We are proud of our history but we do not dwell on the past. We call on our six centuries of experience and achievement to inspire our future.

The University of Aberdeen was a catalyst in the Scottish Enlightenment, the 18th Century ‘Golden Age’ when our ideas and advances shaped the world we live in today.

This is an opportunity for you to take your place in an institution taking on the future. A place where curiosity is nurtured and knowledge thrives; where research, industry and innovation are prized assets in human evolution; where academic rigour and diversity define individuals and transform lives.

This is a key chapter in your life. Help us write a new chapter in our story. Make history.
An assurance born of being an ancient university; an approach to learning which has developed over 500 years.

MOVING FORWARD...
Our innovative work has led to five Nobel Prizes awarded for work either carried out or begun here, and today we find ourselves continually receiving recognition for our impact, from being the top medical school in the Scotland to the Safest University City north of the border. Scores on teaching, student satisfaction and research excellence have placed us highly within the UK and internationally.

Investment in facilities has provided us with the award winning Sir Duncan Rice Library and Olympic standard Aberdeen Sports Village and Aquatics Centre along with the Suttie Centre and Rowett Institute of Nutrition and Health, creating a fantastic campus experience.

Women make up 55% of the student population. We opened all Faculties to women in 1892, one of the first European universities to do so.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE...
At Aberdeen we work towards creating and using knowledge to make a difference. We offer over 120 taught masters and with endless research opportunities available, the University of Aberdeen is where you can make your mark. Our outstanding history of pioneering discoveries continues today, changing thinking in medicine, science, arts and humanities.

IN THE BEGINNING...
Over the past six centuries the University has lead the way for many world changing achievements. The determination and vision of just a handful of innovators has led to us being consistent world leaders since 1495. Discovering the life-saving drug insulin, developing the world’s first MRI machine and helping shape the world’s energy industry are just part of our story.

From opening our doors to some of the country’s earliest female graduates, to current engagement in world leading research, our history makes an exciting story, and one to be proud of.

Five Nobel Prizes
KNOWLEDGE TO EFFECT CHANGE

Leading on worldwide collaborations in drug discovery, climate change, medical sciences, and archaeology - among others - our researchers focus on tackling big issues to effect global change.

Being research intensive, we have a firmly established track record of innovation. Researchers here are placed at the forefront while forging the way based on their own international excellence and passion. Our researchers know that only knowledge can effect change, and seek to do this following their hunger to find solutions to the big questions. Studying here gives you the chance to explore areas most important to you, catalyzed ahead by the pioneers who have come before.

With a commitment to support in impact, we offer researchers professional and entrepreneurial development throughout their study leading to a PhD that not only equips our graduates for work in research, but for paves the way for them to lead in their professional field.

From the deepest ocean trenches in the world, to the smallest particles in the universe; from Alaskan permafrost discoveries to pioneering cancer treatments, the University of Aberdeen houses world-leading academics from across the globe committed to deep thinking.

Combined with world-class facilities, and our dedication to inter-disciplinary approaches, our impact reaches far beyond our warm research community extending to global platforms – our voice is heard across the planet. Leading on worldwide collaborations in drug discovery, climate change, medical sciences, and archaeology – among others – our researchers focus on tackling big issues to effect global change. Inspiring the next generation of innovators to forge the way, our research makes waves.

Deep thinkers

2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF) results

75% of the University’s research is ranked as either internationally excellent or world leading.

Deep thinkers
Inside your prospectus
Our range of cross-discipline and specialist taught Masters and Research degrees give students the skills they need to excel in their chosen area of interest.

**Satisfactory progress often leads students to transfer from a Postgraduate Certificate to a Postgraduate Diploma, or from a Postgraduate Diploma to a Masters Degree.**

**Assessment**

Masters usually concludes with a project or dissertation. Full details on the University’s assessment procedures can be found at [www.abdn.ac.uk/infohub/study/assessment.php](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/infohub/study/assessment.php).

**Structure and Duration**

Students studying for a research postgraduate degree may register for either full-time or part-time study. For a PhD, the normal study period is 36 months full-time or 60 months part-time; for M Lit, MSc, MPhil, MML or MLL 12 months full-time or 24 months part-time. In special circumstances, where a candidate has undertaken postgraduate research previously and where progress on the research degree has been faster than scheduled, the minimum period for full-time candidates may be reduced to no less than 24 months for a PhD and on submission of the thesis for examination. The supervisor must fully endorse any proposal to reduce the minimum period. Study may be undertaken either wholly within the University or in association with other research centres either in the UK or overseas.

**Progression**

Students on taught courses of study must satisfy the progression requirements of their specific programme and comply with the University’s Procedures for Determining Progression and Award in modularised taught programmes (Grade Spectrum). Details of progression requirements can be found at [www.abdn.ac.uk/staffnet/teaching/aqh/appendix7c2.pdf](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/staffnet/teaching/aqh/appendix7c2.pdf).

**Conclusion**

The precise focus of research will be agreed between the supervisor and the student, to suit the student’s particular interests and needs as much as possible. During the first year, students may be required to undertake some formal research training which is compulsory in some disciplines. Continuing training and support to students is provided throughout their studies. During research periods, students will be encouraged to attend specialist seminars and conferences, and will be required to give an account of their progress to staff and fellow students from time to time at seminars.

**Conclusion**

Progression is monitored regularly and supervisors are asked to complete official biannual reports. Unsatisfactory progress, however, on rare occasions, may lead to a transfer from PhD to a research Masters, or a student being required to end their studies.

**Assessment**

Assessment for PhDs is on the basis of a thesis and oral examination. Assessment is conducted by at least two examiners, one of whom is from outside the University.

**MODE OF STUDY**

**January Start**

We understand that many of our students require more flexibility when starting a postgraduate qualification - this can be due to career plans, employer constraints or even down to immigration and visa legislation. In order to help our students begin their studies at a time which is best suited to them, a selection of our most popular taught programmes now have a January intake available.

For details on which of our courses have January starts available, please visit [www.abdn.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/january](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/january) or contact the specific Colleges listed at the bottom of this page.

**Part-Time Study**

Part-time study is available for all research degrees and for some taught courses. Due to British immigration regulations it is generally not available to students from outside the European Union.

**Registered Postgraduate Study**

Research workers from institutions overseas, or students undertaking research degrees at other institutions, may visit the University for Registered Postgraduate Study for short periods, for example to learn particular experimental techniques. Fees for Registered Postgraduate Study are charged at the normal postgraduate fee rate according to the number of months of study. Students wishing to undertake a single course within a postgraduate taught programme may apply to undertake individual subject study. Fees are charged on a per credit basis.

**Online Distance Learning Programmes**

We offer a growing number of distance learning programmes designed for applicants who are looking to study with the University but who are unable to relocate to Aberdeen, or have professional or other commitments they want to maintain. For more information visit [www.abdn.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/part-time](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/part-time).

**COLLEGE OF ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES**

[www.abdn.ac.uk/cass/graduate](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/cass/graduate)

**COLLEGE OF PHYSICAL SCIENCES**

[www.abdn.ac.uk/cps/graduate](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/cps/graduate)

**COLLEGE OF LIFE SCIENCES AND MEDICINE**

[www.abdn.ac.uk/cls/graduate](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/cls/graduate)

General enquiries about the University or applying should be sent to Postgraduate Admissions.

**Student Recruitment & Admissions Service**

The Hub, Eshwin Road, Aberdeen, AB24 3TU

**T:** +44 (0)1224 273506

**Social:** @ABERDEENUNI

**Web:** [www.abdn.ac.uk/cops/graduate](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/cops/graduate)
YOUR PATH TO ABERDEEN

Applying to Aberdeen couldn’t be simpler, and with a number of scholarships and support for postgraduate students, the University will do everything it can to make your decision to apply an easy one.

When you are ready to submit your initial application, you will be required to upload the following documents:

- Academic transcripts and degree certificates to date if available
- Personal statement

Other documents that may be required, but which can be uploaded later include:

- For international applicants, proof of proficiency in English – refer to www.abdn.ac.uk/study/international/englishrequirements.php for further information
- Academic References
- For Research Programmes (PhD, MSc etc.) two confidential references in sealed envelopes, signed by the referee across the seal, are required
- For Taught Programmes (MBA, MSc, MLitt, Miles etc.) graduates from a UK institution are not usually required to supply academic references
- Applicants to taught programmes with a first degree from outside the UK are required to submit one reference only.

"Please refer to the prospectus entry for specific requirements.

Applications for PhD and Masters by Research programmes should usually submit a Research Proposal. Some departments require an extended Research Profile, and applicants should refer to individual school websites for details before submitting an application. Please note that In-Service Education programme applications are made via a separate application: www.abdn.ac.uk/study/education-programmes-318.php

Applications for the PGDE in Primary or Secondary Education must be made through UCAS Teacher Training (formerly GTTR) at www.ucas.com/ucas-teacher-training Please do not attempt to apply for any PGDE Programme directly to the University of Aberdeen via our online application system, or contact us for an application form. Applicants should note that although there is no official closing date, early application is encouraged.

Note: If you have any disability or medical condition which might necessitate special arrangements or facilities, please contact Student Support Services to discuss these before you submit your application.

Student Support Services
The Hub, Elphinstone Road
Old Aberdeen, AB24 3TU
Tel: +44 (0)1224 272506
Email: student.support@abdn.ac.uk

If you have any questions about the application process please contact:
Postgraduate Admissions Office
University Office, University of Aberdeen
King’s College, Aberdeen, AB24 3FX
Tel: +44 (0)1224 273506
Email: pgadmissions@abdn.ac.uk

ACADEMIC TECHNOLOGY APPROVAL SCHEME (ATAS)

Please note that overseas applicants for some Science, Engineering or Technology disciplines may require an Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) certificate. The ATAS certificate must be obtained before applying for a student Entry Clearance or VISA. If ATAS clearance is required for your programme, this will be clearly indicated in the offer of admission. You can submit an ATAS application up to 6 months before the programme start date, even if the offer is still conditional. Further information about ATAS can be found at: www.gov.uk/academic-technologyapproval-scheme
HOW TO APPLY FOR TAUGHT PROGRAMMES

Step 1
Choose your programme
This prospectus, and our website, both contain an overview of all of our taught programmes and their entry requirements. Most programmes start in September but some can start in January; you can find out more here:
www.abdn.ac.uk/study/courses/postgraduate/taught

Step 2
Submit your online application
All applications (except some education programmes) should be submitted online through our Applicant Portal:
www.abdn.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/apply
PGDE applications must be made through UCAS:
www.ucas.com/teacher-training
Further guidance on how to apply for our postgraduate programmes can be found here:
www.abdn.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/applying-for-a-postgraduate-programme-952

Step 3
Identify funding options
Most funding bodies have application deadlines so if you intend to apply for funding to support your studies we recommend that you submit your funding application as early as possible. Most funding bodies will require you to have an offer from the University before you apply so you need to get your application to us well before the funding body’s close date. You can find information on potential funding opportunities at:
www.abdn.ac.uk/funding

Step 4
Receiving an initial decision
You will be sent an email informing you of whether you have a place on your chosen programme. If there are conditions attached to the offer please ensure these are completed and sent back as soon as possible.

Step 5
Accepting your offer
If you wish to accept the offer, please return your completed acceptance and financial guarantee forms as soon as possible. If you are waiting to hear the outcome of a funding application you can still accept the offer of admission then send the relevant forms of sponsorship later.

Step 6
Review your joining pack
Once cleared for admission you will receive a pack of joining instructions which includes a Certificate of Acceptance information on accommodation, registration tuition fees etc.
International students who declare they require a Tier 4 visa to enter the UK will receive a CAS number so that they may apply.

HOW TO APPLY FOR RESEARCH PROGRAMMES

Step 1
Define your research area
Most applicants will already know what area they wish to specialise in. Initial research will allow you to refine your ideas. If you are going to be self-funding your research degree an important step is to identify potential sources of funding and choose the best School or Institute for you.

Step 2
Submit your online application
All applications should be made using our online application form:
www.abdn.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/apply
You will be sent an email informing you of whether you have a place on your chosen programme. If there are conditions attached to the offer please ensure these are completed and sent back as soon as possible.

Step 3
Write your research proposal
Some students, such as those who are not applying for a pre-defined or funded project, will likely need to write a research proposal as part of their application. You can find out more about this during your application.

Step 4
Contact potential supervisors
You should contact potential supervisors within your school or institute of interest to discuss research proposals. If applying for a pre-defined project make contact with your identified supervisor before you apply to introduce yourself and ask any questions.

Step 5
Consider a pre-defined PhD project
You can also apply to a pre-defined PhD. These are projects which the University has identified as strong research opportunities for high calibre applicants. You can find out more information on these PhDs here:
www.abdn.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/phd-opportunities-205

Step 6
Select the best School or Institute for you
You can browse our Schools and Institutes online to identify research project and academic staff:
www.abdn.ac.uk/about/colleges-schools-institutes

Step 7
Accepting your offer
If you are offered a place and wish to accept your offer, please return your completed acceptance forms as soon as possible. If you are waiting to hear the outcome of a funding application you can still accept the offer of admission then send the relevant forms of sponsorship later.
You are welcome to contact the Disability Support Office to discuss your application. You may also choose to visit the University to meet academic and support staff and to discover the facilities and support structures which are available.

Disability Advisers
Tel: +44 (0)1224 273935
Email: disability.advisers@abdn.ac.uk
www.abdn.ac.uk/students/disability-information

Our International Student Advisers can provide information on many aspects of international student life at Aberdeen, and are professionally trained to provide specialist advice on visa and immigration matters. Our immigration advice and services are regulated by the Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner.

International Student Advisers
Tel: +44 (0)1224 273935
Email: student.international@abdn.ac.uk
www.abdn.ac.uk/students/international

Student Support Advisers
Tel: +44 (0)1224 273935
Email: student.support@abdn.ac.uk
www.abdn.ac.uk/student-support/advice

The Chaplains also encourage community across the University campus, including Hulls of Residence on Tuesday evenings, and overseas University services within Kings College Chapel. Please visit the website for further information and events.

Tel: +44 (0)1224 272537
Email: chaplanc@abdn.ac.uk
www.abdn.ac.uk/chaplaincy

LOOKING AFTER YOUR HEALTH
Full National Health Service (NHS) medical services are available to students. The Old Aberdeen Medical Practice and Old Machar Medical Practice are located close to the King’s College campus and cater for the general population of the surrounding area, including the student population of the University. Aberdeen Royal Infirmary is the city’s main hospital. It is a teaching hospital with the full range of medical and surgical specialties, which can be accessed through a medical practice when appropriate.

COUNSELLING SERVICE
The University Counselling Service is a free, confidential and professional service for students who have personal, social, emotional or educational concerns. It is located in the heart of King’s College campus.

