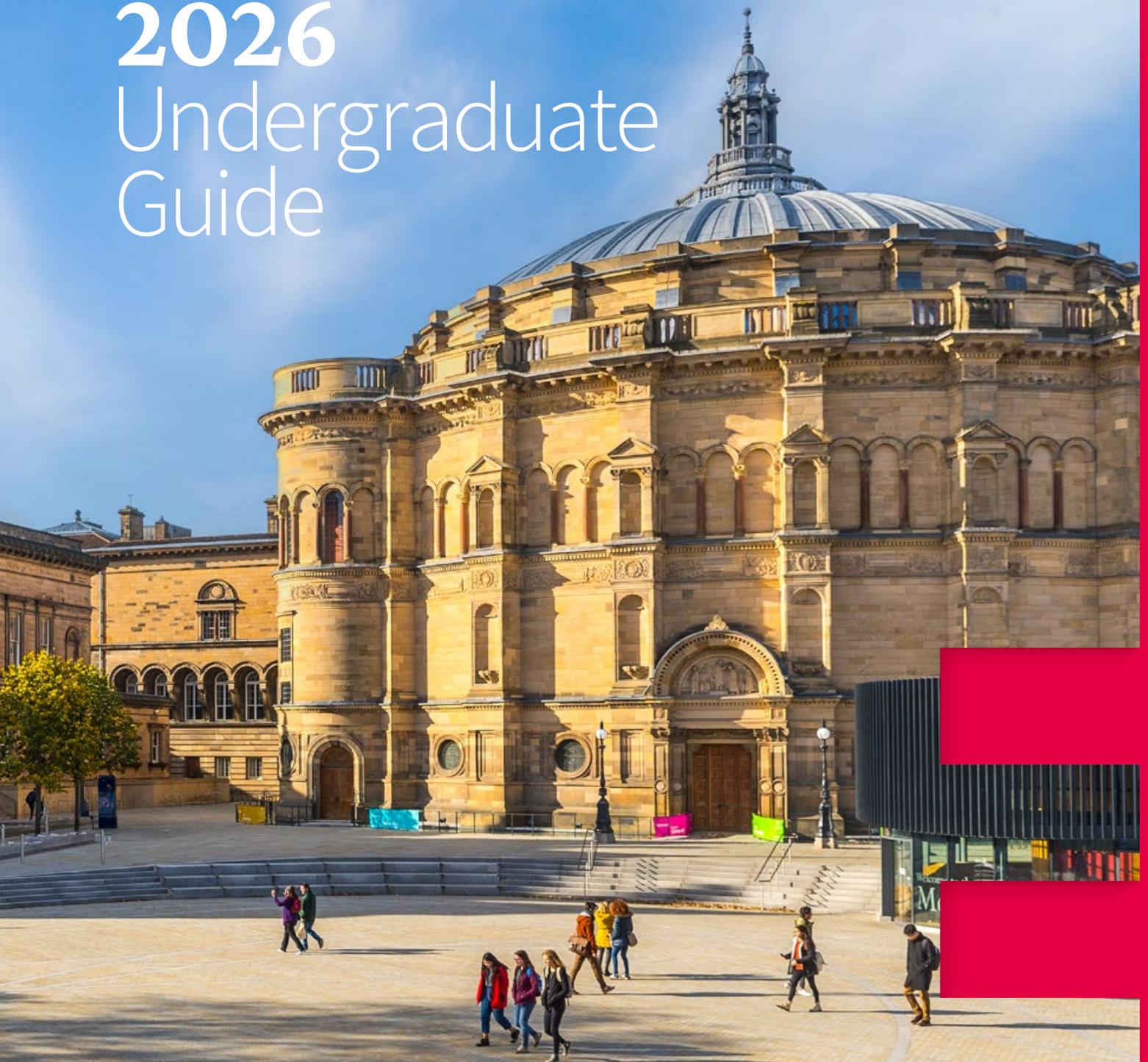




THE UNIVERSITY  
*of* EDINBURGH

# 2026

## Undergraduate Guide



# TOP 50

We're consistently ranked one of the top 50 universities in the world. We're 27<sup>th</sup> in the 2025 QS World University Rankings.

## 6<sup>TH</sup>

Edinburgh is ranked the sixth best student city in Europe and 13<sup>th</sup> in the world.<sup>1</sup>

## 4<sup>TH</sup>

We're ranked fourth in the UK for research power, based on the 2021 Research Excellence Framework.<sup>2</sup>

## £8.7M

Undergraduate students received £8.7m from Access Edinburgh Scholarships in 2023/24.

## 24<sup>TH</sup>

Our graduates are ranked 24<sup>th</sup> in the world by employers.<sup>3</sup>

## 19<sup>TH</sup>

We're ranked 19<sup>th</sup> in the world's most international universities.<sup>4</sup>

## 2<sup>ND</sup>

We're ranked second in the UK, fourth in Europe, and seventh in the world in the QS Sustainability Ranking 2025. We will be Net Zero by 2040.

<sup>1</sup> QS Best Student Cities 2025  
<sup>2</sup> Times Higher Education, Overall Ranking of Institutions (REF 2021)  
<sup>3</sup> QS World University Rankings 2025  
<sup>4</sup> Times Higher Education, Most International Universities in the World 2024

Where visionaries, dreamers and pioneers converge to shape **extraordinary** futures.

# 27<sup>TH</sup> in the world

QS World University Rankings 2025

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# Extraordinary sustainability

Our world faces a complex environmental crisis: the impacts of climate change, biodiversity loss, pollution, and water availability are felt on every continent. Widening social inequalities mean it is often the people who contributed least to these problems who are most affected.

The University plays a leading role in tackling these issues. We bring people together from around the world to understand the problems and work with local communities, businesses, and governments on solutions. We have an impressive, diverse range of sustainability experts and educators for you to learn from, regardless of what you study. You'll also have access to a range of free training programmes, such as Carbon Literacy and Biodiversity Literacy, to improve your knowledge and employability.

Our values guide our work. You'll find progressive sustainability action in our operations, our student start-ups, and in the partnerships we form. On campus, we will be net zero carbon by 2040 and are supporting Scotland as a country to move beyond net zero. We also want to be nature positive: we've won awards for helping nature to thrive across our campuses, meaning you have lots of nature-rich places to visit, be inspired, relax and unwind.

Every person counts when it comes to tackling the climate crisis. As part of our community, you'll have opportunities to deepen your knowledge, meet like-minded people, and take positive action; from influencing University policy to planting trees.

You'll also be inspired. Our students, staff and alumni are known globally for tackling the climate crisis – whether as media-savvy scientists or activists on Instagram – and we can't wait for you to meet them.

Read more: [www.ed.ac.uk/sustainability](http://www.ed.ac.uk/sustainability)

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**2<sup>ND</sup>** We're ranked second in the UK, fourth in Europe, and seventh in the world in the QS Sustainability Ranking 2025. We will be net zero by 2040 and a Nature Positive University.

# Extraordinary impact



*“Edinburgh is uniquely placed to provide world-class leadership and expertise around generative AI. This exciting initiative will create a new pipeline of talent with the skills to both benefit from and shape the economic and societal benefits of this transformational technology.”*

■ **Professor Iain Gordon**  
 ■ Vice Principal and Head of the College of Science & Engineering

The University is leading the new era of generative AI, with a multimillion-pound initiative that will benefit society and stimulate economic growth.

Our Generative AI Laboratory (GAIL) unites our world-leading researchers and innovators to develop safe AI solutions for wider society.

Generative AI is a type of machine learning that generates content such as images, audio, video, and computer code. Our researchers will develop techniques for its use in areas such as robotics, drug discovery, medical diagnoses, semi-conductor development, and tackling climate change. Experts will also work in partnership with our Centre for Technomoral Futures to look at the ethical, legal and regulatory frameworks necessary to ensure the safe and responsible use of AI.

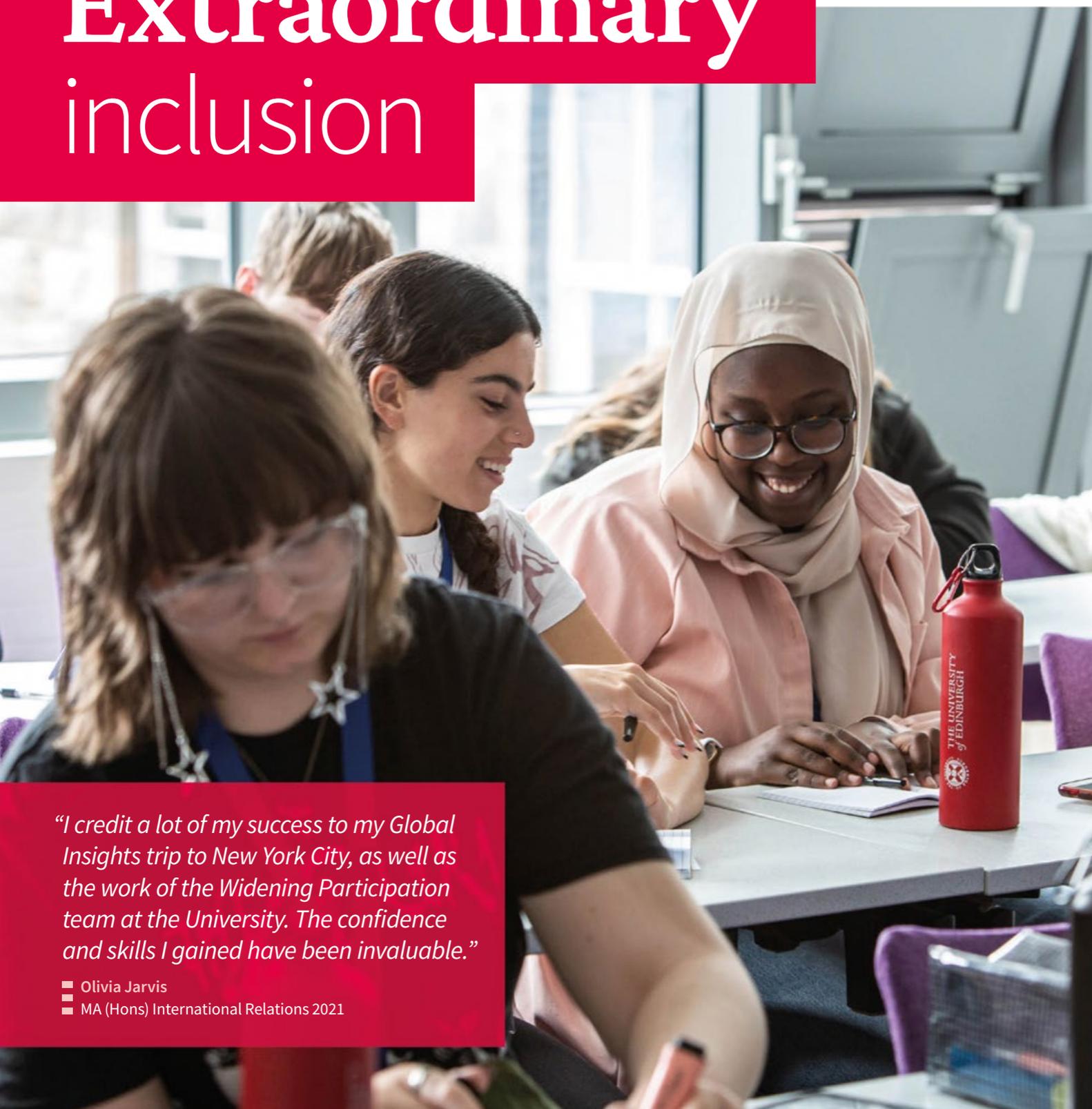
The University has a well-established high performance computing infrastructure, with international reach. We host the UK’s national supercomputer, ARCHER2, and recently celebrated the 60th anniversary of our pioneering first research group into machine learning.

Since 1963, Edinburgh has been a world leader in research into AI and computer science, developing systems that now underpin generative AI including machine learning and Natural Language Processing. New initiatives will build on that 60-year legacy, with the ambition of establishing Edinburgh as the data capital of Europe.



**Read more:**  
[edin.ac/digital-data-ai](https://www.ed.ac.uk/digital-data-ai)

# Extraordinary inclusion



*“I credit a lot of my success to my Global Insights trip to New York City, as well as the work of the Widening Participation team at the University. The confidence and skills I gained have been invaluable.”*

■ Olivia Jarvis  
■ MA (Hons) International Relations 2021

We're proud to welcome students from all backgrounds, providing an exciting, inclusive and supportive environment where you can feel you belong during your studies, and will grow, thrive and succeed.

Our hard-working and committed community of students, staff and partners has already helped us achieve several of our Widening Participation (WP) goals and, guided by our WP Strategy 2030, we're progressing towards many more.

Poverty and inequality can have a huge impact on people's lives. WP is primarily about minimising that impact through the transformative potential of higher education. We prioritise applicants from underrepresented backgrounds who have faced barriers that could make attending university more challenging.

We've worked with the sector to adopt consistent contextual admissions terminology, ensuring transparency and accessibility. We also worked with Universities Scotland to shape the sector definition of care experience and adopted that definition to ensure consistency and fairness in our own practice.

**Edinburgh Cares** is our student-lifecycle approach to supporting those who are care-experienced, estranged from their families, or have their own caring roles and responsibilities. It provides pre-entry advice, application support and community building opportunities.

Our **Access Edinburgh** Scholarships support eligible low-income and care-experienced and estranged students with up to £5,000 a year during their studies. More than 5,000 undergraduates have already benefitted. Our Black British Undergraduate Scholarship programme, including the Cowrie Foundation Scholarship, provides additional support for disadvantaged Black British students. See online for more information.

