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**Engineering Programme Guide**

# Postgraduate 4+1 Master of Science MSc

2024 entry



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Edinburgh has an agreement with several universities which allows you to study engineering at postgraduate level. By transferring to The University of Edinburgh after your Bachelor degree, you will undertake a one year programme of study at Masters level. On successful completion of this programme at Edinburgh, you will graduate with a Master of Science degree awarded by The University of Edinburgh.

This is known as a “4+1” agreement.



# Welcome from the Director of Learning and Teaching

We are delighted that you are considering joining us at the School of Engineering to pursue our Masters programme. Engineering has a long tradition at Edinburgh, having been taught in one form or another since 1673, with the Regius Chair of Engineering being founded in 1868.

The School has a notable record in innovation, with successful start-ups across a wide range of industrial sectors, with each programme closely linked to relevant industrial organisations.

The School has an enviable suite of laboratories in the areas of Structures, Fire Safety, Wave and Tidal Testing, Microelectronics, Bioengineering, Ice, and Membrane Separations; it has recently developed new laboratories for Composite Materials, High Temperature Superconductivity, Engines and Agile Tomography.

Today's Global Grand Challenges agenda puts Engineering at the forefront of 21st century academic

activity. Our innovative Masters programmes, underpinned by world-leading research, prepare our Masters graduates for tackling these societal challenges whether through work in industry or further study. Today's graduates must be equipped with the knowledge and skills not just for today's needs but also the needs of the future.

We encourage applications from highly qualified and highly motivated students from all corners of the world to apply to our programmes, to become a member of our vibrant academic community working together for a better future.

