

The University of Edinburgh

The University of Edinburgh is an uncompromising mix of tradition and innovation, heritage with forward thinking, excellent academic credentials with an open friendly culture, all in one of Europe's most exciting cities. We offer over 500 undergraduate and postgraduate degree programmes in a broad range of academic disciplines.

Founded in 1583, the University of Edinburgh has some of the oldest and most prestigious academic departments in the world, including, for example, the world's first English Literature department. Yet the University of Edinburgh is also a world leader in 21st Century subjects such as Artificial Intelligence, Informatics and Life Sciences.

Studying at the heart of the city

The University of Edinburgh is situated in the heart of Scotland's capital, a cosmopolitan city, with national museums, theatres and galleries to rival the best in Europe. Famed for its ancient castle, medieval centre and elegant Georgian architecture, Edinburgh has become known as the Athens of the North. The entire city centre, which includes many University buildings, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The annual Edinburgh Fringe Festival is the largest arts festival in the world, and is just one of 12 annual festivals held in the city. New students soon feel at home in the city which, in a recent national survey, was voted the "friendliest city in the UK".

Above all, at the University of Edinburgh we thrive on our reputation of excellence and innovation and take pride in maintaining our key position at the forefront of research and advancements in teaching.

International reputation

The University is ranked 23rd in world (THES World University rankings 2007). In the most recent Research Assessment Exercise (RAE), the University of Edinburgh maintained its position as one of the foremost research universities in the UK, with some 74% of staff located in 5 or 5* departments, denoting international excellence. The University is among the top five UK universities for research and out-performed all other Scottish universities.

With the largest proportion of international students of any Scottish university, studying at the University of Edinburgh has a truly international dimension. Currently, over 5000 international students, representing over 130 countries, study at the University.

US alumni

The University of Edinburgh has been welcoming students from the USA since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. In fact, two signatories of the Declaration, John Witherspoon and Benjamin Rush, were Edinburgh graduates.

Today, the University has over 6000 American alumni, who have found success in a wide range of fields, including government, academia, business, law and medicine. Our alumni in America today include physicians, academics, lawyers, US Congressmen, the co-founder of TiVo, a Vice-President of Chevron, an Emmy award-winning actor, a Group Vice President of Unilever, and many more.

Institutional Links with the USA

The University of Edinburgh's links with the USA stretch back over 400 years. Some of the USA's oldest universities and colleges have their roots at Edinburgh, too. The first President of Princeton,

founder and first President of the College of William & Mary, and founders of New York's first medical school, King's College, were all graduates of the University of Edinburgh.

Edinburgh continues to have strong relationships with a number of leading US colleges and universities.

Student exchange partners in the USA

Our student exchange partners include:

CalTech, the University of Chicago, Georgetown University, the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Virginia

Study abroad partners in the USA

Study abroad students come to us each year from many top US colleges and universities including: Brown University, Columbia University, Cornell University, Dartmouth University, Duke University, Harvard University, Middlebury College, Northwestern University, Princeton University, Smith College, Stanford University, and Wellesley College.

All of these institutions recognise the quality of the academic experience offered by the University of Edinburgh.

Research partners

The Edinburgh-Stanford Link, a £6 million research, training and commercialisation project specialising in speech and language technology which brings together two of the world's leading computer science departments, is just one example of the University's research collaborations with US institutions.

Further information about current research activity can be found online at <http://www.research-innovation.ed.ac.uk/>.