The Edinburgh Experience

Postgraduate Guide
2019 entry

Influencing the world since 1583
“Edinburgh isn’t so much a city, more a way of life … I doubt I’ll ever tire of exploring Edinburgh, on foot or in print.”

Ian Rankin
Best-selling author and alumnus
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The Edinburgh experience

The University of Edinburgh is one of the largest and most diverse universities in the UK. We host more than 39,000 students studying across more than 150 academic disciplines.

Whether you choose to study on campus or online, your postgraduate experience at Edinburgh will be supported and enhanced by the wealth of resources and opportunities that a university of our size can offer.

Quality teaching and research

All our postgraduates benefit from our inspiring research culture. The academics involved in your teaching and learning are leaders in their fields and although the emphasis at postgraduate level is very much on independent study, support from our teaching staff is always on hand. The University is committed to delivering high-quality, innovative teaching. The latest report from the Quality Assurance Agency awarded us the highest rating possible for the quality of the student learning experience.

Outstanding facilities

During the past five years we have invested £80 million to maintain and enhance our teaching and learning spaces and we’re investing more than £1 billion in the next few years. You will have access to a wealth of study resources:

- 10 libraries, including the third largest academic library in Europe, four million printed volumes and an extensive digital collection;
- state-of-the-art laboratories and world-leading analytical facilities, including a 1.5km deep subsurface biology laboratory, an Eco Diamond H2K36 small aircraft for measuring trace gases at 3,000 metres, and the FloWave Ocean Energy Research Facility for simulating wave and tidal current interactions – the largest of its kind in Europe – to name but a few;
- the University’s Talbot Rice Gallery and the Tenet Gallery at Edinburgh College of Art host a range of contemporary art exhibitions throughout the year;
- the University Collection of Historical Musical Instruments, one of the world’s most important collections of musical heritage spanning 500 years and 5,000 objects;
- the University’s Anatomy Museum, which first opened in 1884 and hosts a wealth of unique anatomical objects.

Industry links and innovation

Edinburgh was one of the first UK universities to develop commercial links with industry, government and the professions. Our commercialisation office, Edinburgh Innovations (EI), has developed the promotion and commercialisation of the University’s research excellence, helping launch 417 new companies since 1967. EI can help you take your first step to market, whether it’s through collaborative research, licensing technology or providing consultancy services.

Social scene

We have more than 260 student societies covering sport, music, drama and the arts. Several international and multicultural societies offer support settling in and help you meet new friends. You’ll enjoy life in a vibrant, historic city of world-famous cultural festivals, full of great bars, clubs and restaurants, all with the mountains and beaches of Scotland on your doorstep.

www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/societies

Sporting excellence

In 2016/17 we were ranked third in the UK for sport by British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS). We offer 64 sports clubs, covering everything from fencing to skydiving, horse riding to ice hockey. Our world-class facilities are regularly used by visiting international teams and we host major events such as the BUCS Home Nations tournament in April 2017.

We’re proud to have produced Olympians including Sir Chris Hoy and Katherine Grainger, who both developed their talents at Edinburgh and continue to support our young athletes.

Global connections

Our ambitious global engagement plan aims to provide world-class experiences for our students and ensures that the teaching and research we deliver offers global benefits.

Worldwide links

We collaborate with a host of world-leading institutions in fields as diverse as e-science, engineering, life and medical sciences, and arts and culture. Our partners include:

- California Institute of Technology
- University of Amsterdam
- University of Copenhagen
- University of Sydney
- University of Toronto
- National University of Singapore
- Tudor University
- Peking University
- Zhejiang University
- University of Delhi
- Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.

We have five Regional Centres in Latin America, Southeast Asia, South Asia, North America and East Asia, which support engagement with students, academics and alumni.

We’re also a member of the global research network Universitas 21, and the European networks COIMBRA group, UNICA and ERLU.

Global Academies

Our Global Academies in health, development, environment, food security, and justice bring together research expertise from the University community and beyond to tackle global challenges such as climate change, poverty, the spread of epidemics and cross-border injustices. Global Academies are a gateway to online and on-campus interdisciplinary postgraduate programmes aimed at anyone interested in addressing the major global issues of our time.

www.ed.ac.uk/global-academies
Career development

Ranked in the top 10 in the UK and in the top 100 in the world for the employability of our graduates*, the University is an excellent choice for a postgraduate education with prospects.

We’re committed to helping you to develop skills and attributes that will enhance your ability to compete in the job market, to progress your career, and to achieve your full potential within the global community. In addition to the provision of dedicated support through our award-winning Careers Service, we broker strategic partnerships between academics, industry specialists and other institutions, to enhance the development of your graduate attributes and to embed employability in our curricula.

