



THE UNIVERSITY  
*of* EDINBURGH

# Postgraduate Guide **2021**

**Open to  
the world**





Top  
50<sup>†</sup>

We're consistently ranked one of the top 50 universities in the world. We're 20<sup>th</sup> in the 2021 QS World University Rankings.

19<sup>TH</sup>

We're ranked 19<sup>th</sup> in the world's most international universities<sup>‡</sup>. Since 2010, we have taught students from 160 countries.

4<sup>TH</sup>

We're ranked fourth in the UK for research power, based on the 2014 Research Excellence Framework.<sup>†</sup>

Top  
100

We're ranked in the top 10 in the UK and in the top 100 in the world for the employability of our graduates.<sup>§</sup>

7<sup>TH</sup>

Edinburgh is ranked the seventh best student city in Europe and 15<sup>th</sup> in the world.\*

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There are 19 Nobel Prize winners who are alumni of the University or who have been members of academic staff here.

# Online leader

Edinburgh is one of the largest providers of online postgraduate programmes in the UK.

‡ Times Higher Education, The World's Most International Universities 2020  
† Times Higher Education, Overall Ranking of Institutions  
§ Times Higher Education, Global Employability University Ranking 2019  
\* QS Best Student Cities 2019

“You are now in a place where the best courses upon earth are within your reach. . . such an opportunity you will never again have.”

Thomas Jefferson  
American Founding Father and President, speaking to his son-in-law Thomas Mann Randolph as he began his studies here in 1786







# Open to a world of possibilities

The University of Edinburgh has been a constant in our complex, fast-changing world for more than 400 years. The global society faces significant challenges but we're confident education will play a vital role solving those problems and we relish our shared responsibility to respond to them.

It's something our community has always done. Together, we've expanded the depth of human knowledge and improved the lives of ordinary people. Research conducted here led to the discovery of chloroform anaesthesia, the Higgs boson particle and in-vitro fertilisation. Our academics, students and alumni discovered carbon dioxide, led the Scottish Enlightenment laying the foundations of contemporary thought, developed a genetically engineered vaccine against Hepatitis B, and identified the SARS Coronavirus. We have long enjoyed a spirit of innovation and collaboration and continue to do so today. We are proudly open to everyone, bringing people with new outlooks and perspectives together in an international community that is establishing the data capital of Europe, tackling climate change and paving the way for new fertility treatments. Our scientists are seeking cures for cancer, repurposing drugs to improve treatments for the Covid-19 Coronavirus and contributing to the global search for a vaccine. Together, we are open to the world today so we can influence the world tomorrow.



# The Edinburgh experience

The University of Edinburgh is open to the world – our large, diverse, global community includes more than 41,000 students studying in more than 150 academic disciplines.

We're currently working through the implications of the Covid-19 Coronavirus and we'll keep you updated online as our plans for 2021 develop. Whether you're studying on campus, by hybrid learning or fully online, your postgraduate experience here will be supported and enhanced by the wealth of resources and opportunities we 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

You will have access to a wealth of teaching and learning spaces and 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 HK36 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 Centre for Research Collections, one of the most important resources of its kind in the world, encompassing rare books, Shakespeare first editions, oriental manuscripts, architectural drawings, paintings, sculpture, photography and, much more;
- Europe's foremost clinical research imaging facility alongside the world-leading Scottish Centre for Regenerative Medicine, and one of the UK's largest state-of-the-art teaching hospitals;
- the University's Talbot Rice Gallery and the Tent 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; and
- 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 service, Edinburgh Innovations (EI), leads our activities in industry engagement, business development and enterprise support. It has helped launch more than 500 companies since 1967. EI can help you take your first step to market, whether through starting a business or through collaborative research, licensing your discoveries or providing consultancy services.

## Social scene

We have more than 280 student societies covering sport, music, drama and the arts. Several international and multicultural societies offer support settling in and help you meet new friends. If you're able to come to Edinburgh, you'll enjoy life in a vibrant, historic city with the mountains and beaches of Scotland on your doorstep: [www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/societies](http://www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/societies)

## Sporting excellence

We've long been recognised as one of the UK's leading sporting universities, consistently finishing in the top four of the British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) rankings. On campus, Edinburgh University Sports Union has 64 sports clubs and more than 160 intramural teams offering something for everyone. Our clubs offer you a place to learn new skills, have fun, and to belong. Our world-class facilities have been regularly used by visiting international teams and we often host local, national and international events. We're proud to be open to and supportive of everyone, from gym and recreational users to performance athletes following the footsteps of our Olympian alumni. Sir Chris Hoy and Dame Katherine Grainger, for example, both developed their talents at Edinburgh.



# Global connections

Our ambitious global engagement plan aims to provide world-class experiences for our students and ensures 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
- Fudan University
- KU Leuven
- Leiden University
- National University of Singapore
- Peking University
- Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile
- University College Dublin
- University of Amsterdam
- University of Copenhagen
- University of Delhi
- University of Helsinki
- University of Sydney
- University of Toronto
- Zhejiang University.

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, as well as UNICA, LERU, and UNA Europa.

## 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: [global.ed.ac.uk/global-academies](http://global.ed.ac.uk/global-academies)



# Open to you

“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)

However you personally prefer to study, we offer a range of postgraduate learning options to suit your needs. These include taught degrees, professional qualifications and independent research, full- or part-time study, offered on-campus, hybrid or fully online.

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](http://www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/degrees)

## Taught programmes

### Masters

**Duration:** typically one year full time on campus but can be longer online or in other circumstances, such as if your degree is able to offer a placement period.

Masters degrees are designed to deepen knowledge in a subject studied at undergraduate level, although some of our postgraduate offerings may be suitable if you are looking to change direction. Students on our taught masters typically undertake a combination of taught courses, assessment and supervised research. Studies culminate in a dissertation or equivalent project.

Most of our taught masters, 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 are unable to commit to a full masters, many of our degrees have shorter study options that will lead to the award of either a postgraduate certificate (PgCert) or a postgraduate diploma (PgDip).

## Research programmes

### Masters by Research (MScR)

**Duration:** one year full time.

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

### MPhil

**Duration:** two years full time.

An MPhil is 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 your research will be agreed with your supervisor and is likely to develop over the course of the PhD. The PhD is assessed by an oral examination in which you will defend your research thesis.

## Integrated PhDs

While the normal duration of a PhD is three years, there are some four-year models that incorporate additional research training and transferable skills development and, in some cases, industrial collaboration. These often take place in Research Council funded centres, Centres for Doctoral Training (CDT) or Doctoral Training Partnerships (DTP). They may include a masters by research (MScR) during the first year of study (1+3 model).

## 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 full-time study. We offer a number of courses as credit-bearing PPD. These courses 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

Online part-time study is open to all.

However, UK visa regulations mean we anticipate on-campus part-time options will now only be available to UK students.





# Online learning

Since 2005, the University of Edinburgh has delivered flexible, online learning 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 more than 70 innovative online degrees across a wide range of subject areas. We have around 4,000 students currently studying online with us and we take the delivery of teaching online just as seriously as we do on-campus. Our online degrees 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 degrees full time or to exit earlier with a postgraduate diploma (PgDip) or postgraduate certificate (PgCert). Some degrees also allow you to study up to 50 credits of short courses, enabling the advancement of knowledge without the time or financial commitment of a full masters, PgDip or PgCert. Some degrees 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 degrees, 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 degrees 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 degree in our online Degree Finder to see if the Postgraduate Professional Development option is available: [www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/degrees](http://www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/degrees)

When you consider all the benefits of flexible online study, it's not surprising that even locally-based professionals decide to 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, combine the theoretical with the practical, and bring a global perspective to your role and your 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.

## Find out more

You can find out more at our online learning open days and chat to programme directors and support services. Events take place in the spring each year: [www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/online-learning-open-day](http://www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/online-learning-open-day)

## MicroMasters

It's possible to obtain masters-level education, without the time or cost commitment of a full masters, through new study credentials called MicroMasters. These online courses are delivered in partnership with edX, one of the world's leading online education platforms, and are designed to advance your career by providing deep learning in specific career fields. MicroMasters can help you develop your skills in a current or future role or can open the door for further postgraduate study. You can self-assess your ability to undertake any course and will be able to access free content to 'try before you buy'. On successful completion of a MicroMasters, you will be awarded 30 postgraduate credits which will be recognised when applying for a related masters degree at the University of Edinburgh.

Find out more: [www.ed.ac.uk/online-learning/micromasters](http://www.ed.ac.uk/online-learning/micromasters)

**More than  
5,000**

students have graduated  
from our online  
degrees.

# Our story Studying online

## Chris Slocombe

MSc History student from the United States

The prestige of the University and the flexibility of the degree attracted Chris to study MSc History online.



I chose the University of Edinburgh for two reasons. Firstly, it's one of the top universities in the world, particularly for the humanities. Secondly, one of my favourite 19th century Americanists, David Silkenat, is part of the faculty in the School of History, Classics & Archaeology.

I was attracted by the flexibility of the study, the rigour of the coursework and the friendliness of the faculty and staff. There is a vibrancy to this programme that simply didn't exist at the other universities I considered.

Working full time and with two children, I needed a programme that allowed me to balance my history work with my other commitments and this has been ideal.

Studying on the programme, I have really felt myself grow as a historian, both as a thinker and a writer. I appreciate the wonderfully constructive feedback I've received – the work is challenging but I've enjoyed being pushed to grow!

I plan to pursue a PhD in history, and I am better prepared for the rigours of that because of this programme. As important has been the encouragement I've received to continue developing as a scholar; the faculty here really root for you!



## Syeda Ra'ana Hussain

MSc Paediatric Emergency Medicine student from Kenya

Ra'ana is able to transfer the lessons learned online directly to her medical practice.



I work in a Paediatric Accident and Emergency department in one of the biggest tertiary hospitals in Nairobi, and since we receive our fair share of casualties, it was natural to find a course that would better equip me with the knowledge and skills required to provide the best care to every patient.

One of the best parts of the paediatric emergency medicine course is that not only do I get to implement the evidence-based knowledge and skills learnt from the online cases to my everyday practice, but I also learn about rare cases that we don't regularly have the opportunity to experience first-hand, enabling me to provide optimal care if and when the need arises.

The course ensures that, every week, we are in communication with not only our lecturers, who are incredibly supportive, but with other students from around the globe. This interaction brings up different challenges and diverse perspectives without having to leave our respective countries, creating a kind of global village. We have the added advantage of flexibility which is especially important when you work in a busy hospital setting!



# How to apply

You can apply for postgraduate study online via our Degree Finder: [www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/degrees](http://www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/degrees)

## Taught degrees

You can check our specific academic and English language entry requirements for your programme, by selecting it from our online Degree Finder.

### Academic entry requirements

As a guide, we usually expect you to have a minimum of a 2:1 honours degree, or its international equivalent. We offer guidance on these equivalents online: [www.ed.ac.uk/international/postgraduate-entry](http://www.ed.ac.uk/international/postgraduate-entry)

### English language requirements

You will be asked to demonstrate a level of English language competency, regardless of your nationality or country of residence. Our index of masters degrees on pages 12–17 uses a symbol system. The key for this system is on page 12. 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 degree online before you apply. You can apply before receiving English language test results – your application will be processed and any offer made will be

conditional on you meeting our language requirements. Please upload your results to the Applicant Hub (see Step 2 on page 11) as soon as you receive them.

### Qualification expiry dates

Your English language qualification must be no more than three and a half years old from the start date of your degree, unless you are using an English language test for entry, in which case it must be no more than two years old. The following English language tests expire after two years – IELTS, TOEFL and Trinity ISE.

### Degrees taught and assessed in English

We also accept a degree, taught and assessed in English:

- in a majority English-speaking country, as defined by UK Visas & Immigration (UKVI); or
- by one of our list of approved universities in non-majority English-speaking countries.

If you are not a national of a majority English-speaking country, your degree must be no more than three and a half years old at the beginning of your degree.

[www.ed.ac.uk/english-requirements/pg](http://www.ed.ac.uk/english-requirements/pg)

## PhD research

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

### Apply to a funded project

Our Schools and Research Centres often receive funding to carry out research on a specific topic. They will advertise doctoral positions, which are funded projects, on the School or Institute website and also on external websites, such as FindAPhD.com. We recommend you contact the project supervisor to discuss your suitability for the position you are interested in, then make your formal application through the Degree Finder. If you apply to a funded project, you may not need to develop a full research proposal but will be asked to give an indication of your preparedness for this type of study. You should use your personal statement and relevant experience sections of your application to demonstrate the skills, knowledge and subject expertise, which make you the ideal candidate.

### Propose your own research topic

If you wish to carry out independent research, you can apply for a PhD by submitting your research topic to the University. 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 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](http://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 degree 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](http://www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/research-proposals)

### Integrated PhDs

Application processes take a variety of forms. See the Degree Finder entry or contact the degree's administrator for more details.

Further information on PhD study:

[www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/doctoral-study](http://www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/doctoral-study)

### Postdoctoral vacancies

If you already have a PhD, or are near completion, we advertise postdoctoral vacancies, for research projects currently being conducted at the University, at: [www.vacancies.ed.ac.uk](http://www.vacancies.ed.ac.uk)



**More information**  
For further information about how to apply please visit:  
[www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/applying](http://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.