Tel: +44 (0)1224 272139
Email: counselling@abdn.ac.uk
www.abdn.ac.uk/counselling

Our Student Support Services are ranked amongst the best in the UK and are in place to help you with any aspect of your academic, personal or social life.

Tuition fees
Tuition fees will vary depending on your chosen degree. The tuition fee figures in the table below are for 2016/2017 and are only here to provide an approximate guide to assist you with your financial planning. These figures are subject to change at any time and will vary between individual courses. For up-to-date information on tuition fees for taught degree programmes and research study, you can visit our website at www.abdn.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/finance.

Certain courses do charge additional costs for field trips etc. therefore students should refer directly to the relevant departmental website for further information.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT
Funding
The University of Aberdeen offers a substantial portfolio of scholarships and bursaries aimed at supporting students, some of which are funded by external sponsors. The financial level of contribution per scholarship varies and where some will cover the complete cost of study, others will contribute a sum of money towards it.

The best place to start your search is on our online funding database, which lists all the bursaries and scholarships available each year, www.abdn.ac.uk/funding.

Students should also contact the College in which they are studying as they also have information on specific funding opportunities.

ALUMNI DISCOUNT SCHEME
The University of Aberdeen offers a 20% discount in postgraduate tuition fees for all alumni who have graduated with a degree from the University of Aberdeen, or who have spent time at the University under a study abroad or Erasmus placement. The Alumni Discount Scheme applies to both home and overseas students, and applies to the self-funding element of the postgraduate tuition fee.

For more information visit www.abdn.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/finance

To help with money matters, the University has a range of financial support to help assist postgraduate students throughout their period of study.
FIRST CLASS FACILITIES

We consistently invest in our learning resources to ensure that our staff and students have access to all of the facilities they need to succeed in their work and study. The continued development of our learning resources has placed Aberdeen on the map as one of the leading universities in the UK for postgraduate study and research.

SIR DUNCAN RICE LIBRARY
The Sir Duncan Rice Library is one of the largest and best equipped in the UK, offering excellent learning resources to support your studies. Designed by Danish architects Schmidt Hammer Lassen, the £37 million building is an iconic architectural landmark of North East Scotland. This new University Library is a 21st century space for learning and research.

The building is open to the wider public, as well as students and staff. A wide range of facilities are available including:

- a Gallery on the Ground Floor for exhibitions and displays (which all are welcome to visit)
- an Events Area for school visits, and lectures and presentations
- a Microform Room, Multimedia Room, Music Resources Room, the Teaching Resources Collection, Assistive Technology Booths and other facilities

There are also more informal areas including The Hardback Café on the Ground Floor (open to all), and the ‘Break-out’ Room on Floor 7, where students can enjoy panoramic views of the city while reading, working on a laptop or engaging in quiet conversation.

The Medical Library on the Foresterhill Campus is for students of Medicine and Medical Sciences. A further 500 seats are available at the Medical and Law Libraries. We have over one million volumes in our collections, from ancient papyrus to electronic journals, most of which are easily accessible through our online catalogue. You’ll find an extensive range of electronic resources, advice via Podcast on making best use of our collections, and, in addition to the clusters of PCs in all libraries, you can borrow wireless laptops for use within the Taylor Library or use your own Wi-Fi laptop via the University’s wireless dead. The Library holds books and journals that appear on your reading lists. These are available for reference or overnight loan through our Henry Demand service. You can also borrow from other libraries through our inter-library loans service.

LIBRARIES, MUSEUMS & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS
Our Library goes beyond just Google: providing our students with access to ancient manuscripts, archive collections and rare books which we have collected for over 500 years. Our Special Libraries and Archives hold an internationally significant collection of over 20,000 rare books printed mostly before 1840, and over 4,000 unique and manuscript collections.

These are complemented by the University’s museum collections, which include Anatomy, Archaeology, Anthropology, Art, Geology, Herbarium, History, Pathology, Scientific Instruments and Zoology.

The University’s museum collections are amongst the largest in the country and are of national importance.
SPORTING EXCELLENCE

With outstanding Olympic standard sports facilities and a vibrant Sports Union hosting more than 50 different sports clubs, there are many opportunities to get involved in sport at Aberdeen.

We are dedicated to encouraging participation, enjoyment and even mastery in sports and exercise, and are home to over 50 sports clubs, many of whom compete at the highest level in many national competitions. We are proud of our talented students and graduates, some of whom have gone on to compete in the Olympics, the Commonwealth Games and other international sporting competitions.

Facilities include:

> Full size, 3rd Generation FIFA-approved indoor football pitch
> IAAF-approved indoor athletics area with 135 metre running straight, throwing and jumping areas, and free-weights zone
> Large multi-purpose sports hall
> 4 squash courts (2 glass-backed)
> Large state-of-the-art fitness suite and performance gymnasium
> 2 studios offering a range of classes to suit all, such as TRX, Body Pump, Body Combat, Sports Conditioning, Studio Cycling, Pilates and Yoga
> IAAF-approved outdoor athletics area comprising 400 metre outdoor track, jumping and throwing areas, and stadium
> Full-sized grass football pitch
> Floodlit water based hockey pitch
> 50-metre, 10-lane Olympic-standard swimming pool
> International-standard diving pool with a moveable floor
> Performance and well-being Centre, with physiotherapy clinic
> Crèche, café and spectator seating

AUSLA SPORTS UNION
As part of the Students’ Association (AUSLA), the Sports Union is a student-elected body with a full-time student President for Sport, Sports Development Manager and Sports Administrator.
The University of Aberdeen has a long tradition of welcoming both international students and staff to Aberdeen, and is one of the UK’s most internationally distinguished universities. We are home to a student population of around 14,500 and a dynamic international community of students drawn from 120 different countries.

IMMIGRATION INFORMATION
Immigration requirements frequently change, so it is important to check regularly before you travel to ensure you have the most up-to-date information.

For more information on immigration and visa requirements, visit www.abdn.ac.uk/study/international/visa-information.php

For applications outside the UK, go to www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration

Further guidance can also be found on the UK Council for International Student Affairs website at www.ukisa.org.uk

STUDENT ADVISORS
Once you have arrived in Aberdeen, staff in our Student Support Services are available to give confidential advice, information and support on a wide range of topics. Our International Student Advisors can provide information on many aspects of student life at Aberdeen and in the UK, and are professionally trained to provide specialist guidance on UK visa and immigration matters. British immigration legislation is complex. Our immigration advice and services are regulated by the Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner.

www.abdn.ac.uk/study/student-life/student-support.php

ENGLISH LANGUAGE SUPPORT
The University of Aberdeen offers various English Language Programmes which are provided by a team of experienced and friendly tutors at our fully-equipped Language Centre. Before the start of term, we have a number of English language courses that you can take including an Academic English Preparatory Programme (AEPP) and an intensive English Language Summer School, both focusing on the development of English for Academic Purposes.

The AEPP is a year-long English Language Foundation Programme from October to September each year for students whose English is below the minimum level required by the University. This course is offered full-time with a range of different entry points depending on individual needs and profiles. The course focuses on developing the four main language skills (speaking, listening, reading and writing) and also helps to expand vocabulary and develop effective self-study skills.

SUMMER SCHOOL
The English Language Summer School runs between June and September each year and is aimed at students whose English proficiency is slightly below the level needed for direct University entry. The Summer School has two entry points depending on individual needs and profiles and consists of intensive language and skills preparation for studying at a UK university.

For further details visit: www.abdn.ac.uk/languagescentre

MEET A UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVE
Our staff travel all over the world meeting with prospective students. For more information on where and when they visit check: www.abdn.ac.uk/international

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITY
The University of Aberdeen is a global institution with extensive links around the world. Our academic staff have extensive international contacts and experience. Yu Qi really are a global hub of activity, and the University of Aberdeen can be the first stop on an exciting and varied international career.

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MSc Accounts and Finance, now PhD Accountancy student. China

What support is there for international students?
For international students, the University of Aberdeen provides great help in many aspects, such as course applications, visa advice, finance and accommodation.

The International Office is a large team that supports international students to overcome any difficulties they face. The Infohub on campus also provides face-to-face support for students already here.

Is it possible to work part-time? Yes, it is possible to take a part-time job. 20 working hours per week during term time is allowed under my student visa.

A part-time job, from my personal experience, is a great way to get to know the city and its culture and is also good for practising language skills. However, you need to manage your time effectively as it’s important that your studies are not affected.

There is a Careers Service at the University which helps students to find out about job opportunities and future careers. Many volunteer jobs are also available in Aberdeen.

What about accommodation? The University of Aberdeen guarantees to provide an offer of accommodation for all first-year students in its portfolio of accommodation or with one of its partners as long as they apply by the deadline. All of the University’s accommodation buildings are close to the campus, and it’s easy to access public transport and shops.

For international students, I would recommend living in University accommodation. It saves a lot of time and helps you to adapt to your environment quickly.

At the beginning of their studies, international students may face quite a lot of new challenges, so living in the university halls makes it easier to make friends and get help from others. Once international students are familiar with their overseas life, living in private accommodation is another good option and provides more chance to be involved in the local community.

Was it hard to get a visa? From my personal experience, it is not difficult to get a visa. However, you do have to apply for your visa individually, and it is your responsibility to do it.

The University of Aberdeen provides lots of help to international students in this process. My suggestion is to read the requirements of the Tier 4 visa carefully, and prepare all the documents, exactly following the requirements. If there is anything you are not sure of or have any questions, you can always get advice from the University’s international team.

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YOUR PATH TO EMPLOYMENT

At Aberdeen, we have a proven track record in helping our graduates to take the first successful steps on the ladder of their chosen career.

Patricia Fleitas Calzadilla
Degree studied: MSc Oil & Gas Engineering

I am Process Engineer with Wood Group Frontier (division of Wood Group) which is a specialist oil & gas engineering services company for the offshore and onshore oil & gas energy sectors.

What attracted you to the University of Aberdeen?
The University of Aberdeen is located in a very prestigious location for the Oil & Gas business. The combination between such a prestigious academic institution and the Oil & Gas Industry was the principal reason for choosing the University as my first choice for my career development. Having studied at the University I can say both my career and personal life have been boosted in an unimaginable way.

What did you enjoy about your time at Aberdeen?
I had the opportunity to study under teachers with over 30 years of experience in the North Sea area which helped me to understand the current and future engineering solutions needed to address the new challenges ahead for Oil & Gas Industry worldwide. Furthermore, I made very good friends from Greece, Cyprus and Colombia and we had unforgettable times studying long hours at the library, sharing our limited student budget and having a lot of fun while learning other languages and cultures.

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INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

As a postgraduate student at the University of Aberdeen you’re part of an institution that’s dedicated to developing your skills, preparing you for employment and supporting you while you study.

MEDICAL

Strong industry links are integral to all of our medical degree programmes, and we are confident that our industry links set our students on the path to fulfilling careers. We sit at the forefront of teaching and research in a range of medical programmes, from clinical pharmacology to drug development, and recent stock market trends show that bio-pharmaceuticals are one of the more recession resistant areas of our economy.

BUSINESS

Aberdeen is home to some of the world’s leading graduate employers, including over 20 FTSE 100 global companies. Many of our Academics come from the commercial world, and we are constantly engaging and working with industry organisations, which means we are able to give our students the focussed knowledge and real-world skills needed to succeed.

ENERGY

Our degrees lead you to employment. As an Institution we are unique. Our geographical location in the UK puts us at the very heart of the Energy Industry in Europe’s Energy Capital. We have built strong links with industry over the last 40 years through teaching and research and these links benefit our students throughout their studies.

We boast unrivalled industry links, respected professional accreditation and world class facilities.

Our graduates have a great track record of securing leadership roles in all industries, establishing a global community of Aberdeen alumni in positions of influence such as CEOs, political leaders and managing directors.
YOUR HOME FROM HOME

The University of Aberdeen is home to a range of accommodation to suit all requirements and budgets. There is a wide choice of self-catered flats located on and around campus.

WELFARE AND SUPPORT
A team of student resident assistants work within accommodation to provide support for all residents. Students can approach the SRA team with any concerns that they may have whether academic or personal. They provide friendly confidential advice and can point you in the direction of appropriate professional services.

APPLICATIONS
Information regarding how to apply online for accommodation will be sent as part of your joining pack. Please ensure that you apply by the stated deadline. Every effort will be made to reserve accommodation for you, though we cannot guarantee late applicants a place. Before accepting any agreement with the University concerning accommodation please read everything carefully.

OFF CAMPUS
The University works closely with preferred partners to provide an additional range of high standard student accommodation all within very close proximity to the Campus. All the accommodation is single study bedrooms with shared kitchen and a choice of en-suite or shared bathroom facilities.

ACCOMMODATION ON CAMPUS
There is a range of self-catered accommodation available on Campus or within a pleasant 5 minute walk. All properties consist of single study bedrooms with shared kitchen and living space, a choice of en-suite or shared bathroom facilities.

CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT
Aberdeen is home to a large student population, and offers plenty in the way of entertainment: catering for all tastes in music, culture and leisure.

Shopping
Aberdeen has everything a city in the UK should have and more. You'll find all the major supermarket and retail chains here with four large city-centre shopping malls. From high street stores and designer boutiques to quirky independent outlets and thrift shops, shopaholics will be delighted by the quantity and quality of places on offer.

The Gallery's own collection of contemporary art is regarded as one of the best in the country as its impressive collection of British 20th Century art.

ACCOMMODATION
The University owns and directly manages around 2500 beds and all new single students are guaranteed an offer of accommodation, either University owned or with one of our preferred partners, provided the application reaches us by the stated deadline. The accommodation is on or within walking distance of the main Campus.

HILLHEAD VILLAGE
Hillhead Student Village offers a range of self-catering accommodation to suit every budget; there is a choice of standard single study bedrooms or rooms with en-suite facilities with modern well equipped kitchen facilities. Hillhead is situated approximately a 20 minute walk from the main Campus and there is an excellent bus service and good secure facilities for storing bikes.

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Fax +44 (0)1224 272022
Email: studentaccomm@abdn.ac.uk
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OTHER ACCOMMODATION
Students choosing not to live in a Hall of Residence can choose from a wide range of alternative accommodation throughout the city. The Students’ Association advertises private accommodation, information regarding this can be obtained from their website: www.ausa.org.uk.

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WHERE TO EAT
Aberdeen represents all tastes with offerings in Italian, French, Chinese, Indian, Thai, Greek, and Turkish fare. It’s not just what you eat but where you eat that counts. Aberdeen has cozy bars for pub-grub, intimate bistros, restaurants that boast art galleries and views of the sea and upmarket hang outs, so no matter what mood you’re in or what nickles your taste buds, Aberdeen dining will whet your appetite.

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SHOPPING
The award winning Maritime Museum tells the story of the North Sea and its importance to the city of Aberdeen through multimedia, paintings and artefacts. His Majesty’s Theatre and the Music Hall stage hundreds of performances each year, from ballet, opera and drama to contemporary dance, comedy and musicals.

