Social & Political Science
Postgraduate Opportunities 2019

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

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

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

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

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

TOP 50
We’re consistently ranked one of the top 50 universities in the world. We’re 18th in the 2019 QS World University Rankings.

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

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

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

£373m
In 2016/17 we won £373 million in competitive research grants.

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We are associated with 24 Nobel Prize winners.

13TH
We’re ranked 13th in the world’s most international universities.‡ Since 2010, we have taught students from 82 per cent of the world’s countries.

* Times Higher Education, Overall Ranking of Institutions
† Times Higher Education, Global Employability University Ranking 2017
‡ Times Higher Education: The World’s Most International Universities 2017
Taught 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 either as a full master of science (MSc) or as a postgraduate certificate (PgCert). However, we also offer a master of social work (MSW).

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:

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Global Health Policy programmes

Global Health Policy

PgCert 12-24 mths PT

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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Taught masters programmes

www.ed.ac.uk/pg/622

Programme description
This MSc offers you a unique chance to develop regional expertise with a focus on the theory and practice of international development. International development is concerned with the idea of good change, but who decides what constitutes good change? How should such change happen? What unintended consequences might the pursuit of change create? This MSc encourages you to critically explore these questions in the context of Africa. The Centre of African Studies at the University of Edinburgh is one of the world’s largest and most renowned hubs for teaching and research on the continent.

Programme structure
Our compulsory courses ground you in the theory and practice of international development in Africa. You will also have the opportunity to take four courses from a diverse range of modules, on subjects including African politics, human rights, justice, displacement and migration, and local government in Africa. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses available. We also offer you the chance to complete a placement-based dissertation, giving you the chance to apply your academic knowledge to a real-world issue. Our extensive network of partners in the UK and a large number of African countries includes NGOs, charities, social enterprises, think-tanks and government bodies, giving you the experience you need to follow the path you desire.

Career opportunities
This programme offers you a unique opportunity to acquire a combination of interdisciplinary, regional expertise with a critical knowledge of international development theory and practice. With this grounding, many of our students have gone on to work in development for charities, government agencies, international organisations, think tanks or advocacy groups. The Centre of African Studies at the University of Edinburgh is a pathway into our PhD in International Development.

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 is designed 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 option courses, 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 African-specific research skills or broaden their knowledge base, whether they are well-acquainted with African issues or looking to develop a new, nuanced understanding of this dynamic global region.

Programme structure
You will be required to undertake two compulsory courses and four options, 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, international governments, universities and the private sector. In addition, you will develop a range of highly transferable 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
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English language requirements
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Global Challenges

www.ed.ac.uk/pg/529

Programme description
This MSc offers you an innovative route to gain understanding and skills to address the complex, interrelated problems facing the world today. It is a highly innovative online programme that offers distinct qualifications following successful completion of each of the three stages. Each stage is a postgraduate certificate in its own right that takes a multidisciplinary approach to global challenges from its own distinct perspective.

PgCert Global Development Challenges, delivered by the School of Social & Political Science, considers the increasing economic, social and political complexity of different parts of the world, and the need for new ways of thinking about and addressing international development.

PgCert Global Environment Challenges, delivered by the School of GeoSciences, looks at how human activity is changing the natural environment at an unprecedented rate and the impact of this on human wellbeing and development.

PgCert Global Health Challenges, delivered by the College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine, examines the connections between local and global health challenges, and our changing understanding of health and wellness, illness and health care.

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.

Programme structure
You will learn through a mix of online methods, including videos, live Q&A, podcasts, self-directed 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, non-governmental 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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Fees and funding
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Global Challenges

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English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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Taught masters programmes

International Development programmes (continued)

www.ed.ac.uk/pg/945

International Development

MSc 24-36 mths PT
Pg Dip 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 people, communities 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 five compulsory courses: Politics and Theories of International Development; Global Development Challenges; Analyzing Development; Building 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 online 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 a live online seminar that are recorded for students who are not able to participate at that time.

