



This Scholarship is for Graduate Study at either Masters or Doctoral level at the University of Durham and will be for two years (with a possibility of a third year for doctoral studies). If awarded a Durham Marshall Scholarship candidates would be expected to study at Durham University.



Founded in 1832, Durham is consistently ranked among the top 5 universities in the UK¹ and the top 100 institutions in the world². It is one of the world's leading centres of scholarship, and home to 16,000 students from over 150 countries, creating a rich and diverse academic community.

Located in the North East of England, the University is centred around a 10th Century Norman Castle and Cathedral. As a small and historic city, Durham offers scholarship recipients a "quintessentially English experience"³ at a Russell Group institution.

Subject areas

Durham has three academics faculties, offering courses in the following subject areas:

Anthropology	Economics	Modern Languages
Archaeology	Education	Philosophy
Biological & Biomedical Sciences	Engineering	Physics
Business & Business Finance	English Studies	Politics
Chemistry	Geography	Psychology
Classics	History	Sociology
Ancient History	Law	Sport
Computer Science	Mathematical Sciences	Theology and Religion
Earth Sciences	Medicine	

Colleges

The University is collegiate, with colleges providing residential, social and welfare facilities for members, and creating a sense of community for students and staff. All have their own theatre and music groups; societies which engage in community outreach or environmental activities; as well as a wide range of sports activities and teams. Students take the lead in organising social and cultural events, sports teams and competitions and all manner of charitable work.

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Research

According to the Research Assessment Exercise 2008, Durham has world-class research in every single area of assessment across the sciences, social sciences and humanities.

The results showed that:

- 19% of research was graded at 4 Star - world-leading
- 59% of research was graded at 3 Star or above - internationally excellent
- 90% of research was of international quality, 2 Star or above

¹ Ranked fourth best UK University in the prestigious Sunday Times University Guide 2013

² Ranked 80th in the Times World University Rankings 12

³ 2012-13 Chevening Scholar

Many of Durham's departments, including Applied Maths, Archaeology, Geography, German, and Theology and Religion are ranked among the best in the UK. This research ensures that all students are taught by academics at the cutting edge of their discipline.

Distinctive Masters programmes:

Conflict Prevention, Sustainable Peace, and Security MSc

This MSc provides students with advanced knowledge of the complex and specialised areas of conflict prevention, conflict resolution, conflict transformation, conflict analysis, state stabilisation, peace processes, humanitarian intervention and peace building within the context of contemporary conflict and international humanitarian intervention. [MSc Conflict Prevention, Sustainable Peace and Security](#)

Defence, Development and Diplomacy MSc

With conflicts becoming increasingly drawn-out, asymmetric wars of attrition, our understanding of conflict and conflict intervention is undergoing a seismic shift. Conflicts are determined not by military victory, diplomacy or long-term development alone, but by securing populations through a comprehensive approach that sees to their political, and economic, as well as their security-related needs. This inter-disciplinary programme offers the unique opportunity to look at conflict, conflict intervention and post-conflict reconstruction through the lenses of defence, development and diplomacy. [MSc Defense, Development and Diplomacy](#).

Risk MA/ MSc

Risk is shaping the fundamental basis for how we live and interact in society. Our environment is persistently bombarded with risks on a daily basis, some of which we are able to avoid, but many others we must learn to live with. Conventional knowledge and methods seem no longer capable of meeting some of the new as well as old risks we face in the world today. Hazards are also numerous and despite scientific advances in understanding different kinds of hazards, society still often falls short of adequately preparing for and managing disasters.

Durham University is at the forefront of interdisciplinary scholarship and research on risk. The Risk Masters programmes seek to meet some of these global challenges by training researchers of the future in order to help pioneer new ways for understanding and dealing with hazard and risk in society. As part of this we are offering taught Masters programmes in risk; [MSc in Risk and Environmental Hazards](#) and [MA in Risk and Security](#).

New and Renewable Energy MSc

The MSc in New and Renewable Energy is designed to equip graduates with the skills required to meet the growing challenge to achieve energy and environmental sustainability through the application of new and renewable energy technologies. The programme aims to enable students to develop the capacity to solve problems across the traditional Engineering boundaries and to have an appreciation of complete energy systems from source to end user, to have knowledge of the relevant technologies and to understand the interactions between them. [MSc New and Renewable Energy](#)

Leading academics

[Professor James Piscatori](#)

Professor of International Relations, and Head of School in the [School of Government and International Affairs](#)

Member of the [Centre for the History of Political Thought](#)

[Professor Piscatori](#) has worked at several universities in Britain, Australia and the United States. In Britain, he was Fellow of the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies and Fellow of Wadham College, Oxford; and Professor of International Politics in the University of Aberystwyth. In addition, he was Professor at the Australian National University and Associate Professor in the School of Advanced International Studies of the Johns Hopkins University. He has also been Senior Fellow at two research institutions -- the Royal Institute of International Affairs in London and the Council on Foreign Relations in New York. He has served on several international collaborative committees such as the Committee for the Comparative Study of Muslim Societies of the Social Science Research Council, and was co-editor of a series on Muslim Politics for Princeton University Press.



RESEARCH: Professor Piscatori's work has centred on two themes: Islam and international relations; and Islamic political thought, particularly as it relates to democratisation in Middle Eastern societies. Area focus has been principally, but not exclusively, on the Arab states of the Gulf. Recently, he has been working on pan-Islamism and Islamic transnationalism, and specifically investigating the contemporary meaning of the *ummah* (community of the faith).

Professor Dave Petley, BSc (Hons) AKC PhD FRGS FGS ILTM Cgeog

Professor, Co-Director - Institute of Hazard, Risk and Resilience in the [Department of Geography](#), Wilson Chair in Hazard and Risk in Institute of Hazard, Risk and Resilience, Dean of Research and Global Engagement.

[Professor Petley's](#) research interests lie primarily in the understanding of landslides and landslide mechanics, especially in high mountain areas within less developed countries. Areas of particular interest are material deformation processes, landslide mechanics and landslide hazard, and risk assessment and remote sensing technology for earth surface mapping. Prof Petley works with partners worldwide **and** maintains a blog of global landslide and rockfall events as they happen, including maps of the locations of fatal events at:

<http://daveslandslideblog.blogspot.com>



'Durham is not what I expected it would be, but what I hoped it would be! The quality of the whole program is very high and lecturers are very motivated. Further, I met so many brilliant and motivated people from all over the world. I am happy to be part of the Durham community.' Sarah (Chicago) MSc Anthropology

'I really feel like I am at a 'Classic British' University here at Durham' James (New York) PhD Medieval and Renaissance Studies

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