NIGHTLIFE
A mix of a successful professional culture and a thriving student community has created a lively and exciting nightlife scene which is second to none. The huge variety of pubs and clubs range from nightclubs, to cozy, old world pubs full of atmosphere. For committed clubbers there is a whole host of dance floors in and around the city centre, serving up sounds of hip hop, dance, chart classics, indie, rock, Latin beats, soul, cheesy pop and lots more. Belmont St, located in the heart of the city, acts as a hub for much of this activity, with outdoor terraces ideal for a wind-down drink on a summer night.

THE SILVER CITY
Packed with potential, our Silver City is full of surprises, boasting international sophistication and old-world intimacy.
When you’re not studying, there’s plenty to explore in and around Aberdeen. From surfing by Aberdeen Beach, to shredding the slopes in Glenshee, or even exploring some of the many historic landmarks which can be spotted throughout the region, Aberdeenshire offers all year round opportunities for exploration.

**History**
There are many places of interest surrounding Aberdeen, including The Balmoral Estate, the Royal family’s holiday home since the 19th Century, situated on beautiful Royal Deeside. The gloriously crumbling Dunnottar Castle, nominated as Scotland’s entry to the 8th Wonder of the World Competition, lies just south of Aberdeen. It’s so picturesque Franco Zeffirelli filmed Hamlet with Mel Gibson here. Close by are famous whisky distilleries, elegant stately homes, over 300 ancient castles and many other sites of historic interest. There’s so much to see and do, and it’s all waiting for you.

**Explore**
Only a short walk from campus leads you to the salt-tangled air of the North Sea and miles and miles of sandy beach, which is perfect for surfing, kite flying or sandcastle building. Or if you prefer, visit the funfair and take a ride on the ferris wheel, or just tuck into some ice cream while wave watching at one of the beachfront cafes. A stroll down to the end of the promenade takes you to the picturesque village of Footdee (pronounced ‘Fittie’). This small fishing village, dating back to medieval times, is a Warren of tiny lanes, small granite cottages, brightly painted sheds, overflowing plants pots and garden gnomes aplenty!

**Adventure**
Aberdeen has more than a little adrenaline to go around: whether you’re snowboarding down local mountains in the morning before your afternoon seminars, or walking along some of the rolling coastlines, there’s an outdoor opportunity for every interest. Fancy windsurfing or white-water kayaking? That’s nearby too. Whatever your passion, chances are you can explore it further in Aberdeen.

Three of Scotland’s five main ski centres are only two hours from campus. Aviemore, the Cairngorm Mountains, Glenshee and The Lecht provide perfect pistes for board riders and alpine skiers.

Scotland’s diverse countryside offers plenty of hill walking and trekking opportunities, from short scenic walks to the more demanding but spectacular hikes.

Fifteen miles south of campus, the historic fishing port of Stonehaven has an attractive cliff-fringed harbour. Not only is it picturesque, but perfect for you rock climbing enthusiasts. The University has many clubs and societies, from canoeing to sailing, mountain biking to snowboarding and skiing.

Visit the Students’ Association website for more details on what you can get involved in: www.ausa.org.uk

**Dolphin Discovery**
Aberdeen Harbour is one of the best locations in Scotland for dolphin spotting.
FIND ABERDEEN

The University sits in the heart of a diverse and thriving city. Aberdeen’s pivotal role in the international oil and gas industry means that those who choose to live, visit and work here benefit from excellent transport links to the rest of the world.

BUS
First-class roads south to Edinburgh, Glasgow, and onwards carry fast coach services linking Aberdeen with the UK’s major cities. Competitive return fares, using Travelcard schemes, make bus travel popular with students. The earlier you book your travel, the cheaper the prices, for example:

- Birmingham: £36
- Manchester: £36
- Cardiff: £18
- Edinburgh: £18
- Glasgow: £18
- Inverness: £2
- London: £18

NUS Extra travelcards cost £20.00. Taxis from the bus station to the University cost around £7.00.


CAR
Entering the city from the south or west, follow signs for the A90 (Fraserburgh and Peterhead). This leads round the ring road (Anderson Drive). Exiting from a roundabout (signed Old Aberdeen) onto Caledon Road, continue to follow the A90 signs through two further roundabouts onto St. Machar Drive. After a third roundabout, the road bends off Old Aberdeen and local signs will direct you to University sites.

From the north, Old Aberdeen is signposted on the A96 (from Dyce and Inverness) and on the A90 (from Peterhead). University Postcode: AB24 3FX.

GPS:
Lat: 57.09.54N (57.16501)
Lon: 2.05.57W (-2.09912)
Grid Ref: NJ 941 082

TRAIN
Rail services connect with Aberdeen from both north and south. There are regular direct trains to London, and services from Edinburgh and Glasgow link with other mainline routes. Inverness, the scenic West Coast and Highlands are reached northwards. Sample return fares using a 16-25 Rail Card, excluding Friday travel are:

- Birmingham: £100.15
- Manchester: £80.05
- Cardiff: £135.35
- Edinburgh: £28.40
- Glasgow: £35.90
- Inverness: £19.35
- London: £104.80

Please note that the above prices are based on booking an off-peak return. If you book in advance you can often buy cheaper single tickets.

16-25 Rail Cards cost £30.00. Taxis from the railway station to the University cost around £15.

www.aberdeenairport.com

Located in North-East Scotland, Aberdeen is easily reached from all major cities within Europe and throughout the world.

AIR
Aberdeen’s international airport is served by a number of major carriers, providing an extensive network of routes throughout the UK, direct to Europe and worldwide through major hubs. British destinations include four London airports (London City, Heathrow, Gatwick and Luton) - just over an hour’s flight time at fares from around £50 (return). Belfast, Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Durham Tees Valley, Exeter, Humberside, Leeds, Manchester, Newcastle, Norwich, East Midlands and Southampton, as well as the Scottish Highlands and islands. Other destinations include Amsterdam, Bergen, Copenhagen, Dalaman, Esbjerg, Faroe Islands, Frankfurt, Malaga, Paris, Stavanger and Tenerife.

There is a frequent bus link to the city centre, and taxis from the airport to the University cost around £15.

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FIRST HAND EXPERIENCE

Past and present students share their stories of life at the University.

Piti Eiamchamroonlarp
LLM Oil and Gas Law (2011), now PhD student

I’ve met so many brilliant scholars and supportive academic staff during my time at Aberdeen. For me, I’ve really been able to improve my analytical skills which has been great. I did an LLM in Thailand and here in Aberdeen and I really feel I’ve learnt so much. After improving my skills in the LLM I went on to my PhD. It’s pretty different here to writing a thesis in Thailand.

Shane Strachan
PhD in Creative Writing, Fraserburgh

I enjoyed being at the University of Aberdeen so much I studied here for eight years full-time, from starting my MA right up to graduating with a PhD. During my postgraduate years, I felt really at home in the School of Language and Literature as the staff are really friendly and approachable. It was also great to be part of a research community where I could share and develop my ideas and creative work. Being an early-career writer can be tough as rejection is common, but the support given to me by my supervisor and fellow students encouraged me to never give up and I finished my degree with many of my short stories appearing in national publications.

Amy Monaghan
PhD Nuclear Hormone Receptor Biology

The best thing about my PhD has been the freedom and independence to pursue my own research. I’ve learned a lot about myself and my interests have changed since I came to Aberdeen but I’ve enjoyed learning new research skills and techniques.

Jim Reilly
An agent-based-modelling approach exploring global land use scenarios for sustainable intensification

I chose the University of Aberdeen for location and quality of research. Another attraction was the collaborative nature of both the University and its research work. I spend time working with researchers and students from both the James Hutton Institute and the University of Dundee among others. Aberdeen is a great place to live, work and study. I’m thoroughly enjoying my time at the university. My PhD has allowed me to meet with and learn from some of the world’s leading experts in the fields of biological, social and computational sciences.
DYNAMIC RESEARCH

Research underpins everything we do at Aberdeen, informing our programmes, driving academic discovery and effecting positive change across the world. Our doctoral experience is both intense and extremely rewarding, and we are committed to supporting you through every stage of your research programme.

OUR RESEARCH IMPACT

MAKING IN-VITRO FERTILISATION (IVF) SAFER

REDUCING THE RISK OF COMPLICATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH MULTIPLE PREGNANCY

Multiple births following in-vitro fertilisation (IVF) treatment lead to serious health risks in the mother and offspring. It is caused by placing multiple embryos within the uterus. However, concerns about reduced success rates had deterred patients and practitioners from transplanting a single embryo. A programme of research led from the University of Aberdeen on single embryo transfer in IVF established that a policy of placing one embryo at a time minimises the risk of twins without compromising live birth rates. This work has received international media coverage, influenced clinical guidance and resulted in an increased uptake of single embryo transfer in the United Kingdom and beyond.

“We owe it to all subfertile couples and their potential children to use IVF judiciously and to ensure we are first doing no harm.”

Professor Siladitya Bhattacharya
The University is home to a pivotal and interactive research environment, which prides itself on its leading research facilities. Alongside the major research themes, the University offers an integrated series of training modules which are designed to develop scientific expertise as well as professional, personal and communication skills. Students have the opportunity to undertake supervised research in all disciplines of the University, at Masters (MPhil) or Doctoral (PhD) level. Research degrees provide a thorough training in a particular subject through original exploration and investigation. The research culminates in a thesis or dissertation which sets out the conclusions of the research undertaken.

WHY DO A RESEARCH DEGREE AT ABERDEEN?

- FLEXIBILITY
- SUPPORTED LEARNING
- OUR RESEARCH IMPACT
- INTERDISCIPLINARY
- FIRST CLASS FACILITIES
- PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

FLEXIBILITY
Our research degrees are tailored around our students, which means there are options for flexible study when you need them.
• Duration can be three or four years
• Part-time and distance learning options are available

There are a number of our research programmes that offer the opportunity for flexible study. We recommend checking with the relevant School for your course to find out what options are available to you.

Your study can be wholly within the University or in association with other research centres in the UK or overseas. If you are an international student, you may be able to undertake most of your study in your own country.

The majority of research programmes usually start in late September; however, many offer entry points for enrolment at other times throughout the year.

Note: for visa purposes International students can only study full-time.

SUPPORTED LEARNING
A Researcher Development Strategy underpins and strengthens the development of our postgraduate students. Students have the opportunity to undertake a combination of discipline specific and generic research skills training which complements all programmes. Students also have access to comprehensive careers advice and guidance tailored to specific research careers.

Postgraduate research students at Aberdeen benefit from:
• Support to carry out independent learning
• Research training mapped onto the programme and personalised to your individual needs
• A large number of courses in generic skills are provided including grant writing, presentation skills, statistics, time management
• A dedicated supervisory team per which includes an advisor for additional support
• Mentoring schemes in place which aim to support you through your studentship to post-doc and beyond
• Funding for a range of activities to help you further your research
• Professional internship schemes associated with some studentships
• A large number of seminars available to you bringing in the best researchers from around the world.

“I chose Aberdeen because the research project on offer was a really good opportunity to get involved in research at the cutting edge of drug discovery.”

Amy Monaghan
PhD Student

OUR RESEARCH IMPACT

SKILLS FOR ANAESTHETISTS, SURGEONS, AND SCRUB NURSES

MAKING SURGERY SAFER: NON-TECHNICAL SKILLS OF ANAESTHETISTS, SURGEONS, AND OPERATING ROOM NURSES

The operating theatre is a high-risk domain. Effective, safe anaesthesia and surgery require competence in both clinical skills and in non-technical skills, such as communication and teamwork. Unlike other potentially hazardous occupations (e.g. in aviation), non-technical skills have not been specifically addressed by the medical professions. Patient safety research by Professor Flin and colleagues revealed that failures in these skills are a common healthcare risk.

Based on her involvement in research into the non-technical skills of airline pilots, Professor Flin led a series of multidisciplinary studies, at the University of Aberdeen, designed to identify and evaluate non-technical skills for operating theatre staff. The research was applied to the work of anaesthetists, surgeons and other medical practitioners and its results have been incorporated into professional standards in several countries. The findings are being integrated into the curriculum for UK surgical training as a compulsory component of the syllabus for all surgical specialties.

“Our research builds awareness of the importance of human factors in making changes to improve patient safety.”

Professor Rhona Flin

76% OF RESEARCH ASSESSED IS RATED AS ‘WORLD LEADING’ OR ‘INTERNATIONALLY EXCELLENT’
INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH

At Aberdeen we're committed to introducing new, interdisciplinary ways of working and new areas of study and discovery. There are four cross-university themes built on areas of current research excellence, where researchers and their collaborators are already making a difference on the local, national or international stage.

Knowledge exchange is a fundamental part of our theme activity, to ensure that research addresses innovative solutions for contemporary problems and issues. Each theme builds upon interdisciplinary research and addresses key societal questions.

ENERGY

Aberdeen is the energy capital of Europe with links to energy centres all around the world. The University has a wealth of experience in working with energy partners, using research to address the technological, economic, and social needs of Scotland, the UK, and the world. Experts work together across a number of key areas, including geology, engineering, chemistry, law, business and economics.

UNIVERSITY SCIENTISTS JOIN UK’S LARGEST CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP

Members of the University of Aberdeen’s Carbon Capture Research Group who have joined Scottish Carbon Capture & Storage. Carbon capture and storage (CCS) researchers from the University of Aberdeen have joined Scottish Carbon Capture & Storage (SCCS). SCCS is the UK’s largest grouping of scientists engaged in the research and development of the climate mitigation technology. The co-operation of companies could create new ways of using industry knowledge to enable the geological storage of carbon dioxide (CO2) – for example, using CO2 for enhanced oil recovery could develop SCCS infrastructure without the need for public subsidy.

This interdisciplinary nature of the project means that the University of Aberdeen will bring invaluable and proven expertise to this group, from capture engineering and geoscience to social perceptions, law and petroleum economics. The project will be a pathfinder for the development of a CCS industry, and will draw on the extensive research and engineering expertise that exists in Scotland.

ENVIRONMENT AND FOOD SECURITY

The Environment and Food Security theme aims to tackle a host of environmental issues such as climate change, food security, biodiversity loss, over-exploitation of resources and ocean acidification through interdisciplinary research activities economics.

PATHWAYS TO A HEALTHY LIFE

The Pathways to a Healthy Life theme aims to cross disciplinary boundaries to enhance the University’s contribution to all aspects of healthy aging and well-being, aiming to improve not only life expectancy but also life expectancy free of disease.
Climate change and the need to feed around 10 billion people by 2050 are two of the greatest challenges facing humanity. Agriculture needs to provide more food from less input and, with agriculture contributing around a quarter of human greenhouse gas emissions, it needs to do so while reducing its impact on the climate.