### Supporting your application

The supporting documentation required depends on the degree 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).

You will also need certified translations of your official documents if they were not originally issued in English.

Some degrees may ask for specific evidence of your suitability for study, such as a portfolio, demonstration of relevant experience, or attendance at interview. Check for any specific entry requirements online.

### STEP 2

Apply online using the link from your degree'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-systems/applying-online](http://www.ed.ac.uk/student-systems/applying-online)

### Applying via a representative

The University has approved representatives in 40 countries worldwide. Representatives can guide you through the application process if you prefer: [www.ed.ac.uk/international/representatives](http://www.ed.ac.uk/international/representatives)

### Application fees/deposits

A small number of degrees charge an application fee and/or require a deposit. Where applicable this will be stated in the Degree Finder entry: [www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/degrees](http://www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/degrees)

### When to apply

Application deadlines are shown on your degree's Degree Finder entry. Some degrees operate a series of selection deadlines. If you are applying to a PhD project, or for funding, please be aware there may be earlier deadlines than listed in the Degree Finder and check the project website for details. We strongly recommend that you apply as early as possible before the degree fills up. This is particularly important if you need to allow time to apply for a visa or to apply for financial support – you must have received an offer from the University 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 UK, it is likely that you will have to apply for a student visa to study on campus at the University of Edinburgh. Please check online for the latest information: [www.ed.ac.uk/immigration](http://www.ed.ac.uk/immigration)

### STEP 3

Track your application online through the Applicant Hub. We will use your online account to contact you if there are any problems with your application and to inform you of the outcome. Please check the Applicant Hub regularly for important notifications.

If you haven't done so, you might like to visit the University (see page 40) or if you can't visit us, you might like to participate in our regular online information sessions: [www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/online-events](http://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](http://www.ed.ac.uk/new-students)

### Funding

Once your application has been submitted, you may apply for University and other external funding opportunities



# Index of masters degrees

The following index is organised according to our academic Colleges and Schools (see page 18). This index is indicative of the postgraduate opportunities we plan to offer in 2021, to the best of our knowledge at the time of printing. However, we encourage you to check our Degree Finder online for the latest information on available postgraduate opportunities: [www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/degrees](http://www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/degrees)

**Part-time study**  
Online part-time study is open to all. However, UK visa regulations mean we anticipate on-campus part-time options will now only be available to UK students.

**English language requirements**  
Our English language requirements vary across our degrees. The symbols in column three of the tables correspond to the key below. Because of space restrictions, this is only a guide so please do check online for the most up-to-date information. Please note, we do not accept TOEFL MyBest Score to meet English language requirements.

▼ Please refer to our Degree Finder for specific score requirements for this degree: [www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/degrees](http://www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/degrees)

IELTS Academic module	7.0 (with 6.5 in each module)
TOEFL-iBT	100 (with at least 23 in each section)
CAE/CPE	185 (at least 176 in each module)
Trinity ISE	ISE III (with a pass in all four components)

●	IELTS Academic module 7.0 (with 6.0 in each module)
	TOEFL-iBT 100 (with at least 20 in each section)
	CAE/CPE 185 (at least 169 in each module)
	Trinity ISE ISE III (with a pass in all four components)

◆	IELTS Academic module 6.5 (with 6.0 in each module)
	TOEFL-iBT 92 (with at least 20 in each section)
	CAE/CPE 176 (at least 169 in each module)
	Trinity ISE ISE II (with distinctions in all four components)

Abbreviations used in the table	
IELTS	International English Language Testing System
TOEFL-iBT	Test of English as a Foreign Language – Internet-based Test
CPE	Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English
CAE	Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English
Trinity ISE	Integrated Skills in English



## College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

**EDINBURGH COLLEGE OF ART**  
[www.eca.ed.ac.uk](http://www.eca.ed.ac.uk)

ARCHITECTURE		ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS (SEE PAGE 12)
Advanced Sustainable Design	MSc 1yr FT	◆
Architectural & Urban Design	MSc 1yr FT	◆
Architectural Conservation	MSc 1yr FT	●
Architectural History & Theory	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
Architecture	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
Architecture, Master of	MArch 21mths FT	◆
Art, Space & Nature	MA 1yr FT, MFA 21mths FT	◆
Cultural Landscapes	MSc 1yr FT	◆
Cultural Studies	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
Design & Digital Media	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
Digital Media & Culture	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
Digital Media Design	MSc 1yr FT (2-6yrs PT)	●
Landscape Architecture	EMiLA/MLA 21mths FT	▼
Landscape & Wellbeing	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
Urban Strategies & Design	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	▼

ART		
Collections & Curating Practices	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
Contemporary Art Practice	MA 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only), MFA 21mths FT	◆
Contemporary Art Theory	MA 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	◆
Interdisciplinary Creative Practices	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●

DESIGN		
Animation	MFA 21mths FT	▼
Design for Change	MA 1yr FT	●
Design Informatics	MA 1yr FT, MFA 21mths FT	●
Fashion	MFA 21mths FT	●
Film Directing	MA 1yr FT, MFA 21mths FT	◆
Glass	MA 1yr FT, MFA 21mths FT	●
Graphic Design	MA 1yr FT, MFA 21mths FT	●
Illustration	MA 1yr FT, MFA 21mths FT	●
Interior, Architectural & Spatial Design	MA 1yr FT	●
Jewellery	MFA 21mths FT	●
Performance Costume	MFA 21mths FT	●
Textiles	MFA 21mths FT	●

HISTORY OF ART		
History of Art	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
History of Art, Theory & Display	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
Modern & Contemporary Art: History, Curating & Criticism	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
Reframing Medieval & Renaissance Global Art History	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●

MUSIC		
Acoustics & Music Technology	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
Composition	MMus 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
Composition for Screen	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
Music	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
Musicology	MMus 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
Sound Design	MSc/MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	◆

**BUSINESS SCHOOL**  
[www.business-school.ed.ac.uk](http://www.business-school.ed.ac.uk)

		ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS (SEE PAGE 12)
Accounting & Finance	MSc 1yr FT	●
Banking & Risk	MSc 1yr FT	●
Business Administration, Master of (MBA)	MBA 12mths FT	●
Business Analytics	MSc 1yr FT	●
Climate Change Finance & Investment	MSc 1yr FT	●
Entrepreneurship & Innovation	MSc 1yr FT	●
Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA)	MBA 27mths PT	●
Finance	MSc 1yr FT	●
Finance, Technology & Policy	MSc 1yr FT	●
Human Resource Management	MSc 1yr FT	●
International Business & Emerging Markets	MSc 1yr FT	●
International Human Resource Management	MSc 1yr FT	●
Management	MSc/MSc by Research 1yr FT	●
Marketing	MSc 1yr FT	●
Marketing & Business Analysis	MSc 1yr FT	●

**SCHOOL OF DIVINITY**  
[www.ed.ac.uk/divinity](http://www.ed.ac.uk/divinity)

		ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS (SEE PAGE 12)
Biblical Studies	MSc/MTh 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
Ethics & Practical Theology	MSc/MTh by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
Hebrew & Old Testament Studies	MSc/MTh by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
History of Christianity	MSc/MTh by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
Islam & Christian Muslim Relations	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
Islamic Studies & Christian Muslim Relations	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
New Testament & Christian Origins	MSc/MTh by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
Religion & Literature	MSc/MTh 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	▼
Religious Studies	MSc/MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
Science & Religion	MSc/MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
Systematic Theology	MSc/MTh by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
Theology in History	MSc/MTh 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
World Christianity	MSc/MTh or MSc/MTh by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●

**SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS**  
[www.ed.ac.uk/economics](http://www.ed.ac.uk/economics)

		ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS (SEE PAGE 12)
Economics	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	▼
Economics (Econometrics)	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	▼
Economics (Finance)	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	▼
Mathematical Economics & Econometrics	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	▼

**SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND SPORT**  
[www.ed.ac.uk/education](http://www.ed.ac.uk/education)

		ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS (SEE PAGE 12)
Dance Science & Education	MSc 1yr FT (2-6yrs PT UK only), PgDip 9mths FT (1-4yrs PT UK only)	◆
Dance Science & Education with pathway to Qualified Teacher status	MSc 15mths FT (24mths PT UK only)	◆
Digital Education	MSc 2-6yrs PT, PgDip 1-4yrs PT, PgCert 1-2yrs PT	●
Education	MSc/MSc by Research 1yr FT (2-3yrs PT UK only)	■
Inclusive Education	MSc 1yr FT (2-6yrs PT UK only), PgDip 2-4yrs PT UK only, PgCert 1-2yrs PT UK only	▼

\* Subject to approval



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Language Education	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only), PgDip 9mths FT (21mths PT UK only)	■
Language & Intercultural Communication*	MSc TBC	▼
Leadership & Learning	MEd 2-6yrs PT UK only	■
Outdoor Education	MSc 15mths FT (30mths PT UK only), PgDip 1yr FT (24mths PT UK only), PgCert 1-2yrs PT UK only	▼
Outdoor Environmental & Sustainability Education	MSc 15mths FT (30mths PT UK only), PgDip 1yr FT (24mths PT UK only), PgCert 1-2yrs PT UK only	▼
Performance Psychology	MSc 1yr FT (2-6yrs PT UK only), PgDip 9mths FT (1-4yrs PT UK only)	◆
Physical Activity for Health	MSc 1yr FT (2-6yrs PT UK only), PgDip 9mths FT (1-4yrs PT UK only), PgCert 1-2yrs PT UK only	◆
Professional Graduate Diploma in Education (Primary)	PGDE 1yr FT	▼
Professional Graduate Diploma in Education (Secondary)	PGDE 1yr FT	▼
Social Justice & Community Action	MSc 2-6yrs PT, PgDip 2-4yrs PT, PgCert 1-2yrs PT	◆
Sport, Physical Education & Health Sciences	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
Sport Policy, Management & International Development	MSc 1yr FT (2-6yrs PT UK only)	◆
Strength & Conditioning	MSc 1yr FT (2-6yrs PT UK only), PgDip 9mths FT (1-4yrs PT UK only)	◆
Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)	MSc 1yr FT (2-6yrs PT UK only), PgDip 9mths FT (1-4yrs PT UK only), PgCert 4mths FT (1-2yrs PT UK only)	■
Transformative Learning & Teaching	MSc 21mths FT	▼

**SCHOOL OF HEALTH IN SOCIAL SCIENCE**  
[www.ed.ac.uk/health-social-science](http://www.ed.ac.uk/health-social-science)


		ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS (SEE PAGE 12)
Advanced Nursing	MSc 1yr FT (2-3yrs PT UK only)	◆
Applied Psychology (Healthcare) for Children & Young People	MSc 1yr FT	■
Clinical & Health Psychology	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
Clinical Psychology	DClinPsychol 3yrs FT	■
Counselling (Counselling Studies at PgCert level)	MCouns 4yrs PT (UK only), PgDip 3yrs PT (UK only), PgCert 1yr PT (UK only)	◆
Counselling (Interpersonal Dialogue)	MCouns 2yrs FT	●
Counselling Studies	MSc/MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	◆
Health Humanities & Arts	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
Mental Health in Children & Young People: Psychological Approaches	MSc 1yr FT	■
Mental Health in Children & Young People: Psychological Approaches	MSc 2-6yrs PT	■
Nursing with Pre Registration, Master of*	MN TBC	▼
Nursing Studies	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2-3yrs PT UK only)	■
Psychological Therapies	MSc 2yrs FT* (2-6yrs PT UK only)	■
Psychology of Mental Health (Conversion)	MSc 1yr FT (up to 6yrs PT UK only)	■
Psychotherapy & Counselling	DPsychotherapy 4yrs FT (7yrs PT UK only)	■




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**SCHOOL OF HISTORY, CLASSICS & ARCHAEOLOGY**  
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
HISTORY		
American History	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
Contemporary History	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
Economic & Social History	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
History	MSc/MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
 History	MSc 1yr FT (2-6yrs PT), PgDip 1yr FT (2-3yrs PT, exit only), PgCert 1yr FT (2yrs PT, exit only)	●
Intellectual History	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
Medieval History	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
Scottish History	MSc/MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●

CLASSICS		
Ancient History	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
 Ancient Worlds	MSc 2-4yrs PT	●
Classical Art & Archaeology	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
Classics	MSc/MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
Late Antique Islamic & Byzantine Studies	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●

ARCHAEOLOGY		
Archaeology	MSc/MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
European Archaeology	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
Human Osteoarchaeology	MSc 1yr FT	●
Mediterranean Archaeology	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●

**SCHOOL OF LAW**  
www.law.ed.ac.uk

ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
REQUIREMENTS  
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Commercial Law	LLM 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	▼
Comparative & European Private Law	LLM 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	▼
Corporate Law	LLM 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	▼
Criminal Law & Criminal Justice	LLM 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	▼
Criminology & Criminal Justice	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	▼
European Law	LLM 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	▼
Global Crime, Justice & Security	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	▼
Global Environment & Climate Change Law	LLM 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	▼
Human Rights	LLM 1yr FT	▼
 Information Technology Law	LLM 1yr FT (20mths-3yrs PT)	▼
Innovation, Technology & the Law	LLM 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	▼
 Innovation, Technology & the Law	LLM 1yr FT (20mths-3yrs PT)	▼
Intellectual Property Law	LLM 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	▼
 Intellectual Property Law	LLM 32mths-3yrs PT	▼
International Banking Law & Finance	LLM 1yr FT	▼
 International Commercial Law & Practice	LLM 1yr FT (20mths-3yrs PT)	▼
International Economic Law	LLM 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	▼
International Law	LLM 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	▼
Law	LLM 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	▼
Law	LLM by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	▼
 Law	LLM 1yr FT (20mths-3yrs PT)	▼
Medical Law & Ethics	LLM 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	▼
 Medical Law & Ethics	LLM 1yr FT (2-3yrs PT)	▼
 Postgraduate Certificate in Law	PgCert 12mths FT (20mths PT)	▼

