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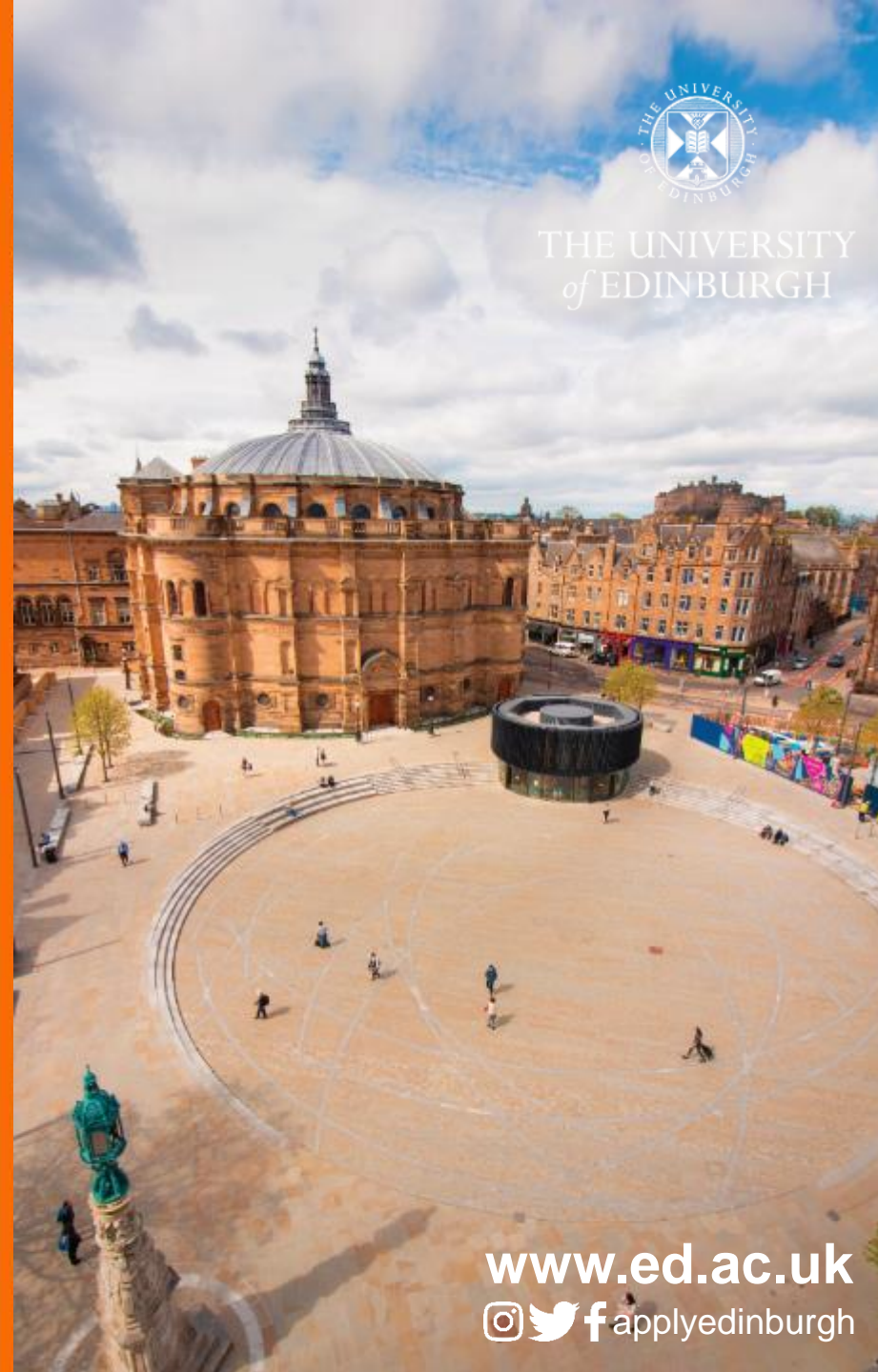
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# The University