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EXCEL IN YOUR FIELD OF RESEARCH

OUR RESEARCH IMPACT
CLIMATE-FRIENDLY AGRICULTURE FOR POLICY MAKERS AND FARMERS

RESEARCH WHICH IS HELPING TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM AGRICULTURE

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OUR RESEARCHER DEVELOPMENT UNIT

For research students our skills development teams can help you gain the insight and knowledge you need to kick-start a high impact and successful career.

Our Researcher Development Unit supports students in their personal and professional development, offering a range of programmes and activities designed to enhance your skills from paper based to media training, from time management to elevator pitches.

These programmes are often accompanied with Public Engagement opportunities offered by our Public Engagement with Research Unit. These opportunities can enhance the professional development of our researchers, placing them at the core of innovative engagement activity involving the public, policy makers, teachers and industry. This approach is recognised and supported through the Research Councils UK Catalyst scheme, one of only eight across the UK.

www.abdn.ac.uk/develop

FIRST CLASS RESEARCH FACILITIES

Our leading facilities have placed Aberdeen as one of the UK’s best universities for undertaking a research qualification. We have a range of top-class facilities which complement the University’s world-leading research.

We are continually investing in our research facilities to ensure that our staff and students have the best of equipment to help them in their work and studies. Facilities are regularly updated, replaced and redeveloped to ensure we remain at the forefront of the world of research.

EXCEL IN YOUR FIELD OF RESEARCH

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

We use Vitae’s Researcher Development Framework (2011), offering four key themes of programmes and training: engagement, influence and impact, knowledge and intellectual abilities, research governance and organisation, and personal effectiveness to create well rounded researchers who excel in whatever they set their sights on.

Skills development is not just simply offered, but actively encouraged as a continuing professional development process. Principle Investigators, Supervisors and Research Managers undergo training on a similar regularity as our early career researchers meaning we have a culture of continual development.

Our Public Engagement with Research Unit also offers skill development in the form of on-the-task learning. As a university we are dedicated to maximising the impact of your research, as such all researchers are encouraged to take part in the myriad of opportunities the unit offers on a regular basis: from May Festival to European Researchers Night; from our Café Scientifique series to our local radio show ‘Talking Science’; from research comedy nights to national engagement contests, we aim to...
EXCEL IN YOUR FIELD OF RESEARCH

create researchers with impact.

FINDING A SUPERVISOR

We strongly recommend that you contact an academic member of staff to discuss your research proposal and key objectives before you submit a formal application. This will enable you to perfect your proposal and check that we can identify a suitable supervisory team.

For those of you in the sciences, you may select an advertised project but it will be important to find out a bit more about the person who is going to guide you and work with you.

If you are intending to research an area which sits outside the sciences, you will not typically apply to a specified project, but to a disciplinary area. We recommend you start by selecting an area you want to explore and identify experts in that area who can act as supervisors.

Your supervisor will play a significant role in your initial search for a PhD and the relationship you have with your supervisor is one of the most important determinants in the success of a PhD.

• Browse our online profiles of research-active staff: www.abdn.ac.uk/staffnet/directory

• Check the relevant School or Institute website, as these will feature lists of academics and their research interests.

Approaching prospective supervisors

• Read through their online profile and familiarise yourself with their work.

• Compose a brief email highlighting your awareness of their research and how it aligns with your research interests.

• Indicate your intention to apply for doctoral study and your interest in working with them.

• Summarise any research background including where applicable, details of who you’ve previously worked with on research projects.

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HOW TO WRITE A RESEARCH PROPOSAL

Some students, primarily those interested in a Humanities, Arts or Social Sciences PhD, will need to write a research proposal as part of the application.

The research proposal plays a key part in the assessment of many PhD applications and you should invest an appropriate amount of time and energy into developing it.

Typically, a research proposal ranges between 1,000 and 1,500 words, but we advise you to consult with the relevant Graduate School for specific guidance.

Generally a research proposal should show evidence of intellectual purpose and originality; demonstrate that you are capable of communicating your ideas clearly, define the topic you are interested in and show a good awareness of the research context.

Abdalla Mohammed
Supervisor - Dr Henning Wackерhage
PhD Area - Muscle Disease - Musculoskeletal Research Programme

The University of Aberdeen is one of the best universities in the UK, with high quality research facilities and experienced staff.

I have had the opportunity to collaborate with the NHS and Marine Scotland Science as part of my research which helps to get things done in an efficient way and within a good timeframe.

As the university is interested in the development of its PhD students we are always receiving educational and career support through seminars, workshops and training programmes.

RESEARCH PROGRAMMES

Our research programmes are broad, interdisciplinary and varied. Our research areas fall broadly in to the list below:

ACCOUNTANCY
ANTHROPOLOGY
APPLIED HEALTH SCIENCE
ARCHAEOLOGY
 BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
CELTIC & ANGLO-SAXON STUDIES
CHEMISTRY
CLINICAL MEDICINE
COMPUTING SCIENCE
DIVINITY
ECONOMICS
EDUCATION
ENGINEERING
ENGLISH
ENVIRONMENT AND ECOLOGY
FINANCE
GEOGRAPHY
GEOLOGY AND PETROLEUM GEOLOGY
HISTORY
HISTORY OF ART
LAW
MATHEMATICS
MEDICAL AND BIO-MEDICAL SCIENCES
MEDICAL AND DENTAL EDUCATION
MODERN LANGUAGES
MUSIC
NUTRITION AND METABOLIC DISEASE
PHILOSOPHY
PHYSICS
POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
PSYCHOLOGY
REAL ESTATE
RELIGIOUS STUDIES
SCANDINAVIAN STUDIES
SOCIOLOGY
VISUAL CULTURE

More information about our PhD opportunities can be found here:
www.abdn.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/phd-opportunities

A full list of our research programmes is available in our online prospectus
www.abdn.ac.uk/study/courses/postgraduate/research

We also welcome enquiries from students looking to submit their own research proposals and encourage prospective doctoral students to contact our staff to discuss their intended area of study.
We realise your choice of where to study is a major decision in your life.

That’s why, for us, there is no choice. The University of Aberdeen provides learning opportunities with the potential to change your life.

But that’s not all. Our expertise and facilities provide a hothouse for your own knowledge and talent, a platform for you to impact civilization and improve the lives of people worldwide.

We remove choice from your hands and replace it with power.

That’s quite an offer.
Accounting and Finance at the University of Aberdeen offers you much more than a degree. The academic rigour of our programmes is strengthened with a sharp, commercial edge, and it’s that edge that could get you to where you really want to go. Our industry accreditations and professional training ensure you graduate as industry-ready. Our programmes provide our students with highly employable knowledge, skill sets and the practical experience demanded by leading finance organisations worldwide.

**Accounting and Finance**

“After completing a BSc in Business Administration, I chose to study MSc Finance and Investment Management at the University of Aberdeen, given its academic record. On completion of my Masters, I re-joined the treasury department of the Sahel Sahara Bank, where I was promoted to Head of the Investment Department. I currently hold the position of General Manager at ASN Investments Ltd. My MSc at the University of Aberdeen has definitely helped me to work towards my career goals.”

Cherry Aguh MSc (Econ)  
Finance and Investment Management

**Key Facts**

- You don’t have to be a maths specialist or need a background in finance or business-related subjects at undergraduate level (though being numerate will always help).
- If you have a good first degree in an unrelated field but are now looking to transition into a commercial role, in a single year, our Accounting & Finance conversion programmes can help you make that change.
- You can gain the practical skills required for life at the stock exchange. Access the University’s investment and trading simulation floor to support in-depth understanding of finance in practice.

**MSC ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE**

This MSc programme offers students the opportunity to take the professional qualification International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) Certificate within the course. This prepares students for a financial role within a company and demonstrate practical professional knowledge to potential employers.

www.abdn.ac.uk/business/graduate-school

**MSC FINANCE AND INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT**

This programme, which also offers the opportunity to take the leading professional qualification Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) level 1, covers topics including investment analysis, fund management and financial regulation, and the implications of complex developments in the structure of the global financial environment.

www.abdn.ac.uk/business/graduate-school

**MSC FINANCE AND REAL ESTATE**

This new programme brings together these two complementary disciplines and offers the student both RICS (Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors) accreditation and the opportunity to take the leading professional finance qualification, CFA level 1, during the programme.

www.abdn.ac.uk/business/graduate-school

**What sets our programmes apart?**

**Professional Accreditations to accelerate your career**

Gaining the leading professional qualification of Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) level 1 whilst studying for our MSC Finance & Investment Management and MSC Finance and Real Estate degrees - gets you ahead of peers in the job market. New employees in the finance industry seek to add this qualification to their previous educational achievements, whereas our students sit this as part of their degree programme, which is taught by professional finance trainers who work for leading finance companies. Our graduates have the added edge when it comes to finding a job, as well as fewer exams to take whilst working.

CFA is the global gold standard in Finance and an essential qualification for those wishing to pursue a career in the finance sector.
Anthropology at Aberdeen covers the comparative study of human societies in all their diversity. Our students seek to understand cultural life in a wide range of social activities. Our anthropologists carry out their research through long-term, in-depth fieldwork in their places of regional expertise.

At the University of Aberdeen, our staff specialise in regions as diverse as Canada, the Central Asian Republics, Iceland and Scandinavia, Siberia, Scotland and the UK, South America, Tibet and the Himalayas. Along with our undergraduate degrees, we have a large contingent of postgraduate and postdoctoral researchers. A particular strength of Anthropology at Aberdeen is the study of the circumpolar North, and we also have research themes on Environment and Perception, Creativity and Knowledge, and Religion, Belief and Practice.

**ANTHROPOLOGY**

**MSc People and the Environment**

The MSc People and the Environment is a one year full-time or two years part-time programme in environmental anthropology. The programme draws on cutting edge research by anthropologists at Aberdeen to provide students with an ecological and philosophical education. An emphasis on coursework, elective components and individual work with supervisors allows for great flexibility and students have ample opportunity to develop the skills they need and to follow their own interests. The programme will be of great interest to anthropology graduates but is also an excellent choice for students coming from other environmental disciplines who are keen to learn more about the human dimensions of environmental relations.

**MLitt Museum Studies**

Museums have become an important field of study, with a wide range of research focusing on their history, collections, practices and social roles. The MLitt in Museum Studies makes much use of the University’s own internationally important collections and museums to explore these issues and to give practical experience of working in a museum, working closely with professional as well as academic staff.

**MRes Social Anthropology**

The MRes in Social Anthropology is a one year postgraduate course providing a foundational training in anthropological research. It draws on the wide range of expertise within the Department and also provides access to the library, archival and museum collections of the University of Aberdeen. We offer supervision in most areas of the discipline and we have particular strengths in our four principal research themes: Anthropology of the North, Environment and Perception, Creativity and Knowledge, and Religion, Belief and Practice.

What sets our programmes apart?

- Home to the Marischal Museum and its unapped ethnographic collections.
- We offer challenging and inspiring work placements/internships.

“The syllabus offered will provide graduates with a comprehensive grounding in the economics of policy making. This should prove useful for candidates considering a career in government”

Dr Graeme Roy
Senior Economic Advisor, Scottish Government
Located in one of Europe's oldest universities and geographically, we are ideally suited to access some of the country’s most interesting archaeological sites.

As befits the ‘Global University of the North’, archaeology at Aberdeen has a special high-latitude focus that is found nowhere else. Spanning the humanities and physical sciences, we offer complete archaeological education with a distinctive northern flavour.

Our staff are leading researchers and fieldworkers in Northern Europe, Scandinavia, the North Atlantic and the circumpolar region from Siberia to the Canadian arctic. Closer to home, the archaeology of Scotland is a natural priority.

MSc ARCHAEOLoGY OF THE NORTH

The only degree of its kind in the world.

You will be equipped with research skills to investigate the material culture and heritage of the far northern hemisphere. This is a region that includes Scotland, the North Atlantic, Scandinavia and Baltic Europe, northern Russia and the circumpolar region through Siberia, the North Pacific and high latitude North America. With an emphasis on colonisation and culture contact, life ways and world views, you will gain a thorough knowledge of the theory and practice specific to northern archaeology, together with the foundation for further study or professional employment. In addition you will have acquired detailed competence in a specialist regional or chronological field, chosen from a range of options across the entire northern world.

www.abdn.ac.uk/archnorth

MSc ARCHAEOLOGY

This new taught MSc in Archaeology aims to provide an ‘umbrella’ programme to appeal to archaeology students from a range of backgrounds but interested in pursuing specific archaeological subjects under the banner of a broad degree designation.

www.abdn.ac.uk/study/courses/postgraduate/taught/archaeology

Key Facts

We have a lengthy tradition of archaeological research. As early as the late 15th and early 16th centuries, the very first Principal of the university, Hector Boece, recorded the discovery of numerous pottery vessels containing cremation deposits throughout Aberdeenshire in his History and Chronicles of Scotland.

The University has one of the best prehistoric human skeletal collections in the country thanks to early interest from the University’s anatomists.

Staff Profile

Dr. Kate Britton

University of Aberdeen graduate bioarchaeologist specialising in the use of chemical methods to reconstruct past diets and lifeways

PALEO – YES OR NO? EXPLORING DIET THROUGH ARCHAEOLOGY

‘The Paleodiet’, ‘Neanderthin’, ‘What Would Jesus Eat?’ The diet industry is flooded with plans that promise – if you eat like your ancestors – you’ll be healthier, live longer and maybe even finally fit into those jeans. Do archaeological and anthropological data support or refute these diets? Are these fads grounded in fact or fiction? At this event, we explored the relationships between human evolution, diet and nutrition, and weighed up the evidence for whether or not we can get diet tips from our hominin ancestors. The audience came face to face with distant members of the family tree, had an opportunity to see and touch casts of hominin skulls as I described human evolution in a nutshell; how archaeologists work out what people ate in the past, and what evidence we have for past diets. The talk sparked a lot of interest and after everyone had had a chance for a coffee and comfort break, the question and answer session was very lively, and went on until after 9pm.
Our biomedical students are part of a vibrant research community and have access to a wide range of cutting edge facilities. The Institute of Medical Sciences supports the delivery of our biomedical sciences programmes and ensures that students benefit from being part of a culture of research excellence.

**MSc GENETICS**
The MSc degree in Genetics will take you through a wide-ranging curriculum describing some of the latest advances in genetics. It includes courses on molecular genetics, bioinformatics, simple and complex diseases, and immunogenetics. All these subjects are taught from the perspective of understanding how genetics is applied to increase our understanding of the causes and treatment of human disease. This includes the identification of genetic risk factors and their subsequent characterisation by functional genetics in laboratory model systems.

www.abdn.ac.uk/msc/genetics

**MSc IMMUNOLOGY**
This programme aims to confer on students an advanced level of knowledge and understanding of the cellular and molecular biological basis of the immune system. Focusing on the relevance of the immune response in the maintenance of health and development of disease, graduates will be able to attain the intellectual and practical skills needed to address both theoretical and technical aspects of modern biomedical research.

