees, others returning to study after a period of employment. Over the past five years our postgraduate students have come from outside the UK. Providing a meeting place for cultures and perspectives is a valuable part of the experience we offer here in the School of Social & Political Science.

To find out more about our latest teaching and research developments visit: www.sps.ed.ac.uk/about/newsletter

Facilities and resources

Your postgraduate experience will take place within our historic campus, centred around the attractive buildings of George Square in the heart of the city.

Our location gives you easy access to outstanding University-wide facilities, including the Main Library, one of the biggest university libraries in the UK, and the oldest purpose-built student union in the world.

All postgraduate students have 24-hour access to shared study spaces, networked printers, and lockers. Wi-Fi is available across the School and the University.

Our later stage PhD students are provided with access to desks in a dedicated Graduate School study facility. PhD students can also benefit from a laptop loan for the duration of their studies.

The ground floor of Chrystal MacMillan Building includes a cafe and social space which is popular with students and staff alike.

All postgraduate students will be able to register for the University’s wireless and VPN services. The School is equipped with wi-fi throughout and makes full use of managed desktop services for seamless support.

Social and political capital
Many of our postgraduate students find inspiration from studying in our vibrant capital city, where social and political issues, current and historical, are woven into the fabric of the cityscape and are never far from the surface of daily life. Our proximity to the institutions of government in Scotland offers a range of opportunities for public engagement and knowledge exchange.

Meanwhile, our flexible online learning programmes allow you to gain all the benefits of a masters from our School without leaving your home, wherever that may be, or interrupting your career.

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.
Employability and graduate attributes

We are dedicated to providing you with the best possible support for the successful completion of your studies and in preparation for your future. We believe supporting your academic and professional development plays a large part in this.

In our Graduate School, we run an intensive induction, providing extensive networking opportunities and explaining how to make the most of your time here. For research students, we provide a mix of generic interdisciplinary training and specialist training, focusing on research design, quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis. Some taught masters programmes offer the chance to undertake a placement-based dissertation instead of the traditional academic dissertation. We provide training seminars within all our programmes and practical workshops in skills including preparing for fieldwork, ethics, writing an academic CV, networking and publication plans and presentations.

Student Development Office
Our Student Development Office offers you skills and employability training through workshops, interactive seminars and placement-based dissertation opportunities. Open to all students, it is the framework through which we connect you with the world beyond academia.

Workshops and seminars
We run professional development and academic skills sessions in collaboration with professionals from the University and the public/private sector. These provide excellent opportunities to enhance your employability and build networks within a relevant field. We also provide financial and practical support to student-led initiatives including conferences, exhibitions and bespoke workshops.

The SSPS Edinburgh Awards
We offer two awards designed to develop your professional competencies and foster academic engagement with the wider community. The awards, for Professionalism in Community Engagement and for Professionalism in Public Engagement, run throughout the academic year and feature a range of skills workshops and practical activities.

Placement-based dissertations
On certain programmes you will be eligible to apply for a placement-based dissertation as part of your MSc. These enable you to link with external organisations to collect primary data for your dissertation. placements last eight weeks (typically May-June) and may be in the UK or international. We will guide you throughout the placement process, from initial project scoping to on-placement support.

More information: www.sps.ed.ac.uk/gradschool/student_development

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 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. Workshops cover topics such as writing skills, reference management tools, statistics, preparing for conferences, delivering presentations, time and project management, and personal development. IAD also offers online resources and planning tools to help get your research started, plus support for tutoring and demonstrating, and research public engagement and communication.

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

We provide specialist support for postgraduate students. From exploring career options to making decisions, from CV writing to interview practice, from Employ.ed internships to graduate posts and from careers fairs to postgraduate alumni events, we 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 advertise a range of part-time and graduate jobs.

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

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

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

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

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

Teaching opportunities
There are many opportunities for PhD students to tutor and lecture, so you can develop your teaching and organisational skills. We have a wide range of popular undergraduate courses that employ PhD students as tutors. Some PhD students are also able to deliver lectures on their research topic.
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 can be found online: www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/applying

General requirements

Our usual entrance requirement for postgraduate study is a relevant UK 2:1 undergraduate degree, or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry). 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

We do not require references for taught programmes. For applications to PhD programmes, two references are required. You should check the online requirements for your intended programme of study: www.sps.ed.ac.uk/gradschool/applicants/application_requirements

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.

English language requirements

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

- International Relations of the Middle East with Arabic; Public Policy; Master of Social Work
  - IELTS: total 7.0 (at least 6.5 in each module).
  - TOEFL: total 100 (at least 23 in each module).
  - IELTS(A): total 67 (at least 61 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).

- All other programmes
  - IELTS: total 7.0 (at least 6.0 in each module).
  - TOEFL: total 100 (at least 20 in each module).
  - IELTS(A): total 67 (at least 56 in each of the Communicative Skills sections).
  - CAE and CPE: total 185 (at least 169 in each module).
  - Trinity ISE: ISE III (with a pass in all four components).

Please note:

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

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

www.ed.ac.uk/english-requirements/pg

Tuition fees

The following table provides an overview of indicative fee levels for programmes commencing in 2018.

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.

Tuition fees for EU students

EU students enrolling in the 2018/19 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 for Scotland (SAAS).