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

The programme follows the core 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-practitioner and research-oriented students.

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

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Politics & International Relations programmes

www.ed.ac.uk/pg/811

Global Environment, Politics & Society

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

Programme description
This is an interdisciplinary programme, combining environmental politics, ethics and environmental sociology.

It provides a social 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 an economic resource for human exploitation?
• What drives groups, individuals or institutions to 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 and assessment include seminars, group work, lectures, presentations and guided independent study. You will be assessed through coursework, seminar assessment and presentations. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available. You will also undertake a supervised research dissertation, in order 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 political and ethical questions that demand an informed debate. Graduates will be well placed to find high-level roles in government, international organisations and non-governmental organisations (NGOs), policy making, research, and the private sector in Europe, Africa, America, and Asia and the Pacific.

The programme follows the core 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-practitioner 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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International & European Politics (including European Practitioner Pathway)

www.ed.ac.uk/pg/303

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

Programme description
Developed in response to the enormous 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 programme, bringing 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 will have the choice to embark on the European Practitioner Pathway (conditional on performance in semester 1 coursework). This will allow you to do a six- to eight week work-based project and write a practice-related report on your work placement as an alternative to the classic dissertation.

A highlight of the academic year is our study trip to Brussels, when we visit multiple international organisations and meet with practitioners, including those in our vibrant Edinburgh University Brussels Society.

Career opportunities
While many graduates of this programme have gone on to further study and academic careers, many have taken up positions in a wide range of institutions and companies. These include NATO and the United Nations, the European Union’s Commission and Parliament, regional and national government institutions, development organisations, educational, research and think tank organisations, banking, media, lobbying, and commercial organisations including Rolls Royce and Vodafone. 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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International Political Theory

www.ed.ac.uk/pg/406

Programme description
This programme is designed to equip you 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 nation-state context, and now need to be examined in light of increasing global interdependence.

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 employers such as KPMG and Deloitte. 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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International Relations

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

Programme description
This programme studies international relations and the pressing problems humanity faces in the international realm.

By joining this fascinating programme, you’ll become part of a community that is passionate about international relations. We explore topics such as war, terrorism, power, diplomacy, climate change, trade, poverty, migration and international cooperation; not just their study, but also ways to meet the associated challenges.

Our approach combines innovative research with creative and inspirational teaching, provided by staff who combine intricate knowledge of the major international institutions with a deep appreciation of historical change and the most important ideas in international thought.

You’ll be inspired to explore a world of possibilities, from evolutionary psychology and the sociology of the financial crisis to state survival in the Middle East and the social construction of security.

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, followed by 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 qualification could lead to a career in a wide range of institutions and roles, such as regional, national and international government institutions, party political support, development organisations, educational, research and think tank organisations, banking, media, lobbying, and commercial organisations. Recent graduates are now working for the United Nations, the National Trust for Scotland, AECOM, EY, Moody’s Analytics, the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Scottish Widows. You may also choose to continue to further study. 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/internationalgraduate-entry) in politics, international relations, or the social sciences. We may also consider your application if you have a different background but have taken courses relevant to the programme.

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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International Relations of the Middle East

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

Programme description
This programme offers an advanced theoretical and empirical understanding of the international relations of the Middle East, exploring and applying several theoretical models: realism, constructivism, historical sociology and structuralism. It offers an in-depth understanding of the main historical events, processes and actors that have shaped and continue to shape the political dynamics of the Middle East.

The politics of Islam, oil, the Arab-Israeli conflict, the Arab Spring and continuing regional unrest pose crucial questions about the Middle East and its place in the world order. This recently developed programme draws on our research strengths in politics and international relations and Islamic and Middle Eastern studies to offer you a unique opportunity.

As well as placing the region in broader analytical, conceptual and theoretical debates of international relations and political science, we also aim to foster knowledge of Middle East international relations by examining local cultures, histories, languages and religions.

You’ll acquire a strong understanding of theoretical and conceptual tools required to understand Middle East international relations.