**SCHOOL OF LITERATURES, LANGUAGES & CULTURES**  
www.ed.ac.uk/llc

ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
REQUIREMENTS  
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LITERATURE & LITERARY THEORY		
Book History & Material Culture	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
Comparative Literature	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
Creative Writing	MSc 1yr FT / MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
English Literature	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
English Literature: American Literature	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
English Literature: Critical Theory	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
English Literature: Literature & Modernity: 1900 to the present	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
English Literature: Literature & Society: Enlightenment, Romantic & Victorian	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
English Literature: Medieval Literature	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
English Literature: Postcolonial Literature	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
English Literature: Renaissance Literature	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
English Literature: Romanticism	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
English Literature: Scottish Literature	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
English Literature: US Literature – Cultural Values from Revolution to Empire	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
English Literature: Victorian Literature	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
Medieval Literatures & Cultures	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■



LANGUAGE STUDIES		
Advanced Arabic	MSc 1yr FT	■
Chinese	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
Chinese Studies	MCS 2yrs FT	■
French	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
German	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
Hispanic (Spanish, Portuguese & Latin American) Studies	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
Italian	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
Middle Eastern Studies with Advanced Arabic	MSc 2yrs FT	■
Middle Eastern Studies with Arabic	MSc 2yrs FT	■
Japanese	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
Russian	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
Scandinavian Studies	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
Translation Studies	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■

CULTURES & VISUAL ARTS		
Celtic & Scottish Studies	MSc/MSc by Research Celtic Studies 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
Chinese Society & Culture	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
East Asian Relations	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
Film, Exhibition & Curation	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
Film Studies	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
Gender & Culture	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
Intermediality: Literature, Film & the Arts in Dialogue	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
Islamic & Middle Eastern Studies	MSc/MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
Japanese Society & Culture	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
Korean Studies	MSc/MSc by Research 1yr FT	■

Medieval Studies	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
Persian Civilisation	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
Playwriting	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
Scottish Ethnology	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
Theatre & Performance Studies	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
The Globalised Muslim World	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	▼
Traditional Arts Performance	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■

**SCHOOL OF PHILOSOPHY, PSYCHOLOGY & LANGUAGE SCIENCES**  
www.ed.ac.uk/ppls

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PHILOSOPHY		
 Epistemology, Ethics & Mind	MSc 1yr FT (2-6yrs PT), PgDip 9mths FT (2-4yrs PT), PgCert 1-2yrs PT	■
Mind, Language & Embodied Cognition	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
Philosophy	MSc/MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
 Philosophy, Science & Religion	MSc 1yr FT (2-6yrs PT), PgDip 9mths FT (2-4yrs PT), PgCert 1-2yrs PT	■

PSYCHOLOGY		
Human Cognitive Neuropsychology	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
Psychological Research	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
Psychology	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
Psychology of Individual Differences	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
Psychology of Language	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
Social Psychology	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■

LINGUISTICS & ENGLISH LANGUAGE		
Applied Linguistics	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
Developmental Linguistics	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
English Language	MSc/MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
Evolution of Language & Cognition	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
Linguistics	MSc/MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
Phonetics	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
Speech & Language Processing	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■

**SCHOOL OF SOCIAL & POLITICAL SCIENCE**  
www.sps.ed.ac.uk

ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
REQUIREMENTS  
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Advanced Professional Studies (Mental Health Officer Award)	PgCert 1yr PT UK only	●
Africa & International Development	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
African Studies	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
Comparative Public Policy	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
Digital Sociology	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
 *Global Challenges	MSc 3-5yrs PT	●
Global Environment, Politics & Society	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
Global Health Policy	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
 Global Health Policy	PgCert 36mths PT	●
Global Mental Health & Society	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
Health Policy	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
International & European Politics	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
International Development	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
 International Development	MSc 24-36mths PT, PgDip 24mths PT	●
International Political Theory	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
International Relations	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
International Relations of the Middle East	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
International Relations of the Middle East with Advanced Arabic	MSc 2yrs FT	■

\* The Global Challenges MSc comprises the Postgraduate Certificates in Global Development Challenges, Global Environment Challenges and Global Health Challenges. Entry is by one of these programmes.

## Online learning
















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International Relations of the Middle East with Arabic	MSc 2yrs FT	■
Management of Bioeconomy, Innovation & Governance	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
Medical Anthropology	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
Nationalism Studies	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
Public Policy	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
Science & Technology in Society	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
Science & Technology Studies	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
Social Anthropology	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
Social & Political Science	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
Social Research/Social Research with Quantitative Methods	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only), PgCert 1-2yrs PT (UK only)	●
Social Work	Master of Social Work 21mths FT	■
Sociology & Global Change	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●

## College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine


















**EDINBURGH MEDICAL SCHOOL**  
www.ed.ac.uk/medicine-vet-medicine

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 Anatomical Sciences	PgDip 4yrs PT, PgCert 2yrs PT	◆
 Applied Medical Image Analysis	PgCert 2yrs PT	◆
 Biodiversity, Wildlife & Ecosystem Health	MSc 3yrs PT, PgDip 2yrs PT, PgCert 1yr PT	◆
Biomedical Sciences (Life Sciences)	MSc by Research 1yr FT	■
Cancer (Edinburgh Cancer Research Centre)	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	◆
Cardiovascular Biology	MSc by Research 1yr FT	◆
Cardiovascular Science	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	◆
Clinical Anatomy	MSc 12mths FT	◆
 Clinical Education	MSc 3yrs PT, PgDip 2yrs PT, PgCert 1yr PT	◆
 Clinical Management of Pain	MSc 6yrs PT, PgDip 4yrs PT, PgCert 2yrs PT or PgProfDev up to 2yrs PT	◆
 Clinical Microbiology & Infectious Diseases	MSc 6yrs PT, PgDip 4yrs PT, PgCert 2yrs PT, or PgProfDev up to 2yrs PT	◆
 Clinical Ophthalmology	ChM 2-4yrs PT	◆
 Clinical Trials	MSc 6yrs PT, PgDip 4yrs PT, PgCert 2yrs PT, or PgProfDev up to 2 yrs PT	◆
 Critical Care	MSc 3yrs PT, PgDip 2yrs PT, PgCert 1yr PT	◆
 Dental Sedation & Anxiety Management	PgCert 12mths PT	▼
Dental Surgery	DDS 2yrs FT (3-4yrs PT UK only)	■
Endodontology	DClinDent 36 mths FT	■
 Family Medicine	MFM 2yrs PT	◆
 General Surgery	ChM 2yrs PT	◆
Genetics & Molecular Medicine	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	◆
Genomics & Experimental Medicine	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	◆
 Global Health & Infectious Diseases	MSc 6yrs PT, PgDip 4yrs PT, PgCert 2yrs PT, or PgProfDev up to 2yrs PT	◆
 Global Health Challenges	PgCert 1-2yrs PT, PgProfDev up to 2yrs PT	●
 Global Health Studies	PgCert 1yr PT, PgProfDev up to 2yrs PT	◆
Human Anatomy	MSc 1yr FT	◆



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 Imaging	MSc 6yrs PT, PgDip 4yrs PT, PgCert 2yrs PT, or PgProfDev up to 2yrs PT	◆
Infectious Diseases	MSc by Research 1yr FT	◆
Inflammation	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	◆
Integrative Physiology	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	◆
 Internal Medicine	MSc 3yrs PT, PgDip 2yrs PT, PgCert 1yr PT	◆
 International Animal Health	MSc 6yrs PT, PgDip 4yrs PT, PgCert 2yrs PT, or PgProfDev up to 2yrs PT	◆
Medical Sciences	MMedSci by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	◆
Medicine, Doctor of	MD 2yrs FT (3–4yrs PT UK only)	◆
 Neuroimaging for Research	MSc 6yrs PT, PgDip 4yrs PT, PgCert 2yrs PT or PgProfDev up to 2yrs PT	◆
Neuroscience/Neuroscience (Integrative Neuroscience)	MSc by Research 1yr FT	◆
Oral Surgery	DClinDent 36 mths FT, MCLinDent 24 mths FT	■
Orthodontics	DClinDent 36 mths FT, MCLinDent 24 mths FT	■
Orthopaedic & Trauma Medicine	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	◆
Paediatric Dentistry	DClinDent 36 mths FT, MCLinDent 24 mths FT	■
 Paediatric Emergency Medicine	MSc 3yrs PT, PgDip 2yrs PT, PgCert 1yr PT	◆
 Patient Safety & Clinical Human Factors	MSc 3yrs PT, PgDip 2yrs PT, PgCert 1yr PT	◆
 PET-MR Principles & Applications	PgCert up to 2yrs PT	◆
Population Health Sciences	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	◆
 Primary Care Ophthalmology	MSc 6yrs PT, PgDip 4yrs PT, PgCert 2yrs PT	◆
Prosthodontics	DClinDent 36 mths FT, MCLinDent 24 mths FT	■
Psychiatry	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	◆
Public Health	MPH 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	■
 Public Health	MPH 3yrs PT, PgDip 2yrs PT, PgCert 1yr PT, or PgProfDev up to 2yrs PT	■
Regenerative Medicine & Tissue Repair	MSc by Research 1yr FT	◆
Reproductive Sciences	MSc by Research 1yr FT	◆
 Restorative Dentistry	MSc 3yrs PT, PgDip 2yrs PT, PgCert 1yr PT	■
Science Communication & Public Engagement	MSc 1yr FT	■
 Science Communication & Public Engagement	MSc 3yrs PT, PgDip 2yrs PT, PgCert 1yr PT	■
 Stem Cells & Translational Neurology	MSc 3–6yrs PT, PgProfDev up to 2yrs PT	◆
Surgery	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	◆
 Surgical Sciences	MSc 3yrs PT	◆
 Transfusion, Transplantation & Tissue Banking	MSc 3yrs PT	▼
 Trauma & Orthopaedics	ChM 2yrs PT	◆
 Urology	ChM 2yrs PT	◆
 Vascular & Endovascular Surgery	ChM 2–4yrs PT	◆

<b>THE ROYAL (DICK) SCHOOL OF VETERINARY STUDIES</b> <b>www.ed.ac.uk/medicine-vet-medicine</b>		ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS (SEE PAGE 12)
 Advanced Clinical Practice	MVetSci 6yrs PT, PgDip 4yrs PT, PgCert 2yrs PT	◆
Animal Biosciences	MSc 1yr FT	◆
Applied Animal Behaviour & Animal Welfare	MSc 1yr FT (2/3yrs PT UK only)	■
 Applied Conservation Genetics with Wildlife Forensics	MSc 3–6yrs PT, PgDip 2–4yrs PT, PgCert 1–2yrs PT, or PgProfDev up to 2yrs PT	◆
 Applied Poultry Science	MSc 3–6yrs PT, PgDip 2–4yrs PT, PgCert 1–2yrs PT, or PgProfDev up to 2yrs PT	◆
 Clinical Animal Behaviour	MSc 6yrs PT, PgDip 4yrs PT, PgCert 2yrs PT	◆
Clinical Veterinary Sciences	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	◆
 Conservation Medicine	MVetSci 6yrs PT, PgDip 4yrs PT, PgCert 2yrs PT, or PgProfDev up to 2yrs PT	◆
 Equine Science	MSc 3–6yrs PT, PgDip 2–4yrs PT, PgCert/PgProfDev 1–2yrs PT	◆
 Food Safety	MSc 3–6yrs PT, PgDip 2–4yrs PT, PgCert/PgProfDev 1–2yrs PT	◆
Functional Genetics & Development	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	◆
Genetics & Genomics	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	◆
 Global Food Security & Nutrition	MSc 3–6yrs PT, PgDip 2–4yrs PT, PgCert 1–2yrs PT, or PgProfDev up to 2yrs PT	◆
Infection & Immunity	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	◆
 International Animal Welfare, Ethics & Law	MSc 6yrs PT, PgDip 4yrs PT, PgCert 2yrs PT, or PgProfDev up to 2 yrs PT	◆
 One Health	MSc 6yrs PT, PgDip 4yrs PT, PgCert 2yrs PT, or PgProfDev up to 2yrs PT	◆
 RCVS Certificate in Advanced Veterinary Practice	PgProfDev up to 10yrs PT	▼
 Veterinary Anaesthesia & Analgesia	MSc 6yrs PT, PgDip 4yrs PT, PgCert 2yrs PT	◆
 Veterinary Epidemiology	MSc 6yrs PT, PgDip 4yrs PT, PgCert 2yrs PT	◆
Veterinary Medicine, Doctor of	DVetMed 4yrs FT	■