**Prof Dave Laurenson**  
Director of Learning and Teaching



# Where is Edinburgh and what is it like?

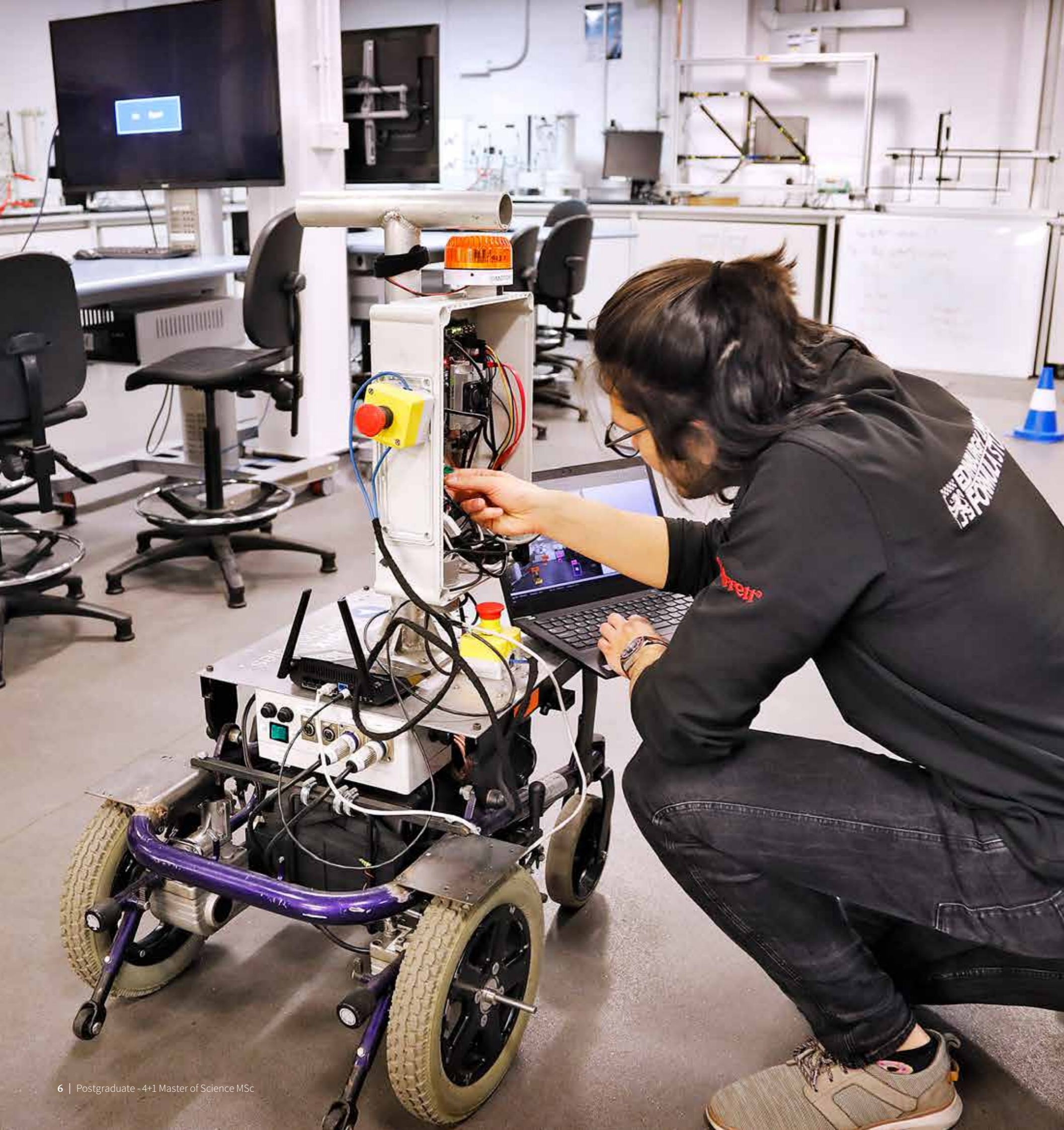
## **Scotland**

Scotland, together with England, Wales and Northern Ireland, makes up the United Kingdom. It is 600 kilometres north of London (approximately 1 hour by plane or 4.5 hours by train). There are easy flight connections to the rest of the world via London, Frankfurt, Istanbul, Paris or Amsterdam.

Scotland enjoys mild winters and warm summers, and has some of the most unspoiled scenery in Europe. With only 10% of the UK population and 33% of the land, there are plenty of wide-open spaces to explore.

## **City of Edinburgh**

Edinburgh is the capital of Scotland, and has a population of over 500,000. However, it attracts over 2 million tourists every year, thanks to its historic centre and beautiful location. It is situated on the river Forth in the east of Scotland, and it is easy to visit the beaches and mountains for which Scotland is famous. Edinburgh is regularly voted one of the top places to live in the UK.



# Why should I study at the University of Edinburgh?

## Reputation of the University

The University of Edinburgh, situated in the capital city of Scotland, is one of the six “ancient” universities in the UK, and was founded in 1583. The University of Edinburgh is consistently ranked as one of the world’s top 50 universities. In 2023, it was ranked 22nd in the world in the QS World University Rankings. It is also one of the largest universities in the UK, with nearly 46,000 students. For most of its history, the University of Edinburgh has had a reputation for attracting students from all over the world, and currently has over 16,000 international students from over 140 countries. The University of Edinburgh offers over 300 degree programmes, from Arts and Humanities, Science and Engineering, to Law and Medicine. It also has over 60% of all Scotland’s top researchers.

## Reputation of the School of Engineering

The School of Engineering is part of the College of Science and Engineering within the University, which is one of the largest science and engineering groupings in the UK. The College has over 10,000 students, over 3,500 academic and support staff, and is situated on its own campus just outside the city centre. The Edinburgh Research Partnership in Engineering, our joint submission with Heriot-Watt University, was ranked 1st in Scotland and 3rd in the UK, based on the quality and breadth of our combined research by Times Higher Education. Furthermore 96% of our research activity was ranked as world-leading and internationally excellent.

## Prospects after you graduate

A degree from The University of Edinburgh is recognised throughout the world and is valued very highly by employers.

# What can I study at the University of Edinburgh?

## **Taught Master of Science (MSc) Programmes**

The 4+1 programme is available to 4th year students who will complete their Bachelor degree, and who then wish to undertake a one-year postgraduate Master's programme at the University of Edinburgh.

Following a taught Master of Science (MSc) programme will typically mean that you take two semesters of taught courses, followed by a research project for which you will write a dissertation. Eight MSc programmes are offered under the 4+1 partnership agreement:

## **Advanced Chemical Engineering**

The Advanced Chemical Engineering programme spans a wide variety of topics from the fundamentals on a molecular scale to applications and processes, and is advised by an Industrial Board of Experts. From carbon capture to sustainable water resources, from alternative energy technologies to advanced pharmaceutical processes, chemical engineers address the frontiers of important global challenges. A one year programme at the University of Edinburgh will immerse you in the most current developments in these fields through a combination of taught modules, workshops, a research dissertation and a number of supporting activities, with a particular emphasis on multi-scale approaches to chemical engineering from nano-scale to process scale. A unique feature of the programme is a strong involvement of the chemical engineering industry. The programme is advised by an Industrial Board, while the summer research dissertation projects are formulated and co-advised by industrial partners, with topics ranging from computational fluid dynamics for medical applications to carbon capture and storage to continuous manufacturing for the pharmaceutical industry.

