

GLASGOW MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIPS

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Established in 1451, and now more than 550 years old, the University of Glasgow is one of the ancient Scottish universities and the fourth oldest university in the English speaking world. The University of Glasgow is one of the largest universities in the United Kingdom with approximately 20,000 students (roughly 15,500 Undergraduates and 4,500 Postgraduates). Glasgow is a member of the prestigious Russell Group of 20 major research universities in the UK, and is ranked in the world's top 100 institutions.

With over 3,500 overseas students from around 120 countries (nearly 500 from the USA), the university has a tradition of welcoming international students and has developed an extensive support network for them.

Some of the world's most influential figures have worked and studied at the University of Glasgow including:

- Lord Kelvin, arguably the pre-eminent scientist of the nineteenth century
- Adam Smith, economist and philosopher and author of 'The Wealth of Nations'
- James Watt who conducted some of his early experiments with steam power at the university
- John Logie Baird, one of television's pioneers

The University is comprised of nine academic faculties, each consisting of a broad range of taught and research programmes of study:

- Arts
- Biomedical and Life Sciences
- Education
- Engineering
- Information and Mathematical Sciences
- Law, Business, and Social Sciences
- Medicine
- Physical Sciences
- Veterinary Medicine

Location

The University's compact campus is situated in the West End of the city of Glasgow. The downtown area of the city is easily accessible on foot, subway, or bus. The 'National Geographic Traveller' dubbed Glasgow, "**the coolest city in the UK,**" and crowned it the **UK's favourite tourist city**. More information on the city can be found at www.seeglasgow.com and www.glasgowwestend.co.uk.

The city of Glasgow has a population of approximately 650,000 and thus provides a genuine metropolitan environment. It is a city that is easy to get around, with a tremendous reputation throughout the world for its friendliness. As a city with over 800 years of history, Glasgow has a great deal of pride in the splendours of its past, being the best preserved Victorian city in Britain.

Glasgow was voted the **European City of Architecture and Design** and is home to over 20 museums and art galleries as well as **more than 200 other cultural organizations**, including the Scottish Opera, the Royal Scottish National Orchestra, the National Theatre of Scotland and the Citizens Theatre. Glasgow, UNESCO City of Music is probably best known for its contemporary music scene, with musicians such as Paolo Nutini, **Franz Ferdinand**, Mark Knopfler of Dire Straits, **Travis** and the **Fratellis** all coming from Glasgow. As a gateway to the **Scottish Highlands**, Glasgow offers **Loch Lomond** and Rob Roy country within less than an hour's drive. **European countries** are a short flight from Glasgow International Airport or Glasgow Prestwick at **cheap student rates**.

A Research Powerhouse

The University's research is leading the way in traditional academic areas such as medicine, physics, astronomy and engineering, as well as modern disciplines like bioelectronics, cell signalling, nanotechnology, and optoelectronics.

The 2008 Research and Assessment Exercise rated 88 per cent of the University's research as internationally recognised, while research awards exceeded £103m. Glasgow has the second highest number of top rated departments in the UK.

In 2007-8 the University received the highest particle physics funding and the highest arts funding for higher education in the UK.

Glasgow's Faculty of Medicine is at the forefront of clinical interventions and discovery. One of the largest in Europe, it houses more than 350 researchers engaged with a range of activities from genomic research progressing to clinical trials. This provides a 'cell to cure' approach focused on health improvement, disease prevention and treatment. Cancer and cardiovascular research at Glasgow was ranked within the UK's top five by the [2008 Research Assessment Exercise](#).

RAE 2008: Highlights

- Glasgow submitted research to 48 out of a possible 67 Units of Assessment.
- 33 subject areas have the majority of their profile classified as world-leading or internationally excellent.
- All subject areas in which the University made a submission are producing research that has been rated internationally excellent.
- The [Department of History of Art](#) is the most highly rated of any university in the UK.
- The [Vet School](#) has been rated the joint best in the UK.
- Glasgow's research in [Cancer Studies](#) and [Accounting and Finance](#) are rated in the UK top five. A further 14 subjects are rated top 10 in the UK including Cardiovascular Medicine, Infection and Immunology, Dentistry, Allied Health Professions (Nursing), Physics, Computer Science and Informatics, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Town and Country Planning, Library and Information Management, Psychology, European Studies, Celtic Studies, English Language and Literature and Drama, Dance and Performing Arts.

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