Careers Service

Our Careers Service provides advice and support whatever your plans for the future. We run workshops throughout the year for our postgraduate students as well as specific sessions for our international students. We have a team dedicated to developing our already strong links with employers from all industry sectors, from the world’s top recruiters to small local enterprises. We offer lots of opportunities for students to meet employers on campus and online: www.ed.ac.uk/careers/postgrad

Work-based projects

Many of our Schools will offer you support in undertaking a work-based project, in partnership with an employer, as the basis of your masters dissertation. www.makingthemostofmasters.ac.uk

Employ.ed for PhDs

We support the provision of part-time, on-campus internships, which provide project-based, paid employment to our current PhD students. These are advertised on our careers portal, MyCareerEd. www.ed.ac.uk/careers/employed-internships

Alumni

We provide opportunities for students to draw on the knowledge and experience of our alumni through lectures, workshops and panel discussions. We will shortly be launching Platform One, a new online meeting place where students, alumni, staff and volunteers can discuss ideas, plans and possibilities. www.ed.ac.uk/alumni

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 help them start new businesses. Successful start-ups, assisted by LAUNCH.ed, include FanSuel, a pioneering fantasy sports league with more than six million registered users, Two Big Ears, a virtual reality software developer recently acquired by Facebook, and Krotos, developers of a sound effects programme that has been used by Hollywood studios on blockbusters such as Avengers: Age of Ultron and Jungle Book. www.launch.ed.ac.uk

Public engagement opportunities

Our Institute for Academic Development (IAD) hosts the Beltane Public Engagement Network, so if you’re interested in promoting your research to wider audiences you will have access to resources, events and funding opportunities to help you develop the necessary skills and experience to do so. www.beltanenetwork.org

Doctorate Extension Scheme

We support the Doctorate Extension Scheme. This means international students completing a PhD or other doctorate-level qualification on a Tier 4 visa may be eligible to apply to stay in the UK for employment for an additional 12 months with extended support from the University as your sponsor. The scheme allows you more time to find work with a Tier 2 employer, gain practical experience or set up as an entrepreneur. www.ed.ac.uk/immigration/tier4-des

My experience: using the Careers Service

Petra Yu

MSc. International Business & Emerging Markets graduate from Austria

Secured a job before graduation

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My experience: skills training

Louise K. Gramstrup
PhD Religious Studies, from Denmark

Louise believes support from the University’s Institute for Academic Development will help her stand out in the competitive job market.

My PhD journey has been significantly enhanced by the IAD’s courses on professional development. These are useful whether you are looking to pursue an academic career or make use of transferable skills. For instance, time management workshops help you achieve a work-life balance while courses on communication skills provide practical strategies for conference presentations. Attending courses about academic writing skills significantly enhanced my thesis. Other workshops changed my approach to collaboration and outreach by making me more assertive, self-aware, and knowledgeable about alternative mindsets. Besides supporting me as a researcher, the IAD has also developed my teaching. I have completed a professional teaching qualification recognised by the Higher Education Academy. I believe that this qualification together with my CPD training will make me stand out in a competitive job market because I can demonstrate skills and a commitment to professional development as a result.

Finally, getting the chance to network with other researchers from different disciplines is a valuable side benefit of attending IAD courses, including the Local GRADSchool that brings together final year PhD candidates for three days to engage in professional and personal development activities. I have made close friends in this way with whom to share the ups and downs of PhD life.
My experience: skills training

Harsh Vaidya
PhD Stem Cell Biology, MRC Scottish Centre for Regenerative Medicine, graduate, from India

Skills training offered by the Institute for Academic Development helped Harsh prepare for a career in business.

There's a lot of help available at Edinburgh if someone wants to pursue a career in industry or start their own business.

I attended the Institute’s LEADER Summer School in Denmark. It was really helpful because there were sessions on entrepreneurship and business, personality development, leadership and communication, and intellectual property and copyright. We also learned how to communicate our research to the public.

I think it's always important to have additional skills because when you go for a job it's not only your theoretical knowledge or how you work in the lab that counts, but how you communicate with others, or how you work in a team, so all this training really helps.

I think I'm pretty compatible when applying for jobs because employers also look for what you do alongside your qualification, and I can demonstrate skills from these workshops and all the other things I've done here.

Supporting you and your studies

The University provides a wide range of support services to cater for your academic and personal needs.

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

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

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

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

IAD also offers online resources and planning tools to help get your research started, plus support for tutoring and demonstrating, and research public engagement and communication.

Personal and academic support
Every taught postgraduate student has a Personal Tutor and every research student has a supervisor - a member of staff who can offer guidance and support.

Health and wellbeing
We aim to provide an environment that enables and supports you to flourish; to promote good mental and physical health among our students; and to ensure you are well supported if you experience mental health difficulties during your studies.

Student Counselling Service
Our Counselling Service offers you a professional and confidential service: www.ed.ac.uk/student-counselling

The Advice Place
Our drop-in advice centre, run by Edinburgh University Students’ Association, offers free, confidential and independent advice on a range of issues: www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/advice

Student Disability Service
Students with a disability are encouraged to discuss any specific support needs with one of our Disability Advisers as early as possible during the application process. Our service works to create an environment that helps disabled students participate fully in university life: www.ed.ac.uk/student-disability-service

The University Health Centre
All students should register with a doctor. Students from EU countries are eligible for healthcare under the National Health Service as long as they have a valid student card. International students and their dependents may also be eligible to access NHS medical care: www.health-service.ed.ac.uk

The Chaplaincy Centre
Our Chaplaincy is for students of all faiths and of none. We cover a wide variety of beliefs, including humanism and all major world religions. All are welcome: www.ed.ac.uk/chaplaincy

Childcare
The University’s Arcadia Nursery, was designed by award-winning architects around the concept of free play, and is catered to Children’s Food Trust and Food for the Brain standards.