The MSc in Immunology builds on recent advances in genomics to understand the generation of immunological diversity at a cellular level, how this imparts variability in immune responses at the individual and population level and the relevance of the immune system in disease areas such as autoimmunity, cancer, allergy and microbial infections.

www.abdn.ac.uk/msc/immunology

**MSc MICROBIOLOGY**
The MSc Microbiology will take you through a wide-ranging curriculum describing some of the latest advances in microbiology. It includes courses on medical microbiology, molecular genetics, bioinformatics, the regulation of gene expression in microbial systems, and the role of microorganisms in environmental systems. All these subjects are taught from the perspective of understanding how the microbe interacts with, and responds to, its environment. Courses on microbial pathogenesis teach how the pathogenic microbe interacts with the human host.

www.abdn.ac.uk/msc/microbiology

**Key Facts**
Staff teaching on the Immunology and Microbiology programmes include members of the new Wellcome Trust Strategic Award in Medical Mycology and Fungal Immunology.

The University is ranked 9th in the World and 5th in Europe for its international research collaboration in Biomedical and Health Sciences (Leiden Ranking, 2015).
With a credible academic framework and a commercial edge, we are here to help you reach your career goals. Our degree programmes are all explicitly designed to reflect the needs of industry to ensure our graduates enter the world of work well equipped, experienced and ready for the challenges of a professional organisation. This means that in addition to academic excellence, we teach you concrete skills across a broad base of expertise from technical to managerial, so you have the opportunity to pick up practical outputs and industry qualifications, as well as your degree and so develop yourself as industry-ready.

Various styles of learning are used on the programmes – not only lectures and individual study, but also a variety of group and team-based activities, enabling you to pick up the skills that are immediately transferrable to the workplace.
We are committed to continuing the University’s 200-year-old history of excellence in teaching and research in Chemistry. The department is made up of enthusiastic, international staff who will work closely with you to achieve success.

As well as being fundamental to our daily lives, chemistry is a key subject in the world of science. In different areas it overlaps with biology and medicine, with physics and engineering, and with geology and earth science. It is commonplace for our chemistry graduates to move into these or any other area of science. As a result, many doors are open to our chemistry graduates, and career opportunities are varied and diverse.

**CHEMISTRY**

**MSc ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY**

This programme focuses on specialisation in advanced modern analytical methodology. The range of industries or institutes where these skills are asked for includes the pharmaceutical industry, environmental institutions, research institutes and also the oil & gas industry.

NMR and elemental and molecular mass spectrometry allows the identification and quantification of small biomolecules in complex mixtures at trace level. Trace analysis of toxic elements such as arsenic or mercury is not only needed for the determination of environmental contamination, but also applies to food security, as our impact study on arsenic in rice ranked 1st in Scotland at REF 2014 impressively shows. www.abdn.ac.uk/anchem

**MSc OIL & GAS CHEMISTRY**

In the current environmentally conscious climate, the oil and gas industry recognises the need for efficiency and its environmental responsibility, and a postgraduate programme focuses on the chemistry applicable to topics within these themes, addressing materials and energetics relevant to production and refining, and environmental impact and remediation. This programme aims to provide you with insights into the chemistry behind the selection of materials and processes implemented across the oil and gas sector. It builds on undergraduate chemistry experience and develops specialist skills applicable to industry associated with primary operations and with the service sector. www.abdn.ac.uk/ogc

“The University of Aberdeen is one of the oldest and most respected in the UK, and the new initiatives found within the Chemistry Department provide exciting opportunities for both prospective students and for the oil and gas industry. The industry needs talented graduates with the skills and knowledge to bring the right chemistry to the right projects at the right time.”

Norman Laing
Foinaven Reservoir Engineer, BP North Sea

**Graduate Profile**

Davina McLelland

The MSc in Oil and Gas Chemistry appealed to me as the programme offered a variety of courses that covered many different chemical applications in the industry. The broad variety of courses offered in the programme opened up many more opportunities in the energy sector than I had before. In addition, insight into the industry provided by professors, guest lecturers and an industrial placement during the research portion of my degree, helped me determine in what area of the oil and gas industry I wanted to start my career.

Since leaving the University of Aberdeen, I returned to Canada and pursued a career in the energy sector in Calgary. I have applied the skills and knowledge I developed from the MSc: Oil and Gas Chemistry programme working in laboratory and engineering groups at oil and gas service companies.

The University of Aberdeen’s strong ties to the oil and gas industry in the UK creates an engaging environment that allows students to get a feel for a broad range of topics in the energy sector.
At the heart of the region with the highest concentration of health and life scientists anywhere in Europe, Aberdeen is a clear leader.

Our University has the largest medical campus in Europe. We’re big but we’re also high-impact. We make life-changing discoveries and pioneer life-enhancing technologies.

WE HAVE STRONG INDUSTRY LINKS WITH COMPANIES SUCH AS:
The University of Aberdeen is at the forefront of teaching and research in clinical pharmacology and drug development. Students benefit from close links with the Medical School and the NHS and are part of a culture that fosters innovations and commercial application of research.

**MSc Bio-Business and Medical Sciences**
Science is a business and sits within a strongly competitive environment. Thus the need for business scientists with the appropriate skills has never been greater. We recognise this and offer a unique opportunity to combine your scientific excellence with bio-business acumen. You will learn about the commercialisation of scientific ideas and have the opportunity to set up your own virtual business. Students can also select a range of scientific topics which include small molecule drug discovery, biologic drug discovery, molecular pharmacology, basic genetics, basic immunology and microbiology. [www.abdn.ac.uk/msc/bio-business](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/msc/bio-business)

**MSc Clinical Pharmacology**
This highly regarded MSc programme will provide you with an understanding of the principles and methods of pharmacology, an ability to apply knowledge in both industry and research contexts and an opportunity to work with world renowned researchers. The programme takes a multi-disciplinary approach to the study of all aspects of drug action and metabolism, drug discovery and development, mechanisms of drug action, therapeutics, preclinical and clinical trials and regulatory affairs. In addition to this you will complete an original research project. [www.abdn.ac.uk/msc/clinical-pharmacology](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/msc/clinical-pharmacology)

**MRes Drug Discovery**
This is a research based degree aimed at helping students find a career developing and expanding drug discovery. The programme will provide a multi-disciplinary approach to the study of drug action and metabolism, drug discovery and development, mechanisms of drug action, therapeutics and two focused research projects in the broad area of drug discovery. [www.abdn.ac.uk/mres/drug-discovery](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/mres/drug-discovery)

**MSc Drug Discovery and Development**
The aim of this programme is to provide students with an understanding of the processes of drug discovery and development to prepare them for careers in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry. The programme will include the study of drug action and metabolism, drug discovery and development, mechanisms of drug action, therapeutics, preclinical and clinical trials, regulatory affairs and Bio-Business. [www.abdn.ac.uk/msc/drug-discovery](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/msc/drug-discovery)

**MSc Stratified Medicine and Pharmacological Innovation**
Stratified Medicine holds huge potential to enhance timely development of new treatments for human disease. This taught Masters programme harnesses Scotland’s strengths in Stratified Medicine. Clinical Trials, Bioinformatics and Pharmacogenomics to provide focused training which integrates basic and clinical sciences. The programme draws on the current and future needs of the Life Sciences sector and is being developed in conjunction with the industrial partners of the Stratified Medicine Scotland Innovation Centre (SMS-IC). [www.abdn.ac.uk/msc/stratified-medicine](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/msc/stratified-medicine)

**Key Facts**
- Since 2001, there have been 16 successful clinical medicine spin-out companies from the University of Aberdeen.
- The University has been recognised by the British Pharmacological Society as a site of special scientific interest based on its achievements in pharmacology.
- The University has the rare distinction of having had two British Pharmacological Society Wellcome Gold Medal winners on staff.
- Award winning research on opioids and cannabinoids was carried out by world renowned Professors Kosterlitz and Pertwee at the University.
- The University of Aberdeen is associated with a Nobel Prize for research which led to the development of insulin as a treatment for diabetes.

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**TOP 10**

*of UK Universities for spinout company formation.
The Department of Computing Science is a thriving centre of teaching and research, particularly in areas related to Data Analysis, Data Science, Artificial Intelligence and Knowledge-Based Information Management. We are part of an internationally respected academic community with a long tradition for innovation and excellence.

**MSc INFORMATION SYSTEMS & DATA MANAGEMENT**
Preparing you for a career in advanced information system design, technology management and commercial and academic research. You will be exposed to leading edge techniques, such as: user modelling, information filtering, personalisation, adaptive hypermedia, data mining and visualisation, and natural language processing.

The programme gives you the flexibility to decide what topics most interest you and to specialise in your chosen area. The programme also teaches practical business-skills, for example, through a group project where you either develop your own business idea and its prototype, or work with the Aberdeen Software Factory and a collaborating organisation to develop a relevant solution.

www.abdn.ac.uk/isdm

**MSc INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**
Specifically targeted to those not from a computing science background. This is an ideal programme if you are looking to change your career path or if you wish to develop stronger Information Technology skills. This highly-regarded programme allows you to develop skills in web design and administration while still providing you with a grounding in programming and software development. The programme is refreshed regularly to ensure the latest IT teaching is covered, ensuring that you are best placed to enter the world of work and a career in IT.

www.abdn.ac.uk/infotech

**MSc OIL & GAS COMPUTING**
Designed and run in partnership with the oil and gas industry, this is a truly unique programme that produces industry aware graduates with advanced computing science expertise. You will have the opportunity to gain knowledge of oil and gas related language and concepts and you will be exposed to teaching and research expertise from both academic staff and industry professionals.

You will gain an understanding of the full life cycle of oil and gas projects and understand how the data and knowledge management needs of the sector are identified and managed. The programmes focuses on a number of key areas, including Big Data, security, web services and data visualisation - all in an oil and gas context.

www.abdn.ac.uk/ogcomp

**MSc DATA ANALYSIS, VISUALISATION AND COMMUNICATION**
Data, and the information locked inside, is now recognised as the definitive source for competitive advantage in every economic sector, and a crucial contributor to health and wellbeing. The true value can only be unlocked if the data is understood and communicated optimally.

Major global organisations work extremely hard to unlock key information from within data to help improve business efficiencies and customer engagement, increase sales and better understand consumer buying behaviours.

This MSc programme will go some way to addressing a current shortfall in skills and will put you in a strong position for careers in this vitally important business process.

www.abdn.ac.uk/study

**MSc PETROLEUM DATA ANALYSIS**
This is a new programme for 2016, subject to approval. See online or contact us for full details.

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I consciously made the choice of coming to the University of Aberdeen, as I wanted to evolve into a world class computing scientist, at a university that is highly reputed in my field. I really loved the course content of the Information Systems and Data Management programme. The world class facilities at my disposal, and the cordial interaction with my lecturers enriched my academic experience. Now I can confidently undertake my PhD with little guidance.

Madumere Smart Onyemaechi
MSc Information Systems & Data Management
Dinvisy and Religious studies has occupied a central role in the Aberdeen experience since 1495. The Foundation Bull, granted by Pope Alexander VI in 1495, states that one of the main purposes of the newly founded university was to provide well-educated clergy for the northern part of the Kingdom of Scotland.

The Department of Divinity and Religious Studies is derived from three institutions: the original University situated at King's College in Old Aberdeen and founded by William Elphinstone, Bishop of Aberdeen; the Free Church of Scotland, founded by the Reformation of 1689; and Marischal College, the Presbyterian University, founded by the Union of 1843. Through the establishment of a number of Chairs after the union of 1860, and lately renamed the College in 1673, while the Chair of Biblical Studies is derived from three institutions: the Department of Divinity and Religious Studies, for Divinity and Religious Studies.

Each of the various traditions has produced notable scholars and theologians, such as John Forbes, George Campbell, William Milligan, William Robertson Smith, David S. Cairns and G.D. Henderson. The three staff members in Theological Ethics have a unique opportunity for ministry students to study the field at an advanced level. It prepares students for a wide variety of career options, including PhD research, policy or practical work for governments and NGOs, management and training in complex multicultural environments, and teaching religious education. Multiple Religions, Eastern as well as Western, are studied. No religion is given special preference. The programme enables students to study religious communities and to appreciate the impact of religion in our world: how do religions emerge and spread? What are the functions of religion? The approaches considered are, especially, those of anthropology, sociology, psychology, and other social sciences. Students learn about believers as well as about what believers believe.
ECONOMICS

The Department of Economics has a well-established tradition of research in applied economics, particularly in the areas of labour economics, energy economics and experimental economics.

As well as having active engagement with professional practice, multinationals and government agencies around the world, the Department is home to the following two highly-rated research centres: Aberdeen Centre for Research in Energy Economics and Finance (ACREEF), the Scottish Experimental Economic Laboratory (SEEL), and the Centre for European Labour Market Research (CELMR).

Our two full-time Masters programmes draw upon our excellence in cutting-edge research, and provide able graduates with theoretical and practical skills to equip them for success in the increasingly complex world of economics.

“...with a comprehensive grounding in the economics of policy making. This should prove useful for candidates considering a career in government, public policy or an economic think tank. However, the core skills in appraisal, econometrics and evaluation will also be valuable for those considering a career in economics more generally, including in the private sector.”

Dr Graeme Roy
Senior Economic Advisor, Scottish Government

MSA APPLIED ECONOMICS

Designed to enable economics graduates to develop the skills necessary to work as applied professional economists in government and industry, or to progress to a PhD in Economics in an applied area, the programme aims to provide students with in-depth and extensive critical knowledge at the forefront of economic and econometric theory.

Our programme also offers a pathway in Health Economics, which combines a strong background in economic and economic policy with a specialisation in the economics of health. The pathway will draw on expertise from the Health Economics Research Unit (HERU) at Aberdeen which is one of the leading centres in health economics in Europe. This pathway will provide a springboard for careers in health economics. There are numerous graduate job and career opportunities in health economics nationally and internationally, including academia, government and NHS, health economics consultancies, pharmaceutical companies and international organisations such as the WHO, the UN and the World Bank.

www.abdn.ac.uk/business/graduate-school

MSA PETROLEUM, ENERGY

Economics and Finance Specifically designed for graduates who wish to embark on and further their careers in the petroleum industry and government. Our students develop the economic and finance skills required to allow them to analyse a range of issues relevant to these industries, such as investment analysis, government petroleum policies, decommissioning and energy demand.

www.abdn.ac.uk/business/graduate-school

Key Facts

Consistently awarded the highest ranking for its research, Economics boasts a world class reputation at the forefront of knowledge creation and dissemination.

Take advantage of strong links with government bodies and global business

Our programmes are designed to keep you in tune with the real needs of the world and the employers that may one day employ you. In this way, the Advisory Board on our MSc Applied Economics includes individuals from many influential policy makers and major players within industry, government, research centres, and international organisations, such as the Scottish Government, the UN, the WTO, the World Bank and from leading research centres in Europe.
EDUCATION

Education in Aberdeen is recognised as a national and international Centre of Excellence for creative and innovative thinking and practice in professional and inter-professional learning and development.