The **Insights Programme** is a career exploration and professional development initiative that introduces students from WP backgrounds to our graduates in Scotland and around the world. More than 670 undergraduates have already benefitted, gaining confidence and skills, exploring potential careers, meeting alumni working in various sectors, and, as a result, raising their own aspirations. Participants are more likely to actively seek relevant work experience and demonstrate increased confidence in their future career. Insights is generously supported by our alumni who volunteer their time to share their experiences and host students at their workplaces. Donations from alumni, staff and others to the University's Edinburgh Development Trust ensure students can take part at no financial cost.



Read more:  
[edin.ac/access-edinburgh](https://edin.ac/access-edinburgh)



Undergraduate students received  
**£8.7 million**  
from our Access  
Edinburgh Scholarships  
in 2023/24.



**56%**  
increase in entrants  
from the most deprived  
communities in Scotland  
since 2018/19.



We offer staff mentors  
to care-experienced  
and estranged students  
entering the University.

# Extraordinary entrepreneurs

Edinburgh is an entrepreneurial city, home to two of the UK's \$1 billion-valued unicorn companies. It's an environment in which the University and Edinburgh Innovations (EI), our commercialisation service, are pivotal.

You'll join one of the UK's most entrepreneurial student bodies. In 2022/23 our student startups secured more than £32 million in investment, grants and funding.

During 2023/24, we helped form 116 student startup companies. We increasingly see a number of socially and environmentally-focused startups each year. Sunsave Solutions, for example, which was founded by School of Social & Political Sciences graduate Mekila Ngwambe, is prototyping an affordable solar power kit to provide electricity to rural households in the world's poorest areas.

Consistently hitting more than 100 startups each year, for the last three years, our support for entrepreneurship is no one off. Previous successes include audio tech company Two Big Ears, which was acquired by Facebook in 2016.

*"EI is proud to support a thriving culture of entrepreneurship at the University, where our innovative student companies are translating their ideas and creativity into solutions that improve lives in areas from climate and environment to data and AI for good and future health and care. That's what innovation means to us."*

■ **Dr Andrea Taylor**  
■ CEO, Edinburgh Innovations



The University ranked top in Scotland, and top of the UK's Russell Group of universities, for student startups (Higher Education Statistics Agency 2022/23).

# Why this extraordinary place?

For more than 400 years, discoveries and advances from here in Edinburgh have changed the way the world is understood, thanks largely to the benefits our collaborations bring.

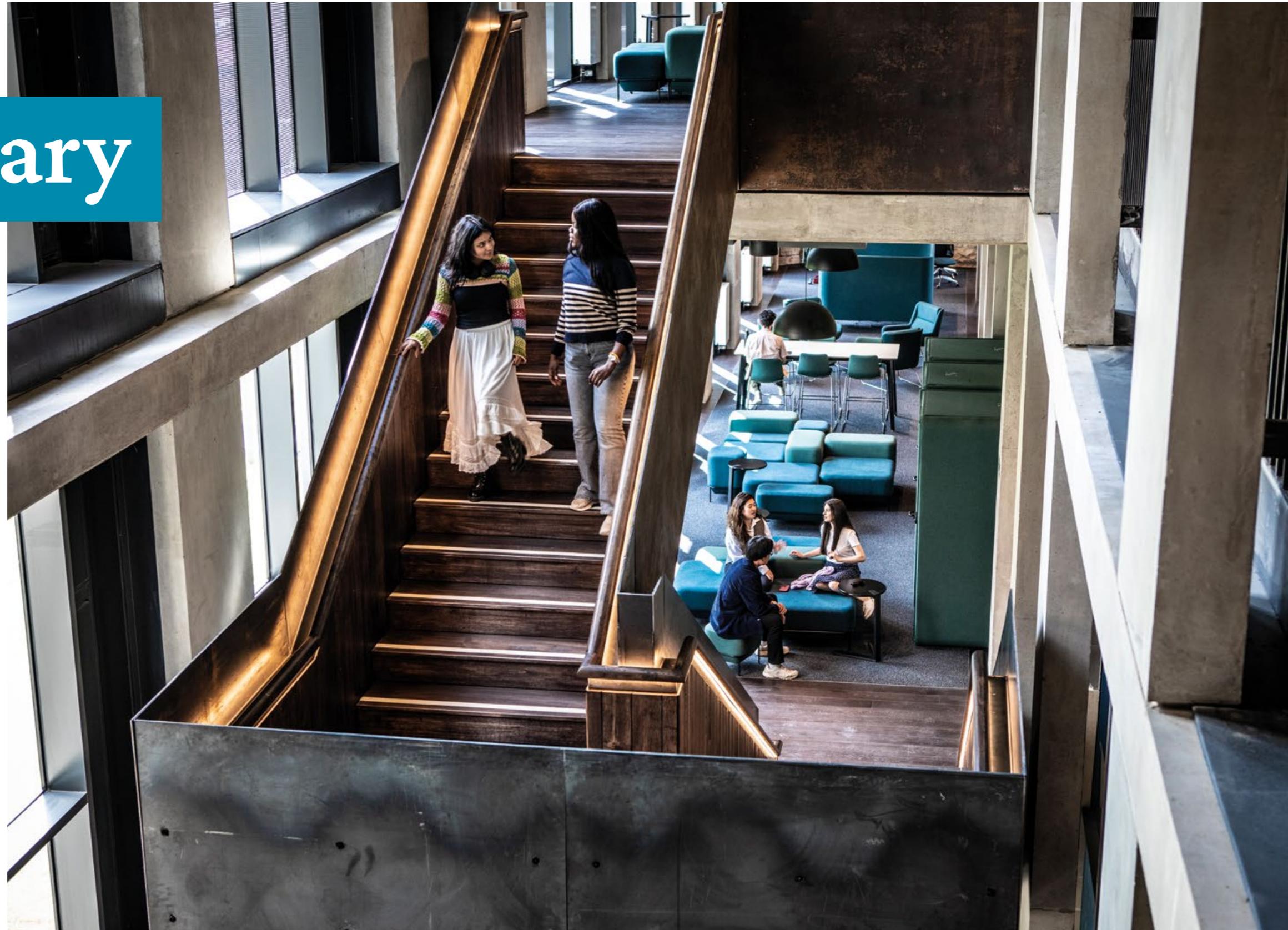
Embracing innovation and entrepreneurialism, and encouraging our people to push the frontiers of knowledge today, helps ensure we make a positive sustainable mark on the world tomorrow.

## Extraordinary choice

For you, this all starts with the possibilities offered by almost 400 degrees across more than 50 different subjects. Many of these are joint honours degrees, offering the potential for innovative cross-disciplinary subject combinations.

Some of our degrees let you study a single subject in depth, developing a deep understanding of one area. Others feature an open and flexible structure with options to tailor your own studies. This lets you choose whether to experience a wide range of topics before you specialise, or sample multiple subjects in a broader degree.

Our global links offer you possibilities for fieldwork, industry placements and study abroad opportunities, and our research-led, industry-informed teaching incorporates the latest developments in your field.





We live in a complex, fast-changing world and we're honest about the significant challenges facing us all. As a leading global university, we know education will play a vital role solving those challenges and relish our shared responsibility to respond to them.

#### Extraordinary people

As we all adapt to the changing world around us, we continue our commitment at the University to being open and inclusive. On campus and online, we widen access to higher education and bring people together from a range of backgrounds and experiences. We welcome people with new outlooks and perspectives into an international community that nurtures and values each individual and the contribution they make.

Together, we will be open to change. We will adapt and work in new ways that disrupt the status quo and overturn established ways of thinking. We will do this without boundaries, in facilities where our students, academics and researchers come together with the public and private sectors to learn from each other and work in tandem to create new solutions.

*“My programme is preparing me for my future career by addressing issues from many different perspectives, which is necessary in our globalised world, as well as presenting me with opportunities to volunteer and go abroad.”*

■ Manisha Thill  
■ MA (Hons) Health, Science & Society



### Your choices

As one of Scotland's four 'ancient' universities, many of our full-time degrees in the humanities and social sciences are undergraduate masters qualifications that require four years of study.

In science and engineering we offer four-year bachelors degrees or five-year integrated masters. We also offer a smaller number of other qualifications including LLB Law, as well as a few degrees with shorter or longer full-time study durations. These range from three to five or even six years (MBChB Medicine).

Depending on your qualifications, you may have the option to start in the second year of some of our science, engineering, biomedical sciences and medical sciences, and art and design degrees. We also offer an expanding range of options for students progressing from a Higher National Certificate or Diploma.

If you're considering a year out before you go to university, you may be able to apply for deferred entry.\*

\*Applications for BVM&S Veterinary Medicine or international applications for MBChB Medicine will not be considered for deferred entry. Please contact us to check before you apply.

# An inclusive place

We believe everyone deserves an equal opportunity to study at the University of Edinburgh. We welcome and celebrate the diverse experiences, backgrounds and cultures of students from all over the world.

We're committed to widening access to higher education, and admitting the very best students, who demonstrate the potential to benefit from, and contribute to, the academic experience we offer. This means that no student is admitted on the basis of grades alone.

## What qualifications and grades do I need?

The qualifications and grades you need vary according to the degree you apply for and may also depend on whether you are eligible for a widening access offer. Please check the specific subjects and grades we require, for entry to the degree you are interested in, online: [www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees](http://www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees)

## Will I be eligible for a widening access offer?

To be eligible for a widening access offer you must be permanently resident in the UK.

We will assess your eligibility for a widening access offer using the following factors:

- where you live (your home postcode);
- the school or college you go to;
- if you are care experienced, or a refugee or asylum seeker; or
- if you've completed a Scottish Wider Access Programme (SWAP) or University of Edinburgh Access Programme, or a recognised bridging programme.

You may need to meet criteria relevant to more than one of the factors listed to be eligible for a widening access offer. You can check your eligibility online: [www.ed.ac.uk/access-edinburgh](http://www.ed.ac.uk/access-edinburgh)



## My story

Tristan prepared to return to education by completing the University's Access Programme, which helped him make the transition to degree-level study:

*"As a mature student from a high school with particularly low rates of progression into higher education, I was nervous about being an outsider. However, I soon discovered how broad the student body is and you'll undoubtedly meet people from a similar background to you. There is a lot of support so the leap didn't feel as overwhelming as I'd anticipated. Even if you haven't gone straight into university, you certainly haven't missed your chance. When you do start your degree, even if it is later in life, you'll be equipped to get even more out of it."*

*"I was quite anxious about being accepted into the student community as an openly transgender student. However, I've used it as an opportunity to support and educate my fellow students. I became a member of my School's Equality and Diversity Committee to share my experiences and help organise events for LGBT+ History Month."*

- Tristan Craig
- MA (Hons) Ancient & Medieval History

## Quick Q&A

### Do only straight A students get into the University of Edinburgh?

No. We're committed to widening access and offer places, based on grades that consider the context in which results were achieved, to students we believe have the potential to succeed.

*"I didn't think I was likely to meet the entry requirements. I found I was eligible for a widening access offer and this helped me recognise my ability to make it to university. Having the reassurance of the contextual offer made a massive difference to my confidence to apply."*

**Kalim, BSc Neuroscience**

### Am I too old to go to university?

No. Whatever age you are, you're welcome. Adults returning after a break of at least three years in their formal education need to have undertaken some recent academic study:

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

### Is it possible to go to university if you have kids?

Yes. Many students balance university and raising a family. We offer childcare services, support and advice, and an excellent network run by our student parents' representative.

### Am I going to fit in?

No matter who you are, or where you come from, you will be welcomed to our student community.

*"It did take me a while to settle in – socially and with my studies. It was a hard balancing act but with time, you get used to it. My advice to myself is to stop caring about fitting in and making friends quickly as it comes naturally. Instead make a good schedule and stick to it – time management and a good sleep is key!"*

**Phoebe, MA (Hons) Architecture**

*"By the time I had chosen the University, I did not feel any trepidation at going into an unfamiliar environment. I already felt part of the community."*

- Anais Banag
- LLB (Hons) Law



*"Everyone talks about how great university is but it is important to recognise that at times it will also be challenging. Remember, everyone finds things difficult and if you need help, don't be afraid to ask for it. Everyone here is wanting to help you get through whatever struggles you have."*

- Olivia Warner
- MA (Hons) History

# Study in breadth and in depth

When you choose to study with us, you'll find that many degrees take four years to complete. This is an approach that's common not just to Scotland but across Europe and in the US.

Studying a four-year degree allows you to benefit from greater flexibility and choice during your studies than might be offered in a shorter degree elsewhere. You'll usually have the time to try different subjects before you concentrate your studies for your final degree. Some students find these experiences change their mind about the degree or specialism they want to qualify in and allow them to take advantage of the flexibility to refocus.

## How it works

On most of our degrees in the arts, humanities, engineering, science, and social sciences, you'll be able to study a range of subjects in Years 1 and 2 before you decide which area to specialise in for your final degree. You'll study the compulsory courses that are required for your degree and in addition will be able to choose a number of option courses either from areas related to your degree or from different parts of the University.

Using your option course choices, you'll be able to choose to study up to three subjects in Year 1, then continue those subjects or swap some out as you move into Year 2. It's flexible, letting you try subjects without committing to them long term, and it's personal. You'll develop academically and intellectually, discovering which subjects suit your interests and aptitudes and which are the best fit for your career aspirations.