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, 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 addition to your work on your taught masters programme, you may wish to take advantage of opportunities to learn Persian or Turkish while at the University.

Career opportunities
The specialist knowledge you acquire through this programme will equip you for a career relating to international/Middle Eastern relations, either in academia or with an international institution. 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/internationalgraduate-entry).

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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TAUGHT MASTERS PROGRAMMES

Politics & International Relations

Programme: MSc (1 yr FT, 2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)
Programme description: This programme offers 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 suitable for you 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 institution. 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/internationalgraduate-entry). You should also have Arabic language skills at a level between CEF B1 and C1 to be a good fit in the relevant classes. We will assess your Arabic when you arrive in Edinburgh. If you have any queries about language levels, please contact the Programme Director.
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Social Anthropology programmes

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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 analysis 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, which support and develop global interdisciplinary research. Teaching and partnership links: www.ed.ac.uk/global-health www.ed.ac.uk/global-development

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.

Career opportunities
You will gain the conceptual and methodological skills to understand contemporary health practices in a wider context of social, political, and economic problems, and be able to work in academic and applied health research. The programme also acts as a conversion MSC for those without training in anthropology who wish to progress to a research career. In addition, you will 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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Social & Political Science programmes

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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 a future doctoral research in the subject or students who wish to acquire anthropological expertise to supplement their existing range of professional skills.

Project 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.

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

Social Research with Quantitative Methods

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

Programme description
These programmes are 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. They combine 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.

The quantitative methods pathway combines advanced statistical and data analysis skills with substantive social science theory. It draws on drawing on expertise from the University of Edinburgh’s Q-Step Centre, which is based in our School: www.q-step.ed.ac.uk

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. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available. MSc students will also undertake a 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. The 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 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 Alzheimer’s Scotland, the BBC, the Scottish Government, HBJ Gateley 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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Social & Public Policy programmes

Comparative Public Policy

www.ed.ac.uk/pg/301

Programme description
This programme provides intensive analytical 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.

Amid the ongoing debate on Scotland’s role within the UK, we offer the ideal environment in which to observe contemporary public policy developments. You’ll focus on variation in national policy patterns within 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 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. In addition, you will undertake research training in a variety of methodologies and research techniques, and complete 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
Highly relevant to anyone who works, or intends to work, in policy-relevant professions in the public, private or non-governmental sectors, this programme will develop highly transferable analytical, communication and project management skills, which can be applied to roles in any field. In the past, students have gone on to employment in the public, private and third sector both locally and internationally or progressed to PhD study.

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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Public Policy

www.ed.ac.uk/pg/306

Programme description
This programme covers the theories and approaches to understanding and engaging with policy work, as well as applying these theories and approaches to policy making in a practice-orientated way through case study learning.

What are the factors that shape the policy decisions taken by governments at supranational, national and local levels? How do these decisions interact and impact on society and on the economy? Answering such questions effectively requires an interdisciplinary understanding of the field of public policy, drawing insights from politics, sociology, economics and law.

With a particular focus on the social and economic policy fields that are at the heart of modern welfare states, this programme offers an advanced understanding of the political, social, economic and legal context of policy making and government activity in modern societies.

Programme structure
This programme will be delivered through lectures, seminars, group work and guided independent study. You will complete two compulsory courses, Political Issues in Public Policy and Policy in Action, and four option courses. After successfully completing the taught courses you will work towards an independently researched dissertation.

Career opportunities
This programme opens up a variety of career opportunities and scope for further study. Recent graduates have gone on to employment within government at European, national and sub-national levels, working as parliamentary assistants/researchers, in the health and education administrations, with a range of think tanks and policy consultancies, and as parliamentary assistants/researchers, in the health and education administrations, with a range of think tanks and policy consultancies, and in the charity/voluntary sector. Others have progressed to doctoral study with leading research universities in a number of countries.