## College of Science & Engineering

<b>SCHOOL OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES</b> <b>www.ed.ac.uk/biology</b>		ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS (SEE PAGE 12)
Animal Breeding & Genetics	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only), PgDip 9mths FT	◆
Biochemistry	MSc 1yr FT, PgDip 9mths FT	◆
Biodiversity & Taxonomy of Plants	MSc 1yr FT, PgDip 9mths FT	◆
Bioinformatics	MSc 1yr FT, PgDip 9mths FT	◆
Biotechnology	MSc 1yr FT, PgDip 9mths FT	◆
Cell Biology	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	◆
Drug Discovery & Translational Biology	MSc 1yr FT, PgDip 9mths FT	◆
Evolutionary Biology	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	◆
Evolutionary Genetics	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only), PgDip 9mths FT	◆
Human Complex Trait Genetics	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only), PgDip 9mths FT	◆
Immunology & Infection Research	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	◆

Molecular Plant Sciences	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	◆
Quantitative Biology, Biochemistry & Biotechnology	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	◆
Quantitative Genetics & Genome Analysis	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only), PgDip 9mths FT	◆
Stem Cell Research	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	◆
Synthetic Biology & Biotechnology	MSc 1yr FT, PgDip 9mths FT	◆
Systems & Synthetic Biology	MSc 1yr FT, PgDip 9mths FT	◆




<b>SCHOOL OF CHEMISTRY</b> <b>www.chem.ed.ac.uk</b>		ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS (SEE PAGE 12)
Analytical Chemistry*	MSc 1yr FT	▼
Chemistry	MSc by Research 1yr FT	◆
Materials Chemistry	MSc 1yr FT	◆
Medicinal & Biological Chemistry	MSc 1yr FT	◆

<b>SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING</b> <b>www.eng.ed.ac.uk</b>		ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS (SEE PAGE 12)
Advanced Chemical Engineering	MSc 1yr FT	◆
Advanced Power Engineering	MSc 2yrs FT	◆
Bioengineering	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	◆


Digital Communications	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	◆
Electrical Power Engineering	MSc 1yr FT	◆
Electronics	MSc 1yr FT	◆
Energy Systems	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	◆

Fire Safety Engineering, International Master of Science in Infrastructure & the Environment	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	◆
Integrated Micro & Nano Systems	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	◆

Leading Major Programmes	MSc 2yrs PT UK only	◆
Materials & Processes	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	◆
Signal Processing & Communications	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	◆
Structural & Fire Safety Engineering	MSc 1yr FT	◆
Sustainable Energy Systems	MSc 1yr FT, PgDip 9mths FT	◆

<b>SCHOOL OF GEOSCIENCES</b> <b>www.ed.ac.uk/geosciences</b>		ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS (SEE PAGE 12)
Applied Environmental Hydrogeology	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	▼
 Carbon Innovation	PgCert 1yr PT	●
Carbon Management	MSc 1yr FT (2–3yrs PT UK only)	●
 Carbon Management	MSc 3yrs PT (2yrs accelerated)	●
 Climate Change Management	PgCert 1yr PT	●

Earth Observation & Geoinformation Management	MSc 1yr FT (2–3yrs PT UK only)	●
Ecological Economics	MSc 1yr FT (2–3yrs PT UK only)	●
Energy, Society & Sustainability	MSc 1yr FT (2–3yrs PT UK only)	●
Environment & Development	MSc 1yr FT (2–3yrs PT UK only)	●
Environment, Culture & Society	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
Environmental Protection & Management	MSc 1yr FT (2–3yrs PT UK only)	●
Environmental Sustainability	MSc 1yr FT (2–3yrs PT UK only)	●
Food Security	MSc 1yr FT (2–3yrs PT UK only)	●
Geoenergy	MSc 1yr FT (2–3yrs PT UK only)	●
Geographical Information Science/ GIS & Archaeology	MSc 1yr FT (2–3yrs PT UK only)	●


GeoSciences (Individual Project)	MSc/MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	▼
 Global Environment Challenges	PgCert 9mths–1yr FT (2yrs PT)	●
Human Geography	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
Marine Systems & Policies	MSc 1yr FT (2–3yrs PT UK only)	●
Palaeontology & Geobiology	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	●
Soils & Sustainability	MSc 1yr FT (2–3yrs PT UK only)	●

## Online learning

See page 12 for English language requirements key

<b>SCHOOL OF INFORMATICS</b> <b>www.ed.ac.uk/informatics</b>		ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS (SEE PAGE 12)
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Advanced Design Informatics	MSc 21mths FT	●
Advanced Technology for Financial Computing	MSc 1yr FT (2–3yrs PT UK only)	◆
AIAl: Automated Reasoning, Agents, Data Intensive Research, Knowledge Management	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	◆
ANC: Machine Learning, Computational Neuroscience, Computational Biology	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	◆
Artificial Intelligence	MSc 1yr FT (2–3yrs PT UK only)	◆
Biomedical Artificial Intelligence, UKRI Centre for Doctoral Training in	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	◆
Cognitive Science	MSc 1yr FT (2–3yrs PT UK only)	◆
Computer Science	MSc 1yr FT (2–3yrs PT UK only)	◆
Cyber Security, Privacy & Trust	MSc 1yr FT (2–3yrs PT UK only)	◆
Data Science	MSc 1yr FT (2–3yrs PT UK only)	◆

 Data Science, Technology & Innovation	MSc 6yrs PT, PgDip 4yrs PT, PgCert 2yrs PT or PgProfDev up to 2yrs PT	◆
Design Informatics	MSc 1yr FT	●
High Performance Computing/HPC with Data Science	MSc/PgDip/PgCert/PgProfDev Check duration online (PT UK only)	◆
ICSA: Computer Architecture, Compilation & Systems Software, Networks & Communication	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	◆
ILCC: Language Processing, Speech Technology, Information Retrieval, Cognition	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	◆
Informatics	MSc 1yr FT (2–3yrs PT UK only)	◆
IPAB: Robotics, Computer Vision, Computer Graphics & Animation	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	◆
LFCS: Theory & Foundations of Computer Science, Databases, Software & Systems Modelling	MSc by Research 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	◆

<b>SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS</b> <b>www.maths.ed.ac.uk</b>		ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS (SEE PAGE 12)
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Computational Applied Mathematics	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	◆
Computational Mathematical Finance	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only), PgDip 9 mths FT	◆
Financial Mathematics	MSc 1yr FT	▼
Financial Modelling & Optimization	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only), PgDip 9mths FT	◆
Operational Research/OR with Computational Optimization/OR with Risk	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only), PgDip 9mths FT	◆
Operational Research with Data Science	MSc 1yr FT (2–3yrs PT UK only)	◆
Statistics & Operational Research	MSc 1yr FT (2yrs PT UK only)	◆
Statistics with Data Science	MSc 1yr FT (2–3yrs PT UK only)	◆

<b>SCHOOL OF PHYSICS &amp; ASTRONOMY</b> <b>www.ph.ed.ac.uk</b>		ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS (SEE PAGE 12)
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Mathematical Physics	MSc 1yr FT	◆
Particle & Nuclear Physics	MSc 1yr FT	◆
Theoretical Physics	MSc 1yr FT	◆

\* Subject to approval



# Our Colleges and research areas

The University is divided into three Colleges, which collectively host 21 Schools. Such academic breadth and diversity make Edinburgh a vibrant and stimulating environment for postgraduate study, and open to vast possibilities for interdisciplinary collaboration. Each College offers a wealth of research opportunities. The following overview lists some of the areas in which we offer expert research supervision. Further information is available online.



For more details on each of our Schools, order or download our School postgraduate prospectuses: [www.ed.ac.uk/studying/prospectus-request](http://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/prospectus-request)

Postgraduate students relaxing in the cafe and study area of David Hume Tower.

## College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

This is our largest College, with more than 25,000 students and 3,900 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 2020 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](http://www.ed.ac.uk/arts-humanities-soc-sci)

Research in the fields of arts, humanities and social sciences tends to require you to:

- Develop your own research idea (be prepared to adapt your original idea).
- Source your own funding, although some funded projects may be available.

### Schools

The College hosts 12 diverse Schools including the Centre for Open Learning. Web addresses for each School and their preferred contact email for PhD enquiries are as follows:

1. **Business**  
[phd@business-school.ed.ac.uk](mailto:phd@business-school.ed.ac.uk)  
[www.business-school.ed.ac.uk](http://www.business-school.ed.ac.uk)
2. **Divinity**  
[divinity.pg@ed.ac.uk](mailto:divinity.pg@ed.ac.uk)  
[www.ed.ac.uk/divinity](http://www.ed.ac.uk/divinity)
3. **Economics**  
[econpgr@ed.ac.uk](mailto:econpgr@ed.ac.uk)  
[www.ed.ac.uk/economics](http://www.ed.ac.uk/economics)
4. **Edinburgh College of Art**  
[ecaresearchdegrees@ed.ac.uk](mailto:ecaresearchdegrees@ed.ac.uk)  
[www.eca.ed.ac.uk](http://www.eca.ed.ac.uk)
5. **Education**  
[education.phd@ed.ac.uk](mailto:education.phd@ed.ac.uk)  
[www.ed.ac.uk/education](http://www.ed.ac.uk/education)
6. **Health in Social Science**  
[health@ed.ac.uk](mailto:health@ed.ac.uk)  
[www.ed.ac.uk/health](http://www.ed.ac.uk/health)
7. **History, Classics & Archaeology**  
[gradschool.hca@ed.ac.uk](mailto:gradschool.hca@ed.ac.uk)  
[www.ed.ac.uk/hca](http://www.ed.ac.uk/hca)
8. **Law**  
[phd.law@ed.ac.uk](mailto:phd.law@ed.ac.uk)  
[www.law.ed.ac.uk](http://www.law.ed.ac.uk)
9. **Literatures, Languages & Cultures**  
[llc.pgadmissions@ed.ac.uk](mailto:llc.pgadmissions@ed.ac.uk)  
[www.ed.ac.uk/llc](http://www.ed.ac.uk/llc)
10. **Philosophy, Psychology & Language Sciences**  
[pplspg@ed.ac.uk](mailto:pplspg@ed.ac.uk)  
[www.ed.ac.uk/ppls](http://www.ed.ac.uk/ppls)
11. **Social & Political Science**  
[pgadmissions.sps@ed.ac.uk](mailto:pgadmissions.sps@ed.ac.uk)  
[www.sps.ed.ac.uk/gradschool](http://www.sps.ed.ac.uk/gradschool)
12. **Centre for Open Learning**  
[www.ed.ac.uk/open-learning](http://www.ed.ac.uk/open-learning)

### Research areas

<a href="#">Accounting &amp; Finance</a>	<a href="#">Management Science &amp; Business Economics</a>
<a href="#">African Studies</a>	<a href="#">Marketing</a>
<a href="#">Archaeology</a>	<a href="#">Medieval Studies</a>
<a href="#">Architecture</a>	<a href="#">Music</a>
<a href="#">Art</a>	<a href="#">Organisation Studies</a>
<a href="#">Celtic &amp; Scottish Studies</a>	<a href="#">New Testament &amp; Christian Origins</a>
<a href="#">Chinese</a>	<a href="#">Nursing Studies</a>
<a href="#">Classics</a>	<a href="#">Philosophy</a>
<a href="#">Clinical &amp; Health Psychology</a>	<a href="#">Politics &amp; International Relations</a>
<a href="#">Comparative Literature</a>	<a href="#">Psychology</a>
<a href="#">Counselling Studies</a>	<a href="#">Public Health Policy</a>
<a href="#">Cultural Studies</a>	<a href="#">Religious Studies</a>
<a href="#">Design</a>	<a href="#">Russian</a>
<a href="#">Economic &amp; Social History</a>	<a href="#">Sanskrit</a>
<a href="#">Economics</a>	<a href="#">Scandinavian Studies</a>
<a href="#">Education</a>	<a href="#">Science &amp; Religion</a>
<a href="#">English Language</a>	<a href="#">Science &amp; Technology Studies</a>
<a href="#">English Literature</a>	<a href="#">Scottish History</a>
<a href="#">Entrepreneurship &amp; Innovation</a>	<a href="#">Social Anthropology</a>
<a href="#">Ethics &amp; Practical Theology</a>	<a href="#">Social Policy</a>
<a href="#">European Theatre</a>	<a href="#">Social Work</a>
<a href="#">Film Studies</a>	<a href="#">Socio-cultural Studies</a>
<a href="#">French</a>	<a href="#">Sociology</a>
<a href="#">Gender &amp; Culture</a>	<a href="#">South Asian Studies</a>
<a href="#">German</a>	<a href="#">Strategy</a>
<a href="#">Global Health Policy</a>	<a href="#">Systematic Theology</a>
<a href="#">Health in Social Science</a>	<a href="#">Translation Studies</a>
<a href="#">Hebrew &amp; Old Testament Studies</a>	<a href="#">World Christianity</a>
<a href="#">Hispanic Studies</a>	
<a href="#">History</a>	
<a href="#">History of Art</a>	
<a href="#">History of Christianity</a>	
<a href="#">International Development</a>	
<a href="#">Islamic &amp; Middle Eastern Studies</a>	
<a href="#">Italian</a>	
<a href="#">Japanese</a>	
<a href="#">Landscape Architecture</a>	
<a href="#">Law</a>	
<a href="#">Linguistics</a>	

Research degree index: [www.ed.ac.uk/studying/postgraduate/degrees/research](http://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/postgraduate/degrees/research)  
PhD research projects: [www.ed.ac.uk/studying/phd-research-projects](http://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/phd-research-projects)  
Advice on finding a research supervisor: [www.ed.ac.uk/studying/postgraduate/research](http://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/postgraduate/research)  
Order or download a postgraduate prospectus: [www.ed.ac.uk/studying/prospectus-request](http://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/prospectus-request)



# Our Colleges and research areas (continued)

## College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine

The College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine has more than 7,000 students and 3,300 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 UK 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.

