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SCHOLARSHIPS AND STUDENT FUNDING SERVICES

www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding

The University of Edinburgh
Your main costs at university will be tuition fees (if applicable), accommodation, food, books, clothes and, of course, entertainment.

International students coming to Edinburgh to study full-time undergraduate taught programmes will pay a fixed annual fee for the duration of their degree studies.

This means that international students will know before they start their studies exactly what they will pay each year.

Details on tuition fees for each academic session can be found on the University website at: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/fees

Accommodation

The University understands how important accommodation is for students and seeks to provide the best range of options and highest standards possible.

There are almost 6,000 University owned and managed bed spaces normally available for new undergraduates; these are in convenient locations for the city and the University and cover a range of styles and services to suit most budgets.

Full-time undergraduates living outside the city of Edinburgh are guaranteed an offer of University accommodation for their first year, provided they accept their offer of admission and submit their accommodation application to the Accommodation team, all by the required deadlines. Up-to-date information can be found at: www.accom.ed.ac.uk

If you stay in catered accommodation, all based at our Pollock Halls campus, you will receive breakfast and an evening meal each day during the week with brunch and an evening meal at the weekends. If you stay in our self-catered flats or residences, you should expect to spend at least £60 per week on food, although this will vary depending on your tastes and dietary needs. Accommodation is typically in mixed gender residences, though some flats are single gender.

Costs

By way of example, in 2017-2018, the cost of renting a single study bedroom in catered accommodation ranges from £180 to £240 per week; for a room in self-catered accommodation, costs range from £106 to £170 per week. There are also a number of lower cost options involving shared twin rooms.

Our accommodation prices include comprehensive community and welfare networks from our Residence Life team, utilities, data/internet facilities and personal contents insurance; cleaning provision, while regular, does vary according to the accommodation.

Residence Life

Our properties are managed by professional Wardens, supported by specially trained Resident Assistants who are usually students living on site; all are readily available to address any welfare or community issues and they also organise and host a wide range of social and academic-related activities.

I fell in love with the University on the post-offer day and knew immediately that this was where I wanted to spend my next four years.

Joseph Reid
MA Chinese

With my scholarship funds I have been able to buy the books that I need, join societies, and the sports club, and enjoy my time in Edinburgh.

Chloe Bruce
MA English Literature and History
Students from Scotland

Tuition Fees
If you are a Scotland domiciled, full-time, first degree student, you may be eligible for your tuition fees to be covered by the Scottish Government.

For the 2018-2019 academic session there are no expected upfront tuition fees for full-time Scottish students entering a higher education institution in Scotland.

To apply for support for the payment of these fees, you will need to complete an online application by the required deadline with the Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS).

There are separate arrangements for those students from Scotland who will be studying outside of Scotland. Further information is available from SAAS.

Student Loans and Bursaries
Student loans are the main source of support towards living costs. In 2017-2018 the maximum loan available to dependent students will be £5,750 and for independent students it will be £6,750. The maximum non income-assessed loan will be up to £4,750.

If a student is eligible for either the Young Students’ Bursary or Independent Students’ Bursary SAAS will add the bursary amount awarded to the maximum loan available and the maximum support package will be £7,625. Bursaries are non-repayable grants.

In 2017-2018 a Young Students’ Bursary of up to £1,875 is available for those students whose household income is up to £18,999. Eligibility criteria for these bursaries can be found on the SAAS website.

Repayments on the Student Loan start in the April of the year after your course has finished but only if your income is above a certain amount – currently £17,755 a year. Interest on the amount you owe will be linked to inflation – in line with the retail price index (RPI) – so the value of the amount you pay back will be about the same in real terms as the value of the amount you borrowed.

Further details can be found on the Student Awards Agency Scotland website at: www.saas.gov.uk

Emily Dawson
MA Psychology and Linguistics

I had no idea that additional funding was available beyond student loans so it came as a very welcome surprise. The funding has allowed me to spend time volunteering for a variety of organisations and this has enriched my university experience.

Students from England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Tuition Fees
If you are normally resident in England, Wales or Northern Ireland you can apply to Student Finance England, Wales or Northern Ireland as appropriate for a tuition fee loan to cover your tuition fee costs. The 2017-2018 annual tuition fee was £9,250 but this may increase in line with inflation and subject to government limits.