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; Literatures, Languages & Cultures; Philosophy, Psychology & Language Sciences; Health in Social Science; or GeoSciences.

www.ed.ac.uk/studying/prospectus-request
Social Work programmes

www.ed.ac.uk/pg/634

Advanced Professional 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 course 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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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 Professionals 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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## Digital Society

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

**Programme description**
This programme will provide 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**
The 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 supervisory support, 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 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 Centres 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.

**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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## Sociology & Global Change

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

**Programme description**
This programme provides core 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 cultures, 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 last Research Excellence Framework the University of Edinburgh’s sociology research was ranked first in the UK for research power (Research Fortnight, REF 2014), 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 in consultancy, the public sector, UN agencies, non-governmental organisations, the private sector or think-tanks, or as an academic, practitioner or policymaker. Past students have gone on to undertake roles in development and international aid, the private sector, academia, think-tanks, migration NGOs, environment and conservation, law and journalism.

**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**
We support research in the following areas:

**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 1964 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 – Imogen, 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/or 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
Research at the School of Social & Political Science (continued)

core interest in legislation, policy, and practice here, we also have a commitment 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 interweaving 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, emotions, social demography and processes of marginalisation. Renowned for its work on political sociology, 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 Goffman Lecture.

Research centres
Academy of Government
The Academy of Government prepares students and professional leaders 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 Nyerere, 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 or about Canada or study Canada in relation to broader research on the Arctic, Scotland, the UK, Europe, North America and developing regions. Our interdisciplinary approach provides opportunities for joint supervision with experts from across the University. The Centre’s activities are currently 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 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.

Centre for Security Research (CeSeR)
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 crosscutting, 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 visiting figures from across the world) the opportunity to be heard in Edinburgh, 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 straddles the School of Social & Political Science and Edinburgh Law School. The Institute’s 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’ 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 MSc 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 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 support innovation that better meets societal needs, and how stakeholders can most effectively participate in governance processes.

The 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.

Direct engagement and partnership with external decision-maker, policy, and practitioner communities is a unique strength of IICR’s educational and research programmes, as it connects 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 (IstiS) 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 IstiS 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.

IstiS’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.

Innovations
Find out more for a full list of research interests and expertise across the School’s subject areas, research centres and groups, see: www.sps.ed.ac.uk/sac

The University is expanding 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.

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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Global Health Policy

PHD 3 yrs FT (6 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
Case study: Edinburgh’s research with impact

Mining and resource governance

With artisanal and small-scale mining providing livelihoods to an estimated 80-100 million people worldwide, governance of the industry is a major issue. Research carried out by Dr Sam Spiegel, Senior Lecturer in International Development at the School’s Centre of African Studies, is giving a voice to these miners, who are often overlooked when industry regulations are formulated.

Project background

There is a recognised need to make mining in developing nations more environmentally and economically sustainable. Dr Spiegel has discovered that the livelihoods of small-scale miners are often ignored when policies and regulations are developed, particularly those that relate to trans-boundary pollution (for example, mercury pollution) and health inequality. His global research drew on interviews with mining communities, lending institutions and policymakers to investigate government-led environmental initiatives and donor-funded projects, and the way in which they take into account the socioeconomic challenges facing small-scale miners. The results of his research showed a lack of formal recognition of marginalised miners, leaving most mining-related policy frameworks with significant weaknesses. His research also showed that tightening environmental regulation without addressing the needs of artisanal miners criminalises the way in which these communities make their living and survive.

Project results

Dr Spiegel’s research has changed attitudes towards artisanal mining, with the Minamata 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.

Dr Spiegel’s research has changed attitudes towards artisanal mining.

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

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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. In the last Research Excellence Framework, the University’s research in the areas of politics and international studies, social work and social policy, sociology, and anthropology and development studies, was all ranked in the UK top 10 for either research power or research quality (Research Fortnight, 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.

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

For fees see page 40 and for funding information see page 42.

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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 skills. The Graduate School provides a suite of ESRC-researched 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 of doctoral studies. 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;
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Research opportunities
For fees see page 40 and for funding information see page 42.