### PhD enquiries:

[www.ed.ac.uk/medicine-vet-medicine/postgraduate/enquiries](http://www.ed.ac.uk/medicine-vet-medicine/postgraduate/enquiries)

### Academic research

The College has five major research institutes, each home to various interdisciplinary research centres:  
[www.ed.ac.uk/medicine-vet-medicine](http://www.ed.ac.uk/medicine-vet-medicine)

- Research in the field of medicine tends to require you to:
- Apply for a project that already has specific, pre-defined aims.
  - Compete for a place on a partially or fully funded programme (often with competitive application processes).

### Research areas

- [Agricultural Sciences](#)
- [Cancer](#)
- [Cardiovascular Science](#)
- [Child Life & Health](#)
- [Clinical Brain Sciences](#)
- [Clinical Education](#)
- [Cognitive & Neural Systems](#)
- [Dentistry](#)
- [Developmental Biology](#)
- [Food Security](#)
- [Genetics](#)
- [Genomics](#)
- [Geriatric Medicine](#)
- [Global Health](#)
- [Infection & Immunity](#)
- [Inflammation](#)
- [Integrative Physiology](#)
- [Medical Informatics](#)
- [Neurobiology](#)
- [Neuroscience](#)
- [Orthopaedic & Trauma Medicine](#)
- [Pathology](#)
- [Pathway Medicine](#)
- [Population Health Sciences](#)
- [Precision Medicine](#)
- [Psychiatry](#)
- [Regenerative Medicine](#)
- [Reproductive Health](#)
- [Respiratory Medicine](#)
- [Science Communication](#)
- [Surgery](#)
- [Tissue Repair](#)
- [Translational Neuroscience](#)
- [Veterinary Sciences & Training](#)

## College of Science & Engineering

Science has been studied at Edinburgh since the University was established in 1583. With more than 10,800 students and 3,800 staff, we are one of the UK's largest science and engineering groupings. 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. Their web addresses and preferred contacts for PhD enquiries are as follows:

- Biological Sciences**  
[gradbiol@ed.ac.uk](mailto:gradbiol@ed.ac.uk)  
[www.ed.ac.uk/biology](http://www.ed.ac.uk/biology)
- Chemistry**  
[chemistry.gradschool@ed.ac.uk](mailto:chemistry.gradschool@ed.ac.uk)  
[www.chem.ed.ac.uk](http://www.chem.ed.ac.uk)
- Engineering**  
[enggradoffice@ed.ac.uk](mailto:enggradoffice@ed.ac.uk)  
[www.eng.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate](http://www.eng.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate)
- GeoSciences**  
[pgrsupport@geos.ed.ac.uk](mailto:pgrsupport@geos.ed.ac.uk)  
[www.ed.ac.uk/geosciences](http://www.ed.ac.uk/geosciences)
- Informatics**  
[www.inf.ed.ac.uk/cgi-bin/iss/external-contact.cgi](http://www.inf.ed.ac.uk/cgi-bin/iss/external-contact.cgi)  
[www.ed.ac.uk/informatics](http://www.ed.ac.uk/informatics)
- Mathematics**  
[pgresearch@maths.ed.ac.uk](mailto:pgresearch@maths.ed.ac.uk)  
[msc.maths.ed.ac.uk](http://msc.maths.ed.ac.uk)
- Physics & Astronomy**  
[enquiries@ph.ed.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@ph.ed.ac.uk)  
[www.ph.ed.ac.uk](http://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](http://www.ed.ac.uk/science-engineering)

- Research in the fields of science and engineering tends to require you to:
- Apply for a project that already has specific, pre-defined aims.
  - Compete for a place on a partially or fully funded programme (often with competitive application processes).

### Research areas

- [Algebra & Number Theory](#)
- [Analysis](#)
- [Applied & Computational Mathematics](#)
- [Artificial Intelligence & its Applications \(Automated Reasoning, Agents, Data Intensive Research, Knowledge Management\)](#)
- [Astrophysics](#)
- [Atmospheric & Environmental Sciences](#)
- [Bioengineering](#)
- [Cell Biology](#)
- [Chemistry](#)
- [Computing System Architecture \(Computer Architecture, Compilation & Systems Software, Networks & Communication\)](#)
- [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](#)
- [Robotics & Autonomous Systems](#)
- [Robotics, Computer Vision, Computer Graphics & Animation](#)
- [Statistics](#)
- [Stem Cell Research](#)
- [Theory & Foundations of Computer Science](#)

Research degree index:  
[www.ed.ac.uk/studying/postgraduate/degrees/research](http://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/postgraduate/degrees/research)

PhD research projects: [www.ed.ac.uk/studying/phd-research-projects](http://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/phd-research-projects)

Advice on finding a research supervisor:  
[www.ed.ac.uk/studying/postgraduate/research](http://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/postgraduate/research)

Order or download a postgraduate prospectus: [www.ed.ac.uk/studying/prospectus-request](http://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/prospectus-request)



# Open to the future

The challenges of the modern world often demand new ways of working that can disrupt the status quo and challenge established ways of thinking. We offer collaborative, open facilities where students, academics and researchers reap the benefits of working in tandem with commercial companies and the public sector.



The Bayes Centre



Architects impression of the redevelopment of the Old Royal Infirmary, at Quatermile, which will soon be home to the Edinburgh Futures Institute.

**The Bayes Centre** is our innovation hub for data science and artificial intelligence – a collaborative, multidisciplinary proving ground that develops innovative technological solutions for the benefit of society. It brings together technical strengths building on our world-leading academic excellence in mathematical, computational, engineering, and natural sciences.

The Bayes' community comprises more than 400 internationally recognised scientists, outstanding PhD students, leading industry experts and innovation support professionals. They collaborate across disciplines and sectors to advance data technology and apply it to real-world problems.

Data science education, tech entrepreneurship, and industrially driven, multidisciplinary research and design are at the core of the Bayes' strategy to boost our impact locally, nationally, and internationally. In partnership with Scottish Enterprise, the Bayes Centre is now part of the Data-Driven Innovation Programme increasing the provision of data and digital skills in the workforce and transforming the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region into the data capital of Europe: [www.ed.ac.uk/bayes](http://www.ed.ac.uk/bayes)

**The Edinburgh Futures Institute (EFI)** is set up to address the challenges of a changing world – one in which old certainties in society, democracy, job security and the economy are being disrupted. These challenges cross traditional boundaries, such as national borders, institutional siloes and conventional areas of expertise. EFI finds solutions and responses that do likewise, connecting people and organisations from across the University and beyond.

EFI brings together experts who can tackle issues from different and unconventional perspectives, mixing partners from all sectors with leading academics and outstanding students. World-class interdisciplinary expertise in social and data science, the arts, and humanities is used to co-create tools for the common good and incubate major projects to tackle society's most pressing needs.

Through teaching, research and engagement, EFI nurtures creative, reasoned and thoughtful graduates who can operate amid disruption, difference and volatility and are not bound by seeing the world through a single perspective: [www.efi.ed.ac.uk](http://www.efi.ed.ac.uk)

**The Usher Institute** works with people, populations and their data, forging innovative collaborations across the global community, to understand and advance the health of individuals and society.

The institute is a key applied and translational arm of Edinburgh Medical School offering a nurturing learning environment based on research-led, student-focused teaching. It supports and maintains a skilled community that offers significant expertise in health services research, health informatics, data science and social science and is dedicated to improving local and global health. The institute connects policy makers, practitioners and patients, supporting interdisciplinary collaboration and high-quality data-driven research to find innovative ways of addressing pressing health and social care issues.

The institute is working towards data-enabled transformation of health and is recognised as a World Health Organization Collaborating Centre on population health research and training: [www.ed.ac.uk/usher](http://www.ed.ac.uk/usher)



# Shape your career

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 your personal and professional development and provide relevant career insights.

## Careers Service

Our Careers Service will provide you with advice and support whatever your plans for the future. We provide comprehensive, high-quality online resources and run workshops throughout the year for our postgraduates and offer tailored sessions for our international students. We also 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 also offer lots of opportunities for postgraduate students to meet these employers: [www.ed.ac.uk/careers/postgrad](http://www.ed.ac.uk/careers/postgrad)

## Work-based projects

You may be able to undertake a work-based project, in partnership with an employer, providing the basis for your masters dissertation. If you wish to do this, you will need to speak to your School to see if it is possible.

Making the Most of Masters, a freely available toolkit, can support you to set up and complete your work-based projects: [www.makingthemostofmasters.ac.uk](http://www.makingthemostofmasters.ac.uk)

\* Times Higher Education, Global Employability University Ranking 2019

## Employ.ed for PhDs

Employ.ed offers part-time internships enabling PhD students to gain project-based, paid employment. This will help you develop a range of skills to complement your academic and research experience: [www.ed.ac.uk/careers/employed](http://www.ed.ac.uk/careers/employed)

## Platform One

We provide opportunities for students to draw on the knowledge and experience of our worldwide alumni network through lectures, workshops and panel discussions, and online via Platform One. This supportive environment allows students, alumni, staff and volunteers to gather to share their knowledge and experiences and discuss ideas, plans and possibilities: [www.ed.ac.uk/platform-one](http://www.ed.ac.uk/platform-one)

## Open to new ideas

If you consider yourself something of an entrepreneur, you'll be interested to know that Edinburgh is an entrepreneurial city, home to two of the UK's \$1 billion-valued unicorn companies. We boast one of the most entrepreneurial student bodies in the UK and have helped students launch nearly 100 startups in the last two years. One in five of those startups was a social enterprise. Edinburgh Innovations, the University's commercialisation service, offers free support to student entrepreneurs including one-to-one business advice and a range of workshops, bootcamps, competitions and networking events. Successful recent clients include Orfeas Boteas, creator of the Dehumaniser sound effects software used by Hollywood movies and blockbuster video games; Douglas Martin, whose company MiAlgae aims to revolutionise the global aquaculture and pet food industries; and Aayush Goyal and Karis Gill, whose gift box enterprise Social Stories Club brings ethical products to a wider market: [www.ed.ac.uk/edinburgh-innovations/for-students](http://www.ed.ac.uk/edinburgh-innovations/for-students)

## Public engagement opportunities

Public engagement staff work in all our Colleges and many schools and institutes. 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. Training in public engagement is also provided through our Institute for Academic Development (see page 29): [www.ed.ac.uk/institute-academic-development/public-engagement](http://www.ed.ac.uk/institute-academic-development/public-engagement)

## Doctorate Extension Scheme

We sponsor our graduates under 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 for a visa to stay in the UK for an additional 12 months after their studies to work or look for work. The scheme allows you more time to find work with an employer, gain practical experience, work on postdoctoral projects, or set yourself up as an entrepreneur: [www.ed.ac.uk/immigration/tier4-des](http://www.ed.ac.uk/immigration/tier4-des)

# My story Using the Careers Service

## Petra Yu

MSc International Business & Emerging Markets graduate from Austria

Petra secured a job before graduation.



One of the most valuable things I was able to take advantage of was the University's network of top employers. With its good reputation and high ranking for the employability of students, world-leading companies from various industries attended, ranging from Jaguar Land Rover, to EY, Barclays, Sky and more. The University offered many opportunities to network with employers to prepare for life after graduation. These included presentations and workshops by companies such as Deloitte, Goldman Sachs, McKinsey and others that provided an insight into the application process and the values recruiters are looking for.

I am aware how valuable a strong network is, which I believe the University equipped me with. Not only does it have strong ties with notable companies but the alumni network is also diverse and close-knit.

By the time I started to apply for jobs, what I found of most help were the mock interviews and CV-screenings. The feedback I was given enhanced my performance and provided me with useful pointers and tips. As such, the Careers Service provided me with a competitive edge. I am really grateful to have had this strong support for my career development and have taken advantage of it fully.

“Postgraduates come to us with a broader outlook and more rounded and developed skills, both in their chosen discipline and more generally in terms of their communication skills and self-confidence. We value their proven aptitude for self-driven learning and further study, important requirements for anyone embarking on the demanding actuarial professional exams.”

HR department,  
Hymans Robertson LLP, pensions,  
benefits and risk consultancy firm





## Our story

### Using the Careers Service

#### Muhammad Musa

MSc Sustainable Energy Systems graduate from Sudan

Muhammad works with engineers, consultants and analysts, helping UK Power Networks Services design and deliver innovative smart grid projects aimed at addressing the energy trilemma.



Coming to Edinburgh, I must admit I was a bit overwhelmed at the start. I had tonnes of expectations for my time in the city – to meet new people, see new places, get ahead of my studies and maybe look for a job – but starting a masters is quite challenging, so after the first few weeks the main focus was my studies. Luckily for me, I reached out to the Careers Service after getting advised to have a chat with them.