For UK/EU students

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Except:

- International and European Politics, International Relations, International Relations of the Middle East: £20,500
- International Relations of the Middle East with Arabic: £14,700
- International & European Politics, International Relations, International Relations of the Middle East: £10,250
- Master of Social Work: £10,100
- Master of Public Policy: £23,200
- All PhD: £18,000
- All PhD: £6,195
- All PhD: £2,098
- MSc by Research: £7,000
- MSc by Research: £3,950

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* Figures shown are the 2017/18 fee levels.
** All other fees quoted are indicative of 2018/19 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

The University of Edinburgh
Social & Political Science Postgraduate Opportunities 2018

www.sps.ed.ac.uk
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

Awards are offered by the School of Social & Political Science, the College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences, the University of Edinburgh, the Scottish, UK and international governments and many funding bodies. Here we list a selection of potential sources of financial support for postgraduate students applying to the School of Social & Political Science. This list was correct at the time of printing but please check the full and up to date range online (see above).

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

**Scholarships at the University of Edinburgh**

- **Beit Trust**
  Beit Trust and the University of Edinburgh Scholarships jointly fund postgraduate students from Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe to undertake postgraduate research at the University. www.beittrust.org.uk

- **College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences Scholarships**
  Studentships and scholarships are open to those admitted to the first year of PhD research. www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/research-ahss

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

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

- **Edinburgh Principal’s Career Development Scholarships**
  A number of scholarships, open to UK, EU and international PhD students: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/development

- **Enlightenment Scholarships**
  The University is currently developing a new style of PhD scholarship to attract the best PhD applicants from around the world. These scholarships will provide funding for up to four years. For the latest information, and for details on which Schools will be participating, please check: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/enlightenment

- **Edinburgh Syrian Postgraduate Scholarships**
  A number of scholarships are available to postgraduate students from Syria studying a full-time one-year masters: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/postgraduate/syria

- **SPS Graduate School Scholarships**
  A number of scholarships and awards are available to postgraduate students in the School of Social & Political Science: www.sps.ed.ac.uk/gradschool/prospective/funding

- **Highly Skilled Workforce Scholarships**
  A number of scholarships are available to UK nationals permanently domiciled in Scotland, and to EU nationals domiciled either on mainland EU or in Scotland, who have been accepted on an eligible full- or part-time masters programme. The scholarships, which are funded by the Scottish Funding Council and subject to annual confirmation, cover the UK/EU tuition fee. At the time of printing, we are awaiting confirmation of these scholarships from the Scottish Government: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/sfc-hsw

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

- **MasterCard Foundation Scholars Programme (Africa)**
  A number of scholarships for applicants who are residents and citizens of a Sub-Saharan African country will be available for eligible masters programmes. The scholarships cover full tuition fees and expenses for accommodation and maintenance for African scholars with few educational opportunities: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/mastercardfdn

**Research council awards**
Research councils offer awards to masters, MPhil and PhD students in most of the Schools within the University of Edinburgh. All studentships 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 2018/19 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:

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

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

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

- **Iraq**
  Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research: www.iraqiculturalattache.org.uk

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

**Postgraduate Loans (PGL)**

- **Edinburgh Global Loans (PGL)**
  The University of Edinburgh 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 a tuition fee loan for taught and research programmes, at certificate, diploma, and masters level, which will be paid directly to the University: www.studentfinance.ni.co.uk

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

- **Postgraduate Loans (PGL) Wales**
  Student Finance Wales offers eligible students postgraduate loans for taught and research masters programmes: www.studentfinance.wales.co.uk

- **US Student Loans**
  The University is eligible to certify loan applications for US loan students. Full details on eligibility and how to apply can be found online: www.ed.gov/student-funding/us-loans

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

- **Chevening Scholarships**
  A number of partial and full funding scholarships are available to one-year masters students: www.chevening.org

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

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

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

**Funding for online learning**
The University offers several scholarships specifically for online, part-time postgraduate programmes, including the Edinburgh Global Online Distance Learning Masters Scholarship: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/e-learning/online-distance
You’ll find us in a recently refurbished building at the heart of the University’s Central Area, a stone’s throw from city attractions and University amenities, such as the Main Library and the Centre for Sport and Exercise.

For more information about any of our postgraduate programmes or to contact potential supervisors, email pgadmissions.sps@ed.ac.uk or visit: www.sps.ed.ac.uk/gradschool

We also welcome postal enquires at:

The Graduate School of Social & Political Science
Chrystal Macmillan Building
15A George Square
Edinburgh
EH8 9LD

The Graduate School of Social & Political Science also has involvement with:

- The Global Development Academy
  www.ed.ac.uk/global-development
- The Global Health Academy
  www.ed.ac.uk/global-health
- The Global Environment & Society Academy
  www.ed.ac.uk/global-environment-society
- The Academy of Governance
  www.aog.ed.ac.uk
- The Centre of African Studies
  www.cas.ed.ac.uk

The University’s Postgraduate Open Day is your opportunity to come and meet current staff and students. Our next campus-based open day takes place on 15 November 2017. For more information, visit: www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate-open-day

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

UK and Europe:
www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/uk-eu-events

International:
www.ed.ac.uk/international/our-visits-overseas

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

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

Detailed maps can be found at: www.ed.ac.uk/maps
On 23 June 2016 the UK electorate voted in a national referendum to leave the European Union. At the time of going to print, there was no immediate, material change known that would impact on applicants for 2018 entry. However we recommend that you check online for the latest information before you apply: www.ed.ac.uk/news/eu

The University’s standard terms and conditions will form an essential part of any contract between the University of Edinburgh and any student offered a place here. Our full terms and conditions are available online: www.ed.ac.uk/student-recruitment/terms-conditions

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