

University of Edinburgh

Facts and Figures

History *One of Scotland's ancient universities - founded 1583*

Our Performance *1st in Scotland and 5th in the UK for research (RAE 2008) Ranked 6th in Europe and 22nd in the world (QS World University Rankings 2010)*

Students *Over 28,000*

International Students *8,300 from over 145 countries*

Faculty and staff *8,894 62% of all staff work in the highest rated research departments (4* and 3*)*

Degree Programmes *Unparalleled choice of courses and disciplines. Over 600 undergraduate, 300 postgraduate taught, and 250 postgraduate research degree programmes offered*

Student clubs and societies *More than 235 student societies and 66 sports clubs from which to choose from*

Distinguished Alumni *Philosopher David Hume; Chemist Joseph Black; Physicist James Clerk Maxwell; Pioneer of chloroform in midwifery and surgery, James Simpson; Novelists Walter Scott, Robert Louis Stevenson, Arthur Conan Doyle; Signatory of the American Declaration of Independence, John Witherspoon; Naturalist Charles Darwin; Architect Robert Adam; former UK Prime Minister, Gordon Brown*

The City of Edinburgh

Edinburgh is a welcoming, cosmopolitan and economically vibrant city with a large, diverse student population from all over the world. The city offers a unique and exciting array of arts, performance, architecture, leisure and entertainment. Almost every conceivable sport is available here, and the stunning Scottish countryside and coastline are just a few miles away. With excellent road, rail and air transport systems, Edinburgh is within easy reach of all major cities in the UK, Europe and beyond.

Current Students from the USA

There are at present nearly 1,600 students from the USA studying at Edinburgh. Nearly half of our American student body are pursuing full undergraduate degrees. We are also one of the top UK destinations for Junior Year Abroad students to spend a year or semester. Increasing numbers of graduates are attracted to us for a one-year Masters and there is also a sizeable American community undertaking research. American students study a very wide range of academic disciplines at Edinburgh, including divinity, history, international relations, biological sciences, English literature, languages and veterinary medicine.

Edinburgh's Links to the USA

We have more than 20 student exchange partners including CalTech, the University of Chicago, Georgetown University, the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Virginia.

The University of Edinburgh is working in partnership with Yale University as part of an innovative UK-USA-Africa Partnership to further build up Palliative Care at Makerere University and its associated hospital, Mulago Hospital.

Famous for Innovation

We are associated with nine Nobel Prize winners, including Professor Charles Barkla (Physics, 1917) and Max Born (Physics, 1954). Recent graduate winners include Peter Doherty (Medicine, 1996) and James Mirrlees (Economics, 1996). In 2004, University Honorary Professor Sir Michael Atiyah won the prestigious Abel Prize, Maths' equivalent to the Nobel Prize.

Alumni in the USA

The University 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 6,000 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. The University has an established alumni network in the USA. Please contact us if you would like to be put in touch with alumni in your area.

Programmes

Offering over 600 undergraduate degrees and 300 taught masters courses, the range and choice available at Edinburgh is vast and we offer a growing number of innovative online postgraduate degree programmes too.

The excellent staff and research profile of the institution underpins the teaching and quality of our courses.

Research

The results demonstrated that 63% of the University's research activity is in the highest categories (4* and 3*), of which one third is recognised as "world-leading".

These results reinforce the University's ranking as one of the world's top 20 universities according to the Times Higher Education's international league table.

The University's submission was among the largest and most comprehensive in the UK.

A total of 1,684 individuals, more than 90% of the institution's academic staff, saw their research assessed across 39 subject areas.

Today's results place the University in the top 5 in the UK and number one in Scotland by volume of 4* "world-leading" research.

The results also indicate that the University is home to 37% of Scotland's 4* research.

Highlights

The College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine was rated top in the UK for medical research submitted to the Hospital-based Clinical Subjects Panel.

All of the work rated at the international level and 40% at the very highest "world-leading".

The University's Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies was the top ranked vet school in the UK with the highest percentage of "world-leading" research.

The School of Informatics is top in the UK for the volume of 4* research, with one in ten of the UK's "world-leading" researchers being at the University.

It made the largest of 81 UK submissions in Computer Science and Informatics. Linguistics is rated top in the UK, based on the volume of 4* "world-leading" research.

English Literature has 40% of its research activity at the highest rating of 4*, placing it in the top 3 in the UK.

Funding

The University of Edinburgh is eligible to certify loan applications for the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP). Scholarships for students from the USA include:

- Edinburgh Global Scholarships for Undergraduate, Masters and Research Students
- Marshall Scholarships
- Fulbright Scholarships
- Chevening Scholarships

Full details of these and other scholarships offered by the University can be found at:

www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/student-funding/home

Postgraduate Entry Requirements

For entry to most postgraduate degrees, students should have an appropriate qualification in a relevant field of study. The minimum requirement for students from the USA is an undergraduate degree from a recognised university or college with a minimum 3.25 GPA. Each programme may have additional requirements. You can obtain further guidance on specific entry requirements by contacting the International Office or visiting

www.ed.ac.uk/studying/postgraduate

All postgraduate applicants are encouraged to make contact with the University to discuss available opportunities before submitting an application.

How to Apply

Please apply online from your chosen degree - look for the "Apply" button under "Apply for this Degree".

www.ed.ac.uk/studying/postgraduate/finder

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