The Centre for Open Learning offers around 1,000 evening, weekend and part-time courses each year. Full-time students at the University are entitled to a significant discount on course fees: www.ed.ac.uk/short-courses
Join a global student community

As a welcoming global university, we offer our EU and international students a range of additional specialist services designed to make your move to Edinburgh as smooth and seamless as possible.

Edinburgh Global
Edinburgh Global is the central contact point for non-UK students. It can provide you with the information and support you may need to settle in, and also runs events and activities designed to support your experiences as a student.
www.ed.ac.uk/international

Support begins early
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Where our students are from

Taught students

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Immigration assistance
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www.ed.ac.uk/immigration

Your arrival
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Our community
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My experience: making a global impact

Radu Marian
MSc International Business & Emerging Markets graduate from Moldova

Radu used his time at Edinburgh to further his ambitions to make a global impact.

Soufia Bham
MSc Global Health & Public Policy graduate from Mauritius

Soufia developed as a leader and activist, helping improve healthcare access.

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More information on upcoming trips:
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I chose to pursue an MSc in International Business & Emerging Markets because I believe socially responsible businesses can play a key role in solving global challenges such as poverty eradication and income inequality. The University and the programme helped me understand my mission better and act on my philosophy. I met outstanding like-minded people from all over the world and interacted with their world views, their culture, their challenges and their dreams.

I learned how they perceive dialogue, communication and success differently. With many of them, I built lasting friendships. Our consulting projects with real-life companies allowed me to help them expand internationally and understand how such companies build a global outlook.

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Fees, funding and costs

Postgraduate study can be a significant financial commitment, but you may be surprised by the range of funding sources available.

To help you pursue your ambitions, we offer academically outstanding candidates a number of postgraduate scholarships and studentships. You can apply for funding once you have received an offer for admission. The University’s Scholarships and Student Funding Services can provide guidance on sources of scholarships, loans and other funding opportunities.

University of Edinburgh Graduate Discount Scheme

We offer a 10 per cent discount on postgraduate fees for all alumni who graduated with an undergraduate degree from Edinburgh.

www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/discounts

Scholarships

More information on funding opportunities, including the examples listed below, can be found online:

www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/postgraduate

Commonwealth Scholarships

The Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan provides opportunities for students in one Commonwealth country to pursue advanced academic study at masters or MPhil/PhD level in another Commonwealth country. Applications are made to the Commonwealth Scholarship Agency (usually the Ministry of Education) in the applicant’s home country. (http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk)

Edinburgh Global Research Scholarships

To attract high-quality, overseas research students to the University, each award will cover the difference between the tuition fee for a UK postgraduate and that for an international postgraduate. The awards do not cover maintenance expenses. www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/global-research

Enlightenment PhD Scholarships

A number of scholarships open to UK, EU and international PhD students. www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/development

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

The Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program

Ten postgraduate scholarships for applicants who are residents and citizens of a Sub-Saharan African country will be available for eligible master’s programmes. The scholarships cover full tuition fees and expenses for accommodation and maintenance. www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/mastercardfdn

Principal’s Career Development PhD Scholarships

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

Scotland’s Saltire Scholarships

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

Research councils (for UK/EU only)

• Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) www.ahrc.ac.uk
• Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) www.esrc.ac.uk
• Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) www.bbsrc.ac.uk
• Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) www.epsrc.ac.uk
• Medical Research Council (MRC) www.mrc.ac.uk
• National Environment Research Council (NERC) www.nerc.ac.uk
• Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) www.stfc.ac.uk

UK Government loans

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 can also apply for a non-income assessed living cost loan. www.sas.gov.uk

Student Finance England offers postgraduate loans for taught and research masters programmes and also for doctoral degree study. www.gov.uk/student-finance

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

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.studentfinanceeni.co.uk

Online learning

Edinburgh Global Online Distance Learning Masters Scholarship

Scholarships are available to students undertaking eligible online learning programmes. www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/e-learning/online-distance

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. https://erasmusplus.org.uk/master-loan

Tuition fees

You will find up-to-date fee levels for your specific programme at: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/tuition-fees/postgraduate

Please note: International students studying full-time taught programmes of study lasting more than one year will be charged a fixed annual fee. All other students on full- 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 in to account when you are applying for a programme.

You will find information on other studying and living costs online: www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduatefees-finance

The University of Edinburgh

Postgraduate Guide 2019 entry

Living costs

For information on the day-to-day cost of living in Edinburgh, please check our guidance online: www.ed.ac.uk/international/cost-of-living

Before coming to the UK, I worked on economic development, emphasizing the role of entrepreneurship in Southeast Asia. I became interested in climate change and sustainability issues then set my goal to be an environmental economist. I desire to make a global impact by rendering policy advocacy and initiatives that can tackle environmental problems through economic policy.