I was allocated a careers advisor who gave me direction on the services available online and face to face. I sent my CV and cover letter for review and, after getting feedback, ended up changing almost the entire content. They helped me tailor them to be more informative and show the attributes needed for roles I was applying for. I used the Careers Hub website, which shows available jobs per profession, but mainly I used the interview simulator! This contributed to making me more prepared for my interviews.

I think the main take away here is just to approach the Careers Service as early as possible. Get a hold of what's available to you and start thinking about your applications, from preparing your LinkedIn profile to attract recruiters to the extent of working on your interview skills to get the job you dream of.



#### Panagiotis Kefalas

MSc Sustainable Energy Systems graduate from Greece

Panagiotis secured a job as an energy markets analyst with Aurora Energy Research.



Studying at the University of Edinburgh was a fantastic experience. I met unique people from all around the world, received a warm welcome, and was taught by top experts in their fields. I also found support in every endeavour I was interested in pursuing.

Searching for a well-suited job to fit your future development goals is not always easy especially when you have limited time. However, the University has a dedicated Careers Service to support and advise students. I received very useful advice on top of informative talks with its consultants. The whole process was smooth and I appreciated how simple it was to arrange a session with a consultant, discuss particular areas where I required advice, and receive tailored feedback.

I am now working with Aurora Energy Research in the field I am most interested in. Using the Careers Service was helpful for understanding the job market in the UK and for tackling job applications with the right approach.

## My story

### IAD 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 story IAD skills training

### Frankie Greenwood

PhD Health in Social Science  
graduate, from England

Frankie used skills training offered by the Institute for Academic Development to win a prestigious competition and pass her PhD viva.



Throughout my PhD, I felt it was important to share and present my research ideas and findings through conferences, public engagement events and knowledge exchange. This helped me identify where my work fits in the wider academic field and gave me the opportunity to develop invaluable networks within my research area.

In 2019 I won the University's 3 Minute Thesis competition. I wanted to be able to share my research with a wider audience and attended the IAD training sessions. These proved an invaluable source of support and helped me develop the skills to present my complex research study in a clear and concise way.

I also attended IAD's Viva Survivor training workshop, which had a significant impact on the way I was able to prepare for and present my research in my PhD. The presentation and research dissemination skills that I developed played an important part in my success and I continue to use them regularly in employment. I'm now a part-time research assistant in the School of Health in Social Science and work part time for the Church of Scotland. As a family and community development worker there, I'm developing mental health, loneliness, bereavement and dementia support for our local community.



## Individual support for 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](http://www.ed.ac.uk/iad/postgraduates)

For taught postgraduates, the 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. It offers on-campus and online, workshops and one-to-one study skills consultations, as well as online advice and learning resources in the Study Hub ([www.ed.ac.uk/iad/studyhub](http://www.ed.ac.uk/iad/studyhub)). The programme and learning resources cover key study skills tailored to different academic stages, including prearrival 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 programme consists of workshops that are 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, as well as support for tutoring and demonstrating, and 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. On campus, we are currently taking steps to mitigate the impact of the Covid-19 Coronavirus, adapting where necessary to provide a safe and welcoming environment. We intend to be able to teach despite any travel restrictions, wherever our students are in the world. We are shaping our delivery to ensure all our students – here in Edinburgh and online – will be fully part of our community.

### Student Counselling Service

Our Counselling Service offers you a professional and confidential service:  
[www.ed.ac.uk/student-counselling](http://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](http://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](http://www.ed.ac.uk/student-disability-service)

### The University Health Centre

All students should register with a doctor:  
[www.health-service.ed.ac.uk](http://www.health-service.ed.ac.uk)

For further information on UK medical care:  
[edin.ac.uk/cisa-healthcare](http://edin.ac.uk/cisa-healthcare)

### 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](http://www.ed.ac.uk/chaplaincy)

### Childcare

The University's Arcadia Nursery, which has sites at King's Buildings and Easter Bush, 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.

Encompassing indoor and outdoor play, the nursery has places for 0-5-year-olds and is open to students, staff and other local parents: [www.arcadianursery.co.uk](http://www.arcadianursery.co.uk)

### Global students

Edinburgh University Students' Association also provides support for our international community of students, by tapping into the wealth of language skills and cultural knowledge of our vibrant global campus community, to offer services such as peer proofreading, free taster language courses (more than 70 languages to choose from), and language networking events:  
[www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/global](http://www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/global)

### English Language Education

Our English Language Education service offers free academic English tuition, self-study materials and advice for international students seeking support. You can take extra classes and an exam in the summer in Edinburgh before your programme starts, or take additional classes after starting your studies:  
[www.ed.ac.uk/english-language-education](http://www.ed.ac.uk/english-language-education)

### Centre for Open Learning

Our 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](http://www.ed.ac.uk/short-courses)



# A global student community

As a welcoming global university, we offer on-campus 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 our international 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](http://www.ed.ac.uk/international)

## Support begins early

You can contact Edinburgh Global for advice at any time during or after the application process. We run online advice sessions and drop-ins, or you're equally welcome to visit us! Our Regional Managers regularly make trips abroad to attend education exhibitions and to hold a range of events for prospective applicants as well as pre-departure briefings for our offer-holders.



More information on upcoming trips:  
[www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/meet-us](http://www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/meet-us)

## Immigration assistance

Trained Immigration Advisers are available to assist you with visa advice, from the initial stage of applying to study in the UK, through to graduation. We can help with bringing your family to Edinburgh or working during or after your studies:  
[www.ed.ac.uk/immigration](http://www.ed.ac.uk/immigration)

## Your arrival

Travelling to the city of Edinburgh and then on to any area of the University is relatively easy, no matter where you are coming from or how you choose to travel. Once you have received an offer to study at the University you can check online for essential information about joining us:  
[www.ed.ac.uk/new-students](http://www.ed.ac.uk/new-students)

## Staying connected

We organise a series of year-round social events and information sessions. Each September, we run a week-long programme of orientation events for new students at Edinburgh and other ongoing activities. You can also attend our study-skills event, which introduces and explains the Scottish academic system to new international taught masters students:  
[www.ed.ac.uk/international/student-life](http://www.ed.ac.uk/international/student-life)

## International and Exchange Student Society (IESS)

The IESS is a social and support society for all our students, particularly those from overseas or on exchange in Edinburgh, which offers opportunities to meet and interact with people from all over the world. Staffed by a volunteer student committee, the IESS runs regular activities throughout the year designed to help you make friends, experience the best of Scotland and beyond, and ensure your stay in Edinburgh is memorable:  
[www.ed.ac.uk/international/iess](http://www.ed.ac.uk/international/iess)

## Our community

Our postgraduate community currently includes more than 10,800 taught students and more than 5,700 research students. More than 9,800 of our postgraduates are from the EU or overseas.

## Global Buddies

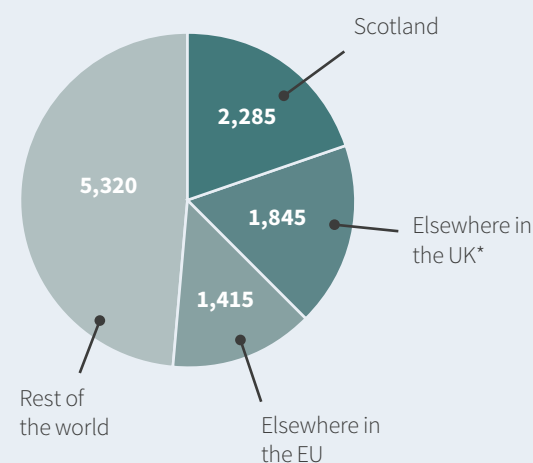
A peer support programme which connects scholars from all around the world, supports the transition to a new city and builds long-lasting friendships. Global Buddies will help you meet people and face the challenges of a new academic and cultural environment together. Email: [buddies@eusa.ed.ac.uk](mailto:buddies@eusa.ed.ac.uk)

## Online student support

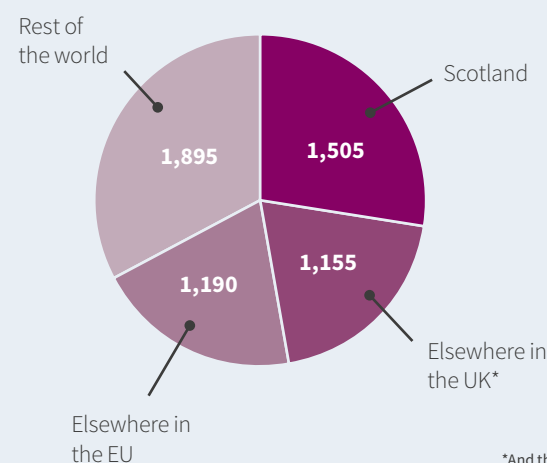
Please see page 08 or go to: [www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/online-learning](http://www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/online-learning)

## Where our students are from

### Taught students



### Research students



\*And the Channel Islands and Isle of Man

# Our story 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.



Understanding the bigger picture of the challenges that business and governments face is my life's mission and key to having a fulfilling career. It is also the key for me to have an impact and leave a legacy.

I chose to pursue MSc 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.

My experience at the University gave me everything I wanted from a masters experience in the UK – it strengthened my global outlook and my understanding of the bigger picture. Now it's my time to act upon this experience and start having an impact – local and global.

## Soufia Bham

MSc Global Health & Public Policy graduate from Mauritius

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



I wanted to focus on improving access to sexual and reproductive health services for underserved communities and decided to pursue an MSc in global health and public policy. The guest lectures allowed me to engage in discussions on health and rights with a wide range of experts and activists. This was instrumental in allowing me to connect theoretical aspects of policymaking to real life efforts.

As a Mastercard Foundation scholar, I further benefited from the Edinburgh Award in transformational leadership, during which we reflected what it means to be a leader and put our leadership skills into practice.

My experiences helped me refine my academic interests and develop confidence in my leadership journey and activism. I became aware of the diversity of perspectives and approaches to solving global challenges and was able to focus my efforts to best impact the communities I serve. I feel well equipped to deal with the challenges of a career in policy advocacy and grassroots work on healthcare access.





# Fees, funding and costs

We offer academically outstanding candidates a variety of postgraduate scholarships and studentships.

The University offers an extensive range of scholarships and funding opportunities, of which the following is just a small sample.

The University's Scholarships and Student Funding Services can also provide guidance on sources of scholarships, loans and other funding opportunities. Please email: [studentfunding@ed.ac.uk](mailto:studentfunding@ed.ac.uk)

## Funding search

You can see our full range of scholarships online:

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

To search for funding opportunities, visit: [www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/search](http://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/search)

Additional funding opportunities may become available in the year prior to entry. This is normally during October or November. It is worth checking back periodically for the most up to date information available.

## Scholarships

### • University of Edinburgh Alumni Scholarships

We offer a 10 per cent scholarship towards postgraduate fees to all alumni who graduated from the University as an undergraduate, and to all students who spent at least one semester studying at the University on a visiting programme: [www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/alumni-scholarships](http://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/alumni-scholarships)

### • Chevening Scholarships

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office funds a number of Chevening Scholarships for postgraduate study, for one-year taught masters degrees. Full details of these awards can be obtained from your local embassy or high commission: [www.chevening.org](http://www.chevening.org)

### • 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: [cscuk.dfid.gov.uk](http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk)

### • The Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program

Up to 50 postgraduate scholarships for on-campus and online masters study with transformative leadership training are available. Applicants should usually reside in and be citizens of a Sub-Saharan African country. Scholarships cover full tuition fees, accommodation and maintenance. Applicants should apply to the scholarship directly: [www.ed.ac.uk/global/mastercard-foundation](http://www.ed.ac.uk/global/mastercard-foundation)

### • PhD Scholarships

There are a number of full scholarships available covering fees and a stipend. The length of these varies between subject areas and Schools but typically covers three to four years. They aim to provide training to become an autonomous researcher as well as additional training in areas such as entrepreneurship, teaching, public engagement, knowledge exchange and data science. Full details can be found on School websites or via our scholarships portal: [www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/postgraduate](http://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/postgraduate)



You will find up-to-date fee levels for your specific programme online:

[www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/tuition-fees/postgraduate](http://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/tuition-fees/postgraduate)

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# Fees, funding and costs (continued)

**Research councils\***

- Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) [www.sgsah.ac.uk/dtp/](http://www.sgsah.ac.uk/dtp/)
- Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) [www.sgsss.ac.uk](http://www.sgsss.ac.uk)
- Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) [www.bbsrc.ac.uk](http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk)
- Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) [www.epsrc.ac.uk](http://www.epsrc.ac.uk)
- Medical Research Council (MRC) [www.mrc.ac.uk](http://www.mrc.ac.uk)
- National Environment Research Council (NERC) [www.nerc.ac.uk](http://www.nerc.ac.uk)
- Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) [www.stfc.ac.uk](http://www.stfc.ac.uk)

**UK Government loans\***

- The Student Awards Agency Scotland offers eligible students tuition fee loans for taught and research programmes at diploma and masters level, which will be paid directly to the University. Eligible full-time students can also apply for a non-income assessed living cost loan: [www.saas.gov.uk](http://www.saas.gov.uk)
- Student Finance England offers eligible students postgraduate loans for taught and research masters programmes and also for doctoral degree study: [www.gov.uk/student-finance](http://www.gov.uk/student-finance)
- Student Finance Wales offers eligible students postgraduate finance for taught and research masters programmes, and postgraduate loans for doctoral degree study: [www.studentfinancewales.co.uk](http://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk)
- Student Finance Northern Ireland offers eligible students a tuition fee loan for taught and research programmes, at certificate, diploma, and masters level, which is paid directly to the University: [www.studentfinanceneni.co.uk](http://www.studentfinanceneni.co.uk)

We also recommend you review the comprehensive guidance provided at: [edin.ac/findamasters-pg-funding](http://edin.ac/findamasters-pg-funding)

\*During the 2020/21 academic year, funding from research councils and UK Government loans was available to UK and EU students. However, EU students commencing study in 2021/22 are advised to check how the outcome of the UK/EU exit negotiations affects these and other funding opportunities before applying.