Student Loans
Student loans are the main source of support towards living costs. Government loans can be used to study anywhere in the UK and are available for the duration of your degree. Students can apply for a means tested loan and what they receive is dependent on household income and a minimum non means tested loan is also available.

Students make one online application for both tuition fee and living cost support. Further details can be found at:

Student Finance England www.gov.uk/student-finance
Student Finance Wales www.studentfinancewales.co.uk
Student Finance Northern Ireland www.studentfinanceni.co.uk

Repaying your loan
There is more than one repayment plan for student loans but all students only start repaying after they have completed their degree studies and they are earning a specified amount. Repayments are based on students’ income, not on the amount borrowed. You will find further details at: www.studentloanrepayment.co.uk

Students from the rest of the EU

Tuition Fees for EU students
2018-2019 entry EU students will be admitted as Scottish/EU fee status students for the duration of their undergraduate study and are eligible to apply for tuition fee support from the Scottish Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS).

Future changes to the fee status and available funding for EU students will depend on the timing and terms of the UK’s exit from the European Union.

Updated information available at: www.ed.ac.uk/news/eu

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Scholarships for Undergraduate UK Students

Access Awards

Scotland Scholarship

The Scotland Scholarship provides the most generous support offered by any UK university to Scotland-domiciled students.

Scholarships of between £500 and £2,000 are available, with enhanced awards of £3,000 being offered to students who meet certain other criteria. Students should be in receipt of either a Young Students’ Bursary (YSB), an Independent Students’ Bursary (ISB) or a Care Experienced Student Bursary (CESB) (from the Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS)).

Enhanced Scotland Scholarships of £3,000 per year of study are provided to students who are domiciled in the most deprived postcode areas and to Care Leavers in receipt of a Care Experienced Student Bursary.

The University will use the level of government bursary provided through the YSB, ISB or CESB to assess your scholarship entitlement. Please note that in order to be automatically assessed for a Scotland Scholarship you must apply to be financially assessed by SAAS.

I chose Edinburgh firstly because it is such an interesting and vibrant city, and secondly because it has an excellent reputation for Medicine, especially in research.

Gordon Paterson
MBChB Medicine

For students entering in 2017

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Award levels for 2018-19 will be available from our website in early 2018 - www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/scotland

Should you decide to live in University accommodation, your scholarship will be paid directly to Accommodation Services. If you choose to live in a privately rented accommodation, your scholarship will be paid into your bank account by BACS (Bankers’ Automated Clearing Services).

Further details on eligibility are available on our website at: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/scotland

The enhanced scholarships of £3,000 are funded jointly by the University and the generosity of alumni donors and other supporters.
University of Edinburgh Scholarship
(for students who usually live in England, Wales and Northern Ireland)

The University of Edinburgh has a long tradition of supporting students of all ages and social backgrounds to enter higher education and we remain committed to ensuring this continues.

We offer the most generous support of any UK university for those with a family income of less than £16,000.

Scholarships of between £520 and £7,250 are available, with enhanced awards of £8,500 being offered to students whose family income is confirmed as “0” or who come from a care background.

Wales domiciled students who are in receipt of Welsh Government Learning Grant will receive a lower Edinburgh Scholarship award. Further details can be found on the website at: www.ed.ac.uk/studying/undergraduate/fees-finance/wales

Further details on eligibility are available on our website at: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/ruk

Access Bursaries

A limited number of access bursaries are available to help new undergraduate UK students experiencing financial difficulties take up their place of admission at the University of Edinburgh.

Each award offers a minimum of £1,000 each year towards their maintenance costs for the duration of their undergraduate degree. The bursaries are sponsored by the University and a number of generous donations.

You can apply online at any time. The deadline for applications is 15 June 2018.

Further information is available from Scholarships and Student Funding Services (see page 25).

You will also find details on the eligibility criteria and online application procedure on the website at: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/bursaries

For students entering in 2017

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I was so excited when I knew that I had received the award. It meant that I didn’t need to stress about paying my rent and that I could take advantage of every opportunity that was offered to me at Edinburgh.

Eleri Connick
MA Philosophy
Amazon Women in Innovation Bursary

Celebrating its fifth birthday, the Amazon UK Women in Innovation Bursary enables women from financially disadvantaged backgrounds to study Informatics at the University of Edinburgh. It is part of a wider scheme which includes bursaries at King’s College London and Churchill College, University of Cambridge.