The University has equipped me with strong knowledge and broadened my perspective. I have acquired practical knowledge of implementing economic methods to evaluate ecosystem services as well as a vigorous understanding of economic theory to attain sustainability. I will use this to aid my dissertation research, in which I aim to discover potential improvements and provide recommendations for policy makers in Indonesia to further enhance entrepreneurship and strengthen the sustainable economy.

I am fortunate to have received a prestigious scholarship. The University has provided me with good opportunities, often bringing external speakers to give lectures relevant to their field that help me engage with experts beyond the University. The University offers a complete package of educational and professional improvement that I am grateful to be given a chance to seize.
Edinburgh is one of Europe’s most beautiful cities, draped across a series of rocky hills overlooking the sea.

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Lonely Planet

Edinburgh’s population is approximately 500,000.

The city’s festivals draw almost four million visitors to Edinburgh each year.

The University is at the heart of the city of Edinburgh. Scotland’s inspiring capital is one of Europe’s great cultural hubs and a stimulating place to study.

Regularly voted one of the most desirable places to live in the world, Edinburgh has a great social and cultural life, a busy sporting calendar and a rich history. Edinburgh is well known for its friendly people, its safe, green environment and its stunning, historic architecture. Its compact size makes it easy to get around and wherever you are in the city, you are seldom far from open countryside.

Edinburgh’s location is perfect for adventurers – there are few other places in the world with such diverse and readily accessible opportunities, from snowboarding to surfing. Scotland’s natural beauty, its mountains, lochs and forests, is just a short trip away and the landscape offers one of the longest coastlines for a country of our size, so a visit to the beach is highly recommended.

In the summer months the pace of city life accelerates as Edinburgh’s world famous annual festivals get under way. The city hosts almost 30 festivals during the year, with the most famous taking part on campus or near to the University. Highlights include:

• Edinburgh International Festival
• Edinburgh Festival Fringe
• Edinburgh Jazz and Blues Festival
• Edinburgh Art Festival
• The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo
• Edinburgh International Book Festival
• Edinburgh Mela
• Edinburgh International Film Festival
• Edinburgh International Science Festival
• Edinburgh’s Hogmanay.

The temperature in Edinburgh typically averages up to 6°C in the winter and up to 20°C in the summer.
“Edinburgh has that perfect balance between the amenities of a capital city and the charm of a small town.”

Caroline Stevens, USA
MA (Hons) Sociology with Quantitative Methods

Named the 7th best student city in Europe, and 16th in the world, in the QS Best Student Cities 2018.

Edinburgh is a UNESCO City of Literature and has two UNESCO World Heritage sites – one covering the Old and New Towns and the other for the Forth Bridge.

Edinburgh is home to more FTSE 100 companies than any other UK city outside London.
“My horizons have been broadened by my experience at Edinburgh. Classmates come from different linguistic and cultural backgrounds, and I enjoy learning with them.”

Jialin Dong, from China, MSc Applied Linguistics

Visit us

We encourage you to come and discover if Edinburgh is the place for you, and we invite anyone interested in postgraduate study at Edinburgh to attend one of our events.

Within reach of the rest of the British Isles and other European destinations

Open days
Our Postgraduate Open Day, on Wednesday 14 November 2018, is a great way to find out more about the University, meet staff and fellow prospective students and ask any questions in person. If you can’t come to the Open Day, you might be interested in attending one of our student-led campus tours.

www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate-open-day

Travel
Edinburgh is easily accessible from across Europe and beyond. The city is served by an excellent international airport, and rail and road links across the country.

Travel information
www.ed.ac.uk/visit/city/getting-here

Our visits to you
If you are unable to visit the University, we attend events worldwide during the year giving you the opportunity to come and meet us and speak to us in person:

www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/meet-us
Accommodation

Our students travel from all over the world to study here and we aim to provide the best range and standard of accommodation possible.

Accommodation options
We offer a wide variety in either traditional halls of residence or blocks of self-contained flats, the latter typically varying in size from four to six single study bedrooms. There is a mix of en-suite rooms and those with shared bathroom facilities. Our new accommodation at Buccleuch Place/Buccleuch Place Lane is very close to George Square and the Main Library and is built around two courtyards with landscaped grounds, a double-height common room and a games room. Buccleuch Place is an extensive and sensitive refurbishment of historic houses. Retaining original features, the 205 single and 26 twin study bedrooms are in flats shared between five to seven students and have shared facilities with a mix of single, superior single and twin rooms. Buccleuch Place Lane offers 136 rooms in new-build flats with en-suite shower rooms. Our recently developed, award-winning O’Shea Hall postgraduate village complex at Holyrood provides fantastic and convenient options for more than 1,100 students. Unique to the UK is the main residence hall (O’Shea Central) with 480 en-suite bedrooms incorporating a large communal kitchen with space for all residents to cook, eat and get together. Each student has allocated cupboard, fridge and freezer space and access to a bookable dining room. The main common room on the ground floor can be enjoyed by all residents to come together to study or celebrate. There is a dedicated study room, a TV room and four bookable music rooms equipped with instruments.