- 20<sup>th</sup> in the world <sup>1</sup>
- Best in Scotland, 4<sup>th</sup> in UK, for Research Power <sup>2</sup>
- Scotland's first Fairtrade University
- Target to be net zero carbon by 2040
- Over 320 masters and 180 research programmes
- At the heart of one of the world's most beautiful cities

<sup>1</sup> QS World University Rankings 2020

<sup>2</sup> Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014



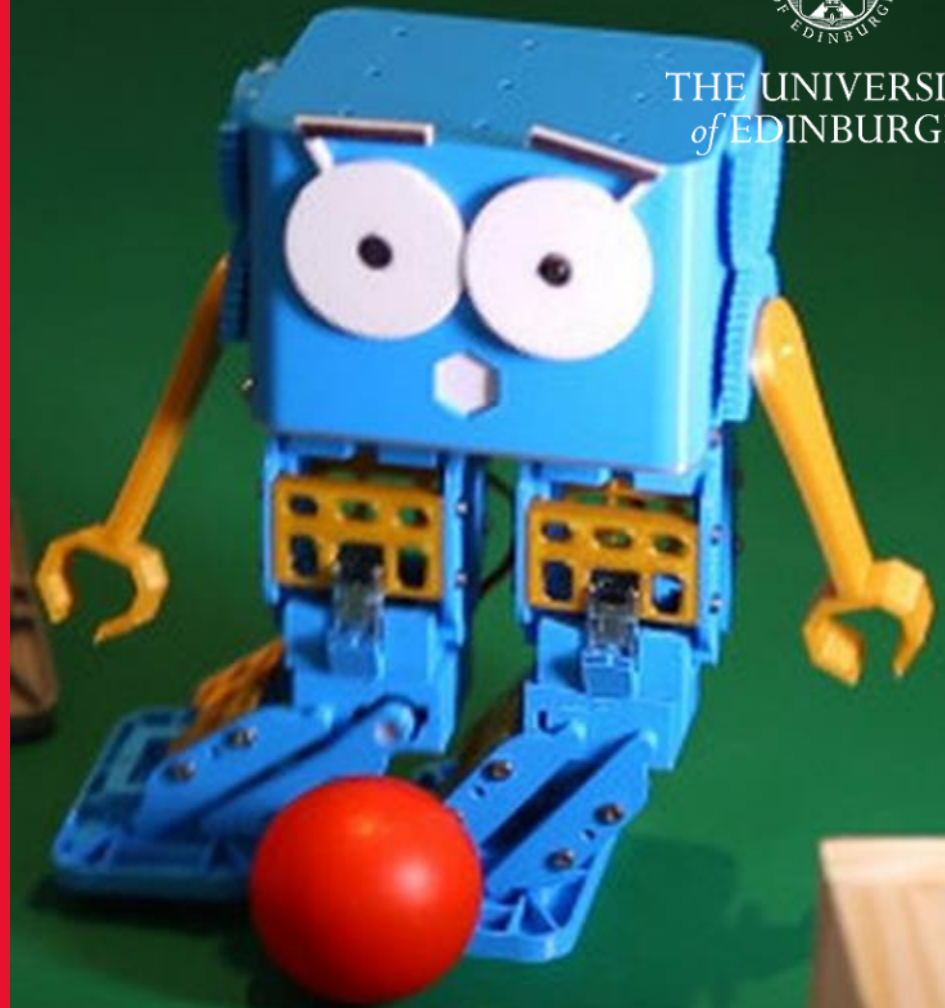
# Innovative

- Highest rating for quality of student learning experience<sup>1</sup>
- UK leader in commercialisation of research
  - produced more start-up/spin-out companies than any other UK university
  - 2 science parks on our doorstep

<sup>1</sup> Quality Assurance Agency



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# Inspiring



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# Alumni experience



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“Amazing course content, a city which redefines beauty, and a world-class university – that’s a no-brainer!”