**Living costs**

For information on the day-to-day cost of living in Edinburgh, please use our online budget planner and money-saving tips to help you plan ahead: [www.ed.ac.uk/students/living-costs](http://www.ed.ac.uk/students/living-costs)

**Funding tips**

We know that finding the finances to fund your studies can seem overwhelming. We've compiled some top tips for how to make the most of your funding application. These include:

- Be organised. Begin your funding search and apply early. Be aware of deadlines.
- Cast your net wide and apply for as many opportunities as possible.
- Make sure you are eligible and that your application meets the funding criteria.
- Tailor your personal statement so each application stands out from the crowd.

You can find out more online: [www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/funding-tips](http://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/funding-tips)

# My story Accessing funding

## Lisa Wijayani MSc Ecological Economics graduate from Indonesia

Lisa received one of the Chevening scholarships, which recognise future global leaders and bring them to the UK to study and gain multicultural experience.



Before coming to the UK, I worked on economic development, emphasising 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.





Open your heart to

# Edinburgh

The University is at the heart of the city of Edinburgh. Scotland's inspiring capital will be the stimulating backdrop to your studies. It is one of Europe's great cultural hubs, boasting an irresistible blend of history, natural beauty and modern city life.

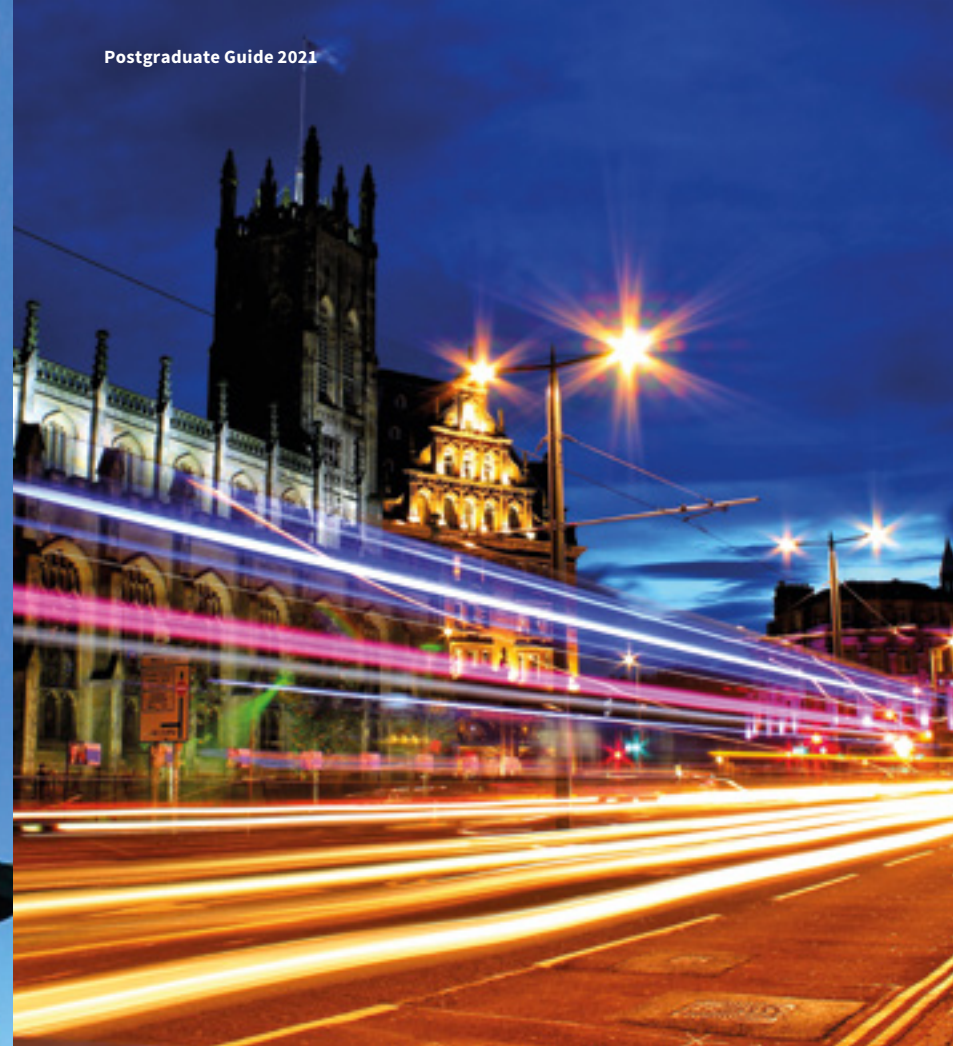
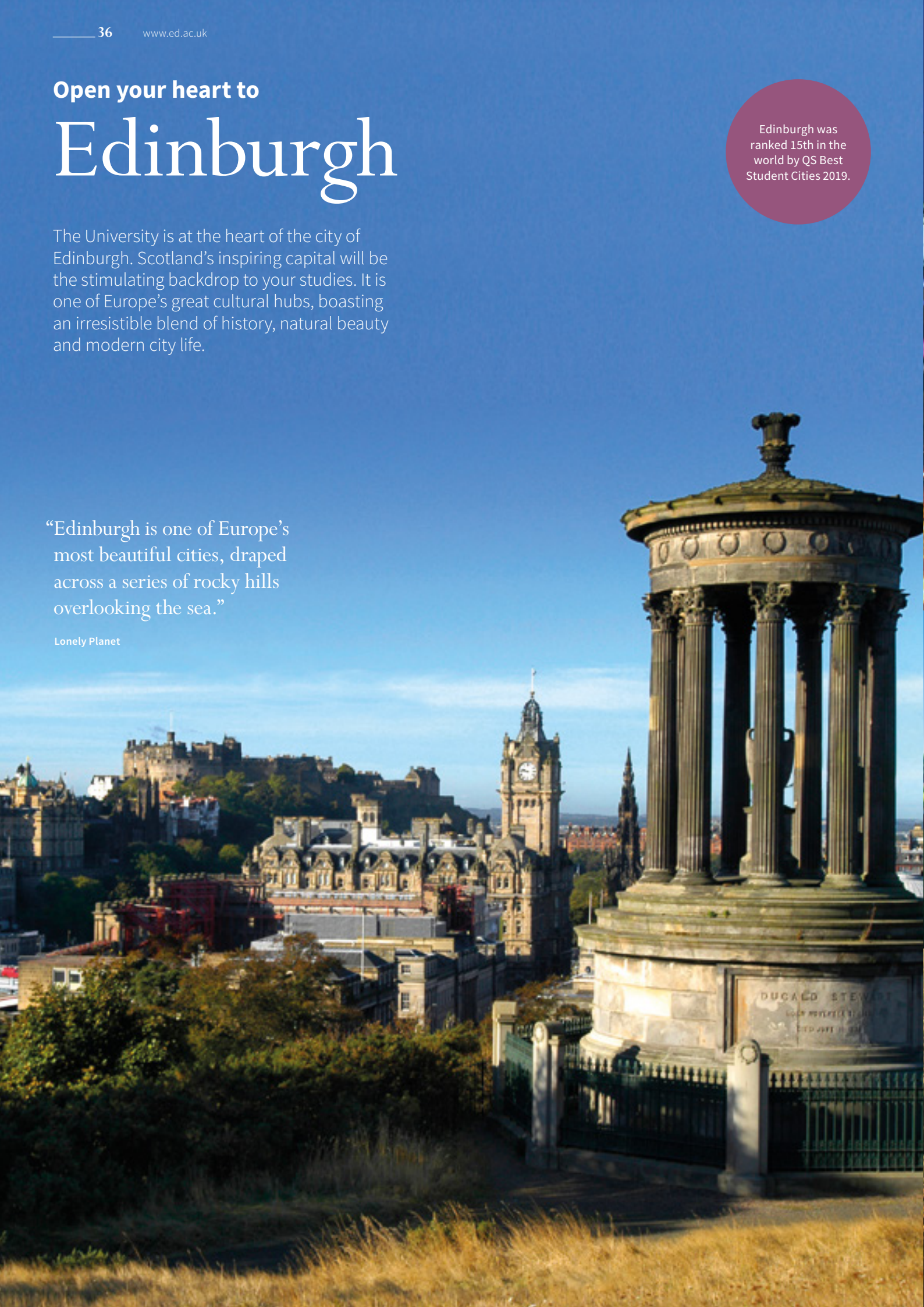
“Edinburgh's one of Europe's most beautiful cities, draped across a series of rocky hills overlooking the sea.”

Lonely Planet

Edinburgh was ranked 15th in the world by QS Best Student Cities 2019.

Regularly voted one of the most desirable places to live in the world, Edinburgh is large enough to offer something for everyone but small enough to feel like home. It is a modern, sophisticated and beautiful European city with a diverse multicultural community. Well known for its friendly people, its safe green environment and its compact size – Edinburgh is easy to get around – the city has a great social and cultural life, a busy sporting calendar and a rich history. Edinburgh is home to two UNESCO World Heritage Sites and was the world's first UNESCO City of Literature.

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 is as little as a walk or bike ride away from the city limits – from the Pentland Hills to the south to the coastline along the Firth of Forth to the north. Scotland offers one of the longest coastlines for a country of our size, so a visit to one of the city's beaches is highly recommended. A single day in Edinburgh could see you hillwalking in the morning, lazing on the beach in the afternoon, and enjoying the treasures of the medieval lanes and Michelin-starred restaurants by night.



“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



In the summer months the pace of city life usually accelerates as Edinburgh's world-famous annual festivals get under way. The city usually hosts 30 festivals each year, attracting almost four million visitors. Many of these feature venues on campus or near to the University. Although the impact of the Covid-19 Coronavirus led to the cancellation of the festivals in 2020, we remain hopeful of seeing Edinburgh's festivals reinstated in future years.

**Edinburgh's festivals include:**

International Science Festival

International Film Festival

Jazz and Blues Festival

International Festival and Festival Fringe

Art Festival

The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

International Book Festival

Edinburgh Mela

Edinburgh's Hogmanay



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

## Open days

We offer many opportunities for you to join us in Edinburgh and find out more about the University – including Online Information Sessions to access from the comfort of your own home and Open Days you can attend in person or online. Find out what event we're hosting next: [www.ed.ac.uk/visit/open-days](http://www.ed.ac.uk/visit/open-days)

Please also see page 44 for other ways you can contact us and find out more.

## Virtual Visit

Can't visit in person? Explore the University and city online to find out what its like to live and study here: [www.virtual-visit.ed.ac.uk](http://www.virtual-visit.ed.ac.uk)

## Travel

Edinburgh is easily accessible and is served by an excellent international airport, and rail and road links across the country.

## Travel information

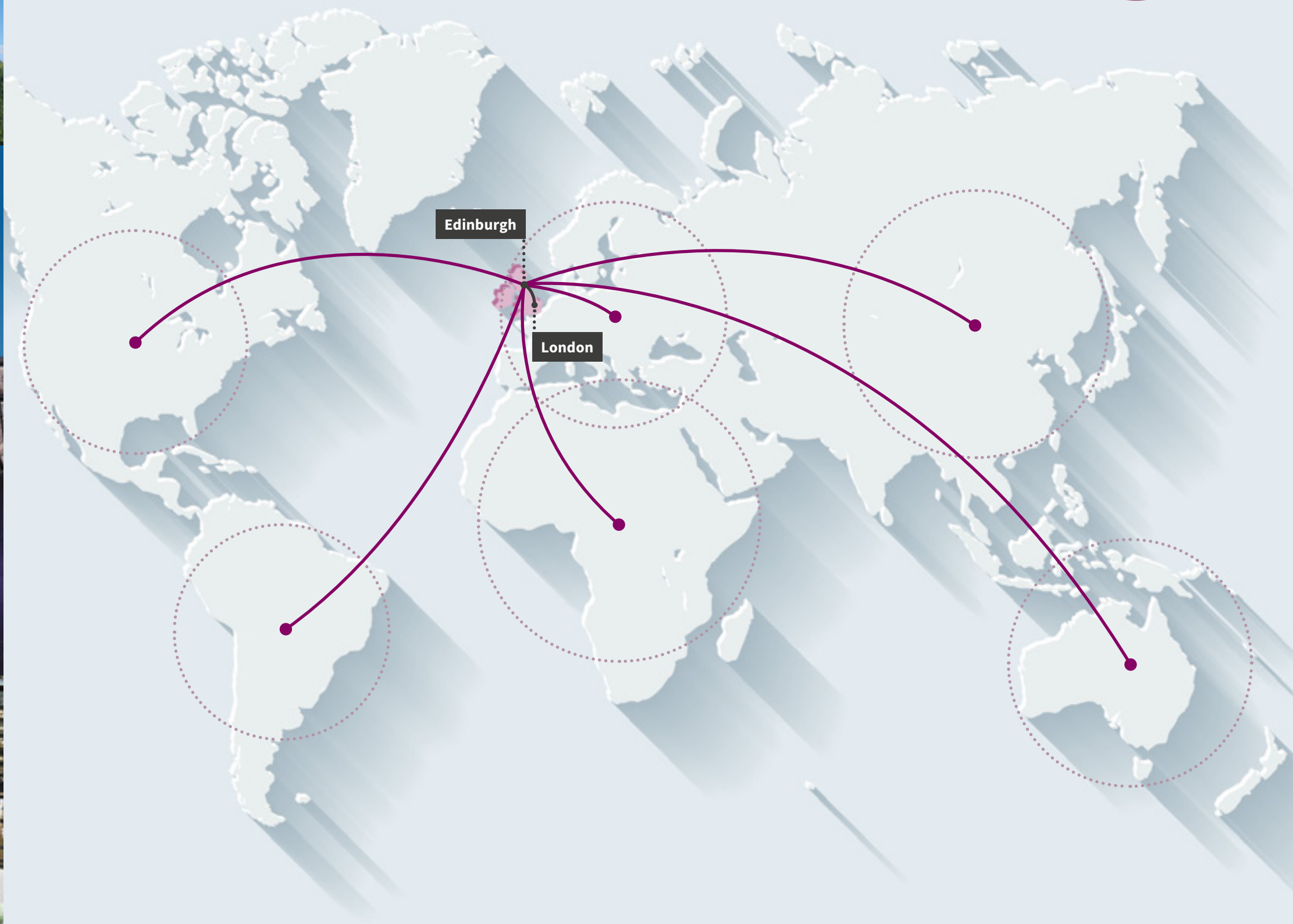
[www.ed.ac.uk/visit/getting-here](http://www.ed.ac.uk/visit/getting-here)