We also offer accommodation for those with disabilities. For details, please contact our Allocations team.

Residence Life
Most of our properties are managed by professional Wardens, supported by specially trained Resident Assistants who are usually students living on site, readily available to address welfare or community issues. They also organise and host a wide range of social and academic activities.

Costs
Rents for our accommodation typically include utility costs, internet, personal contents insurance and some cleaning. Rents for single rooms during the 2018/19 academic year, based on a typical 51-week lease, are in the range of £5,594-£9,034. Further information is available online.

Sharing rooms
If you are interested in sharing and express this preference in your application, we will do our very best to satisfy your request. There are many advantages to sharing. We use larger rooms and provide additional storage and study spaces. With 2018/19 rents starting from £4,432 per 51-week lease, your costs can be significantly reduced.

Family provision
For students coming to Edinburgh with a partner or a family, we do have limited accommodation suitable for families.

Private sector accommodation
If you are not guaranteed an offer of University accommodation, or choose not to take up such an offer, you will probably need to use the private sector. For more information, please visit: www.accom.ed.ac.uk/private-accommodation

www.accom.ed.ac.uk
Choosing your programme

We offer a range of options for postgraduate study at Edinburgh. From professional qualifications to independent research, on-campus taught programmes to online part-time study, you’ll find a mode of learning that suits your needs.

A full list of our programmes, with further information about each and guidance on how to apply is available online: www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/degrees

Taught programmes

Masters

Duration: typically one year full time but occasionally can be longer if, for example, the programme includes a placement.

Masters programmes are designed to deepen knowledge in a subject studied at undergraduate level, although some of our postgraduate offerings may be suitable for students looking to change direction.

Students on our taught masters programmes typically undertake a combination of taught courses, assessment and supervised research. Studies culminate in a dissertation or equivalent project.

Most of our taught masters programmes, across all subjects, lead to the award of MSc to distinguish postgraduate masters from our undergraduate MA. This is with the exception of awards from Edinburgh College of Art, which are normally postgraduate Master of Art (MA) or Master of Fine Art (MFA) awards. Other qualifications we offer include MBA, LLM, MMus, MEd and MTh.

Certificate or diploma

Duration: varies.

If you’re unable to commit to a masters, many of our programmes have shorter study options that lead to the award of a postgraduate certificate (PgCert) or postgraduate diploma (PgDip).

Research programmes

Masters by Research

Duration: one year full time.

Programmes offered as MSc by Research are designed to prepare you for advanced research, although they can be taken as a qualification in their own right. An MSc by Research is assessed by an extended, independent, written dissertation.

MPhil

Duration: two years full time.

Programmes which are offered as an MPhil are ideal if you need to develop strong all-round knowledge of your subject, in-depth understanding of a specialised area, and the research skills to carry out and present a thesis – a piece of original research for submission for a higher degree. You may subsequently extend your studies to PhD registration subject to satisfactory progress.

PhD

Duration: three years full time.

A PhD is the highest academic research qualification, entailing research training and supervised research, either on a one-to-one basis with a supervisor or as part of a research team. PhD students gain the specialist background knowledge for the projected research, and develop the skills appropriate to research in that field. Their work culminates in a thesis. The precise focus of the research will be agreed between the student and the supervisor and is likely to develop over the course of the PhD. The PhD is assessed by an oral examination in which the candidate defends his or her research thesis.

Professional doctorates

Duration: three to seven years full time.

Professional doctorates are specialist qualifications designed for professional development in specific areas, such as engineering and psychology. Professional doctorates combine advanced research training, a substantial contribution to knowledge through your own research and a rigorous reflection on professional practice.

Postgraduate professional development

Duration: varies.

Aimed at working professionals, postgraduate professional development (PgProfDev or PPD) allows you to advance your knowledge without the time or financial commitment of a full study programme. We offer a number of courses as credit-bearing PPD. These course can be recognised in their own right or the credit can be built up over time towards a PgCert, PgDip or Masters.

Part-time study

Please note that although many of our on-campus programmes offer part-time options, these are only available to UK and EU students due to UK visa regulations.

“Edinburgh attracts the best and the brightest. My cohort was an especially strong group of highly eager learners from all walks of the educational field, many of whom I still call friends and consult now.”

Michael Sean Gallagher, USA
MSc Digital Education (Online Learning)
Online programmes

Since 2005, the University of Edinburgh has delivered flexible, online programmes to thousands of postgraduate students around the world. This allows you to study with us, wherever you live, alongside your work or other commitments.

Today, we offer an exceptional range of almost 70 innovative online programmes across a wide range of subject areas. We have around 3,000 students currently studying online programmes with us and we take the delivery of teaching online just as seriously as we do on-campus.

Our online programmes are academically equivalent to qualifications earned on-campus and delivered by dedicated academics, many of whom are leaders in their field. Your experienced programme team and personal tutor will ensure you are fully supported in all aspects of your student experience.