Covering initial teacher education, adult and community education and the career-long professional learning and development of teachers and related professionals, Education continues to receive significant government funding influencing policy and informing practice across Scotland and further afield. A wide range of postgraduate programmes are offered which take account of national policies and priorities, and are flagship programmes in terms of innovative pedagogies and often involving technology-enhanced learning.

PGDE EDUCATION

The University of Aberdeen offers an innovative PGDE programme that brings together not only primary and secondary specialists, but M4 primary students - in order to learn together, to share common experiences, and to debate current educational issues.

The development of the programme aims to produce inclusive practitioners who will be able to face the challenges of the 21st century classroom, by adopting pedagogies that support all learners and foster collaborative working. The PGDE programme is offered on a full-time basis over 36 weeks with 18 weeks spent on placement in schools in our partner Local Authorities, and the other 18 weeks spent on campus. It is also offered on a part-time basis, over two years, in conjunction with specific local authorities.

The programme consists of four compulsory courses of study which are broadly split between the two university semesters:

- two academic campus-based courses and
- two school experience courses

The University and school-based components are carefully designed to complement each other with the ultimate aim of equipping graduates with the skills, competencies, knowledge, and attitudes necessary for entry to the teaching profession.

Opportunities also exist for Master’s level study throughout the Programme. Students completing the PGDE programme are awarded the Diploma in either Primary or Secondary Education.

To apply please visit the UCAS Teacher Training website at www.ucas.com/apply/teacher-training.

MASTERS IN EDUCATION

This is a flexible route to a Master’s qualification (MEd) which is designed in a way which allows teachers and related professionals in the public services to construct a programme of study aligned to their own specific interests and responsibilities. For participants in schools the courses are aligned with the Standard for Career Long Professional Development (SCLPD).

The programme will appeal to those involved in education or professional development in a variety of settings. Participants will be able to choose from a wide range of Postgraduate modules at SCPD Level II to construct a pathway of study following their own interests and professional engagement. Credits may be accumulated to Certificate, Diploma and Master’s levels.

www.abdn.ac.uk/education/degrees-programmes

LEADERSHIP

MSc LEADERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL CONTEXTS

This is an online programme that can be accessed from any area in the UK. Most of our modules are delivered via synchronous technology: meetings are held in virtual meeting rooms where participants can take advantage of the large and small group sessions facilitated through the system. Students get the opportunity to interact with each other and build effective learning communities through which meaningful learning networks can be established.

The programme is designed to provide opportunities for aspiring and existing leaders to explore and expand understanding of the leadership process as it relates to a number of organisational settings that require many of the similar leadership and management attributes.

Students will gain knowledge and understanding to enable them to lead improvement in professional settings such as education, social services, fire services, nursing, caring agencies, and the police.

Leading change, professional development and school improvement planning are key areas in the programme along with leading learning and teaching, school law and finance. Students may blend University courses with study in their own local authority or work environment for which they may claim credit within the MSc (approved prior learning).

www.abdn.ac.uk/education/degrees-programmes

PGCERT MIDDLE LEVEL LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

This programme gives participants the opportunity to gain a real understanding of the role of the leader, develop new skills and establish new relationships with others from a leadership perspective. As a middle level leader, you will gain an understanding of the importance of bringing members of a group together, strengthening bonds and building professional relationships that will build a culture of learning. It is hoped that a new understanding of leadership as a strategic force within an existing culture of leading and learning may be realised. Participants are encouraged to engage with leadership development opportunities within their own work environment.

The programme can be accessed from any area in the UK. The certificate is delivered via synchronous technology: and thus meetings are held in virtual meeting rooms where participants can take advantage of the large and small group sessions facilitated through the system. Participants can interact with each other and build effective learning communities through which meaningful learning networks can be established.

www.abdn.ac.uk/education/degrees-programmes
MEd Pastoral Care, Guidance and Pupil Support

This postgraduate programme is open to all professionals who have a caring role with young people.

The programme aims to develop knowledge and skills in the field of support and pastoral care. All participants are expected to have some practical experience to offer and have the opportunity to be involved in aspects of personal support in their workplace setting or other appropriate agency.

www.abdn.ac.uk/education/degrees-programmes

MEd Inclusive Practice

This programme is designed for teachers/lecturers working at pre-school, primary, secondary and FE stages, including those with a particular interest in additional support needs.

The programme aims to help practitioners review their own practice, extend their skills and knowledge and enhance the learning experience of young people, including those with additional support needs.

www.abdn.ac.uk/education/degrees-programmes

MEd Studies in Mindfulness

Mindfulness is an innate capacity of the mind to be aware of the present moment in a non-judgemental way. It promotes a way of being that helps us to take better care of ourselves and lead healthier lives. It enables us to access inner resources for coping effectively with stress, difficulty and illness.

The programme seeks to meet the needs of experienced professionals from a variety of settings who aim to enhance their practice and extend their professionalism. Participants must be in a position to study the relevance and application of mindfulness practice in a professional setting or context.

www.abdn.ac.uk/education/degrees-programmes

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

MEd In Theories of Practice

This new programme aims to provide practitioners with collaborative ways to review their own practice, to extend and deepen their professional knowledge and move practice forward.

www.abdn.ac.uk/education/degrees-programmes

PGDip Community Learning and Development

The programme is suitable for professionals from a wide range of backgrounds including community education, housing, planning, social work and other linked professions who wish to enhance their practice.

This programme offers a work-based route to a professional qualification in Community Learning and Development (CLD), approved by the CLD Standards Council for Scotland. Participants study at the same time as being employed or working on a voluntary basis.

www.abdn.ac.uk/education/degrees-programmes

Key Facts

The School of Education has a long and distinguished record in the education of teachers. It is a large school with over 70 academic staff, all of whom are highly qualified, experienced professionals with a wide range of expertise in learning and teaching. Many are recognised nationally, and internationally for their research and development work in their particular specialist fields.

— Strong, well-established partnerships with schools and communities, education authorities and other professionals jointly developing innovative courses and programmes.

— Students on the PDGE courses who choose to study at Aberdeen to benefit from the opportunity of periods of placement in city, small town, suburban, rural and island settings. This provides the widest possible preparation for future employment.

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Aberdeen is recognised worldwide as a key centre of subsea engineering excellence, innovation and testing. Our Institute of Energy, situated in the heart of Europe’s Energy Capital, is trailblazing how energy solutions are delivered between industry and academia.

We boast unrivalled industry links, respected professional accreditation and world class facilities.
ENGINENING

We offer a suite of postgraduate programmes, all specialising in a crucial aspect of the global energy industry and supported by organisations right here on our doorstep. Across all our programmes, we are able to offer you a teaching experience unrivalled by others, designed to lead you straight into employment.

MSC OIL & GAS ENGINEERING

FOR OIL & GAS

This MSc is far broader in scope than other programmes, showcasing all major elements of the oil and gas life-cycle. The programme is for students who are looking to succeed in the oil and gas industry or in the role of consultants. It is offered on a part time basis and you will be exposed to all major elements of the oil and gas industry through a variety of projects. This MSc is also made available to those of all sizes operating in the oil and gas industry.

Key Facts

- All our programmes are designed and supported by the oil and gas industry. A student will be exposed to organisations of all sizes operating in the industry.
- Our programmes are accredited by a number of professional bodies, including the Institute of Mechanical Engineers and the Engineering Council, offering you the assurance they meet the highest professional engineering standards.
- We deliver teaching in world class facilities, including laboratories dedicated to particular areas of work such as satellite communications, computer aided design, electrical machines, materials testing, laser welding, hydraulics and fluids, concrete, large structures and geotechnics.

MSC OIL & GAS STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING

Developed jointly with Industry in response to a clear need for an effective means of transferring knowledge and skills from senior experts in industry and the University to the new generation of Structural Engineers. The programme is aimed at you, as a practising Structural Engineer, and the part-time delivery mode ensures you can remain in your employment whilst studying. As well as a good honours degree, you are required to have practical structural engineering experience, to provide the context for the taught material.

www.abdn.ac.uk/ogse

MSC PETROLEUM ENGINEERING

Designed with industry support, to produce world class Petroleum Engineering professionals that are fully prepared to take up essential roles in the upstream oil and gas industry. The programme consists of courses which will enable you to develop your skills in and understand the fundamental aspects of petroleum engineering, in particular formation evaluation and reservoir engineering and simulation, and your ability to appraise and select the appropriate technologies for safe production and enhancing the recovery of hydrocarbons. You will be equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills required for an integrated study and evaluation of a prospect.

www.abdn.ac.uk/projectmanagement

MSC RENEWABLE ENERGY ENGINEERING

The focus on renewable energy projects continues to grow around the world. This programme provides you with a detailed knowledge of the technology required to ensure energy provision in the renewables industry. You will receive both a theoretical and practical grounding, equipping you to become a future manager of renewable energy projects. One of the main features of the MSc Programme is its interdisciplinary nature, being suitable for students with mechanical, civil, electrical, chemical and other suitable engineering backgrounds. In special cases, the Programme is also made available to those with relevant science backgrounds.

www.abdn.ac.uk/renewables

MSC PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Designed to empower tomorrow’s managers through providing a solid grounding in the principles and practice of project management. Such skills are currently in very high demand and essential to the financial and operational success of projects across industry. It is offered on a part time basis, teaching being at weekends or by distance learning. The courses on the programme are completely modular in structure and have been carefully developed to provide a variety of levels of provision to suit individual needs. Flexibility and a firm grounding in current practice are the principle features of the programme.

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MSC SUBSEA ENGINEERING

Subsea engineering at the University of Aberdeen has a unique relationship with the subsea industry both locally and internationally, and the programme receives contributions from local industrial organisations in terms of relevant and up-to-date contributions to teaching, and support in the specification of group and individual projects. You will develop a sound technical depth and breadth of knowledge and understanding of the development and operation of subsea technologies and systems. You will also gain practical skills so that you can apply sound engineering principles to the design and installation of subsea systems. Making you a highly attractive graduate to industry.

www.abdn.ac.uk/subseaengineering

MSC PROCESS SAFETY

Working closely with leading industry organisations and Kemti, we have developed a truly distinctive and leading degree programme for students with a Chemical Engineering background, or with a Petroleum or Mechanical Engineering background, with good chemical/chemistry knowledge. This programme will examine the primary technologies and equipment used, as well as the operations involved in upstream oil and gas processing. You will be exposed to the major issues and challenges facing industry and develop a professional approach to managing these accordingly as process operations and human factors into account.

www.abdn.ac.uk/study/courses/postgraduate/taught/process_safety
ENVIROMENTAL & BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Environmental and Biological Sciences students have the unique opportunity to combine research-led teaching and guidance from some of the top academics in the UK, with significant contributions from staff of world class research laboratories located in Aberdeen, such as Marine Scotland Science and the James Hutton Institute.

Collectively, the University and these institutes provide students with access to state of the art scientific facilities, including advanced laboratory equipment and ocean-going research vessels, as well as access to the exceptional local natural environment at several field stations including Oceanlab and Cromarty Lighthouse.

MSC/MRes Applied Marine & Fisheries Ecology

This MSC/MRes aims to equip students with the knowledge and skills that are needed to meet the challenges of managing marine natural resources. You will be taught by renowned researchers and leading practitioners who will provide you with valuable insights into marine ecosystems in Scotland and internationally. The experience you will gain from practical research and field work will enable you to apply your learning to real world situations.

This interdisciplinary programme places equal emphasis on developing your biological and quantitative toolkit so that you can understand biological and ecological processes, learn new analytical techniques and understand how to apply these to manage natural resources. This one year programme will equip students with the knowledge and tools needed to meet this challenge and find new solutions to manage our natural marine resources.

Studying at world class facilities, you’ll have the opportunity to undertake field research in marine ecology at several stations like Ocellumb and Cromarty Lighthouse. You will also have the opportunity to carry out research in partnership with professional agencies such as Marine Scotland Science (MSS), Scottish National Heritage (SNH) and the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC).

MSC/MRes Ecology & Environmental Sustainability

The Masters programme provides training in state of the art ecological techniques and concepts through a combination of field-based, computer-based and lecture courses. It aims to provide training for research on the biology, ecology and sustainable management of biological resources, for students intending to carry on to do a PhD, and for those seeking careers in ecological research, conservation and management.

Potential doctoral students will gain multidisciplinary research skills and practical experience of working in active research environments alongside established scientists and will be trained to develop, execute and manage individual research projects. Students will also receive training via taught modules based on current research of contributing scientists drawn from diverse ecological disciplines within a high calibre research and teaching environment.

MSC Environmental Science

The MSc Environmental Science aims to train students to recognise and understand the threats and conflicts in the environment today, and appreciate the steps required to develop solutions. Throughout your studies you will benefit from the opportunity to work outdoors and apply your classroom and field work knowledge to real life situations.

Students will also have lots of opportunities to carry out field research in various different locations and habitats including the North Sea, the agricultural and forested areas of North East Scotland and National Nature Reserves.

The systematic approach of the programme enables students to deal with all scales of the environment. The tools that are used include biological, chemical and physical measurements as well as models and data handling methods.

This degree is suitable for those intending to pursue a career in the environmental field, those already in relevant employment and those considering further research in PhD level.

www.abdn.ac.uk/msc/environmental-science

MSC Forestry

The Forestry Masters programme provides advanced training for a career in forestry, working nationally or internationally in management, conservation, or research.

The aim of the programme is to provide expertise relevant to multiple use forestry management. A broad range of modules are available that cover forest ecology and silviculture, forest planning and management, forest conservation, forest health and environmental governance. Complemented by modules underpinning modern forest management practices, such as soil science, ecology, modelling, environmental impact assessment and GIS, the programme gives students a wide foundation for their future in the forestry profession.

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Dr Alan Jamieson using the University’s own state-of-the-art Hadal Lander uncovered the world’s deepest fish in the Mariana Trench —

Dr Jon Hillier and his team at the University developed the award winning ‘Cool Farm Tool’, a greenhouse calculator used by Unilever, Marks & Spencer’s, Costco and Sainsbury’s —

The University is ranked 8th in the world and 5th in Europe in Life and Earth Sciences for its international collaborative research (Leiden Ranking 2015) —

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GEOGRAPHY & ENVIRONMENT

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Our postgraduate programmes are delivered by world-class researchers who actively share their experiences and problems and focuses on approaches to addressing them. This means that they will lead you directly into relevant employment opportunities. Our graduates are high in demand because we give them the skills that industry requires now, and in the future.

Key Facts
Our programmes take you off campus and on field trips. They are hands-on and are designed to prepare you for the world of work and to get a true sense of experience. You have to be out and about literally in the field and in touch with the land.

We are in close proximity to some of the most environmentally important and geographically varied landscapes in the whole of the UK, including the Cairngorms National Park.