Research environment
For students looking to undertake doctoral-level research in social and political science subject areas, this programme will give you the necessary skills through a structured programme of research training.

You will join our 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.

Fees and funding
For fees see page 40 and for funding information see page 42.

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

Research environment
For students looking to undertake doctoral-level research in social and political science subject areas, this programme will give you the necessary skills through a structured programme of research training.

The masters by research (MScR) is different from our other programmes in that, typically, taught masters have more focus on subject-relevant substantive topics rather than acquiring the skills to undertake advanced research, which is the focus of this degree.

Your application must clearly state the subject area you are interested in and/or the potential supervisor you have contacted.

Support and training
You will join our lively research community and participate in regular seminars and workshops. Frequent seminars and lectures by visiting scholars provide opportunities for contacts beyond the University. By the end of the programme, you will have completed a full research proposal.

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 Graduates School’s facilities in the Chrystal 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.

English language requirements
See page 40.

Fees and funding
For fees see page 40 and for funding information see page 42.

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New information systems have made it possible for organisations to store, analyse and share personal information in increasingly complex ways.

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

"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

Social Anthropology

Research environment

Our Social Anthropology 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. 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 as well as training in innovative methods across the University. We are developing an exciting package of flexible, web-based training courses as well as training in innovative methods.

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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Social Policy

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 see 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 Welfare
- 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 facilities

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.

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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Social Work

Research environment

Our PhD students can apply to the Arts & Humanities Research Council and some have already been successful in applications for doctoral research funding to the AHRC.

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.

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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Socio-cultural Studies

Research environment

Our PhD students can apply to the Arts & Humanities Research Council and some have already been successful in applications for doctoral research funding to the AHRC.

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.

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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South Asian Studies

Research environment
Sociology at Edinburgh is one of the premier research units in the UK. In the last Research Excellence Framework our sociology research was ranked first in the UK for research power (Research Fortnight, 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:

- auto/biography and narrative studies
- comparative sociology
- digital 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.

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English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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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. These include: the subject areas of politics and international relations, social anthropology, social policy, social work, sociology and science, technology and innovation studies; the Centre 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 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.

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 more than half of 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.

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.

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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.

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 throughout and makes full use of managed 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.

Our School is housed in the Chrystal Macmillan Building, named after the University’s first female science graduate, who became a prominent voice in the women’s rights movement.

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.
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 network within a relevant field. We also provide financial and practical support to student-led initiatives including conferences, exhibitions and bespoke workshops.

The School of Social & Political Science

Edinburgh Awards

We offer two awards designed to develop your professional competencies and foster academic engagement with the wider community. The awards, Professional Development and Professional Development Leaders, run throughout the academic year and feature a range of as 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 help you develop the skills you need throughout your studies and in the future. IAD events also offer the perfect opportunity to meet and network with other postgraduates from across the University.

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

For taught postgraduates, IAD provides a popular study-related and transferable skills support programme. It is designed to help you settle into postgraduate life, succeed during your studies and move confidently to the next stage of your career. We offer on-campus and online workshops and one-to-one study skills consultations, plus online advice and learning materials. Workshops and learning resources cover key topics tailored to different academic stages, including: pre-arrival sessions; getting started with your studies; critical reading, writing and thinking; managing your exams; and planning for and writing up your dissertation.

IAD also provides a comprehensive programme of transferable skills training, resources and support for researchers completing a doctorate. The workshop programme is designed to help you successfully prepare for the various milestones of your PhD, from getting started with your research, to writing up and preparing for the viva, as well as developing personal and professional skills that can be transferred to your future employment. Workshops cover topics such as writing skills, reference management tools, statistics, preparing for conferences, delivering presentations, time and project management, and personal development.

IAD also offers online resources and planning tools to help get your research started, 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 Employment internships to graduate roles and from careers fairs to postgraduate alumni events, we will help you prepare for the future.

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

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

Platform One

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

More information: www.ed.ac.uk/platform-one

Backing bright ideas

LAUNCH.ed is the University’s award-winning programme for student entrepreneurs. Each year, LAUNCH.ed works with hundreds of students to assess their ideas and develop their business skills and helps many start their business.