Flexibility

Our online, part-time format is particularly suited to students already in full- or part-time employment or with other professional or personal commitments. It offers a flexible learning environment that can be adapted to suit your individual needs. You can choose to study at a time and in a place that suits you, saving relocation costs. Our online learning technology is fully interactive and allows you to communicate with your highly qualified teaching staff from the comfort of your own home or workplace, or on the go. You will have access to our excellent resources and will become part of a supportive online community, bringing together students and tutors from around the world and enabling you to have the ‘Edinburgh experience’ wherever you live.

Most of our students opt to study to masters level on a part-time basis, but it is also possible to study some programmes full-time or to exit earlier with a postgraduate diploma (PgDip) or postgraduate certificate (PgCert). Some programmes can be studied intermittently, allowing you to take up to six years to complete a masters. In addition to compulsory courses, you can choose option courses from a variety of programmes, allowing you to tailor your studies to suit your individual interests and requirements, and enhance your career opportunities in an increasingly competitive marketplace.

For those looking for a shorter period of study, some of our programmes offer stand-alone courses which provide training on specific subjects. These are credit-bearing courses (up to 50 postgraduate credits) and may contribute towards a postgraduate qualification in the future. Use the apply buttons for your programme in the online Degree Finder to see if the Postgraduate Professional Development option is available.

When you consider all the benefits of flexible online study, it’s not surprising that even locally-based professionals choose this option.

A global academic community

Distance isn’t a barrier when you choose to study online. We offer a highly participative learning environment, which is both supportive and intellectually stimulating. Students join us from all over the world, adding their rich diversity of professional and academic experience to a truly international learning community. Our students value the different perspectives their fellow students bring, and welcome the support provided by our expert teaching staff.

Career benefits

Many of our students have chosen to study a postgraduate qualification online in order to enhance their existing career or to enable them to move to a new one. Studying online while working means you can immediately apply what you learn to your profession, combine the theoretical with the practical, and bring a global perspective to your role and profession. The critical and analytical research skills gained during a masters can also be a platform for advanced research such as a PhD, and many students go on to have their work published in high-impact journals and at conferences.

I came in with some expectation of the level of involvement of the staff and of interaction with my fellow students, with obvious apprehensions about how this would work for me. Those expectations were far surpassed and the apprehension disappeared. The University provided excellent academic training through various practical assignments, video lectures, suggested reading, mandatory discussions, and engagement on discussion boards with students from all over the world who bring their perspective of public health issues and models to address them.

Students shared stories of innovations and hope, successes and failures, and every individual experience enriched my understanding of global public health. I have been able to use these learnings and apply them to my job as a strategic information advisor, with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The biggest personal impact has been the development of skills and the ability to learn from staff and classmates who, despite being thousands of miles away, have made meaningful contributions towards enhancing my engagement with public health. I have been able to translate my experiences with theirs, and this diversity of perspective has made my experience more holistic and grounded.

Deepika Srivastava Joshi
Master of Public Health student from India

I wanted to gain further ecological qualifications and, as I worked full time, the online-learning MSc appealed greatly. The University has a first-class reputation and the appealing course outline cemented the decision that this was the programme for me.

I found that I could balance my time commitment to study with work requirements well. It helped that I worked in an ecology-related field. I often discussed projects I worked on in group discussions and based assignments on work where this was appropriate. One of the most exciting things about the MSc was being able to learn from people from all over the world. It fuelled by wide ranging experiences and backgrounds.

I was more than happy to manage my workload remotely. Visiting campus would have been less convenient due to work commitments. A supervisor was only a phone call away during the dissertation process and this proved to be sufficient.

I still work full time for a Scottish local authority on biodiversity, climate change and river catchment management issues so my MSc has been useful. I also work for a national conservation charity on an ad hoc basis and participate in species monitoring projects.

Kelly Ann Dempsey
MSc Biodiversity, Wildlife & Ecosystem Health graduate (2014) from Scotland

Studying online part time enabled Kelly to gain a postgraduate award that complemented her profession.

4,000 students have graduated from our online programmes.
How to apply

Applications for postgraduate study are made online via our Degree Finder: www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/degrees

Taught postgraduate programmes

Select a programme using our online Degree Finder to check you meet our academic and English language entry requirements.

Academic entry requirements
As a guide, postgraduate applicants are usually expected to have a minimum of a 2:1 honours degree, or its international equivalent. Guidance on these equivalents is available online: www.ed.ac.uk/international/postgraduate-entry

Specific information on the academic entry requirements for your programme can be found in its listing in the online Degree Finder.

English language requirements
If English is not your first language you will have to provide evidence of your written and spoken English skills.

For quick reference, the index of masters programmes on pages 30-35 uses a symbol system. You’ll find the key for this system on page 3D. Although this is as comprehensive as possible there are some exceptions. Please treat it as a guide and check the detailed language requirements for your programme online before you apply.

Conditions and exemptions
Your English language qualification must be no more than three years old from the start date of the programme you are applying to study, unless you are using an English language test such as IELTS for entry, in which case it must be no more than two years old: www.ed.ac.uk/english-requirements

Postgraduate research

If you are considering PhD study, there are two main routes you can take to make your application:

Applying to a funded project
Our Schools or Centres for Doctoral Training will often receive funding to carry out research on a specific topic. They will advertise doctoral positions, which are funded projects normally advertised on the School or Institute website and often also on external websites, such as FindAPhD.com. The formal application will still be made via the University website.