## Our visits to you

If you are unable to visit the University, we attend events worldwide whenever possible during the year. Find out about your next opportunity to speak to us in person: [www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/meet-us](http://www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/meet-us)



Find out about our next available tour: [www.ed.ac.uk/visit/tours](http://www.ed.ac.uk/visit/tours)





# Accommodation

Students from all over the world study here and we aim to provide those on campus with the best range and standard of accommodation possible.

Accommodation for postgraduate students is all self-catered and can be found across a range of convenient locations within easy reach of most key University buildings and Edinburgh city centre.

University accommodation offers:

- comprehensive community and welfare networks from our Residence Life team;
- mixed gender residences, with some single sex flats available;
- laundry facilities;
- secure cycle storage;
- personal contents insurance;
- network services in each bedroom for access to email and the internet.

## Guarantees and deadlines

You are guaranteed an offer of University accommodation if:

- you are a new, single postgraduate taught (PGT) student from outside the UK and EU; or
- you are a single postgraduate research (typically PhD) student, whether from the UK, EU or international.

In such cases, guarantees apply as long as:

- your accommodation application is received by **31 July 2021**;
- you have accepted an unconditional firm offer to study at the University by **31 July 2021**;
- you will be studying in Edinburgh for the whole of the academic year starting in **September 2021**.

Online applications for accommodation can typically be made from the beginning of March. Offers of accommodation are then made from the end of May onwards.

## 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.

Opened in 2020 is **Pentland House**, a mixture of single and en suite bedrooms in cluster flats with common rooms, study areas and an extensive garden space. Located in the Chesser area, this fully refurbished building is close to excellent transport links and a wide selection of shops.

Our development at **Buccleuch Place**, next to George Square in the Central Area is a mix of traditional and new accommodation, with en suite and shared-facility bedrooms in cluster flats that share a purpose-built common room.

Our major **O'Shea Hall** development is a new concept in postgraduate accommodation. O'Shea Residence Hall features one fully integrated kitchen and dining space for all 480 residents. Eight specially designed kitchens each provide a hub for 60 residents, and surround a shared dining area in a large open plan space at the heart of the building. This innovative social space allows students to interact to an extent not possible in other types of accommodation, while a private dining room can be booked for special occasions and events. On every floor of bedrooms there is access to one quiet area and one active area and there is a further social area that includes a large common room, quiet study room, meeting/TV room and three sound-proofed music practice rooms. These are available to students in the Residence Hall and in the adjoining cluster flats at O'Shea Hall North and O'Shea Hall South.

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 trained Resident Assistants who are students living on site, readily available to address welfare or community issues. They also host social and academic activities to help you meet new people and adjust to life in Edinburgh.

## Indicative costs

Rents for our accommodation typically include utility costs, internet, personal contents insurance and some cleaning. Rents for single rooms during the 2020/21 academic year, based on a typical 51-week lease, are in the range of £6,052–£9,680. Up to date rent information for 2021 will be available online.

## Sharing rooms

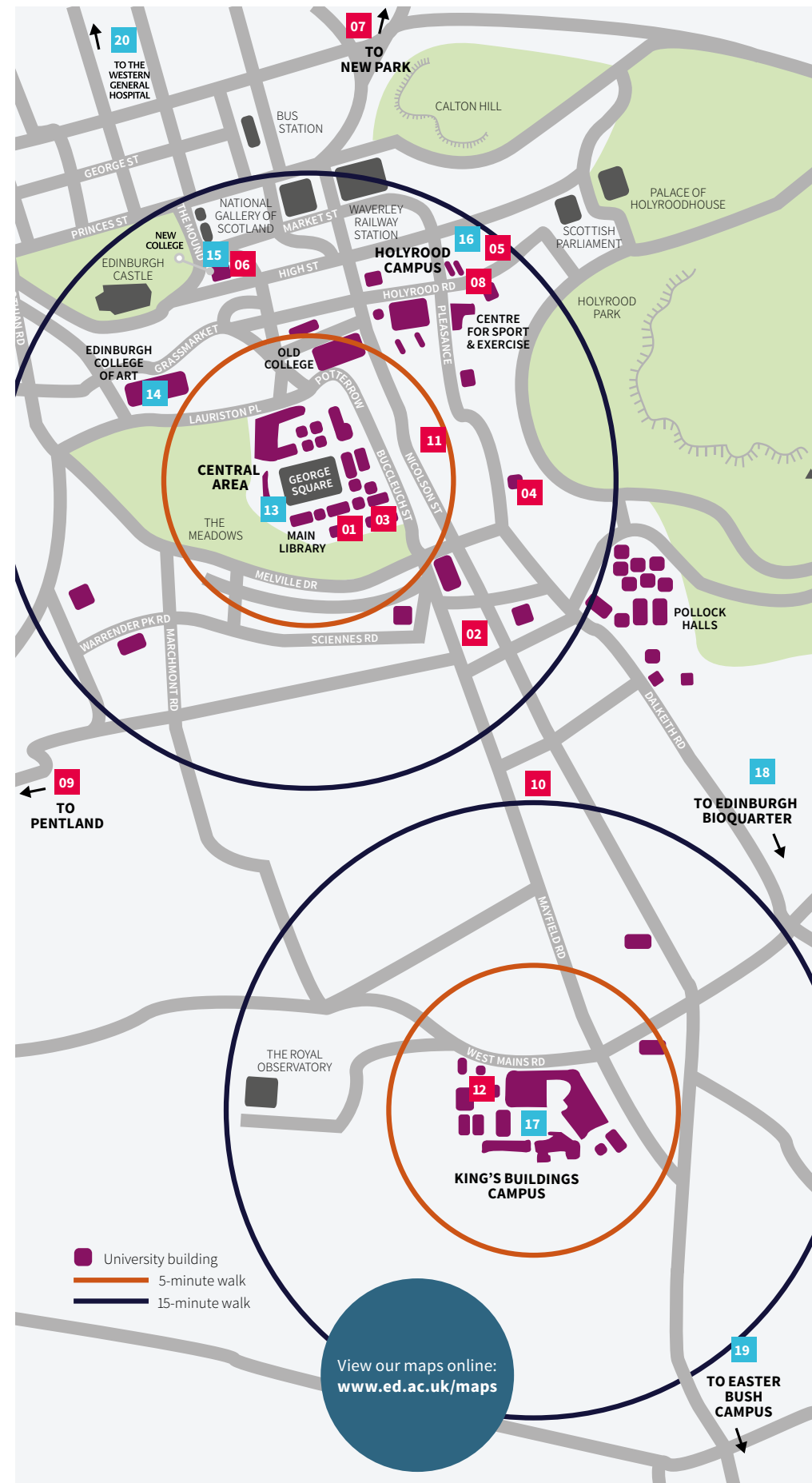
If you are interested in sharing and express this in your application, we will do our best to satisfy your request. There are advantages to sharing – we use larger rooms and provide additional storage and study spaces. As rents during the 2020/21 academic year started from £4,753 per 51-week lease, it's also clear your costs could be significantly reduced.

## Family provision

For students with a partner or family, we have a small selection of suitable accommodation.

## Private sector accommodation

If you are not guaranteed an offer of University accommodation, or if you choose not to take up such an offer, you will probably need to use private sector accommodation. For more information, please visit: [www.domus.ed.ac.uk](http://www.domus.ed.ac.uk)



This map shows the University-managed accommodation planned for postgraduate students in 2021. The circles indicate the walking distance between the accommodation and the main University locations and resources.

- 01 Ascham Court**
- 02 Blackwood Crescent/Causewayside**
- 03 Buccleuch Place/Buccleuch Place Lane**
- 04 Deaconess**
- 05 Morgan Court**
- 06 Myles Court**
- 07 New Park**
- 08 O'Shea Hall**
- 09 Pentland**
- 10 Ratcliffe Terrace**
- 11 Richmond Place**
- 12 West Mains Road**

- 13 George Square**  
Many of our Schools are located in the city centre, with the Royal Mile and Princes Street close by.

- 14 Edinburgh College of Art (ECA)**  
The ECA main building, where you'll find studio and exhibition space, is based on Lauriston Place, close to George Square.

- 15 New College**  
The striking New College – home to the School of Divinity – lies close to Edinburgh Castle and overlooks Princes Street.

- 16 Holyrood**  
The Moray House School of Education is near the Royal Mile, the Scottish Parliament and the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

- 17 King's Buildings**  
Science and engineering subjects (other than informatics) are taught at King's Buildings, a 10-minute bus ride from the Central Area.

- 18 Edinburgh Bioquarter**  
The Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh lies four miles from the city centre, next to our medical teaching and research facilities.

- 19 Easter Bush/Roslin**  
Six miles south of the Central Area is the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies, including the prestigious Small and Large Animal Hospitals and the Roslin Institute.

- 20 Western General**  
The research-intensive facilities of the Western General hospital are a 20-minute bus journey from the Central Area.



To apply, find out more or take a virtual tour, please visit: [www.accom.ed.ac.uk](http://www.accom.ed.ac.uk)



# What's next?

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## College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

Tel +44 (0)131 650 4086  
Email [cahss.pgadmissions@ed.ac.uk](mailto:cahss.pgadmissions@ed.ac.uk)  
[www.ed.ac.uk/arts-humanities-soc-sci](http://www.ed.ac.uk/arts-humanities-soc-sci)

## College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine

Tel +44 (0)131 242 6460  
Email [mvmppg@ed.ac.uk](mailto:mvmppg@ed.ac.uk)  
[www.ed.ac.uk/medicine-vet-medicine](http://www.ed.ac.uk/medicine-vet-medicine)

## College of Science & Engineering

Tel +44 (0)131 650 5766  
Email [sciengra@ed.ac.uk](mailto:sciengra@ed.ac.uk)  
[www.ed.ac.uk/science-engineering](http://www.ed.ac.uk/science-engineering)

## For support services

### Accommodation

Tel +44 (0)131 651 2042  
Email [accommodation@ed.ac.uk](mailto:accommodation@ed.ac.uk)  
[www.accom.ed.ac.uk](http://www.accom.ed.ac.uk)

### Student Disability Service

Tel +44 (0)131 650 6828  
Textphone +44 (0)131 650 9371  
Email [disability.service@ed.ac.uk](mailto:disability.service@ed.ac.uk)  
[www.ed.ac.uk/student-disability-service](http://www.ed.ac.uk/student-disability-service)

### Scholarships & Student Funding Services

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

### – Scholarships and financial support

Tel +44 (0)131 651 4070  
Email [studentfunding@ed.ac.uk](mailto:studentfunding@ed.ac.uk)

### – Fees and student support

Tel +44 (0)131 650 2230  
Email [fees@ed.ac.uk](mailto:fees@ed.ac.uk)

## For general enquiries

### UK and EU students:

### Student Recruitment and Admissions

Tel +44 (0)131 650 4360  
Email [postgrad.enquiries@ed.ac.uk](mailto:postgrad.enquiries@ed.ac.uk)  
[www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate](http://www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate)

### International students:

### Edinburgh Global

Tel +44 (0)131 650 4296  
Email [global.enquiries@ed.ac.uk](mailto:global.enquiries@ed.ac.uk)  
[www.global.ed.ac.uk](http://www.global.ed.ac.uk)

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Bahrain	Mexico
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Ghana	Saudi Arabia
Hong Kong	Singapore
India	South Africa
Indonesia	South Korea
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## Our visits to you

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