As you move into Year 3, you'll have more confidence to say with certainty which area you want to specialise in for your final degree. You'll also take up any possible option to study abroad, or any industrial placement offered on your degree, usually during Year 3 before returning to the University for your final year. You'll then focus on the in-depth studies required for your degree across a series of Year 4 compulsory courses and a final project or dissertation. This will allow you to graduate with a versatile combination coveted by prospective employers – a specialist focus built on a broad base of interdisciplinary experience.

## Benefits

- Enhance your career prospects, gaining a broad education that is attractive to employers.
- Experience new subjects without the need to commit long-term – discover new passions, take your career in a new direction or enhance your CV.
- Discover where your strengths lie and tailor your degree accordingly.
- Nurture your talents, develop a broad range of skills and grow intellectually over a longer period of time.
- Develop a global outlook – opportunities to study abroad are usually possible on most of our degrees.



*“Edinburgh is one of the top campuses that we target for recruitment. If you are looking for a university that will give you the skills and experiences to have a successful career, then Edinburgh is a good place to start.”*

Procter & Gamble



## My story

Tara used the four-year degree system to explore options that influenced her studies:

*“I’ve always had this natural curiosity for the world around us and particularly for social, racial and environmental inequalities, so geography was quite a natural choice for me. I thought for a while that I wanted to do medicine and went back and forth a little bit but geography was always the subject I was most interested in.*

*“When I joined the University, I wasn’t sure whether my strengths lay more with physical or human geography. I sort of experimented a little bit in first and second year with different humanities courses. I really valued being able to explore social anthropology, criminology and sociology and enjoyed them. They confirmed my interest in human geography, made me more sure about pursuing the MA and I valued having more time to settle in to the place and the new way of learning.*

*“Looking back on it now, the different courses I did actually shaped my interest within geography. All those disciplines are so inter-related and have ultimately really influenced my choice of dissertation topic, for example. My dissertation is about gender-based violence in the greater Glasgow area. My different choices in first and second year have all proven very useful for that.”*

- Tara Patel
- MA (Hons) Geography

# New ways of learning

Choosing to study with us means more than choosing to sit in our lecture theatres.

For many of you, it will mean adopting a whole new approach to your own education that differs from what you experienced at school or college.

You will become an independent learner, working collaboratively with us to enhance and enrich your own education. You'll need to be proactive, seeking out and seizing the opportunities we offer while managing your own time, learning new ways of studying and developing independent learning skills to meet the demands of your degree. We'll work with you, of course, providing help and guidance on how to study most effectively and how best to succeed in this new environment. We'll nurture and support your development as a confident learner with the attributes required for success at the University and beyond.

## Our approach

In addition to lectures and tutorials, you'll experience a range of other ways of learning when you study with us.

We use in-person, online and hybrid teaching models to ensure continuity of education. On campus, practical and lab sessions are common in many of our science, engineering and health-related degrees. These let you put what you've learned into practice and conduct your own live experiments and other bench work. Fieldwork is a feature of our degrees in areas such as geography and Earth sciences. It will take you away from the University, bringing theory to life in the field as you study the natural world both here in Scotland and overseas.

Art and design students usually spend a lot of time in the studio where you will be expected to develop your own skills, responding to creative briefs through project-based learning. You will also have opportunities to exhibit.

## Research-led teaching

Our world-class academics include leaders in their fields, conducting groundbreaking research that can directly inform the teaching you receive, allowing them to share their discoveries. You may have the opportunity to get involved in research that allows you to delve more deeply into your chosen subject. This will not only develop your analytical skills, but will help you prepare for the next steps in your career whether that's in industry or postgraduate study.

## Industry placements

A number of our degrees offer you the opportunity to get involved in and sample life on the front line of your future career with an industry placement. These can be short placements or in some cases a full year out and some may take place outside the UK. They offer an unrivalled opportunity to hone your skills and put theory into practice under genuine working conditions, tackling live projects side by side with your peers. In some cases, you will be required to find and secure your own placement and in others you will be recruited competitively by the companies offering the positions. Industry placements offer you an opportunity to broaden your horizons, gain valuable insights into the professional application of your chosen degree, and enhance your future career prospects.

## Study exchanges

We're one of the world leaders in international student exchanges, offering more than 1,400 opportunities to study abroad across 300 different destinations. Exchanges are possible on many of our degrees – the options open to you depend on what you're studying. Our exchange partners include a broad geographical spread of institutions.

*“Getting taught by lecturers who were carrying out their own research and would allow you to work alongside them was a dream come true to me.”*

■ **Brenda Mionki**  
■ BSc (Hons) Biological Sciences (Biochemistry)

Within Europe, these include the Universities of Bologna, Amsterdam, Sorbonne, Copenhagen and FU Berlin. Worldwide, our partners include the Universities of Sydney, Pennsylvania and Toronto, the National University of Singapore and Seoul National University. You'll usually apply during Year 2 then study abroad in Year 3. Most of our students go abroad for the full year but shorter semester-only options may also be available in some subject areas. Securing a place can be competitive, but a study exchange can be a career-boosting international experience, providing insights into another culture while broadening your network and developing new perspectives on your subject.

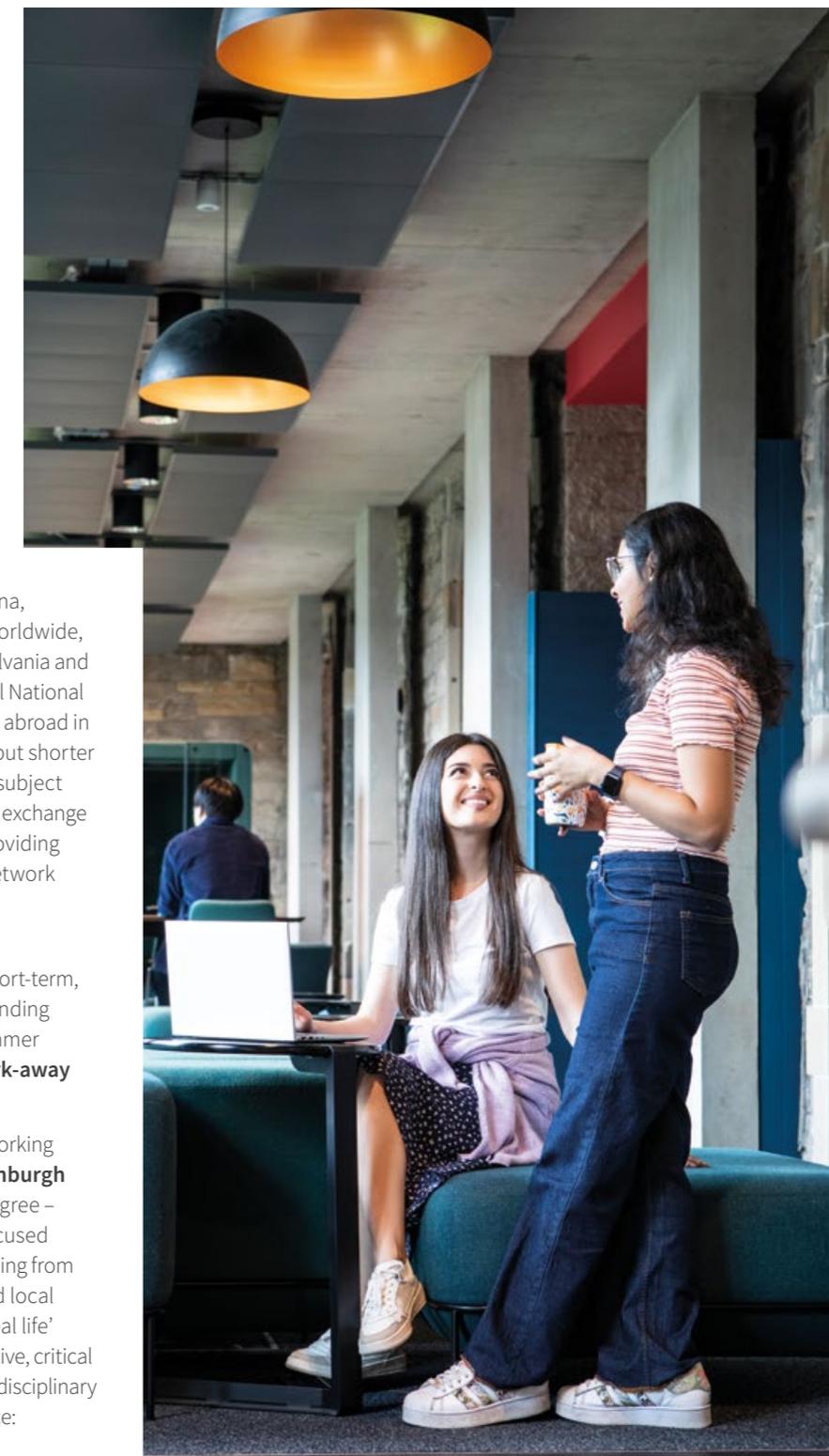
## Short-term, blended and virtual experiences

There are also opportunities for you to participate in short-term, blended and virtual international experiences, with funding available to support participation in international summer programmes. Find out more: [edin.ac/study-and-work-away](https://edin.ac/study-and-work-away)

## Interdisciplinary Futures

Building on expertise from across the University, and working in an inclusive and participative environment, the **Edinburgh Futures Institute** offers a four-year undergraduate degree – Interdisciplinary Futures – and a portfolio of future-focused undergraduate option courses. Bringing together teaching from different subjects, this degree is focused on global and local challenges and allows you to apply your learning to ‘real life’ problems. You will have an opportunity to develop creative, critical and data-informed thinking that cuts across traditional disciplinary boundaries and prepares you for a career of your choice:

**efi ed.ac.uk**



# Decisions, decisions...

The following index lists the extraordinary range of areas we currently offer degrees in. With hundreds of options available, you'll find the ideal degree for your personal interests and career aspirations, even if you're still nailing down exactly what you want to study.

For much more detail on the subjects and individual degrees available, please visit our degree finder:

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



## A

### Accounting

Accounting & Business  
Accounting & Finance

### Arabic & Persian

Arabic & Ancient Greek  
Arabic & Business  
Arabic & French  
Arabic & History  
Arabic & Persian  
Arabic & Politics  
Arabic & Social Anthropology  
Arabic & Spanish  
Arabic with Islamic & Middle Eastern Studies  
Persian & English Literature  
Persian & Middle Eastern Studies  
Persian & Social Anthropology  
Persian Studies

### Archaeology

Ancient Mediterranean Civilisations  
Archaeology  
Archaeology & Ancient History  
Archaeology & Social Anthropology

### Architecture and Architectural History & Heritage

Architectural History & Archaeology  
Architectural History & Heritage  
Architecture

### Art

Fine Art

## B

### Biological Sciences

Biochemistry<sup>†</sup>  
Biological Sciences  
Biological Sciences with Management  
Biotechnology<sup>†</sup>  
Cell Biology<sup>†</sup>  
Development, Regeneration & Stem Cells<sup>†</sup>  
Ecology<sup>†</sup>  
Evolutionary Biology<sup>†</sup>  
Genetics<sup>†</sup>  
Immunology<sup>†</sup>  
Molecular Biology<sup>†</sup>  
Molecular Genetics<sup>†</sup>  
Plant Science<sup>†</sup>  
Zoology<sup>†</sup>

### Biomedical Sciences

Anatomy & Development  
Biomedical Informatics\*  
Biomedical Sciences  
Infectious Diseases  
Integrative Biomedical Sciences\*  
Neuroscience  
Pharmacology  
Reproductive Biology

### Business

Business & Economics  
Business & Law  
Business Management  
Business with Decision Analytics  
Business with Enterprise & Innovation Management  
Business with Human Resource Management  
Business with Marketing  
Business with Strategic Economics  
Finance & Business  
International Business  
International Business with Chinese  
International Business with French  
International Business with German  
International Business with Italian  
International Business with Japanese  
International Business with Spanish

## C

### Celtic

Celtic  
Celtic & Archaeology  
Celtic & English Language  
Celtic & English Literature  
Celtic & French  
Celtic & Linguistics  
Celtic & Scandinavian Studies  
Celtic & Scottish History  
Celtic & Scottish Literature

### Chemistry

Chemical Physics  
Chemistry  
Medicinal & Biological Chemistry

### Chinese

Chinese  
Chinese & French  
Chinese & German  
Chinese & History  
Chinese & Linguistics  
Chinese & Russian Studies  
Chinese & Spanish

### Classics

Ancient & Medieval History  
Ancient History  
Ancient History & Greek  
Ancient History & Latin  
Classical Archaeology & Ancient History  
Classical Archaeology & Greek  
Classical Archaeology & Latin  
Classical Studies  
Classics  
Classics & English Language  
Classics & Linguistics  
Greek Studies  
Latin Studies

### Cognitive Science (Humanities)

Cognitive Science (Humanities)

### Computer Science (Informatics)

Artificial Intelligence  
Artificial Intelligence & Computer Science  
Cognitive Science (Computing)  
Computer Science  
Computer Science & Mathematics  
Computer Science & Physics  
Informatics  
Software Engineering

## D

### Design

Animation  
Fashion  
Film & Television  
Graphic Design  
Illustration  
Interior Design  
Jewellery & Silversmithing  
Performance Costume  
Product Design  
Textiles

## E

### Earth Sciences & Environment

Earth Sciences  
Earth Science & Physical Geography  
Environmental Geoscience  
Geophysics  
Geophysics & Geology  
Geophysics & Geology with Professional Placement  
Geophysics & Meteorology  
Geophysics & Meteorology with Professional Placement  
Geophysics with Professional Placement

### Ecological & Environmental Sciences

Ecological & Environmental Sciences  
Ecological & Environmental Sciences with Management

### Economics

Economics  
Economics & Accounting  
Economics & Mathematics  
Economics & Politics  
Economics & Statistics  
Economics with Finance  
Economics with Management Science

### Education

Childhood Practice  
Learning in Communities  
Physical Education  
Primary Education with Gaelic (Fluent Speakers)  
Primary Education with Gaelic (Learners)

### Engineering

Chemical Engineering  
Civil Engineering  
Electrical & Mechanical Engineering  
Electronics & Computer Science  
Electronics & Electrical Engineering  
Engineering  
Mechanical Engineering  
Structural & Fire Safety Engineering  
Structural Engineering with Architecture

### English Language

English Language  
English Language & Literature

<sup>†</sup>We offer this as a specialism of Biological Sciences. Your degree title will be Biological Sciences (name of specialism).