The bursary provides:

• an award of £3,500 per year to help with maintenance and living costs
• a female mentor, who works in a software role at the Amazon Development Centre (Scotland), and will support on everything from CV advice to interview techniques
• guaranteed interviews for internships at the Amazon’s Edinburgh Development Centre following the award holder’s second and third years
• opportunity to lead and attend Amazon on-campus events, such as hackathons and talks.

The bursary will be made available for the duration of a student’s undergraduate degree.

More information on how to apply can be found at:
www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/bursaries/amazon

Lloyds Scholars Programme

A number of Lloyds Scholarships will be available to UK students commencing their undergraduate degree at the University of Edinburgh. Each scholarship provides:

• an award to help with living costs and study materials
• performance-related cash awards for good grades
• end of course excellence awards for top scholars
• real, hands-on work experience on up to two summer paid internships; and
• access to advice and support from a dedicated mentor.

Recipients of a Lloyds Scholarship will be required to complete at least 100 hours’ volunteering each year in your local community.

If you have accepted a place at the University of Edinburgh and have a household income of under £25,000, then you are eligible to apply.

Further details on the eligibility criteria and application procedure can be found at:
www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/lloyds-scholars

ICAS Foundation - University of Edinburgh Scotland Scholarship

Awards are available for applicants resident in Scotland studying Accountancy or Finance.

Each award is £2,500 per annum, dependent on household income. The awards will normally be made available for the duration of a student’s undergraduate degree.

The ICAS Foundation was established to assist primarily young people who require financial and mentoring assistance. Students are eligible for mentoring and paid summer work placements through the scheme, to be organised through the ICAS Foundation.

Further information, including how to apply, can be found at:
www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/bursaries/icas

Become a Lloyds Scholar

at the University of Edinburgh
and open up a world of new possibilities

If you’re applying to start an undergraduate degree in 2018, then why not apply to become a Lloyds Scholar. The Lloyds Scholars Programme offers financial support, paid internships, volunteering opportunities, the chance to develop your employability skills and differentiate yourself from your peers.

If you succeed as a Lloyds Scholar you may find there is a place for you on the Lloyds Banking Group Graduate Leadership Programme.

Further details on the eligibility criteria, application procedure as well as an informative video about this scheme can be found at:
www.lloyds-scholars.com
@LloydsScholars
Subject Specific Undergraduate Scholarships

School of Engineering Scholarships

The School of Engineering offers scholarships to UK students applying to study degree programmes in electronics and electrical engineering and related single honours programmes. Students are required to have at least four ‘A’ grades at Higher level (mathematics is a required subject), or at least three ‘A’ grades at either Advanced Higher or A-Level. These scholarships are supported by Cirrus Logic, STMicroelectronics, Indie Semiconductor, Dialog Semiconductor, Analogue Devices, Maxim Integrated, Leonardo, Allegro Microsystems and Science and Technology Facilities Council.

Value: £1,000 per year for years 1 to 3 of the programme subject to satisfactory academic progress. In their 4th and 5th years holders of scholarships are expected to apply for direct sponsorship from any of the above companies, to carry out their 7 month final year project with the company at the company premises.

More information: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/ug/engineering

IET Diamond Jubilee Scholarships

The Institution of Engineering and Technology offers a number of scholarships to those studying Electronics and Electrical Engineering. Students must achieve either 3 ‘A’s at A Level, 3 ‘A’ grade Advanced Highers, 5 ‘A’ grade Highers or an International Baccalaureate Diploma at 36 points or HND with Distinction in all subjects.

Value: £1,000 per year, up to a maximum of £3,000 (for BEng students) and £4,000 for (MEng students).


UK Electronics Skills Foundation (UKESF)

Students on an electronics programme may apply for the UK Electronics Skills Foundation (UKESF) scholarship scheme, however this cannot be held in conjunction with the School of Engineering managed scholarship scheme.

Value: Annual bursaries of up to £1,000, paid summer work placements, industrial mentoring, professional development training at UKESF Summer Workshops, and opportunities to build relationships with potential employers.

More information: www.ukesf.org/universities/scholarship-scheme/

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My award has made my life less stressful, allowing me to give more time to my studies and with those whom I am close to.