Using this route usually means that you will not need to develop a research proposal as part of the application but will need to use your personal statement to demonstrate your relevant skills and experience and the subject expertise which make you the ideal candidate.

Proposing your own research topic
Alternatively, if you wish to carry out independent research, you can apply for a PhD by submitting your research topic to the University.

The supporting information that you will need to provide will depend on the programme you apply for.

Typically, you will be asked to provide:
- academic transcripts;
- your degree certificate;
- a personal statement;
- academic reference(s); and
- a research proposal (if appropriate).

Some programmes may ask for specific evidence of your suitability for study, such as a portfolio, demonstration of relevant experience, or in a small number of cases, attendance at interview. Check specific programme entry requirements online.

We recommend you contact a potential supervisor at the University and discuss your intended research before you apply. They can give you feedback on your ideas and help you identify whether the University has supervisory expertise in your chosen area. If your intended research is multidisciplinary, it might be helpful to talk to more than one potential supervisor: www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/phd-supervisors

If you propose your own topic, you will need to write and submit a research proposal with your application. This will help us assess both your suitability for a research programme and whether or not we can offer you appropriate supervision and facilities. It can potentially also be used to apply to external bodies for funding: www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/research-proposals

Further information on PhD study:
www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/phd-supervisors
www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/phd-study

Please note
If you already have a PhD, or are near completion, we advertise postdoctoral vacancies, for current research projects being conducted at the University, at: www.vacancies.ed.ac.uk

Supporting your application
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- academic reference(s); and
- a research proposal (if appropriate).

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Please note
A small number of programmes charge an application fee and/or require a deposit. Where applicable this will be stated in the programme’s Degree Finder entry: www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/degrees

When to apply
Application deadlines are shown on your programme’s Degree Finder entry. You may apply to the University at any time but we strongly recommend that you apply as early as possible before the programme fills up, particularly if you need to allow time to apply for a visa or if you intend to apply for financial support – you must have received an offer from the University in order to apply for some sources of funding.

Applying for a Tier 4 General Student visa
If you are a national of a country outside the EU, it is likely that you will have to apply for a student visa to study on campus at the University of Edinburgh: www.ed.ac.uk/immigration

Please note
For further information about how to apply please visit: www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/applying

STEP 1
Make sure your supporting documentation is all in order, write your 500 word personal statement, and select referees.

STEP 2
Apply online using the link from your programme’s Degree Finder entry. You will create an online account and upload supporting documentation. Once your account is set up you can access your online application through the Applicant Hub, save a draft to come back to and edit later, then complete and submit it. Further guidance is available online: www.ed.ac.uk/student-system/support/guidance/submitting-online-application

Applying via a representative
The University has approved representatives in 37 countries worldwide. Representatives can guide you through the application process if you prefer: www.ed.ac.uk/international/representatives

Please note
If you haven’t done so, you might like to visit the University (see page 21) or if you can’t visit us, you might like to participate in our regular online information sessions, usually held on the last Wednesday of each month: www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/online-events

If your application is successful, we look forward to welcoming you to Edinburgh: www.ed.ac.uk/new-students

You can find details about your programme and the compulsory and option courses available online: www.dops.ed.ac.uk

For further information on applying and preparing your application, please visit: www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/applying

More information
www.ed.ac.uk/international/postgraduate-entry
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Our Colleges and research areas

The University is divided into three Colleges, which collectively host 20 Schools. Such academic breadth and diversity make Edinburgh a vibrant and stimulating environment for postgraduate study, and the possibilities for interdisciplinary exchange and collaboration are vast. Each College offers a breadth of research opportunities. The following overview lists some of the areas in which we offer expert research supervision. Further information is available online.

College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

This is our largest College, with more than 23,000 students and 1,700 staff working in the arts, law, humanities, education, business, health, and social sciences. We were ranked in the top 20 in several arts and humanities disciplines in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2018 and also rated highly in the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014. In sociology, for example, we were ranked first in the UK by research power (Research Fortnight REF 2014).

Academic research
The College is home to more than 70 research centres and institutes: www.ed.ac.uk/arts-humanities-soc-sci

Schools
The College hosts 11 diverse Schools and the Centre for Open Learning:
1. Business
   www.business-school.ed.ac.uk
2. Divinity
   www.ed.ac.uk/divinity
3. Economics
   www.ed.ac.uk/economics
4. Edinburgh College of Art
   www.eca.ed.ac.uk
5. Education
   www.ed.ac.uk/education
6. Health in Social Science
   www.ed.ac.uk/health
7. History, Classics & Archaeology
   www.ed.ac.uk/hca
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   www.law.ed.ac.uk/pg
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   www.ed.ac.uk/litlangs
10. Philosophy, Psychology & Language Sciences
    www.ed.ac.uk/ppl
11. Social & Political Science
    www.sps.ed.ac.uk/gradschool
   + Centre for Open Learning
    www.ed.ac.uk/lifelong-learning