\*These degrees are based in China at the Zhejiang University-University of Edinburgh Institute (ZJE). Visit: [www.ed.ac.uk/biomedical-sciences](http://www.ed.ac.uk/biomedical-sciences)

## English Literature & Scottish Literature

English & Scottish Literature  
English Literature  
English Literature & Classics  
English Literature & History  
Scottish Literature  
Scottish Literature & Classics  
Scottish Literature & History  
Scottish Literature & Scottish History

## F

### French & Francophone Studies

French  
French & Business  
French & Classics  
French & English Language  
French & English Literature  
French & German  
French & History  
French & History of Art  
French & Italian  
French & Linguistics  
French & Philosophy  
French & Politics  
French & Portuguese  
French & Russian Studies  
French & Scandinavian Studies  
French & Social Policy  
French & Spanish

## G

### Geography

Geography

### German

German  
German & Business  
German & Classics  
German & English Language  
German & English Literature  
German & History  
German & History of Art  
German & Linguistics  
German & Philosophy  
German & Politics  
German & Portuguese  
German & Russian Studies  
German & Scandinavian Studies  
German & Social Policy  
German & Spanish

## H

### Health in Social Science

Health in Social Science

### History

History  
History & Archaeology  
History & Classics  
History & Economics  
History & History of Art  
History & Politics  
History & Scottish History

### History of Art

History of Art  
History of Art & Architectural History  
History of Art & Chinese Studies  
History of Art & English Literature  
History of Art & History of Music  
History of Art & Scottish Literature

## I

### Interdisciplinary Studies

Interdisciplinary Futures  
(Edinburgh Futures Institute)

### Islamic Studies & Middle Eastern Studies

Islamic Studies  
Middle Eastern Studies

### Italian

Italian  
Italian & Classics  
Italian & English Language  
Italian & English Literature  
Italian & History  
Italian & History of Art  
Italian & Linguistics  
Italian & Philosophy  
Italian & Politics  
Italian & Spanish

## J

### Japanese

Japanese  
Japanese & Linguistics

## L

### Landscape Architecture

Landscape Architecture

### Law

Global Law  
Law (Graduate Entry)  
Law (Ordinary and Honours)  
Law & Accountancy  
Law & Business  
Law & Celtic  
Law & French  
Law & German  
Law & History  
Law & International Relations  
Law & Politics  
Law & Social Anthropology  
Law & Social Policy  
Law & Sociology  
Law & Spanish

### Linguistics

Linguistics  
Linguistics & English Language  
Linguistics & Social Anthropology

## M

### Mathematics

Applied Mathematics  
Mathematics  
Mathematics & Business  
Mathematics & Music  
Mathematics & Physics  
Mathematics & Statistics

### Medical Sciences

Medical Sciences

### Medicine

HCP-Med for Healthcare Professionals  
Medicine

### Music

Acoustics & Music Technology  
Music

## N

### Nursing Studies

Nursing Studies

## P

### Philosophy

Philosophy  
Philosophy & Economics  
Philosophy & English Language  
Philosophy & English Literature  
Philosophy & Greek  
Philosophy & Linguistics  
Philosophy & Mathematics  
Philosophy & Politics  
Philosophy & Psychology  
Philosophy & Scottish Literature

### Physics & Astronomy

Astrophysics  
Computational Physics  
Mathematical Physics  
Physics  
Physics with a Year Abroad  
Physics with Meteorology  
Theoretical Physics

### Politics & International Relations

International Relations  
International Relations with  
Quantitative Methods  
Politics  
Politics, Philosophy & Economics  
Politics with Quantitative Methods

### Psychology

Psychology  
Psychology & Business  
Psychology & Economics  
Psychology & Linguistics  
Psychology & Sociology

## R

### Russian Studies

Russian Studies  
Russian Studies & Classics  
Russian Studies & English Language  
Russian Studies & English Literature  
Russian Studies & History  
Russian Studies & History of Art  
Russian Studies & Linguistics  
Russian Studies & Philosophy  
Russian Studies & Politics  
Russian Studies & Scandinavian Studies  
Russian Studies & Social Policy  
Russian Studies & Spanish

## S

### Scandinavian Studies

Scandinavian Studies  
(Danish, Norwegian, Swedish)  
Scandinavian Studies & Classics  
Scandinavian Studies & English Language  
Scandinavian Studies & English Literature  
Scandinavian Studies & History  
Scandinavian Studies & Linguistics  
Scandinavian Studies & Philosophy  
Scandinavian Studies & Politics  
Scandinavian Studies & Social Policy  
Scandinavian Studies & Spanish

### Scottish Ethnology & Studies

Scottish Ethnology  
Scottish Ethnology & Archaeology  
Scottish Ethnology & Celtic  
Scottish Ethnology & English Language  
Scottish Ethnology & English Literature  
Scottish Ethnology & Scandinavian  
Studies  
Scottish Ethnology & Scottish History  
Scottish Studies

### Social Anthropology

Social Anthropology  
Social Anthropology & Politics  
Social Anthropology & Social Policy  
Social Anthropology with Development

### Social Policy

Government, Policy & Society  
Government, Policy & Society with  
Quantitative Methods  
Social Policy & Economics  
Social Policy & Law  
Social Policy & Politics  
Social Policy & Sociology  
Social Policy with Quantitative Methods

### Social Work

Social Work

### Sociology

Sociology  
Sociology & Politics  
Sociology & Social Anthropology  
Sociology with Quantitative Methods

## Spanish, Portuguese & Latin American Studies

Portuguese  
Portuguese & English Language  
Portuguese & English Literature  
Portuguese & Linguistics  
Portuguese & Philosophy  
Portuguese & Scottish Literature  
Spanish  
Spanish & Business  
Spanish & Classics  
Spanish & English Literature  
Spanish & History  
Spanish & History of Art  
Spanish & Linguistics  
Spanish & Philosophy  
Spanish & Politics  
Spanish & Portuguese

### Sport

Applied Sport Science  
Sport Management

### Sustainability

Sustainable Development

## T

### Theology & Religious Studies

Divinity  
Divinity – Graduate Entry  
Divinity & Classics  
Philosophy & Theology  
Religion, Culture & Society  
Religious Studies & English Literature  
Religious Studies & Scottish Literature  
Theology

## V

### Veterinary Medicine

Veterinary Medicine  
Veterinary Medicine  
(Graduate Entry Programme)

# Join us

## How to apply

You should apply for full-time undergraduate study at the University via UCAS. You can find out more about how to apply online: [www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/apply](http://www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/apply)

## When to apply

You can submit your application for 2026 study from 1 September 2025. We recommend you apply as soon as possible. You must apply before the relevant deadline:

- **15 October 2025** – deadline for all applications to study medicine or veterinary medicine.
- **14 January 2026** – all other UK and Irish applicants must apply before the UCAS January deadline. We also recommend international applicants apply by this date as many of our degrees are competitive and may close on, or soon after, the January deadline.

## What you need to apply

You'll need your qualifications, a personal statement and a reference to apply. For some of our degrees you may also need to:

- attend an interview, for medicine, veterinary medicine, nursing, teacher education, or oral health sciences;
- submit a digital portfolio, for art, design and fine art;

- sit an admissions test, such as the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) for medicine;
- provide evidence of relevant work or voluntary experience, and meet fitness to practice standards, for professional programmes.

You'll also need to provide evidence of your English language skills. We accept a range of qualifications that demonstrate your English language competency including SQA National 5, GCSE, and IB Standard Level English. We will also accept a range of other English language tests and qualifications: <https://edin.ac/ug-english>

## Our entry requirements

Please check the specific subjects and grades we require for entry to the degree you are interested in. You can look at the detailed entry requirements online: [www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees](http://www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees)

We accept lots of different qualifications from around the world. Again, full details are available online: [www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/entry-requirements](http://www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/entry-requirements)

Please also see the information on page 16 for widening access applicants.

## International foundation programme

If we do not accept the school-leaving qualifications from your country for admission, we offer a one-year foundation programme to develop your academic skills and English language proficiency. If successful, you'll be eligible for entry to many of our degrees in our College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences.

## Immigration

EU and other international students normally need a visa to study in the UK. We offer online guidance to help explain which immigration permission you need: [www.ed.ac.uk/immigration](http://www.ed.ac.uk/immigration)

## Our terms and conditions

If you apply to the University and are offered a place to study here, please read our terms and conditions online before you accept our offer: [www.ed.ac.uk/terms-conditions](http://www.ed.ac.uk/terms-conditions)

## Our privacy statement

Before you apply, you can read our privacy statement online for information about how we will use your personal data from your application and who we will share it with: <https://edin.ac/privacy-applicants>

## Contact us

If you would like to speak to someone about admission to a specific degree and how to apply, you'll find our contact information on page 56.

# Making an application

What you need to do and where to find out more.



Contact us if you need more help

We're happy to support you at any point during your application.

**See page 56 for our contact details.**

# Financial peace of mind

We appreciate studying here is a significant financial commitment. We awarded **£3.7 million in undergraduate living costs support in 2023/24**, and are dedicated to helping students of all ages and social backgrounds enter higher education, regardless of your financial situation.

Information on funding opportunities, tuition fees and financial assistance can be found online. As funding opportunities can change, please use our web pages in conjunction with this guide: [www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/undergraduate](http://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/undergraduate)

We offer one of the most generous financial support packages in the UK for students from households with the lowest incomes, as well as a number of scholarships awarded on the basis of academic merit.

After fees, living costs will be your main expenditure so it's important to make sure you can afford a life outside the lecture theatre.

If you're a student from the UK, you may be eligible for living costs support from your regional funding body in the form of loans, bursaries or grants. It is important to prepare a budget for life at university and understand what you expect the cost of your necessities to be. Further information and tools, to help you see what it will cost to study here, including your living costs, are available online: [edin.ac/ug-fees-funding](http://edin.ac/ug-fees-funding)

## Working while you study

Many students take up part-time work to help with living costs while they are at university. As a thriving capital city with a year-round tourist season, Edinburgh offers a wide range of job opportunities for our students.

Our award-winning Careers Service offers an online portal that includes part-time job opportunities. As an outward looking, global institution we are also well placed to support our community of international students. If you have a Student Visa to study in the UK, you may be able to work – how much depends on what you're studying and whether or not you're working during term-time. Please check your visa conditions.

## Fees at a glance

What you pay and the assistance you may receive depends on where you live. The following information offers an overview of indicative fee levels and funding in 2025. Please check online for up-to-date information for 2026.

**Scotland** – for eligible students, fees will be paid by the Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS).

**England, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland** – eligible students receive a government-funded loan for fees that isn't repaid until they are in work and reach an earnings threshold.

**International (including EU) – you will pay a fixed annual fee for the duration of your studies.** EU applicants living in the UK with pre- or settled status will pay the Scottish rate. All other students will pay the international rate. International students' fees for 2026 are yet to be confirmed. Please check online for up-to-date information. For indicative fee levels, in 2025, international students paid a fixed annual fee starting at £28,000 a year. Laboratory- and studio-based degrees cost £36,800 a year, and veterinary medicine fees £39,700 a year. Medicine fees cost £51,961 a year including the ACT levy. International students studying at any Scottish medical school are required to pay this levy, which contributes to the teaching costs of the NHS. The University subsidises this charge, but the levy is subject to change. Depending on your home country and personal circumstances, you may be eligible for loans or scholarships. EU students currently living in the UK should refer to: [edin.ac/eu-fee-status](http://edin.ac/eu-fee-status)



Check your fee status online:

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

## Examples of available funding

### Access Edinburgh

The Access Edinburgh scholarship is for full-time undergraduate students who live in the UK. Awards are worth up to **£5,000 a year** depending on your circumstances and household income.

**More than 3,000 students a year receive Access Edinburgh scholarships.** Any student from a lower income household, which includes those who have been in care, or those estranged from their family, will receive an Access Edinburgh scholarship. Your award will be automatically assessed, based on your household income when you apply for SAAS or Student Finance England, Wales or Northern Ireland funding.

### Black British Undergraduate Scholarship Programme

A number of scholarships, including the Cowrie Foundation Scholarship, cover any applicable tuition fees and up to **£5,000 a year** for living costs. Applications are open to UK-domiciled Black African or Caribbean-heritage students facing socio-economic challenges.

### Mathematics Scholarships

The School of Mathematics provides a number of scholarships worth **£5,000 a year** to maths students of outstanding ability.

### Robertson International Scholarships

There are five scholarships, each of **£1,000 tenable for one year**. You must be a national of a country outside the UK and be liable to pay the overseas rate of tuition fees, commencing a degree in the School of History, Classics & Archaeology.

### The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies UK Graduate/International Scholarship

There are two scholarships, each of **£5,000 a year**, available to UK graduates or international students studying BVM&S Veterinary Medicine.