George Coulter
BSc Chemistry

Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program

A number of scholarships for applicants who are residents and citizens of a Sub-Saharan African country will be available for eligible undergraduate programmes. The scholarships cover full tuition fees and expenses for accommodation and maintenance for the brightest and best African scholars with great potential but few educational opportunities.

More information: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/mastercardfdn
Edinburgh is a dynamic, exciting place to live, steeped in history. I’m proud that my university has such a fantastic scholarship scheme for those from low household incomes.

School of History, Classics and Archaeology

Robertson International Scholarship
Every year the School of History, Classics and Archaeology offers up to 10 undergraduate scholarships to overseas students. These scholarships are competitive and awarded on the basis of academic merit. Each award is worth £500 and is tenable for one year. Applicants must be nationals of a country outside the EU and be liable for the overseas rate of fee. They should have applied through the University and Colleges Admission Service (UCAS) to commence an undergraduate programme of study within the School of History, Classics and Archaeology for the academic year 2018-2019. The deadline for applications is 13th April 2018.

More information: www.ed.ac.uk/student- funding/undergraduate/ international/robertson

My student experience has definitely been improved as a result of receiving my scholarship as it has enabled me to live closer to campus and take part in conferences.

Grace Richards
MPhys Physics

School of Informatics

School of Informatics Scholarships, sponsored by industrial sponsors are offered for undergraduate study. These scholarships may also include an opportunity for a paid work placement.

Value: Approximately £1,000 per year.

More information: www.ed.ac.uk/student- funding/undergraduate/uk-eu/informatics

School of Mathematics

A number of undergraduate scholarships are offered to students of outstanding ability from countries outside of the European Union for full-time undergraduate study in any degree offered by the School of Mathematics. Each scholarship is worth £1,000 per year and is tenable for the duration of the programme of study subject to satisfactory academic progress. The closing date for applications is 30 April 2018.

More information: www.ed.ac.uk/student- funding/undergraduate/ international/maths

School of Physics and Astronomy

The School offers up to ten Margaret Campbell Scott Scholarships for students who have achieved the best entrance qualifications in physics and mathematics.

Value: £1,000

More information: www.ph.ed.ac.uk/studying/ undergraduate/funding-fees- scholarships

Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies

Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies International Scholarship
The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies is offering two scholarships for overseas students beginning their studies on the BVM&S full-time programme in the 2018-2019 academic year.

Each scholarship is worth £5,000 per year and is tenable for the duration of your degree programme, subject to satisfactory progress.

More information: www.ed.ac.uk/student- funding/undergraduate/ international/vet

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Jack Sayer
BSc Biological Sciences (Genetics)
I have used my scholarship to cover general living costs, university books and materials. I feel very fortunate to be a recipient of such generous financial support from the university.

Anna Jamieson
MA Economics with Finance
Other Funding for Enrolled Students

Discretionary Funds

Once you are a matriculated student at the University of Edinburgh you may be eligible to apply for assistance from the Discretionary Funds if you find yourself experiencing financial difficulty.

Students should have exhausted all other possible sources of funding. Application forms are available online on the Scholarships and Student Funding Services website at: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/discretionary

If you are an EU or overseas student you are not eligible to apply for assistance from the Government Discretionary Fund. However, if you encounter financial difficulties during your studies at the University you may apply to the Hardship Fund, which is made up of donations and endowments and is used to assist EU and overseas students. This fund can only offer limited support. Applications are made through the Edinburgh University Students’ Association Advice Place and Scholarships and Student Funding Services (see pages 24-25).

Further information on all Discretionary Funds is available online at: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/discretionary

As I had been away from education for some time before starting at university, I was worried that I would find it hard to balance all my academic studies and a part time job. My scholarship however has allowed me to focus on my studies.

Hayley Flanagan
MA Health, Science and Society

Funding for students with children or adult dependants

Students from England, Wales or Northern Ireland should contact their awarding body for information on what support is available to them.

Students from Scotland who are lone parents with at least one dependant child can apply to the Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS) for the Lone Parents’ Grant which will provide a grant of £1,305 in 2018-2019, or you may receive extra allowances against your income.