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www.abdn.ac.uk/gis

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Graduate Profile
Fergus Thomson

Ex Scotland Rugby player, chose to study Land Economy and Surveying at the University

I grew up on a farm in Fife, so I’ve always had an interest and an understanding of agriculture. I had done work experience in that area previously, and I quite fancied the rural surveying route.

The University’s reputation attracted Fergus to a Masters course in Land Economy & Rural Surveying at the University of Aberdeen, the only institution in the country that teaches the discipline.

The course was Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors accredited and I wanted to become a chartered surveyor. It’s a really varied career and that was reflected in the course which gave me a sound grounding in all elements - evaluations, agriculture, planning forestry and more.

There was a good mix of theory and practical coursework.

I received two job offers and opted for a graduate surveyor position with Davidson & Robertson, based in Edinburgh.

I really enjoy it as it’s so varied. I do everything from valuations, general management of land and estates to rural residential property management. And I also do sales and purchases and a bit of compulsory purchase work.

The variation of work is great. There’s a really broad spectrum and no two days are the same. You get out and about to speak to farmers and other people involved in the industry.

www.abdn.ac.uk/gis
Geology degrees have been awarded at Aberdeen for more than 150 years. As the only Geology department in the UK sitting directly at the heart of the UK oil and gas industry, we have been engaged with the industry in Aberdeen, Europe’s Energy Capital, since the very early days of production and exploration in the UK. You will benefit from this in many ways, including industry networking opportunities, real-life industry projects and awareness of industry challenges.

We have created a world-class learning environment and we pride ourselves in the department on being a close community of staff and students, working together and sharing experiences.
HEALTH SCIENCES

Health Sciences students benefit from a multi-disciplinary approach to learning, strong links with the NHS, support provided from the University’s Institute of Applied Health Sciences and our world renowned Rowett Institute of Nutrition and Health.

MSC ECONOMICS OF HEALTH
This MSc programme is aimed at students who wish to pursue a career as a professional health economist or who wish to undertake a PhD. The course content is taught by experts in the field of Health Economics, and other internationally recognised specialists from within the University’s School of Health and Life Sciences. Topics covered include the: role of health services in society; use of economic evaluation methods in health services; understanding of basic economic concepts; an awareness of the range of approaches available for economic investigation and when to use them; an understanding of how to conduct an economic investigation either alongside a trial or as part of a decision analysis; an understanding of the arguments for and against different types of health care financing; and an understanding of how different models of health care provision work.

www.abdn.ac.uk/msc/economics-of-health

MSC HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY
This British Psychological Society (BPS) accredited MSc programme aims to provide students with an in depth understanding of the theories and methods that underpin Health Psychology, the ability to apply psychological theories and methods to health relevant problems, and opportunities to develop research skills and a critical, academic attitude. The MSc programme has a strong emphasis on behaviour and behaviour change, and is multi-disciplinary in nature, which provides an excellent learning environment for future health psychologists. The MSc is co-ordinated by the Aberdeen Health Psychology Group (AHPG), an internationally recognised academic centre in Health Psychology. Completion of the MSc confers Stage 1 of the BPS training requirements for Chartered Health Psychologist status.

www.abdn.ac.uk/msc/health-psychology

MSC HUMAN NUTRITION
The Human Nutrition degree programme aims to provide students with an in depth knowledge and understanding of the relationships between diet, health and disease. There is a strong emphasis on evidence based research training where students can opt to specialise in Molecular or Public Health Nutrition and learn to apply the appropriate research techniques and tools while investigating the role of food and nutrients in health. Established in 1986 in collaboration with the Rowett Institute of Nutrition and Health, this training will equip graduates for careers in academic institutions, hospitals, industry or national and international agencies.

www.abdn.ac.uk/msc/human-nutrition

Key Facts
The Forthill Health Campus is home to the School of Medicine, Dentistry and Health. The region boasts the highest concentration of health and life scientists anywhere in Europe.

www.abdn.ac.uk/masc/global-health
History

Established in 1898, the History department offers a warm welcome to new students and a genuine commitment to providing postgraduate teaching and supervision informed by top-quality research. We offer expertise in a very wide range of subjects from Classical to Modern times, with many staff at the cutting edge of their respective fields. With a vibrant research culture, the department uses a range of research centres (for example, Irish and Scottish Studies; Scandinavian Studies; Global Empires) not just to facilitate regular research workshops. Our work is informed by top-quality research. We offer postgraduate teaching and supervision for research degrees, many of which draw on the outstanding resources within the university collections and north-east Scotland. Depending on staff expertise, research is also carried out successfully on a wide range of topics outwith Britain.

www.abdn.ac.uk/sdhp/courses

HISTORY & HISTORY OF ART

History of art

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www.abdn.ac.uk/sdhp/history-art/people-58.php

This department offers a unique postgraduate MLitt in Art and Business, taught jointly by History of Art and the Business School. This programme intends to open career doors for students who love art history but need to earn a living. The programme enhances research techniques and oral and written communication skills. You will have the opportunity to develop an independent research project dissertation with a member of staff and participate in the research culture of the University and the Research Institute for Irish and Scottish Studies. The programme prepares you for a variety of career options, including PhD research.

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MLITT IN ART AND BUSINESS

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Key Facts

With regular workshops and conferences, a reading group, and annual excursions to the ‘Burn’, a retreat in the Scottish countryside, we create a unique research environment that emphasises practical as well as the interdisciplinary preparation for students with a passion to do further research at one of Scotland’s oldest universities and in its unique archive collections.

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LAW

One of Britain’s leading centres of legal education for more than five centuries, our School of Law has been training world-class lawyers since the University’s foundation in 1495 - and there’s no substitute for experience.

The commitment to creating the ideal environment for the leading lawyers of tomorrow continues today. Academic rigour is therefore complemented by innovative approaches to teaching designed to meet the demand for more practical skills so that Aberdeen graduates continue to stand out within the competitive job market.

The teaching team includes lawyers with diverse experience in practice and academia, within the UK and internationally, who are active in research, consultancy, law reform and training.

We offer a wealth of taught and research postgraduate programmes across a wide range of areas of Law where the School enjoys particular expertise.

GENERAL LLM
One key feature of our LLM programmes is the large array of courses from very different areas, coupled with substantial autonomy for students to make their own choices. Our general LLM programme endorses this ideal in a paradigmatic fashion by allowing students to create their own subject combination within the framework of academic feasibility. The programme hence combines autonomy and guidance to help students acquire the specific skills and knowledge which they aspire to.

www.abdn.ac.uk/law/courses

LLM ENERGY LAW
(with Dissertation)
Among the multiple challenges facing the world today, the provision of sufficient energy at affordable prices to promote and sustain growth whilst at the same time accommodating climate change concerns, must feature near the top of any list. With a role to play in terms of international agreements amongst states in relation to both energy security and climate change, in agreements between states and the commercial energy sector, agreements among the multiple actors within that sector, to say nothing of the legislation and regulation that touches every aspect of the energy chain, Law is an inescapable but also indispensable aspect of this sector.

The LLM Energy Law programme seeks to equip students with the necessary knowledge and skills to operate effectively at the intersection of energy and environment matters. Surprisingly, there are few LLM programmes that offer this specialisation whilst simultaneously providing the necessary breadth in both areas of the law. Students will be taught on a wide range of hotly debated issues by staff specialised in various fields of domestic, European and international energy, environmental and climate change law.

www.abdn.ac.uk/law/courses

LLM ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW
(with Professional Skills)
Growing energy demand coincides with the need to move away from fossil fuel dependence and to address global environmental deterioration. Law has a central role to play in enabling both the shift to low carbon energy whilst maintaining energy security and the transition to environmentally sustainable economic development.

The LLM Energy and Environmental Law with Professional Skills provides graduates with the detailed knowledge and the full range of skills they require to play a key role in the coming decades as the world seeks to meet growing energy demand whilst mitigating climate change and addressing the environmental harm that excessive resource consumption is causing.

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LLM OIL AND GAS LAW
(with Dissertation)
The oil and gas industry is one of the largest and most important industries in the world and the City of Aberdeen is the European capital of that industry. A key element in any successful oil and gas development is the appropriate legal regime for oil and gas.

The Aberdeen Masters in Oil and Gas Law aims to provide practical and theoretical knowledge necessary to work in and on the legal aspects of this vital and exciting global industry. The oil and gas sector is a thriving, exciting and well remunerated area for a lawyer to practise in.

The programme covers private law aspects of the sector, such as joint ventures and contractual arrangements, and also public law and regulatory aspects, such as environmental protection, health and safety regulation and taxation. The focus is upon setting practical and real problems in a wider conceptual context with the aim that graduates should not just know but understand the relevant areas of oil and gas law. Although there is an emphasis on UK Oil and Gas Law this is very much set in the context of the global legal regime for oil and gas.

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LLM OIL AND GAS LAW
(with Professional Skills)
In contrast to the LLM Oil & Gas Law with Dissertation, the LLM Oil & Gas Law with Professional Skills offers students the opportunity to develop key practical skills required for the legal management of oil & gas exploration and production activity, instead of further developing research.

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This programme offers students a gateway for understanding law relevant to commercialising innovations, maximizing unique selling opportunities and working with art and cultural heritage. It is embedded and integrated in one of the ancient universities of the UK which is already rich in environment and environmental law. Its understanding and application of emerging economies and its appreciation for law and cultural heritage.

The LLM Programme in Private International Law reflects established areas of research strength in the School of Law, and offers options which meet the demand for studying contemporary conflict of laws issues at an advanced level.

The intention is that by the end of the programme students will have developed a methodology, which will enable them to analyse confidently any problems arising in international transactions and private issues with an international element. Students are also expected to gain expertise in Private International Law in the European Union with an understanding of global harmonisation processes through the Hague Conference on Private International Law.

This programme provides students with a thorough knowledge of public international law while also discussing recent trends and current developments in this area of law. The aims of the programme are to acquire an advanced knowledge of general public international law, assess realistically the place of States and non-state actors in the international system, where the power of the nation state is declining rapidly, and national, political, economic, and social factors, gauge critically how public international law needs to be adapted to face current international events.

The LLM in International and Strategic Studies combines courses in the theory and practice of the use of force by international and transnational actors to achieve political and security objectives, with International Law courses allowing a focused appreciation of the legal considerations which frame society of contemporary conflicts. Students have the opportunity to develop key skills regarding criminal justice systems comply with human rights requirements in order to ensure that states’ implementation and enforcement of the criminal law, through investigation, trial and punishment, respect the civil liberties of citizens accused of crime.

The LLM in Criminal Justice and Human Rights has long been an important area for study and is still developing fast particularly in the international area. There is increased worldwide interest in ensuring that criminal justice systems comply with human rights requirements in order to ensure that states’ implementation and enforcement of the criminal law, through investigation, trial and punishment, respect the civil liberties of citizens accused of crime.

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The LLM in International Law offers a range of courses covering both public and private international law. It enables students to undertake advanced legal research and writing in this field and educates students in the analysis of international treaties and case law with an international law dimension.

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**MEDICAL EDUCATION**

With world class research facilities, excellent links to the NHS and a location on one of the largest clinical complexes in Europe the University of Aberdeen is the ideal choice for graduate medical education.

**PGCert/PGDip/MSc MEDICAL EDUCATION**

This programme is offered as direct support for the professional development requirements of teaching staff in medicine and allied fields.

It is designed to meet the needs of both new lecturing staff who might lack a detailed background in learning and teaching in medicine and also more established members of academic staff and clinical educators who wish to gain formal recognition for their teaching.

The programme provides an extended, formal and externally recognisable course in the methods, evidence and philosophies in medical education. The programme is undertaken through part-time study, accommodating the parallel duties of academic and clinical staff.

By the strategic use of situated learning opportunities, it is possible for participants to view their teaching activities as case study materials and use them accordingly as evidence of professional development.

[www.abdn.ac.uk/pgcert/medical-education](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/pgcert/medical-education)

**PGCert/PGDip MEDICAL RESEARCH SKILLS**

This programme for Aberdeen/North Deantery doctors will provide training in generic research skills within a clinical context.

The overall aim is to equip doctors with fundamental research skills that will enable them to pursue a clinical academic career.

Clinical academia is a strongly competitive environment. Thus the need for doctors to have a keen and active interest, along with the appropriate research training and portfolio, has never been greater.

The University of Aberdeen recognises this and is offering doctors this unique opportunity to further develop their clinical academic profile and standing.

[www.abdn.ac.uk/pgcert/medical-research-skills](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/pgcert/medical-research-skills)

**PGCert PHYSICIAN ASSOCIATE STUDIES**

Physician Associates (formerly Physician Assistants) are a new and rapidly growing group of graduate professionals in the UK.

Our established programme sees our students undertake a modern, dynamic and clearly delivered curriculum using a systems-based, integrated approach.

The programme aims to provide Physician Associates with the knowledge, skills and attitudes to enable them to practice in the UK in many different clinical settings as part of multidisciplinary healthcare teams.

This is a two year full time programme which combines the theoretical and scientific basis of medicine with clinical experience.

Students will initially focus on communication skills and developing the clinical skills needed to carry out a thorough clinical examination at the same time as learning about the scientific basis of clinical medicine. Towards the end of the first year and through the second year there are a series of clinical rotations including surgery, general medicine, emergency medicine, reproductive health and paediatrics.

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**PGCert IN RESEARCH METHODS FOR HEALTH (ONLINE LEARNING)**

This online programme aims to provide healthcare professionals, policy makers and early career researchers with the skills to design effective and relevant healthcare research projects.

It offers a flexible learning opportunity enabling students to study while working, learn at their own pace and incur no relocation costs.

The certificate can be completed full-time or part-time and we also welcome students who wish to undertake single courses for CPD purposes. The programme is made up of four courses, these are: Fundamentals of research design, Epidemiology, Evidence-based health and Applied statistics.

Completion of the course will enable students to raise their professional profile, be competitive and broaden their professional networks and collaborations following engagement with students from other countries and disciplines.

[www.abdn.ac.uk/pgcert/research-methods-health](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/pgcert/research-methods-health)

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**Key Facts**

We are the only Scottish University to offer a Physician Associate postgraduate diploma.

The University’s Foresterhill health campus is home to Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, one of the largest teaching hospitals in the UK, as well as Children’s and Maternity hospitals, making it one of Europe’s largest clinical complexes.

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MEDICAL IMAGING

The University of Aberdeen has been at the forefront of medical imaging for over 30 years since we developed the first full-body MRI scanner.

MSC MEDICAL IMAGING

The use of imaging techniques in medicine has been, and continues to be, an area of vast expansion. The specialities of this programme include a wide range of medical imaging modalities, including Nuclear Medicine, Positron Emission Tomography (PET) and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), among others. The programme is supported by an extensive range of equipment, including a well-equipped Magnetic Resonance Centre and the University’s John Mallard Scottish PET Centre with its cyclotron and PET scanner.