**Use our online tool to search for more funding opportunities available to you:** [www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding](http://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding)



# Make your future extraordinary



For more than 400 years, our students and staff have been influencing and changing the world for the better. **Now it's your turn.**

## Extraordinary people

### Our notable alumni include:

Sir Michael Atiyah  
 Sir JM Barrie  
 Alexander Graham Bell  
 Joseph Black  
 Dame Elizabeth Blackadder  
 Max Born  
 Gordon Brown  
 Sir Winston Churchill  
 Charles Darwin  
 Sir Arthur Conan Doyle  
 Dame Katherine Grainger  
 Peter Higgs  
 Sir Chris Hoy  
 David Hume  
 James Hutton  
 Sophia Jex-Blake  
 Joseph Lister  
 Chrystal MacMillan  
 James Clerk Maxwell  
 Zhong Nanshan  
 Julius Nyerere  
 Viscount Palmerston  
 Eduardo Paolozzi  
 Ian Rankin  
 William Rankine  
 Peter Mark Roget  
 JK Rowling  
 Daniel Rutherford  
 Anneila Sargent  
 Sir Walter Scott  
 Julia Sebutinde  
 Piers Sellers  
 Sir James Young Simpson  
 Adam Smith  
 Robert Louis Stevenson  
 Dugald Stewart  
 Kirsty Wark  
 Sir Ian Wilmut

## Academic prizes

### Pulitzer

One Pulitzer Prize winner

### Turing

Three Turing Award winners

### Nobel

There are 20 Nobel Prize winners who are alumni of the University or have been members of academic staff here.



Work carried out at the University is expanding the depth of human knowledge and improving lives around the world.

The University has laid the foundations of modern economics and sociology, the Scottish Enlightenment, geology, English literature, quantum mechanics, electromagnetism, thermodynamics, antiseptic surgery, nephrology and the theory of evolution.

It has led to the discovery of carbon dioxide, latent and specific heat, chloroform anaesthesia, SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome), and the Higgs boson particle, and it has developed the Hepatitis B vaccine, the hypodermic syringe, the kaleidoscope, the vacuum flask, the ATM, the diving chamber and in-vitro fertilisation.

It has advanced the public understanding of how our behaviours affect ageing, protected forest ecosystems, and helped bring broadband to remote communities.

Our community has long enjoyed a spirit of innovation and continues to do so today. Working with our partners and building on our strengths in data science, we've set out to establish our region as the data capital of Europe. We're also working towards other historic firsts including new treatments for major diseases such as multiple sclerosis, motor neurone disease and cancer; and doing innovative work to tackle climate change.

Join us and you'll do more than follow in the footsteps of Nobel laureates, Pulitzer prizewinners, Olympic medallists, revolutionary thinkers and scientific pioneers. You'll have the opportunity to lead – to transform your education here into your own mark on our shared history, forging your path to the groundbreaking discoveries and innovative research that will influence tomorrow's world.

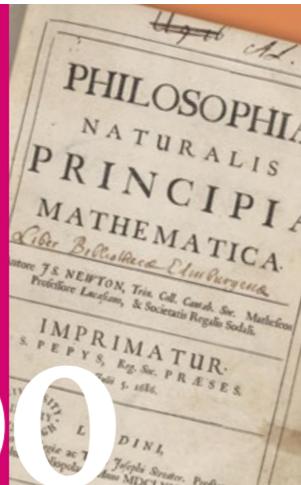
# 1500



**1583**  
University founded. The sixth oldest university in the UK.

# 1600

**1687**  
Acquisition of Sir Isaac Newton's *Principia* for the University library. This great work is still held in our Centre for Research Collections to this day.



**1754**  
Alumnus and lecturer Joseph Black first discovers 'fixed air', which we now know as Carbon Dioxide.



# 1700

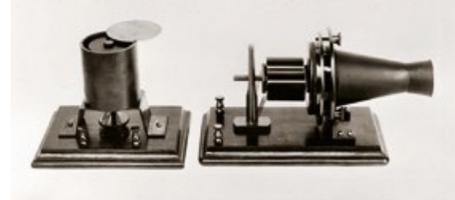


**1776**  
US Declaration of Independence. Alumni James Wilson and John Witherspoon are signatories.

**1750–1800**  
The Scottish Enlightenment. Edinburgh alumni including Adam Smith, James Hutton, David Hume, Joseph Black and William Cullen lead an era of radical thought and invention making the city a 'hotbed of genius'.

**1707–1726**  
First founding of the faculties of law ('07), arts ('08) and medicine ('26).

**1876**  
Alumnus Alexander Graham Bell makes the first telephone call, telling his assistant: "Mr Watson. Come here. I want to see you."



**1865**  
Alumnus and lecturer Joseph Lister first uses an antiseptic treatment of carbolic acid to prevent infection.

**1813**  
Our first black graduate, Caribbean student William Fergusson, gains his MD.

**1855**  
Wong Fun gains his MD, believed to be the first Chinese graduate of any European university.

# 1800

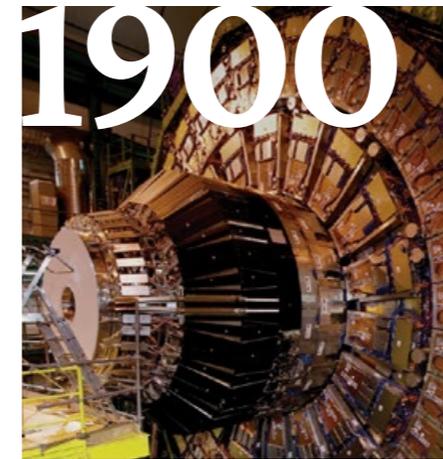


**1869**  
The Edinburgh Seven become the first female students allowed to matriculate at any UK university.



**1884**  
Alumnus Sir John Murray, the father of modern oceanography, establishes the UK's first marine laboratory in Granton, Edinburgh.

# 1900



**1964**  
Theoretical physicist Peter Higgs first proposes the existence of the Higgs boson.

**1969**  
Stephen Salter and Donald Michie, in the University's Department of Artificial Intelligence, develop the first automated industrial assembly robot.



**1999**  
Graduation of Sir Chris Hoy (Applied Sport Science) who goes on to become one of the UK's most decorated Olympic medallists.



# 2000



**2018**  
In a world first, Professor Evelyn Telfer grows human eggs in the lab paving the way for new fertility treatments.

**2017**  
Ambitious plans to make Edinburgh the data capital of Europe announced.




**1996**  
Sir Ian Wilmut's team produces Dolly the Sheep, the world's first mammal cloned from an adult somatic cell.

**1960**  
Sir Michael Woodruff, Chair of Surgical Science at the University, performs the UK's first successful kidney transplant.

**1980**  
Sir Ken Murray, Head of Molecular Biology, develops a genetically engineered vaccine against Hepatitis B.



**1958**  
Journalist and war hero Elizabeth Wiskemann is made the first female professor at the University.

**2003**  
Alumnus Zhong Nanshan discovers the SARS Coronavirus.

**2024**  
The Edinburgh Futures Institute opened in the Old Royal Infirmary building: [efi.ed.ac.uk](http://efi.ed.ac.uk)



**2030 and beyond**  
Over to you to write the next chapter.

# Our impact

The University has been influencing the world since 1583. Our long history of making an impact isn't one we take for granted. To this day, we strive to deliver excellence and help address tomorrow's greatest challenges, as these examples show. You'll find more online...



## When Hollywood stardust comes to campus

The University and city of Edinburgh are screen stars – the backdrop for Hollywood blockbusters and smash-hit TV series.

Arguably, no recent production captured the sweeping romance and drama in the architecture and geography around us as well as Netflix hit, *One Day*. Ten million people watched the show, based on David Nicholls' book, in just one week in 2024.

Its opening scenes – a party in Old College Quad illuminated with festoon lighting – made the University the launchpad for the will-they-won't-they love story of two graduands. Behind the scenes, a dedicated team make it all possible, providing a vital bridge between location scouts, production teams, and the University.

*“Offering our photogenic and historic locations as sets attracts shoots to come to Edinburgh and feeds into the creative arts, giving back to the city by showcasing some of its gems,”* says Lorna Brain, Head of Festivals and Events.

The team has supported several blockbuster productions including *The Fast and the Furious* franchise's *F9: The Fast Saga*, starring Vin Diesel and Michelle Rodriguez.

Lorna says: *“We sometimes will have extremely famous actors on site and production crews will work closely with us on creating a closed set, so that we can offer a degree of privacy, both for the actor, but also for students and staff trying to get on with their day.”*

Hosting shoots for film and TV has a tangible and significant impact, supporting an ecosystem of people in local creative industries and beyond. Film is big business, not just on campus.

Read more: [edin.ac/hollywood-comes-to-campus](https://www.ed.ac.uk/hollywood-comes-to-campus)

## Helping deaf people engage with conservation

Sign language experts at the University have developed 100 new signs to help deaf people contribute to the future of the oceans.

Dr Audrey Cameron, Chancellor's Fellow, Science Education and British Sign Language (BSL), explains that, previously, the lack of specific BSL signs for many marine species and concepts made it challenging to have meaningful conversations about ocean conservation without resorting to fingerspelling.

*“This gap in sign language not only hindered communication, it excluded a significant portion of the population from important environmental discussions.”*

*“That's why my team and I have been working with project partners from five European countries to develop 100 new signs that will enable deaf people to get more involved with marine sciences*

*and conservation – from an education and public engagement perspective – and open up more career opportunities.”*

The work supports deaf students' access to education in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) subjects.

*“By bridging the communication gap, we are empowering BSL users to participate fully in discussions about the future of our oceans. This is not just about creating new signs for complex terms – it is about fostering a deeper connection between people and the marine environment.”*

Read more:

[edin.ac/sign-language-ocean-conservation](https://www.ed.ac.uk/sign-language-ocean-conservation)  
[edin.ac/sign-language-climate-science](https://www.ed.ac.uk/sign-language-climate-science)



## Education beyond borders

In 1933, when Germany first dismissed academics on racial and political grounds, forcing them to seek refuge overseas, Edinburgh was among the first universities to pledge support for those displaced, becoming a founding member of the UK-based Council for At-Risk Academics (Cara).

More than ninety years on, the University remains committed to supporting students and academics worldwide, facing conflict, persecution, or discrimination, with programmes that bring scholars to Edinburgh to continue their education or research.

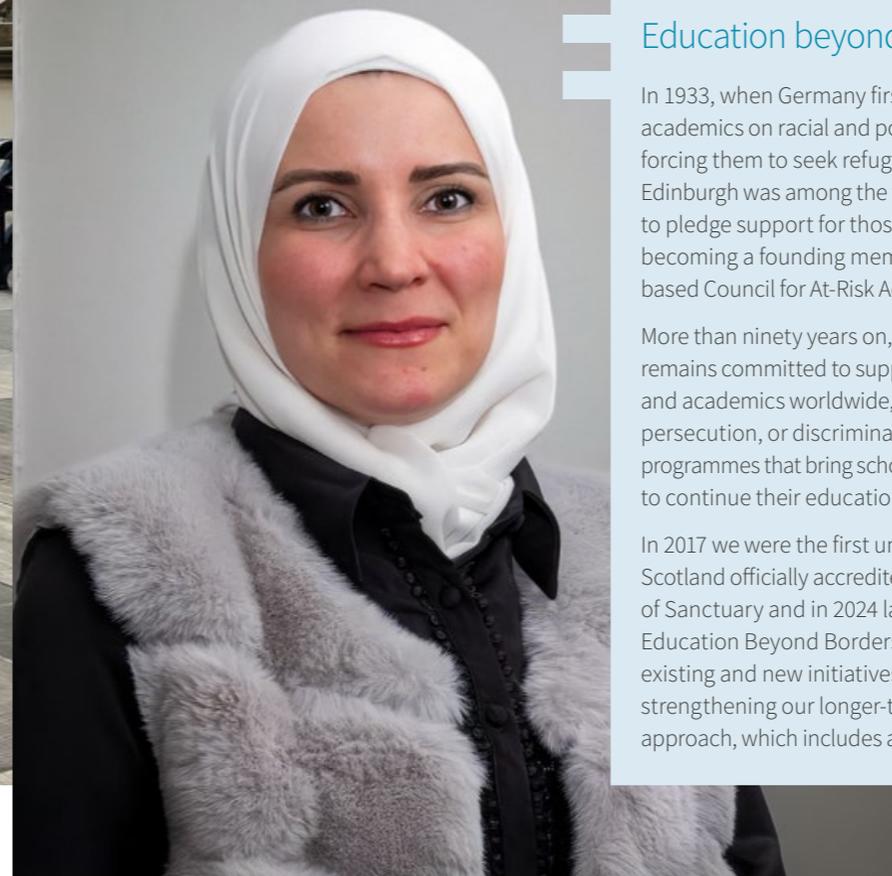
In 2017 we were the first university in Scotland officially accredited a University of Sanctuary and in 2024 launched Education Beyond Borders. This brings existing and new initiatives together, strengthening our longer-term, holistic approach, which includes a sector-leading

package of support, a new scholarship programme and expansion of our fellowship programme for at risk academics.

Nadin Akta applied for asylum in the UK, after the outbreak of war in Syria. As Education Beyond Borders Manager, she now oversees the development and implementation of the programme.