Further information and advice can be obtained from SAAS at: www.saas.gov.uk

Funding for part-time students

If you are a Scotland domiciled undergraduate student studying part-time you may be eligible to apply for a tuition fee grant from SAAS. Students studying between 30-119 credits, on low income (£25,000 or less) or in receipt of benefits are eligible to apply if they meet the residency conditions set out by SAAS.

Further information is available at: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/part-time

Childcare Fund

All eligible full-time undergraduate students (or those in receipt of the undergraduate package of support, i.e. PGDE students) can apply for support from the Childcare Fund which is administered by the University. This fund provides assistance with the cost of formal registered childcare expenses for dependant children only.

Applications to the Childcare Fund are made through the Edinburgh University Students’ Association (EUSA) Advice Place (see page 24). Students may also apply to the Discretionary Fund for assistance with childcare costs. Further details can be found at: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/child-support
Funding for disabled students

The Disabled Students Allowance (DSA) offers a basic annual allowance for additional course expenses which are related to your impairment. There is an allowance for funding the provision of student support assistants or non-medical helpers (NMH), such as note takers, proofreaders, library assistance, sign language interpreters, or specialist study skills support. An equipment allowance is made for the whole period of your programme of study and may cover the cost of assistive technologies such as personal computers, digital recorders, screen readers and dyslexia-friendly software, as well as ergonomic equipment and furniture. If you are not able to use public transport, there is an allowance which can be given towards your travel costs. For example, if required, taxi fares can be paid to take you to University every day.

The annual allowances for the 2017-2018 academic session are outlined in the diagram. These may be subject to change in future academic years.

For further information you should contact the Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS) www.saas.gov.uk or Student Finance England (SFE) www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsas or the relevant funding body for your course of study.

Funding is also available for disabled students who are not eligible to apply for Disabled Students Allowance. For further details contact the Student Disability Service (see page 24).

Rules are changing for English domiciled students, but this may not affect you if you are studying at the University of Edinburgh. Please contact the Student Disability Service for more information.

Alternatively, you can contact the Student Disability Service for advice on applying for DSA, on being assessed for appropriate equipment support, and to find out more about working with student support assistants.

Asylum Seeker Tuition Fee Status and Scholarship

The University of Edinburgh has made the decision to classify students seeking asylum from within the United Kingdom as equivalent to ‘Scottish domiciled’ for tuition fee purposes in the event of their admission to a degree programme.

In order for us to consider you for ‘Home’ tuition fee status, you should have already submitted a claim for asylum to the Home Office.

You will:

- have discretionary or limited leave to remain in the UK; or
- be a dependant or partner of someone with discretionary or limited leave to remain; or
- you or your parent/guardian or partner have submitted an asylum or human rights application and not yet received a decision from the Home office on that application.

Alternatively, you can contact the Student Disability Service for advice on applying for DSA, on being assessed for appropriate equipment support, and to find out more about working with student support assistants.

The University will offer three undergraduate scholarships, covering the ‘Home’ rate of fee and a stipend of up to £6,000 per year to those most in need who are seeking asylum.

www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/tuition-fees/asylum/fees-sch
Earning while learning

You will find semester-time jobs, internships and vacation work and graduate jobs advertised on the Careers Service’s website. These vacancies can be accessed by currently matriculated students and recent graduates, and are a great way to find work which suits your circumstances. All jobs advertised meet the minimum wage regulations and comply with current employment legislation. So that your part-time work does not interfere with your studies, semester-time jobs are for a maximum of 15 hours per week. Typical jobs include working in the hospitality industry, offices, PR and promotional work and some course-related opportunities. There are some on-campus jobs available including working in the Students’ Association, the Halls of Residence and various University departments. Further information about finding work is available on our website.

www.ed.ac.uk/careers

If you are a student from an European Economic Area (EEA) country then you do not need permission to work in the UK.

Opening a bank account

If you do not already have a bank or building society account you are strongly encouraged to set one up before you start your university course, as any student loan or bursary payments are now paid via BACS straight into your bank account. The most common type of account is a ‘current account’ which allows immediate access to your account in contrast to an ‘interest bearing deposit account’ which normally requires you to provide the bank with some notice before you can withdraw any funds.

The city of Edinburgh has a number of banks and you will need to decide which one is best for you. While the University does not endorse any particular bank, it is a good idea to use a bank with a branch near the university. These branches are generally more used to dealing with students and understand their issues and needs.