Abesh Thakur (MSc Acoustics & Music Technology graduate),  
Varun Nair (MSc Sound Design graduate)

Founders of Two Big Ears, a start-up company acquired by  
Facebook

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# Community



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# Cosmopolitan community

- Over 17k postgrad students
- 150+ different nationalities
- Over 60% from outside UK

## A European University




- 19% from EU
- Over 21k alumni to connect with across Europe
- 4<sup>th</sup> largest European population in the UK

## Sharing Things podcast:

[www.ed.ac.uk/alumni/services/sharing-things-podcast](http://www.ed.ac.uk/alumni/services/sharing-things-podcast)



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# Global community

- Collaborate with world-leading institutions in diverse fields
  - League of European Research Universities
  - Universitas 21
  - Coimbra
  - Eurolife
  - UNA Europa
- Global Academies:
  - Agriculture & Food Security
  - Development;
  - Environment & Society;
  - Health; and
  - Justice



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# Student experience

Over 300 student societies

[www.eusa.ed.ac.uk](http://www.eusa.ed.ac.uk)

60+ sports clubs, 5\* rated sports facilities

[www.eusu.ed.ac.uk](http://www.eusu.ed.ac.uk)

Scotland's leading sports university

Two art galleries, three museums

4 student union buildings

Student blogs:

<https://studentstories.ed.ac.uk>



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# Support and welfare

- Personal Tutor/Supervisor (plus Programme Directors, School Administrators)
- Codes of Practice and handbooks
- Study and Transferable Skills training
  - Embedded in programme
  - Institute for Academic Development
- Extensive range of student services
  - Here to Help guide



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# Career development

- **Careers Service** – dedicated adviser for each School
- **Beltane Public Engagement Network** – supporting the promotion of your research to wider audiences
- **Platform One** – connecting students and alumni
- **Employ.ed** – providing internships for PhD students
- **LAUNCH.ed** – providing free start-up advice and business support for student entrepreneurs



# Alumni experience



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“The University of Edinburgh is a highly and well regarded institution. It is globally renowned and has proved useful again and again in securing various positions. [...] I have met various alumni of Edinburgh University, most of whom I never knew whilst I was there. That Edinburgh connection is very powerful.”

Andy Hoolihan (MSc Africa and International Development)

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# The city of Edinburgh

- Small capital city with large student population
- Best for 'City life': Whatuni Student Choice Awards 2019
- World's first UNESCO City of Literature and two UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- The Festival City
- Greenest city in the UK – 25% of city centre green space
- Seat of government and 2nd largest financial centre in UK

*"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 crime writer & University of Edinburgh alumnus



# Alumni experience



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What was the best thing about your time at the University of Edinburgh?

“I could go on for ever here.

The city. I absolutely adore the city. It is a very special place. The University is definitely a part of this. Both the University and the city are so international and diverse. The city is an excellent mix of there being so much to do and having so much going on there but never really feeling overly-busy or hectic.”

Ben, Ireland

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# At the heart of the city



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BUS STATION

CITY OBSERVATORY

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HOLYROOD PALACE

MORAY HOUSE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

NEW COLLEGE  
EDINBURGH CASTLE

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT

HOLYROOD PARK

PATERSON'S LAND  
CENTRE FOR SPORT & EXERCISE

EDINBURGH COLLEGE OF ART

THE MEADOWS

GEORGE SQUARE

STUDENT RECRUITMENT AND ADMISSIONS & INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

VISITOR CENTRE

POLLOCK HALLS

ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN

COMMONWEALTH POOL

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# Postgraduate study – what to expect



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# Our masters programmes

- Highly intensive – typically 1-year
- Internationally recognised qualification – Bologna compliant

## Taught Masters

- Two 10-week semesters culminating in a dissertation over the summer
- Mix of core and optional courses, often including opportunity for interdisciplinary study

## Masters by Research

- Introductory research training culminating in a substantial research project



# Our PhD programmes

- Minimum 3 years
- Annual review process
- Substantial research training
- At least two supervisors
- Teaching opportunities
- Encouraged to present/publish
- Travel funding
- Audit classes