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.

Community

The Graduate School is not only a lively and thriving academic environment – we also have a wide range of social events.

These include the Graduate School’s welcome ceilidh (Scottish dance) at the start of the academic year, a Christmas celebration and a traditional Burns Supper in January, as well as a drinks reception for students and their families at graduation.

We have a collaborative blog, ‘It Ain’t Necessarily So’, that is managed by postgraduates. The blog publishes the writing of PhD students and ranges from current affairs, international relations, and reflections on ethics, to philosophy, food, and television. It is a showcase for PhD students to make their research relevant beyond the academy.

www.itainntessarilyso.squarespace.com

We also have a student-led Graduate School Club, which organises a wide variety of social events – and there are many other events going on within the School’s subject areas.

For example, many of our programmes call for periods of study away from the UK, and our students have seen the benefit of recording their experiences in photography and film. Every year they review the best of their fieldwork photographs and hold an exhibition, with pictures being auctioned for scholarship funds.

www.LAUNCH.ed.ac.uk

More information:

www.sps.ed.ac.uk

Walter Craig
Research Development
Manager

The University of Edinburgh
Social & Political Science Postgraduate Opportunities 2019
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**
  - TOEFL iBT: total 100 (at least 23 in each module).
  - IELTS: total 7.0 (at least 6.5 in each module).

- **Advanced Arabic**
  - TOEFL iBT: total 100 (at least 23 in each module).
  - IELTS: total 7.0 (at least 6.5 in each module).

**All other programmes**

- **International Relations of the Middle East**
  - TOEFL iBT: total 100 (at least 20 in each module).
  - IELTS: total 7.0 (at least 6.0 in each module).

- **Master of Social Work**
  - IELTS: total 7.0 (at least 6.0 in each module).

- **Other programmes**
  - TOEFL iBT: total 100 (at least 20 in each module).
  - IELTS: total 7.0 (at least 6.0 in each module).

**Country-specific requirements**

- **Students whose first language is not English**
  - You must show evidence of one of the English language tests listed below.

**English language tests**

- **IELTS**
  - **Academic module**: total 7.0 (at least 6.5 in each module).
  - **General module**: total 6.5 (at least 6.0 in each module).

- **TOEFL iBT**
  - Test of English as a Foreign Language online.
  - Test of English as a Foreign Language Paper-based Test.

- **PTE (A)**
  - Pearson Test of English: total 67 (at least 61 in each module).

- **Trinity ISE**
  - ISE III (with a pass in all four components).

**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).
- CAE − Certificate of Proficiency in English.
- CPE − Certificate of Advanced English.
- Trinity ISE − Integrated Skills in English.

**Tuition fees**

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

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

**Asylum seeker tuition fee status and scholarship**

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

**Tuition fees for EU students**

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

For UK/EU students

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**Exception:**

- **International & European Politics**
  - £21,600

**International Relations of the Middle East with Arabic**

- **1-year FT**
  - £16,500

- **2-year FT**
  - £10,800

**International & European Politics**

- **1-year FT**
  - £16,500

**International Relations of the Middle East with Arabic**

- **1-year FT**
  - £10,800

**International Relations of the Middle East with Arabic/with Advanced Arabic**

- **2-year FT**
  - £10,800

**Master of Social Work**

- **1-year FT**
  - £10,700

**All PhD 3-years FT**

- £4,240*

**All PhD 6-years PT**

- £2,130*

**MSc by Research 1-year FT**

- £6,300

**MSc by Research 2-years PT**

- £4,150

**Online Learning**

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* Figure shown is the 2018/19 fee level

**Please note:** All other fees quoted are indicative of 2019/20 fee levels. Because these figures are indicative, it is important you check online before you apply and check the up-to-date fee level that will apply to your specific programme: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/tuition-fees/postgraduate

**Online learning programmes can be changed course-by-course.**
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

**Funding**

**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
- EPS 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/pg-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/nyerere
- 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/mastercard

**Research council awards**

Research councils offer awards to masters and PhD students in most of the Schools within the University of Edinburgh. All studentship applications from the research councils must be made through the University, through your School or College Office. Awards can be made for both taught and research programmes.