To open a bank account, you will need:

• your passport or EU Identity Card; only if a UK citizen, a full UK Photocard Driving Licence
• Visa (if applicable)
• your original unconditional offer letter from the University
• evidence of your Edinburgh address plus, for some banks proof of your home address.

If you are living in University accommodation, and only after you have checked in, you will be able to download a formal letter providing proof of your address in Edinburgh simply by selecting the ‘Print Bank Letter’ button on your MyEd ‘myAccommodation’ channel.

Further information about opening a bank account, including a bank comparison chart to help you research which bank and account suits you best is available at:

www.ed.ac.uk/staff-students/students/new-students/money/banking

Charitable trusts

While there are thousands of charities and trusts which offer financial assistance, most are limited in the amount of money they offer. However, there may be funding available if you use the various guides and directories which can be found in the Careers Service information centres and in the larger libraries. A list of some of the main publications can be found at:

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

So that you do not waste your time, or the time of the charity or trust concerned, it is advisable to only apply to a particular fund if you clearly meet the eligibility criteria. For some there will be conditions on place of birth or current home location; others will be dependent on the subject which you will be studying at university; while others will only offer assistance to a certain group which might be determined by age, family situation, gender, social circumstances, religious affiliation or medical condition.

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Help from the Careers Service

The Careers Service has extensive information resources to help our students with finding funding for study. For further details see www.ed.ac.uk/careers which has useful information and advice, including web links.

Once you are a matriculated student of the University you will find directories of organisations offering funding opportunities in the Careers Information Centres.

The Careers Service is based on the 3rd Floor of the Main University Library, George Square.

There is also an office at King’s Buildings.

Visit www.ed.ac.uk/careers for opening hours.

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If you do not already have a bank or building society account you are strongly encouraged to set one up before you start your university course, as any student loan or bursary payments are now paid via BACS straight into your bank account. The most common type of account is a ‘current account’ which allows immediate access to your account in contrast to an ‘interest bearing deposit account’ which normally requires you to provide the bank with some notice before you can withdraw any funds.

The city of Edinburgh has a number of banks and you will need to decide which one is best for you. While the University does not endorse any particular bank, it is a good idea to use a bank with a branch near the university. These branches are generally more used to dealing with students and understand their issues and needs.

To open a bank account, you will need:

• your passport or EU Identity Card; only if a UK citizen, a full UK Photocard Driving Licence
• Visa (if applicable)
• your original unconditional offer letter from the University
• evidence of your Edinburgh address plus, for some banks proof of your home address.
Useful University Contacts

For International enquiries
Edinburgh Global
The University of Edinburgh
33 Buccleuch Place
Edinburgh EH8 9US
Tel: 0131 650 4296
https://global.ed.ac.uk/

For general student advice
The Advice Place at Edinburgh University
Students’ Association
5/2 Bristo Square
Edinburgh EH8 9AL
Tel: 0131 650 9225/
0800 206 2341
Email: advice@eusa.ed.ac.uk
www.eusa.ed.ac.uk

For accommodation enquiries
Accommodation, Catering and Events
The University of Edinburgh
Reception Centre
Pollock Halls
18 Holyrood Park Road
Edinburgh EH16 5AY
Tel: 0131 667 1971
Email: accom.allocations@ed.ac.uk
www.accom.ed.ac.uk

For disability enquiries
Student Disability Service
The University of Edinburgh
3rd Floor,
The Main Library Building
George Square
Edinburgh EH8 9LJ
Tel: 0131 650 6828
Email: disability.service@ed.ac.uk
www.ed.ac.uk/student-disability-service

For Government funding information
Students from Scotland
(and non-UK EU countries)
The Student Awards Agency
Scotland (SAAS)
Soughton House
Broomhouse Drive
Edinburgh EH11 3UT
Tel: 0300 555 0505
Email: saas.geu@scotland.gsi.gov.uk
www.saas.gov.uk

Students from England
Student Finance England
Tel: 0300 100 0607
www.gov.uk/student-finance

Students from Wales
Student Finance Wales
Tel: 0300 200 4050
www.studentfinancewales.co.uk

Students from Northern Ireland
Student Finance Northern Ireland
Tel: 0300 100 0077
www.studentfinanceni.co.uk

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