*“When I started working at the University, I discovered that there are many support systems and resources available, which there is a significant need for, especially within this community. Through our work I want students to have clearer access to these opportunities and more systematic support. From my own experience, I just feel like this is the right direction to go.”*

Read more: [edin.ac/beyond-borders](https://www.ed.ac.uk/beyond-borders)





## A build-up of little acts

More than 2,000 Edinburgh care home residents receive cards at Christmas from Julie Ann Fooshee's community wellbeing project. Her aspirations, to reach out to the city's isolated and vulnerable individuals, go further.

In 2020, science communication student Julie Ann, from Florida, was feeling the separation and isolation of the UK's Covid-19 lockdowns. Her thoughts turned to how they must be affecting vulnerable people in the local community.

*"As sad as many of us international students were not to travel, it must have felt really devastating for already isolated, elderly folks to experience. We thought it was a small gesture to get cards to a few of our closest care homes but worth doing to bring some much-needed levity to a hard year."*

That Christmas, with support from fellow students, 150 cards were delivered to residents in local care homes. *"We made a little dent in the holiday that year,"* Julie Ann says, *"and we thought... okay we should do it again!"*

Cards for Care Homes is now delivering to more than 2,000 residents across 50 local care homes.

*"Giving back to others isn't just in large show-stopping moments. It's often a build-up of little acts that we complete over time."*

*"I would love to see cards going out to places other than care homes, like veterans, refugees, and people struggling with homelessness. It may be small, but every year I hope it brings a little local joy to people who need a smile."*

Read more: [edin.ac/giving-back](http://edin.ac/giving-back)

## The power of sport to change lives

The Homeless World Cup (HWC), contested by 400 players representing 40 different countries, demonstrates sport's power to change lives.

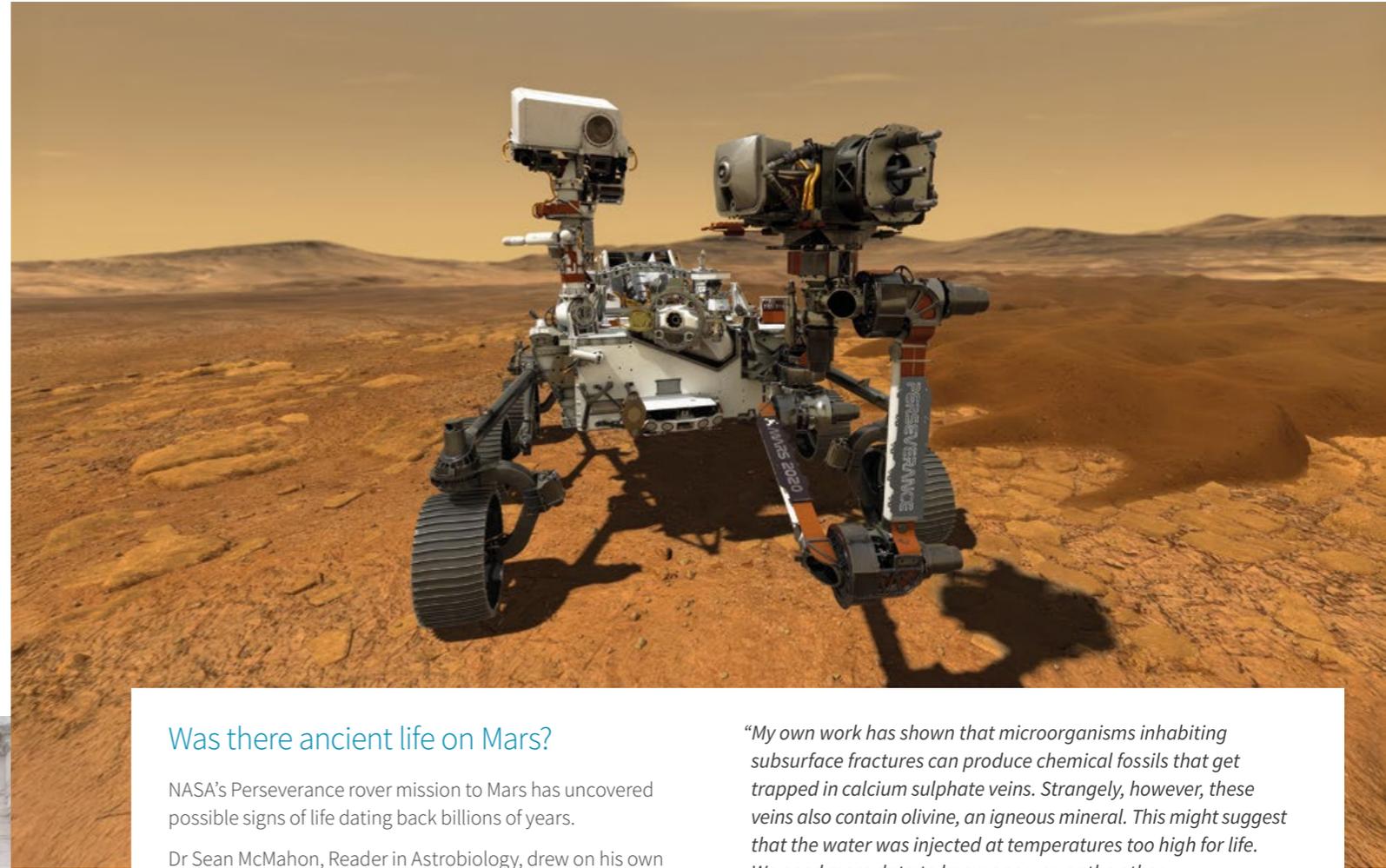
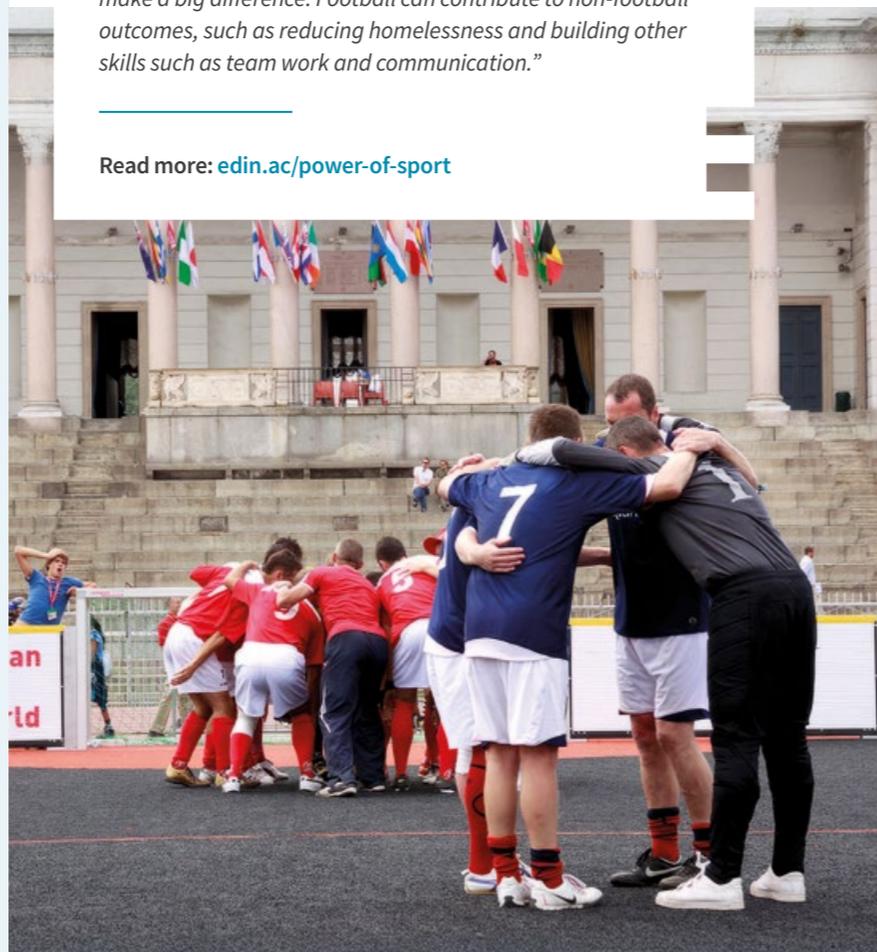
Researchers at the University who worked with HWC found its impact went beyond the end of the game.

The Homeless World Cup (HWC) Foundation was created in 2001 by The Big Issue co-founder Mel Young and Austrian journalist Harald Schmied. It aims to transform lives, creating opportunities and changing perceptions of homelessness. To date, it has helped 1.2 million homeless people through a network of grassroots organisations in more than 70 countries.

Professor Grant Jarvie, Chair of Sport at the University and Founding Director of the Academy of Sport, worked with people helped by the tournament: *"During this research, I spoke to people whose lives had been changed by competing. The stories I heard were about finding hope in sport. As one man told me: 'It helped me mentally because I was starting to get depressed but the football and goal of HWC helped me feel more positive.'*

*"Others spoke of gaining purpose and control. Many also said that the experience had given them hope for the future. Our research found that interventions that start small can make a big difference. Football can contribute to non-football outcomes, such as reducing homelessness and building other skills such as team work and communication."*

Read more: [edin.ac/power-of-sport](http://edin.ac/power-of-sport)



## Was there ancient life on Mars?

NASA's Perseverance rover mission to Mars has uncovered possible signs of life dating back billions of years.

Dr Sean McMahon, Reader in Astrobiology, drew on his own research to highlight how significant NASA's first detection of possible biosignatures on the surface of Mars could be.

Since landing in Jezero crater, Perseverance has traversed terrain formed nearly four billion years ago when the environment was far more habitable. Scientists believe it had thousands of rivers and lakes, a thick atmosphere, and comfortable temperatures and chemical conditions for life.

Many of the rocks are sedimentary. The new discovery concerns a small reddish block of what looks like mudstone, enriched with organic molecules, and laced with parallel white veins, between which are millimetre-scale whitish spots with dark rims.

Dr McMahon explains: *"These veins are composed of calcium sulphate, which precipitated like limescale when liquid water ran along fractures in the subsurface. Veins like these are common in Martian sedimentary rocks but of course they are not biosignatures, even though they normally represent habitable conditions."*

*"My own work has shown that microorganisms inhabiting subsurface fractures can produce chemical fossils that get trapped in calcium sulphate veins. Strangely, however, these veins also contain olivine, an igneous mineral. This might suggest that the water was injected at temperatures too high for life. We need more data to know one way or the other."*

*"Finally, what about those whitish, discoloured spots? These look like the reduction spots, also called leopard spots, that are commonly seen in red sedimentary rocks on Earth. Such rocks are rusty-red because they contain an oxidised form of iron. When chemical reactions modify the iron to a less oxidised state, it becomes soluble. Water carries the pigment away, leaving a bleached spot behind."*

*"On Earth, these reactions are often driven by subsurface-dwelling bacteria. On Mars, bacteria-like organisms could have used the organic matter in the rock to complete the reaction, just as we use glucose from the food we eat."*

*"Reduction spots haven't been seen before on Mars. As one of the few astrobiologists to have studied reduction spots on Earth – and found evidence for biological processes within them – I am personally delighted. But as ever, caution is needed. Potential non-biological causes need to be explored and ruled out. The evidence so far is not definitive, but it is certainly tantalising."*

Read more: [edin.ac/life-on-mars](http://edin.ac/life-on-mars)

# Inspiring minds

You can't plan on changing the world without starting small. It takes an inquisitive mind and a curious nature. It takes extraordinary teachers with the passion and enthusiasm to light the fire of a subject in your mind. It takes the confidence to challenge and be challenged instead of just accepting the status quo.

*"Edinburgh is renowned for biomedical research and I like that lecturers incorporate the latest developments into their teaching material. It keeps you up to date with what issues are facing scientists today."*

■ Lewis Green  
■ BSc (Hons) Medical Sciences

Our worldwide reputation for teaching and research helps attract some of the international research community's sharpest minds, which in turn means world-class teaching.

You'll learn from people who are among the leaders in their fields, who conduct groundbreaking research with global implications and use it to directly inform the teaching you receive. Join us and be part of our enthusiastic community of pioneers, visionaries and scholars, studying the latest developments in your subject with the prospect of working on life-changing research yourself.

Your studies will take place in our cutting-edge facilities and remarkable historic buildings – an invigorating environment in which ideas can be researched, tested, developed and refined.

Our **Main Library** is one of the largest and most important academic libraries in the world and is open to you 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In total, our 10 libraries hold millions of printed and online volumes and grant access to 330,000 electronic journals and databases.

Our **Centre for Research Collections** is unique, bringing together more than 400,000 rare books, from Shakespearean first editions to oriental manuscripts, as well as six kilometres of archives, and museum-standard collections of art and artefacts.

Our unique **FloWave Ocean Energy Research Facility** is the world's most sophisticated simulator of wave and tidal current interactions. Its 25-metre diameter circular tank holds 2.4 million litres of water. We're also a founding partner of **FastBlade**, the world's first rapid testing facility for tidal energy turbine blades.

**St Cecilia's Hall**, built in 1762, is Scotland's oldest purpose-built concert hall. It now houses our Collection of Historical Musical Instruments – one of the world's most important collections of musical heritage with 5,000 objects spanning 500 years.

**Edinburgh Imaging** is one of Europe's foremost clinical research imaging facilities. It sits alongside one of the UK's largest state-of-the-art teaching hospitals and the world-leading MRC Centre for Regenerative Medicine, where we're studying stem cells and developing new treatments for cancer, heart disease, liver failure, diabetes, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's and motor neurone disease.