Normally only those UK/EU students who have been resident in the UK for the preceding three years are eligible for a full award. For some awards, candidates who are EU nationals and are resident in the UK may be eligible for a fees-only award. The UK Government has confirmed that EU postgraduate research students commencing their studies in 2019/20 will retain their fee status and eligibility for research council support for the duration of their programme: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/research-councils

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

- Chile
- Colombia
  - Administrative Department of Science, Technology and Innovation (Colciencias): www.colciencias.gov.co
- Ecuador
  - Secretaria Nacional de Educacion Superior, Ciencia y Tecnologia (SENESCYT): www.educacionsuperior.gob.ec
- Iraq
  - Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research: www.iraiqculturaltache.org.uk
- Mexico
  - National Council of Science and Technology of the United Mexican States (CONACYT): www.conacyt.mx
- Pakistan
- Zambia and Zimbabwe
  - Beit Trust and the University of Edinburgh Scholarships jointly fund a number of scholarships open to students from Zambia and Zimbabwe to undertake a masters:

**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

**Edinburgh Global Online Distance Learning Scholarships**

Postgraduate programmes, including the Edinburgh Global Online Distance Learning Masters Scholarship: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/edglobal

**Loans**

Loans available for study at the University of Edinburgh

The University of Edinburgh is a participating institution in the following loans programmes, meaning we certify your student status and can help with the application process.

- The Canada Student Loans Program
  - The University is eligible to certify Canadian student loan applications: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/canadian-loans
- Erasmus+
  - The Erasmus+ Master Loan helps masters students with their living and tuition costs when studying in an Erasmus+ country other than where they live or where they took their first degree. For more information: https://erasmusplus.org.uk/master-loan

**Postgraduate Doctoral Loans England**

Student Finance England offers postgraduate loans for doctoral study, payable to eligible students and divided equally across each year of the doctoral programme: www.gov.uk/docloan/eligibility

**Student Finance Wales**

Student Finance Wales offers loans for postgraduate doctoral study, payable to eligible students, divided equally across each year of the doctoral programme: www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/postgraduate-students/postgraduate-doctoral-loan.aspx

**Postgraduate Loans (PGL) England**

Student Finance England offers postgraduate loans for taught and research masters programmes, payable to eligible students: www.gov.uk/postgraduate-loan

**Postgraduate Loans (PGL) Northern Ireland**

Student Finance Northern Ireland offers 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.sas.gov.uk

**Postgraduate Loans (PGL) Wales**

Student Finance Wales offers eligible postgraduate loans for taught and research masters programmes: www.studentfinancewales.co.uk

**Postgraduate Doctoral Loans Wales**

Student Finance Wales offers loans for postgraduate doctoral study, payable to eligible students, divided equally across each year of the doctoral programme: www.gov.uk/docloan/eligibility

**Postgraduate Students Postgraduate Doctoral Loan**

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

**Other sources of funding**

- **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.chevening.org/cscuk
- **Marshall Scholarships (USA)**
  - Scholarships available to outstanding US students wishing to study at any UK university for at least two years: www.marshallscholarship.org
- **Scotland’s Saltire Scholarships**
  - A number of scholarships open to students who are citizens permanently and ordinarily resident in Canada, China, India, Japan, Korea 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/edglobal
Campus map

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.

Detailed maps can be found at: www.ed.ac.uk/maps

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We also welcome enquires at:

The Graduate School of Social & Political Science
Chrysalis 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

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

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

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

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

Chat online
We offer all postgraduate students monthly online information sessions. To find out more and see when the next session will be:
www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduateonline-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
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 2019 entry. However we recommend that you check online for the latest information before you apply:

www.ed.ac.uk/news/eu

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