The MSc programme is accredited by the Institute of Physics & Engineering in Medicine as fulfilling part of the training requirements for those wishing to work in medical physics in the NHS.

www.abdn.ac.uk/msc/medical-imaging

MSC MEDICAL PHYSICS

Medical physics is the application of physics, electronics and computing in medicine. It includes specialities such as nuclear medicine, which uses radioactive tracers for diagnosis of disease, radiotherapy, which employs linear accelerators to destroy cancerous tissue, as well as medical electronics and magnetic resonance imaging. The MSc in Medical Physics is the first step towards qualification as a Medical Physicist, providing the student with a knowledge base in all major aspects of physics as applied in the modern clinical/health environment.

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www.abdn.ac.uk/msc/medical-physics

Key Facts

Our impressive imaging infrastructure includes modern MRI facilities, PET CT, cyclotron and radiochemistry laboratories and sophisticated ophthalmological equipment.

- We have a dedicated team working on the creation of new imaging technologies such as PEDRI, Fast-Field Cycling MRI, ultra low field MRI and handheld PET.
- The University of Aberdeen was the first place in the world to build and conduct a whole body MRI scan.

£2million cutting edge PET-CT scanner added to the University in 2014.

The Queen’s Anniversary Prize was awarded to the University in recognition of the achievements in developing new techniques for medical imaging.
MUSIC

The Department has built a tradition of distinguished research and scholarship in music encompassing aspects of performance, composition and musicology. Today, we continue to provide students with the opportunity to develop individual talent, appreciation and aesthetic sensibility. Personal and musical growth are nurtured within a creative atmosphere, with many of the activities in the Music Department promoting integration and a vibrant exchange among students, our Academic team and visiting musicians. Facilities for music students are first-class, including electroacoustic music studios and a collection of historical instruments.

MMus

The MMus programme is a flexible one, catering for musicologists, performers and composers alike. It provides a natural development from undergraduate programmes to postgraduate study, allowing students to specialise further an area of their choosing (either 60 credits or 120 credits) but also permitting combination of interest if appropriate (for example combining musicology and performance). Thus the MMus serves the needs of graduates who may want to continue their studies at postgraduate level, either prior to employment or as a bridge to higher postgraduate qualifications. The programme also offers an opportunity for a postgraduate qualification to graduates who have already worked for a number of years and would like to return to hone their musical skills at university as part of their continuing professional development (either on a full or part-time basis).

www.abdn.ac.uk/music/mmus.html

MMus in Vocal Music

The course is aimed at composers, performers and musicologists with a real interest and passion for choral music. Under the expert guidance of choral-specialists, students will be immersed in the technical, historical and cultural aspects of choral music and will be guided and helped in the finding of their own distinctive voice through the study of the great choral masters past and present. Students will work closely with a professional choir in residence, learning valuable practical skills in choral-orchestration, conducting and choir training, and hear their compositions or editions performed in concert.

Students benefit from having access to a full choir in association, who will be on-hand to perform, workshop and rehearse student's compositions, editions and offer help with performance issues. Alongside this, visiting specialists, James O'Donnell KCHS (Organist & Master of Music at Westminster Abbey), the composer James MacMillan CBE, and conductors Suzi Digby OBE and Ralph Allwood MBE, will bring professional, practical expertise to students' work.

www.abdn.ac.uk/music/mmus-in-vocal-music.html

MMus in Sonic Arts

Emphasising both theoretical knowledge and practical skills in sonic arts and sound technology, the Masters Degree programme in Sonic Arts is designed to expose students to the widest range of employment opportunities and advancement to related academic and research fields. It is intended for students coming from diverse backgrounds in one or more of the following: music, computing science, informatics, visual art, performance, theatre, media studies, and film.

The MMus in Sonic Arts prepares students for careers in creative industries and artistic, commercial and academic research where creative approaches to sound are in demand. The programme offers not only a comprehensive overview of sonic arts from historical and theoretical viewpoints, but also hands-on practical and skills-based core courses that can help students design and realise original sound projects throughout the programme and build a strong portfolio as a sound artist.

www.abdn.ac.uk/music/mmus-in-sonic-arts.html

Did you know?

Our music department is home to the UK’s favourite living composer, Professor Paul Mealor, who creates music fit for royalty.

Paul Mealor shot to fame in 2011 when his contemporary classical piece, Ubi Caritas et Amor, was premiered at the Royal Wedding of HRH Prince William of Wales and Catherine Middleton at Westminster Abbey.

It seems wherever composer Paul Mealor goes, an unusual musical record is broken: his vocal work De Profundis contains the lowest note ever written in a composition. His song written for the Military Wives, Wherever You Are, was nominated for a BRIT Award before picking up a gong at the Classic BRITs - the first song to make such an impact in both the classical and pop fields. His motet Ubi Caritas performed at the 2011 Royal Wedding between Catherine Middleton and Prince William, was heard by 2.5 billion people - the largest audience in broadcasting history.
Over the course of five decades the Department of Politics and International Relations has developed an international reputation as a centre of academic excellence for research in politics and international relations.

This MSc has two aims: 1) to develop a multi-faceted approach to the central topics, and 2) to focus attention on the decreasing significance and power of boundaries, whether traditional or more contemporary by examining the reality and impact of spaces of transition.

The MSc in International Relations and Law at Aberdeen is an innovative course – one of only three across the UK – that offers students seeking careers in governmental institutions, international organisations and international non-governmental organisations the opportunity to advance their understanding of law and politics in the international arena. Combining courses in the theory and practice of international relations, security, human rights, and the use of force in International Law taught by a globally distinguished faculty, the course offers a unique perspective on a range of contemporary issues related to the transformed nature of global governance in the context of international politics and law.

As a result, debates about the nature of international institutions, development, post-development, global politics and law, conflict and cooperation, human rights, citizenship and governance, and the relationship between law, politics and society will be examined.

In theory and practice, understanding the modalities of power in constituting the international system, as well as challenges to hegemonic stabilizations of it, has gained a particular urgency, making the study of IR central to apprehending the complexity of global social life.

In practice, this MSc provides students with the knowledge and skills to analyse political and legal issues and also give them knowledge about energy economics. Courses offered involve the politics of energy and of electricity market reform, how economics and legal issues affect political and commercial decisions in energy, how the law affects the oil and gas industry, commercial domestic and international political regulation of energy markets; the politics and law of renewable energy; international energy security issues such as oil prices, and the latest effects of climate change. Efforts will be made as far as is practicable to furnish opportunities for direct engagement through work experience or collaboration in writing dissertation projects with the energy network. The programme will equip students with an in-depth, all-round ability to analyse energy issues and enable them more easily to find employment in an energy related activity. This will be done in the setting of the key centres – Aberdeen - of the energy industry in the UK.

The MSc in Emerging Global Challenges is the only taught Masters programme in Latin American Studies in Scotland and one of the very few in the UK to cover both Latin American politics and Latin American culture.

The interdisciplinary nature of this programme will allow traditional and contemporary methodological approaches to the study of Latin America to be used.

The MSc in Strategic Studies is a long established programme that delivers a thorough examination and understanding of two core themes. First, it investigates the theory and practice of the uses of power, force and related instruments, ideally without recourse to conflict, to achieve national and international security objectives. Second, we examine in depth the characteristics, strains and complex nature of security challenges and responses at regional and global levels in the modern era. Dilemmas of decision-making at the highest levels, not least with existential implications, receive close attention, as do strategies of limiting and containing conflict in the event of war. This programme is particularly appropriate for graduates of International Relations, Politics, History and cognate disciplines such as Law, Economics and Geography, and for those with relevant professional experience, who are seeking deep scrutiny and explanation of security policies and conflict throughout the international system.

The MSc in Strategic Studies & International Law programme has been designed to analyse and explain how the modern uses of power and force interface with the requirements and the expectations of this body of international law which addresses the use of coercion and the conduct of conflict at international and national levels. It combines an understanding of the theory and practice of the uses of power and force by states to achieve national and international security objectives with an appreciation of the development and implementation of international law as it attempts to control coercion and to limit violence in the international arena. This programme is particularly appropriate for those graduates of Law, International Relations, Politics and cognate disciplines such as History, Geography and Economics, and for those with relevant professional experience, who are seeking a concentrated and highly focused appreciation of the interaction of strategy and international law and how that relationship impacts on security policies and conflict in the modern era.

This programme will draw upon core modules from the MSc Strategic Studies and the Business School MBA. The combined programme will study the synergy between the strategic policies, decision making, leadership and operational applications of national and international security institutions and those of large and small organisations in the business and non-governmental sectors. We will examine these issues - the crossover in the practice and knowledge experienced by a range of actors in both national and international security and nonsecurity organisations - within the context of a globalized international system of rapid strategic, technological and economic change.

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Our School of Psychology is a vibrant research-led environment bringing together world-leading expertise in Cognition, Social Cognition, and Perception and Attention.

MSc HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY
This British Psychological Society (BPS) accredited MSc programme aims to provide students with an in-depth understanding of the theories and methods that underpin Health Psychology, the ability to apply psychological theories and methods to health relevant problems, and opportunities to develop research skills and a critical, academic attitude.

The MSc programme has a strong emphasis on behaviour and behaviour change, and is multi-disciplinary in nature, which provides an excellent learning environment for future health psychologists. The MSc is co-ordinated by the Aberdeen Health Psychology Group (AHPG), an internationally recognised academic centre in Health Psychology.

Completion of the MSc confers Stage 1 of the BPS training requirements for Chartered Health Psychologist status.

www.abdn.ac.uk/msc/health-psychology

MRes PSYCHOLOGY
The MRes degree programme is designed to provide you with a thorough grounding in the skills required for a career in psychological research. You will gain an understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of particular theoretical perspectives, research methods, experimental designs and statistical procedures.

During the course of conducting your own research project, you will develop the ability to critically assess your own data and hypotheses. By the end of the course, you will have acquired expertise in advanced research design and methodology; in addition, you will have equipped yourself with transferable, employment-related skills such as project management, presentation skills and interview preparation.

www.abdn.ac.uk/mres/psychology

MSc PSYCHOLOGICAL STUDIES
The Psychological Studies MSc degree programme is designed to introduce graduates from other disciplines to the study of psychology, and to provide them with the necessary knowledge and skills to pursue a career in psychology or in other areas where a scientific understanding of human behaviour is important.

The MSc programme consists of courses designed to provide training in all of the core domains of psychology including biological, cognitive, developmental and social psychology. Students also undertake an empirical research project under the supervision of a staff member.

www.abdn.ac.uk/mres/psychological-studies
REAL ESTATE

Educating future leaders of the real estate profession, our graduates can equip themselves with the key real estate skills necessary to embark on a wide range of careers in the global real estate sector. Our industry-facing programmes enable students to understand the workings of real estate markets and appropriate techniques applied in these markets, incorporating real-world case studies and a European field trip.

We are justifiably proud of The Centre for Real Estate Research (CRER) at the University of Aberdeen which acts as a focus for interdisciplinary research in the area of Real Estate Investment and Property Market Analysis. Since inception in 1995, CRER has matured into an established and internationally recognised research grouping. It supports staff in the development of collaborative activity and seeks to shape the rapidly emerging international research agenda in real estate.

As a result our graduates are highly sought after - locally, nationally and internationally.

MSc REAL ESTATE

This RICS accredited programme considers the creation and management of value in property from the perspectives of economics, finance, investment and business. It sets property markets in the wider context of the local, national and international economies as well as national and international capital markets.

www.abdn.ac.uk/business/graduate-school

MSc FINANCE AND REAL ESTATE

This new course brings together these two complementary disciplines and offers the student both RICS (Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors) accreditation and the opportunity to take the leading professional finance qualification, CFA level 1, before graduation! CFA is the global gold standard in Finance and an essential qualification for those wishing to pursue a career in the finance sector.

What sets our programmes apart?

Professional Accreditations to accelerate your career

From the prestigious Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS). The degree allows you to progress to the RICS Assessment of Professional Competence (APC) following appropriate work experience.

Plus, on the MSc Finance and Real Estate, there’s an opportunity to gain the professional qualification Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA level 1) before graduation! CFA is the global gold standard in Finance and an essential qualification for those wishing to pursue a career in the finance sector.

Extending education beyond the classroom

Discover real estate from a global perspective, with an international visit to five key Asian commercial cities over four weeks, where you will have the opportunity to visit companies and developments in the Far East.

Our commitment to small group teaching - lower numbers mean a higher standard of learning

Crucially, unlike some MSc Real Estate courses, we’ve kept our numbers relatively modest to help keep the standard of your learning experience high. In fact, the yearly student cohort ranges from just 10-20 students. This means you get to enjoy the smaller learning groups that give you more valuable interaction with tutors. Our learning is up, close and personal - and as a result all the more effective.

“I had several job interviews and in almost every interview they told me that one of the main reasons for inviting me was the degree from the University of Aberdeen.”

Christoph Weisser, MSc Real Estate 2013
The Department of Sociology at the University of Aberdeen enjoys a reputation as one of the leading centres for the study of sociology in the UK. The Department is recognised both nationally and internationally for the outstanding quality of its teaching and research. Recent assessments of sociology departments in the UK ranked the department very highly.

Our success is driven by the quality of our academic staff, who have gained international reputations for conducting high quality research in the following areas:

- RELIGION AND SECULARISATION
- POLITICAL VIOLENCE, CONFLICT AND PEACE
- SOCIAL MOVEMENTS
- IDENTITY PROCESSES
- GLOBAL AND POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY
- ANIMALS AND SOCIETY

MSc in Religion & Society

This programme focuses on the dynamics of religious belief and practice in the modern world. It is designed for students interested in discovering, discussing and evaluating the empirical evidence for secularisation and the persistence of religious belief across the world in different contexts.

The degree explores themes such as the crisis of belief in contemporary Christianity; the social and cultural politics of religious beliefs; the impact on beliefs and practice more generally; debates about the role of religion in society and the extent to which it remains a factor in political and social life.

The programme will provide students with the analytical tools to study religion from a historical and sociological perspective.

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Upon completion of the programme, students should be well positioned for a variety of jobs dealing with global processes and international affairs, or for continued study in the social sciences at the doctoral level. Mid-career professionals, seeking to continue their career and intellectual development, will also benefit from this programme.

MSc in Global Conflict & Peace Processes

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MSc in Refugee & Displacement Studies

Designed for students wishing to develop an advanced intellectual understanding of refugee and displacement studies, the MSc in Refugee and Displacement Studies is located in the broader context of transition and development. Addressing the multiple forms of displacement, including, but not limited to, conflict-induced, development-induced and disaster-induced displacement, the course will explore the categories of migrants, including refugees, internally displaced peoples (IDPs), asylum seekers, and others who are subject to a variety of methodological approaches to sociological research, an awareness of the key empirical areas of research in sociology, and their implications for social policy and social change.

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MSc in Social Research

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