

CARDIFF MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIPS

Further Information Provided by the Cardiff University

The 26,000 student population is drawn from a variety of backgrounds, with students attracted from throughout Wales, the rest of the UK and world-wide. Over 3,000 students come from outside the UK. Government performance indicators show that our students are more likely to succeed in their studies, with first-year completion rates considerably higher than national averages and also higher than some similar universities.

Many of the University's degree schemes provide partial or complete exemption from relevant professional examinations and more than forty schemes of study benefit from accreditation and input from professional bodies. More than twenty per cent of Cardiff University students pursue postgraduate study.

In recent years, there has been substantial investment in the University estate, including the expansion of life sciences facilities, a new building for medical education, a brain research centre and a new £21m building for Optometry and Vision Sciences.

The University is located in and around the Portland stone buildings, parks and tree-lined avenues that form Cardiff's magnificent civic centre. Unusually for a civic university, most of the University's student residential accommodation is within easy walking distance of lecture theatres, libraries and the students' union, saving our students time and money. The city has a reputation for being friendly, safe and offers a wealth of amenities for sports, culture and other recreational activity.

Areas of Excellence

Cardiff is internationally recognised as being among the top tier of Britain's research intensive universities and is a member of the prestigious Russell Group of leading universities. Research is undertaken in all the Schools of the University, including much ground breaking interdisciplinary research which involves collaboration between academic staff working in different Schools often, though not exclusively, through established Research Centres.

The latest Research Assessment Exercise (2008) shows that world-leading research is being undertaken throughout Cardiff University.

Almost 60 per cent of all research at Cardiff University was assessed as world-leading or internationally excellent – 4* and 3* the top two categories of assessment. Remarkably, 33 out of 34 research areas submitted by the University for assessment by independent panels of experts are shown to be undertaking research that includes work that is "world-leading in terms of originality, significance and rigour."

Most notable in this Assessment is the profile of Psychiatry, Neuroscience and Clinical Psychology where an outstanding 20 per cent of research is world-leading (grade 4*) and 80 per cent is world-leading and internationally excellent (4* and 3*).

The professions also feature strongly among other areas of the University shown in the Assessment to be conducting high concentrations of world-leading research. Among the most impressive of these are Civil Engineering (25% world leading, 90% world-leading/internationally excellent) and the schools of Business (35% and 70% respectively), Journalism, Media and Communication (45% and 75%), City and Regional Planning (30% and 65%) and Law (25% and 60%).

Key focal areas for research are as follows:

- **Humanities**

They include some of the longest-established fields of human academic endeavour, such as history, law and music. Research in some disciplines, such as law and architecture, provides a continually-updated knowledge base for the professions. Others such as history and archaeology ask questions about the development of our societies while others again, including journalism and political studies, look at pressing contemporary issues

- **Neuroscience**

Interdisciplinary research into the human brain including understanding how the brain functions normally and when it is affected by injury, mental health illnesses such as depression, or degenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's or Huntington's.

- **Nanoscience**

Nanotechnology is the range of sciences now growing up around structures the size of molecules or even atoms. There are implications for medicine, physics and engineering, among many others.

- **Public Health**

Research here ranges from areas focussed on socio-economic, cultural and environmental conditions and working on identifying mental health issues in the workplace and their resolution to large scale to key issues such as childhood obesity, smoking and combating the global resistance to antibiotics.

- **Sustainability**

Sustainability research at Cardiff University covers the three key areas:

- Environmental sustainability e.g. in building design, or energy and environmental management.
- Social sustainability, e.g. community development and social inclusion research which aims to produce specific measures to tackle poverty, poor health, and the consequences of disadvantage.
- Economic sustainability e.g. research into the relationships between businesses and their stakeholders to explore new and more sustainable approaches to consumption, production and management.

Links with the USA

Cardiff University has strong links with the USA ranging from exchange agreements with:

- University of Pennsylvania (Journalism)
- University of Miami (University wide agreement)
- University of West Virginia (History and Archaeology)
- San Francisco State University (European Studies and Social Sciences)
- University of Delaware (Earth Sciences)
- State University of New York, New Paltz (University-wide)
- University of Washington (History and Archaeology)

to ongoing research collaboration with many institutions including Harvard, Texas A&M, University of Pennsylvania, University of California, Berkeley, New York University among others. With over 60 full time US students enrolled in both undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, as well as many study abroad student undertaking semester long studies, there is a long tradition of US students studying at Cardiff.

Cardiff also offers a study abroad programme for US undergraduate students.

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