Our Data-Driven Innovation hubs – the **Bayes Centre**, **National Robotarium**, **Edinburgh Futures Institute (EFI)**, **Usher Institute**, **Easter Bush Agritech Hub**, and **Edinburgh International Data Facility** – form a regional powerhouse for collaboration between industry and our academic disciplines, to address the world's most pressing challenges. The combination of business acumen and ideas, with rapid advances in high-powered computing, high-speed data analytics, and our research expertise supports Edinburgh's ambition to become the data capital of Europe. The hubs' Women in Data campaign showcases the success of women working in data science, technology and innovation: <https://ddi.ac.uk>

Our other resources include the national academic supercomputing facility, state-of-the-art laboratories, and world-leading analytical facilities including a Diamond HK36 small aircraft for measuring trace gases at 3,000 metres.

We also host the **Edinburgh Climate Change Institute (ECCI)**, Scotland's leading climate action hub, and the **Edinburgh Earth Initiative**, which works to accelerate interdisciplinary research, partnerships, teaching, and innovation for the climate and environmental emergency.

A £100m investment created a European centre of excellence in animal services and food security on our Easter Bush campus. We also have small animal, large animal and equine hospital facilities at the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies, founded in 1823, and host one of the UK's 10 Wellcome Trust clinical research facilities.

Our Institute for Astronomy, based at Edinburgh's historic Royal Observatory, is one of the UK's major centres of astronomical research, with special strengths in survey astronomy, cosmology, active galaxies and the formation of stars and planets.

Our Anatomy Museum, first opened in 1884, has a wealth of unique anatomical objects, and the Talbot Rice Gallery and Tent Gallery host public contemporary art exhibitions throughout the year.

# Shape your career

Our graduates are highly employable and we can help you stand out in a competitive job market.

You'll want to take full advantage of the development opportunities open to you, both academically and beyond the University. Your future employers will look for more than just a qualification – they'll expect you to have the skills, personal qualities and mindset to thrive in the working environment. That means studying here is about laying the foundations for your future success, whatever shape that takes.

We offer career-enhancing opportunities for you to develop new skills and abilities, learn more about yourself and your working practices, and boost your confidence. We invest in your future beyond the end of your degree, helping you to develop a unique set of graduate attributes that will be fundamental to your development and long-term success.

Our award-winning Careers Service provides digital tools and resources, tailored advice, individual guidance and personal assistance, internships and networking opportunities with employers from local SMEs to top multinationals, and access to the knowledge and experience of our worldwide alumni network: <https://careers.ed.ac.uk>

A lot of what you do outside university also contributes to your development as a more rounded individual. This might include extracurricular activities such as running a club or society night, volunteering, or part-time work. The Edinburgh Award is our way of recognising, certifying and demonstrating to employers the skills and attributes you've gained from your extracurricular activities: [www.edinburgh-award.ed.ac.uk](http://www.edinburgh-award.ed.ac.uk)

If you consider yourself something of an entrepreneur, you'll be interested to know this is an entrepreneurial city (see page 8), home to two of the UK's \$1 billion-valued unicorn companies. Edinburgh Innovations (EI) embodies our strong enterprise culture and supports our entrepreneurial students. This includes free, confidential, one-to-one business advice, a range of workshops, events, and competitions, as well as a dedicated student enterprise hub and funding opportunities, including our in-house venture capital fund Old College Capital. You don't need a business background or even an idea to access the service – EI supports that first innovative spark and your startup ambitions: [www.ed.ac.uk/edinburgh-innovations/for-students](http://www.ed.ac.uk/edinburgh-innovations/for-students)

All this combines to form an approach that sees us ranked in the top 10 in the UK for the employability of our graduates.\* Employers from all sectors have the confidence to consider the University an excellent training ground for graduates with the intellectual ability and high level attributes needed to succeed and thrive in the global job market.

\*Times Higher Education Global Employability University ranking 2025

## 97.2/100

Our employer reputation rating in the 2025 QS World University Rankings.

## 16<sup>TH</sup>

High Fliers 2023/24 research ranked us in the UK's top 20 universities most targeted by top employers' graduate recruiters.

## 24<sup>TH</sup>

Our graduates were ranked 24<sup>th</sup> in the world by employers in the 2025 QS World University Rankings.



*"I'd recommend students get involved with Edinburgh Innovations. They offer practical support to make your business a reality. My sound design software, Dehumaniser, is now used by industry professionals, including Hollywood film studios."*

- Orfeas Boteas
- MSc Sound Design graduate

El supported the development of his company Krotos: [www.krotosaudio.com](http://www.krotosaudio.com)

We collaborate with partners worldwide in fields as diverse as e-science, engineering, life and medical sciences, and arts and culture. Our global engagement plan ensures world-class experiences are available as you study while our partnerships ensure our teaching and research benefits communities globally. Our current partnerships with leading universities include:

- University of Amsterdam
- California Institute of Technology
- University of Copenhagen
- University of Delhi
- University College Dublin
- ETH Zurich
- Fudan University
- Heidelberg University
- University of Helsinki
- KU Leuven
- Leiden University
- University of Melbourne
- National University of Singapore
- Peking University
- University of Pennsylvania
- Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile
- University of Toronto

We're a member of the global research network Universitas 21 and of the European networks COIMBRA group, UNICA and LERU. We're also a member of the Una Europa Alliance, with 10 other leading European universities, which is committed to creating joint degrees and increased exchange opportunities to build the European university of the future: [www.una-europa.eu](http://www.una-europa.eu)

Our regional centres for Africa, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, Southeast Asia, South Asia, North America and East Asia support engagement with students, academics and alumni.



## My story

*"Edinburgh gave me an excellent grounding for my career. I developed immeasurably, both academically and personally. There was always an emphasis to do more than just study – I loved participating in societies and events and felt I was part of a really vibrant community."*

*"There were countless opportunities to develop outside of the classroom. Edinburgh always felt like more than just what I was studying. This prepared me very well for my future, encouraging me to explore different paths and have a rounded approach to my life and career."*

*"I used the Careers Service during my time at University and afterwards. They were a great help before my year abroad, giving advice about different options and what to expect. After graduation, I reached out again. I found their advice really helpful and incredibly useful – I was particularly impressed how they were able to help with international applications. I was very glad that I had contacted them."*

- Anna Manford
- MA (Hons) Italian & Politics

# Extraordinary Scotland

From its highlands and islands to its lowland borders, Scotland is a country of breathtaking natural beauty.

For a country of its size, there is great variety in Scotland's terrain from towering mountains to dense woodland glens. Even if you've lived here all your life, it may surprise you to learn that Scotland has more than 6,000 miles of coastline, almost 800 offshore islands and more than 31,000 freshwater lochs. This is a country steeped in history yet firmly focused on the future – a modern, dynamic, European nation where the life sciences, creative industries, digital technology, energy and renewables, financial and business services, and, yes, tourism now drive our economy.



## Climate

Scotland's climate is temperate and oceanic with variable weather. Average temperatures range from 5°C in January to 19°C in August.



*“It is one of the most hauntingly beautiful places in the world.”*

■ JK Rowling  
■ Best-selling author and alumna

## NATURAL RESOURCE

Loch Ness alone contains more water than all the lakes of England and Wales combined.

**5.4M**

Scotland's population is 5.4 million. There are estimated to be many more people of Scottish heritage living in North America than the population of Scotland.

## FANTASTIC BEASTS

Nessie may grab the attention as the more famous creature, but Scotland's national animal is the Unicorn.

**1<sup>ST</sup>**

The birthplace of modern golf in the 15<sup>th</sup> century, Scotland also hosted the world's first international association football match, against England, in 1872.

**6<sup>TH</sup>**

Rough Guides readers voted the UK sixth in the world's most beautiful countries 2024. Scotland was first in the world when the UK's countries were last ranked individually.



# Extraordinary Edinburgh

Scotland's inspiring capital will be the backdrop to your studies. One of Europe's great cultural hubs and a stimulating place to study, Edinburgh is an irresistible blend of history, natural beauty and modern city life.

Sometimes known as 'the Athens of the North', Edinburgh is a city of stunning, historic architecture and is home to two UNESCO World Heritage Sites. It was the world's first UNESCO City of Literature.

Large enough to offer something for everyone, but small enough to feel like home, Edinburgh 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 and get away from it all – wherever you are in the city you are never far from open countryside.

Edinburgh's location is perfect for adventurers, with diverse and readily accessible opportunities from snowboarding to surfing. A single day could see you hillwalking in the morning, lazing on the beach in the afternoon, and enjoying the treasures of the medieval lanes and Georgian streets by night.

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

**A student city**

Around 100,000 students call Edinburgh home, giving the city a unique buzz and ensuring you'll be in good company. The friends you meet, places you discover and the lasting memories you create will contribute as much to your university experience as your formal learning.

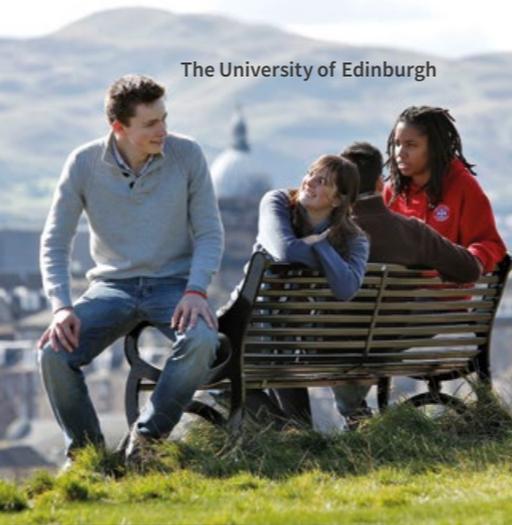
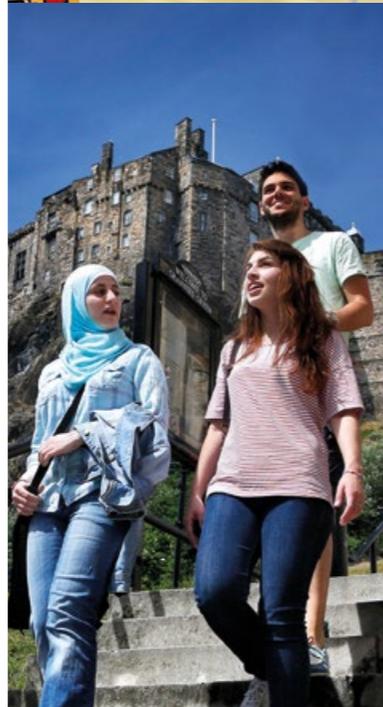
In the summer months the pace of city life usually accelerates as Edinburgh's world-famous annual festivals get under way. The city hosts 30 festivals each year, which attract almost four million visitors to the city, and many of them take place either on campus or near to the University making for a vibrant addition to student life.

**Getting here and getting around**

Edinburgh's International Airport puts the city within reach of the rest of the world thanks to direct flights from most major cities in Europe – Paris is just an hour and a half away – and a host of destinations worldwide.

Within the UK, Edinburgh is easy to reach and makes an ideal location from which to explore. London is just a few hours away by train while a two-hour jaunt north puts you at the heart of the Scottish Highlands.

Within the city limits, Edinburgh is one of the UK's greenest cities with an extensive cycle route network plus reliable bus and tram services. Its compact size makes Edinburgh ideal for exploring on foot too!



**Edinburgh's festivals include:**

- International Science Festival
- Jazz and Blues Festival
- International Festival and Festival Fringe
- Art Festival
- The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo
- International Book Festival
- Edinburgh Mela
- Edinburgh's Christmas and Hogmanay



# Welcome on campus

## Your Students' Association

All our students are made members of Edinburgh University Students' Association when they join us.

We believe university is about more than your degree. It's an opportunity to discover new passions, share unforgettable moments and make lifelong friends! Led for, and by, students, the Students' Association enhances your experience, providing a community, support, entertainment, amazing spaces, and opportunities to make your voice heard. As a registered charity, every penny spent in the Association's shops, venues, or events goes back to helping students.

Each year, five elected Sabbatical Officers take a break from their studies to lead the Students' Association full-time. There are more than 90 other elected representatives including school representatives for undergraduates and postgraduates, and five Liberation Officers representing black and minority ethnic, disabled, LGBTQ+, trans and non-binary, and women's interests.

The Students' Association supports more than 400 student-led societies and volunteering groups, from the A Cappella and Business societies to the Women in STEM and Yoga societies. The student participation grant can even remove the financial barriers students face to getting involved with and joining a group. It also runs award-winning food and drink spaces and hundreds of events from language cafes to silent discos, ceilidhs, and cabaret nights.

The refurbished Teviot Row House, first opened in 1889, is the oldest purpose-built students' union in the world. It provides accessible and environmentally efficient facilities, including a community lounge, cafe bar, and wellbeing studio, while retaining the unique character, history and design of iconic, original spaces such as the Debating Hall and Library Bar.

Potterrow, with its iconic domed ceiling and large events space, is home to The Advice Place while The Pleasance is a thriving activities centre including dance studios, multipurpose performance space, TV and radio production facilities and a cafe and bar. At the King's Buildings campus students benefit from a coffee shop and cafe, common rooms, wrap bar, and shop.

The Students' Association mascot, Dusty the Moose, is always on hand to help you feel at home.



#DoltForTheMoose



## Your University community

Total students (2023/24)

 **49,485**

Undergraduates

 **29,930**

Undergraduates coming from:

Scotland

 **9,340** (31%)

Other UK\*

 **8,700** (29%)

International (inc. EU)

 **11,890** (40%)

 **9,400**  
academic staff

More than 9,400 academic staff employed across the University.

 **180**  
countries

Students from 180 different countries have studied here in the last 10 years.