# Next steps






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# Applicant Hub



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If you are still awaiting a decision:

- Track your application status
- Clearance checks

If you are holding an offer:

- Check for acceptance deadlines and deposit due dates
- Check conditions – email admissions if unsure

Scholarship applications

- Announcement dates vary

The screenshot shows the 'My Applications' page on the Applicant Hub. The page is divided into several sections: 'My Applications', 'Messages', 'My details', and 'Personal information'. The 'Messages' section is highlighted with a red oval and contains two messages. The first message is a 'Conditional Offer of Admission to MBA Business Administration - 1 Year (PTMBABUSAD1F)' dated Tuesday 15/Sep/2015, with a status of 'NEW' and an 'Open' button. The second message is a 'Progress of Application to study MBA Business Administration - 1 Year' dated Tuesday 15/Sep/2015, also with a status of 'NEW' and an 'Open' button. The 'Personal information' section at the bottom shows details for John Smith, including his ethnicity (Other White Background) and date of birth (08/Sep/1992).

# Funding



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Must have offer of admission (conditional or unconditional) in order to be considered.

## MSc scholarships

- Majority of deadlines in March-May

## SAAS Masters Loan

- EU students can access a loan of up to £5,500 for tuition fees  
[www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/postgraduate/uk-eu/other-funding/psas](http://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/postgraduate/uk-eu/other-funding/psas)

## PhD scholarships

- Majority of deadlines in December-February

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[www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/search-scholarships](http://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/search-scholarships)

Home > Scholarships & Student Funding > Scholarship Search [Contact us](#)

## Scholarship Search

Search for Bursaries, Scholarships and other Financial Aid available to all prospective students.  
Please refer to our [homepage](#) for further information on available scholarship opportunities.

**Select by study level, nationality, and subject area for a more detailed search.**

The scholarships search will be updated with new funding opportunities for the 2018-2019 academic year as they become available. Please continue to keep checking this search throughout the year.

Study level:

Nationality:

Subject areas:

Select any filter and click on Search to see results

## Also check:

- FindAMasters
- Postgrad.com
- Mastersportal.eu
- Postgraduate Search

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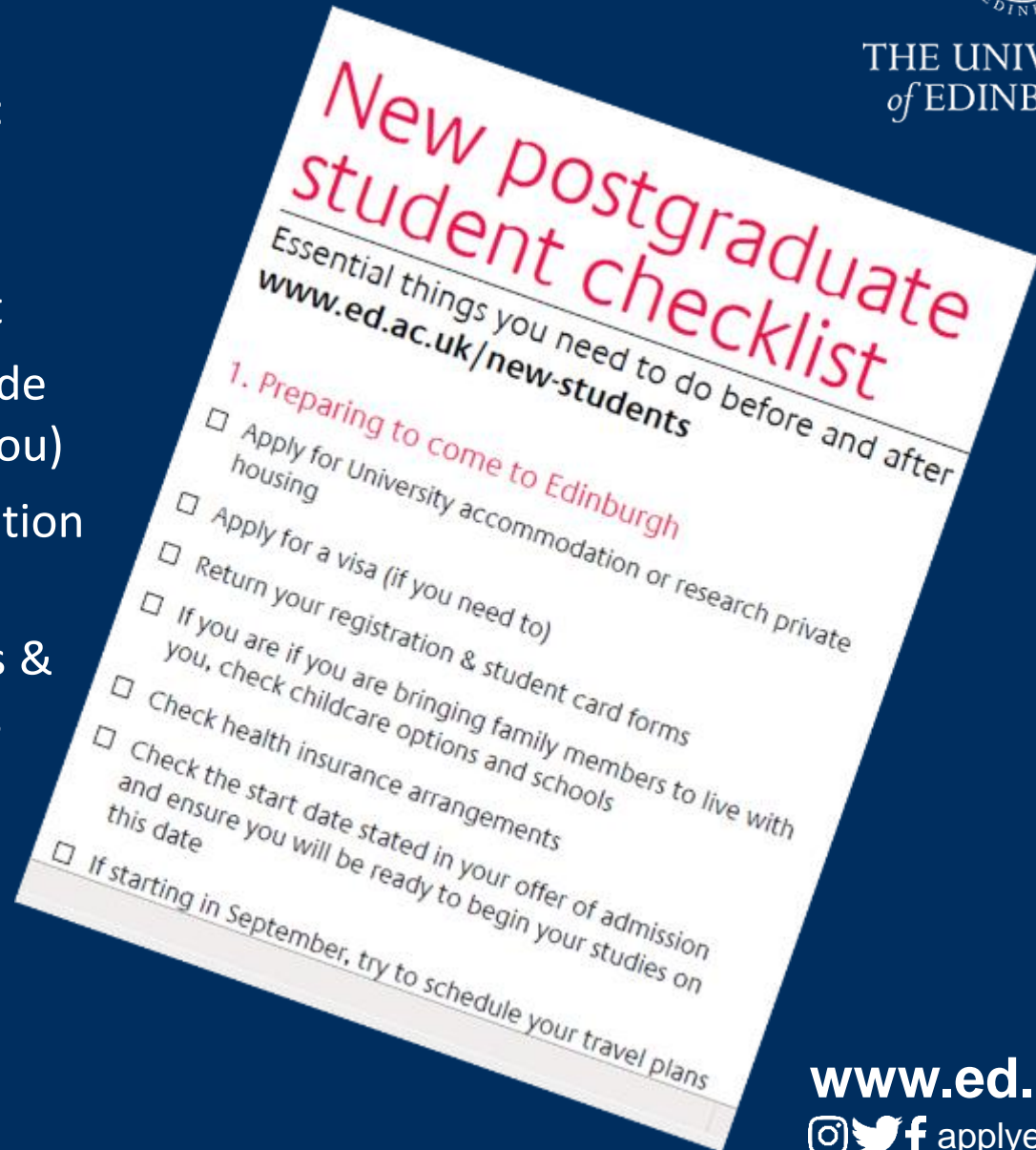




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# Already applied – what can I do now?

- New students website: [www.ed.ac.uk/new-students](http://www.ed.ac.uk/new-students)
- Download PG checklist
- Read PG Welcome Guide (we will email this to you)
- Start your accommodation search
- Look at social activities & students' union events
- Join Facebook Group



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# Accommodation

We guarantee an offer of accommodation to:

- All new, single postgraduate research (PhD) students...whether from within the UK, the EU or International
- For postgraduate taught students from within the EU, including the UK, we are currently unable to guarantee an offer of University accommodation; however, we fully expect to have over 500 rooms available for UK and EU students, so an early application is strongly encouraged!




Advice and information

- [www.accom.ed.ac.uk/for-students/postgraduates](http://www.accom.ed.ac.uk/for-students/postgraduates)
- [www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/advice/accommodation](http://www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/advice/accommodation)
- Noticeboards, newspapers and property agents – Citylets, Lettingweb
- University's rent guarantor scheme



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# Accommodation: tips from alumni



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“I was fortunate to get the accommodation problem out of the way beforehand to be able to focus when the programme started. [...] I can only recommend to take care of this well before, using all available channels (university services etc).”

Tobias, Germany

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# Medical treatment

All students on full-time programmes eligible for NHS treatment

- Majority of treatment free, except dentist and opticians
- Bring EHIC when registering with doctor

All students encouraged to register with local doctor

[www.ed.ac.uk/students/new-students/health-insurance/nhs-treatment](http://www.ed.ac.uk/students/new-students/health-insurance/nhs-treatment)



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## Further information

- Covid-19: [www.ed.ac.uk/news/covid-19/prospective-students](http://www.ed.ac.uk/news/covid-19/prospective-students)
- Brexit: [www.ed.ac.uk/news/eu](http://www.ed.ac.uk/news/eu)

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