Research areas
- Accounting & Finance
- African Studies
- Archaeology
- Architecture
- Art
- Celtic & Scottish Studies
- Chinese
- Classics
- Clinical & Health Psychology
- Comparative Literature
- Counselling Studies
- Cultural Studies
- Design
- Economic & Social History
- Economics
- Education
- English Language
- English Literature
- Entrepreneurship & Innovation
- Ethics & Practical Theology
- European Theatre
- Film Studies
- French
- Gender & Culture
- German
- Global Health Policy
- Health in Social Science
- Hebrew & Old Testament Studies
- Hispanic Studies
- History
- History of Art
- History of Christianity
- International Development
- Islamic & Middle Eastern Studies
- Italian
- Japanese
- Landscape Architecture
- Law
- Linguistics
- Management Science & Business Economics
- Marketing
- Medieval Studies
- Music
- Organisation Studies
- Nursing Studies
- Philosophy
- Politics & International Relations
- Psychology
- Public Health Policy
- Religious Studies
- Russian
- Sanskrit
- Scandinavian Studies
- Science & Religion
- Science & Technology Studies
- Scottish History
- Social Anthropology
- Social Policy
- Social Work
- Socio-cultural Studies
- Sociology
- South Asian Studies
- Strategy
- Systematic Theology
- Translation Studies
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Our Colleges and research areas continued...

**College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine**

The College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine has more than 6,000 students and 3,000 staff and offers an extensive range of postgraduate programmes covering all aspects of medicine, including community health, molecular and clinical medicine and veterinary medicine. Following the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014, our vet school was ranked first in the UK and our medical school was among the top five, both ranked by research power (Research Fortnight REF 2014).

**Schools**
The College comprises two Schools, the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies and the Edinburgh Medical School, which is home to three Deaneries: Clinical Sciences, Biomedical Sciences, and Molecular, Genetic & Population Health Sciences.

Spanning both the veterinary and medical schools, the College’s Graduate School provides an interdisciplinary support network for postgraduate students and staff.

**Academic research**
The College has five major research institutes, each home to various interdisciplinary research centres. www.ed.ac.uk/medicine-vet-medicine

**Research areas**
- Cancer
- Cardiovascular Science
- Child Life & Health
- Clinical Brain Sciences
- Clinical Education
- Cognitive & Neural Systems
- Dentistry
- Developmental Biology
- Genetics
- Genomics
- Genomic Medicine
- Global Health
- Infection & Immunity
- Inflammation
- Integrative Physiology
- Medical Informatics
- Neurobiology
- Neuroscience
- Orthopaedic & Trauma Medicine
- Pathology
- Pathway Medicine
- Population Health Sciences
- Precision Medicine
- Psychiatry
- Reproductive Medicine
- Reproductive Health
- Respiratory Medicine
- Science Communication
- Surgery
- Tissue Repair
- Translational Neuroscience
- Veterinary Sciences & Training

**PhD enquiries:**

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**College of Science & Engineering**

Science has been studied at Edinburgh since the University was established in 1583. With more than 9,000 students and 3,300 staff, we are one of the largest science and engineering groupings in the UK. Our expertise spans seven scientific areas, in which you’ll find some of the world’s best research. Following the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014, our submissions in biological sciences and physics were both ranked in the UK top five for research quality, and informatics was ranked first in the UK for research power (Research Fortnight REF 2014).

**Schools**

Teaching and research is arranged in seven Schools:

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3. **Engineering**
   - www.eng.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate
4. **Geosciences**
   - www.ed.ac.uk/geosciences
5. **Informatics**
   - www.ed.ac.uk/informatics
6. **Mathematics**
   - http://msc.maths.ed.ac.uk
7. **Physics & Astronomy**
   - www.ph.ed.ac.uk

**Academic research**
The College’s 20 research centres stimulate an innovative programme of interdisciplinary research. www.ed.ac.uk/science-engineering

**Research areas**
- Algebra & Number Theory
- Analysis
- Applied & Computational Mathematics
- Astrophysics
- Atmospheric & Environmental Sciences
- Automated Reasoning, Agents, Data Intensive Research, Knowledge Management
- Bioengineering
- Cell Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Architecture, Compilation & Communication
- Condensed Matter
- Data Science
- Digital Communications
- Energy Systems
- Evolutionary Biology
- Geographical Information Science
- Geography & Human Geography
- Geology & Geophysics
- Geometry & Topology
- High Performance Computing
- Immunology & Infection
- Infrastructure & the Environment
- Integrated Micro & Nano Systems
- Integrative Sensing & Measurement
- Language Processing & Speech Technology
- Machine Learning
- Materials & Processes
- Mathematical Analysis
- Mathematical Physics
- Molecular Plant Sciences
- Nuclear Physics
- Optical Medical Imaging with Healthcare Innovation & Entrepreneurship
- Optimization & Operational Research
- Particle Physics
- Pervasive Parallelism
- Probability & Stochastic Analysis
- Quantitative Biology, Biochemistry & Biotechnology
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6. pgresearch@maths.ed.ac.uk
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