\*Includes Channel Islands and Isle of Man

## Play. Train. Perform

Whether you're a recreational gym-user or a performance athlete going for gold, our world-class sport and fitness offer caters for you.

We've long been recognised as one of the UK's leading sporting universities, consistently finishing in the top five of the British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) rankings. We were named the Best Gym in Scotland and Ireland at The National Fitness Awards in 2024.

### Play: club and recreational sport

With more than 70 sports clubs made up of more than 200 teams, we offer something for everyone, from American Football and Archery, to Underwater Hockey and Weightlifting. There are opportunities for beginners through to athletes competing on an international stage.

Our sports clubs offer regular coaching, training, trips and competition, both locally and nationally, with opportunities to participate most days of the week. We host Scotland's largest Intramural sports programme, offering leagues and tournaments across 10 sports. With more than 180 teams involved from across the University, this creates an exciting community for all!

We also cater for those interested in trying new sports and exploring a variety of sessions. Throughout the year, we offer recreational sports opportunities and run an international sports club allowing you to experience a different sport each week. Our Coaching and Volunteering Academy

provides sports-related volunteering and skill development, open to all Sports Union students, volunteers, and coaches.

### Train: something for everybody

We have some of the UK's best sport and fitness facilities:

- The Pleasance Sport Complex and Gym, our main indoor sport and fitness hub, offers more than 20 gym and sport spaces. This includes an extensive range of cardiovascular equipment, multiple free and fixed weights areas, cycling, rowing and class studios, sports halls and dedicated spaces for squash, dance, boxing, grappling, archery and shooting, as well as indoor climbing and bouldering.
- The Easter Bush Gym is our first satellite gym offering the opportunity to stay active in a safe, fun and welcoming environment. Serving the students and staff of the Easter Bush campus, it provides a range of cardiovascular, conditioning and free and fixed weights equipment.
- A 25-metre, six-lane pool, free weights gym and multi-activity sports halls at St Leonards Land.
- Peffermill Playing Fields, one of Scotland's leading outdoor sports facilities, with international-standard, floodlit, 3G football/rugby facilities, Scotland's first carbon zero hockey surface, 3G five-a-side pitches, artificial cricket nets, a 100-metre training track and a Scottish Football Association-approved football arena.
- Firlush Outdoor Centre, on the banks of Loch Tay in the Highlands, offers tailored activities and services, from windsurfing to mountain leadership training, with fully-accredited, experienced instructors and all specialist equipment.

*“If I hadn't gone to Edinburgh, I'd never have taken up rowing. I'd never have had the life I'm currently living.”*

- Dame Katherine Grainger
- Olympic champion rower and Edinburgh law graduate



We also offer one of the country's best fitness and wellness programmes, with flexible and affordable membership packages, a year-round programme of more than 100 weekly exercise classes, fitness challenges and sports participation events. Our Active Lives programme helps you get started on your fitness journey and stay active, offering one-to-one support, beginners' groups and advice for a healthy active life.

### Perform: compete at the highest level

Our Performance Sport Programme is one of the most highly regarded in the UK. It enables athletes to achieve a world-class degree and perform at the highest level within their sport.

Our top-class coaches, facilities and services are currently supporting more than 600 students.

Support and scholarships are also offered to athletes competing in all sports through our Sport Scholarship Programme. Performance athletes have access to our state-of-the-art facilities, including our dedicated Performance Gym for sports-specific strength and conditioning coaching. Alongside this, students are able to access a full range of support services: sports psychology, sports science, mentoring, lifestyle advice, and nutrition. Performance Athletes are also able to access the world-renowned FASIC Sport & Exercise Medicine Clinic with dedicated performance sport physiotherapy

staff. We offer exceptional team-specific programmes in rowing, swimming, hockey, netball, endurance running, women's fencing, orienteering, rugby and women's basketball. These are led by dedicated performance coaches, with specialist conditioning, medical and advisory back-up. We also offer elite sports accommodation for first-year students, academic support and the opportunity for flexible study. Talented sport performers applying to Edinburgh are able to benefit from an elite athlete access and scholarship policy to support applications to study at the University. There is also access to funding opportunities through the Winning Students network. Find out more: [edin.ac/performance-sport](https://edin.ac/performance-sport)



## Sporting success

Our students and alumni have claimed:

**33**  
Olympic and Paralympic medals

**48**  
Commonwealth Games medals

**113**  
students represented  
their countries in 2023/24





## A home away from home

We realise you need more than just a place to live. You need an environment in which you can thrive. That's why we guarantee accommodation for as many new undergraduates as possible.

If you're from outside Edinburgh, intending to study for the full academic year, and apply by the deadline, our accommodation guarantee is open to you. We also aim to provide accommodation for as many students as possible who are studying for just part of the year with us. We guarantee accommodation to undergraduate students who are care experienced or estranged from their families.

University accommodation is just a short walk or bus ride from the city centre of one of Europe's most vibrant capitals. Our undergraduate accommodation typically includes:

- all heating, hot water and electricity costs;
- wi-fi in your study-bedroom and in common areas;
- contents insurance;
- secure bike storage; and
- laundry facilities.



Pollock Halls provides catered accommodation for around 2,000 students. You will typically live in a single study-bedroom, more than half of which are en suite, with shared common rooms, an on-site bar and a state-of-the-art Technogym at Oxygen Fitness Studios. The meal plan included in your rent provides breakfast and dinner every weekday, with brunch and dinner at weekends, in our award-winning restaurant. We were the first university in Scotland to win the Food for Life and Food for the Brain awards.

Our range of self-catering flats and houses is a convenient alternative to catered accommodation, should you prefer to prepare your own meals, but still delivers a sociable and supportive environment. Most residents have a single study-bedroom with an en suite or shared bathroom and shared kitchen facilities. Flats are typically shared with four to six other students.

All our students have access to our Residence Life team, including Wellbeing Advisers and Resident Assistants who live with you in your accommodation. They offer a full range of events and activities to help you settle in to life in Edinburgh and to create a supportive and inclusive community in which to live.

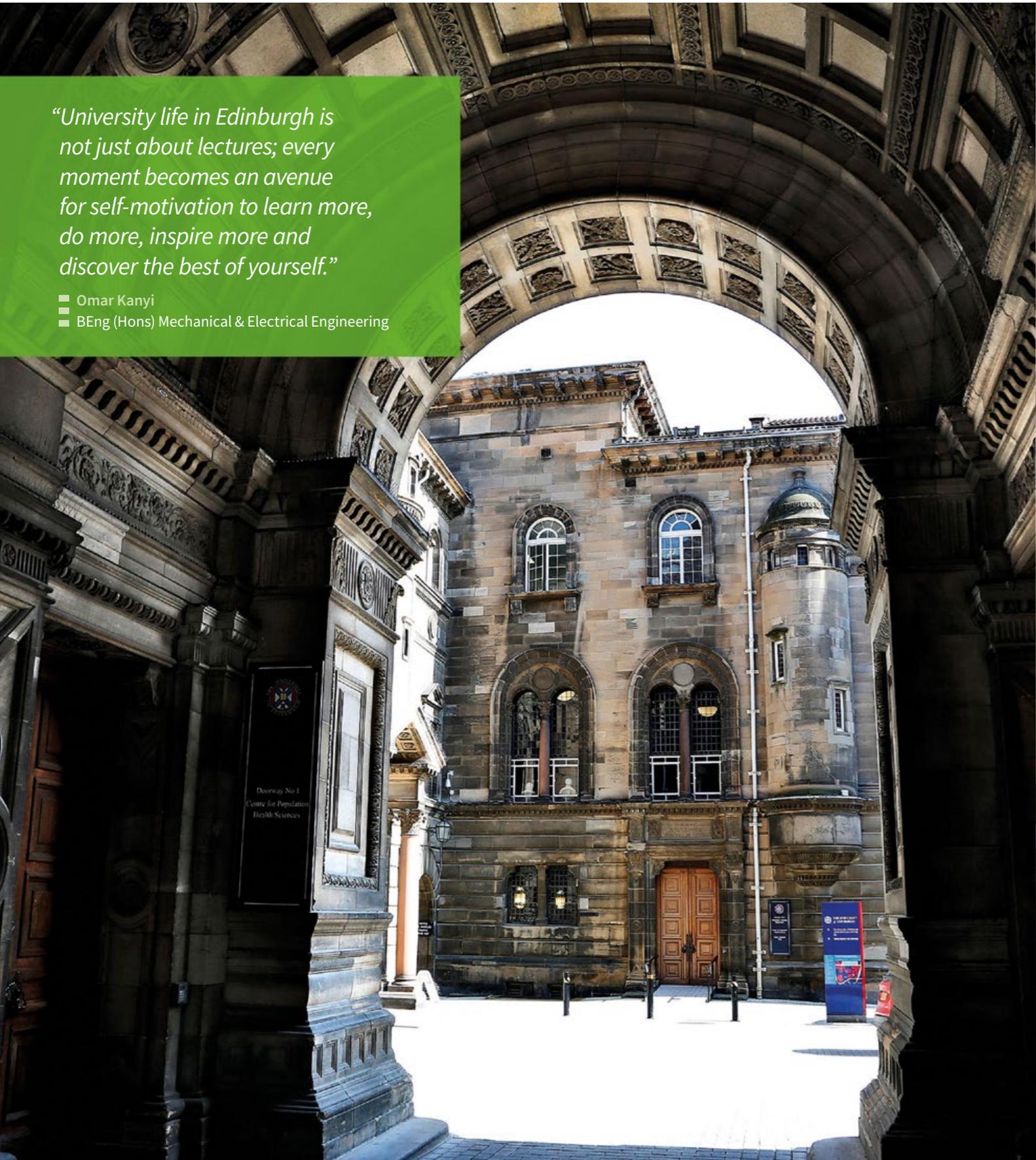
For further information, visit: [www.accom.ed.ac.uk](http://www.accom.ed.ac.uk)

*"It can be hard to fit in at first but people here are so friendly. They are literally from all over the world – I've met someone from all six inhabited continents at Edinburgh – and from all walks of life. You learn a lot outside the classroom about where people are from and their home cultures. I can't even begin to describe how it feels to wake up in such a beautiful city surrounded by people from so many different cultures."*

■ Elizabeth Lund  
■ MA (Hons) Scandinavian Studies & History

*“University life in Edinburgh is not just about lectures; every moment becomes an avenue for self-motivation to learn more, do more, inspire more and discover the best of yourself.”*

- Omar Kanyi
- BEng (Hons) Mechanical & Electrical Engineering



## Individual support

While university life is full of extraordinary opportunities, it can also be overwhelming. We appreciate that coming to university can be challenging, and we're committed to helping you access consistent information, guidance, care and support when and in the way you need it.

Your first point of contact for navigating teaching, academic advice and guidance will be your Student Adviser within your School of study. Through them, the University will support you with a combination of academic and dedicated student experience and administrative staff who will be able to direct you to the appropriate support for any challenges you face, whether directly related to your learning and teaching or arising from life situations. You will also have access to a variety of peer-to-peer learning networks as well as student societies.

Your Student Adviser will refer you to a Wellbeing Adviser if you need more specialist support. Our wellbeing support includes the Chaplaincy, Disability and Learning Support Service, Student Counselling, the Listening Service, and the Student Wellbeing Service. Our vision is to empower the University community to flourish by providing you with responsive, evidence-based support from which everyone is able to thrive. All our services are based in and around our award-winning Health & Wellbeing Centre in Bristo Square, which includes a wellbeing lounge for quiet time on campus.

On campus and online, EdHelp provides straightforward access to key services where you can find answers to common support questions and raise any issues with the team. They will work with areas across the University – including student administration, finance, the libraries, and information services (IT) – to help you resolve these.

In addition, Edinburgh University Students' Association runs The Advice Place, a free, professional and confidential advice service open to all our students. The Advice Place can advise on a range of issues such as academic or accommodation concerns, and safety and wellbeing. We also have Peer Learning and Support programmes in all our Schools. Student leaders, trained by the Students' Association, will support peer assisted learning and offer mentorship.

Whatever your ambition,  
we are here for you.



# What's next?

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There's far more information online. Visit: [www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate](http://www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate)

Alternatively, skip straight to our degree finder and choose your perfect programme: [www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees](http://www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees)

## Contact us

Our prospective students' Enquiry Team can advise you about admission to specific degrees or help if you have general enquiries about applying to the University:

[futurestudents@ed.ac.uk](mailto:futurestudents@ed.ac.uk)

## International students

If you are an international student with specific questions about your application, please email our enquiry team or check online for additional information: [www.ed.ac.uk/studying/international](http://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/international)

## Open Days and events

We offer many opportunities for you to find out more about the University, including Open Days (on 20 June, 4 October, or 25 October in 2025) and campus visits, as well as online information sessions you can access from the comfort of your own home. For further information on any of these options: [www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/visiting](http://www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/visiting)

## Chat online

Wherever you are in the world, our online platform gives you the chance to chat to a current student about their experiences. You will be able to connect with a range of students studying different subjects: [edin.ac/student-chat](http://edin.ac/student-chat)

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

## Our overseas representatives

We also work with education agencies around the world, who provide application support and guidance. For a list of our approved representatives: [edin.ac/international-agents](http://edin.ac/international-agents)

## Get social

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Newcastle	1hr 30mins
Aberdeen	2hrs 30mins
Inverness	4hrs
Manchester	4hrs
London	5hrs
Birmingham	5hrs
Cardiff	6hrs

Flight times (approx.)	
Belfast	1hr
Dublin	1hr 10mins

**Where we are**  
 Detailed maps can be found at:  
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