For more information on this MSc programme please visit: [www.ed.ac.uk/pg/913](http://www.ed.ac.uk/pg/913)

## **Advanced Power Engineering**

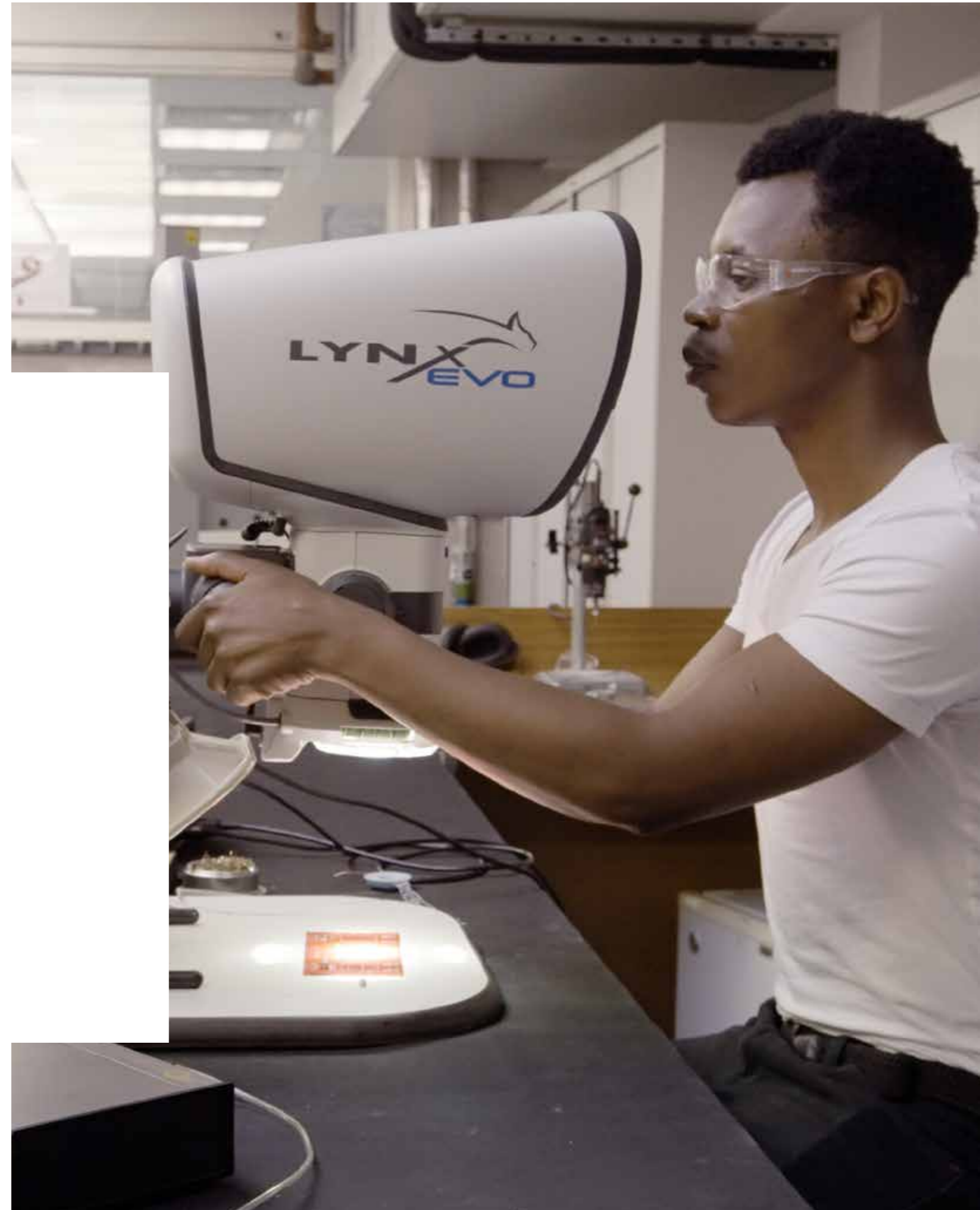
The University of Edinburgh offers a two-year MSc programme in Advanced Power Engineering. The programme is designed to train power engineers in the most current developments in the field, and help them develop fundamental and applied research skills through a combination of taught modules, workshops and a comprehensive research dissertation carried out during the second year of the programme, supported by the internationally leading experts of the Institute for Energy Systems. We train the next generation of industry-ready engineers who are aware of the most recent, cutting edge developments in power engineering and have the skills required to thrive within both industrial and academic settings. The programme develops throughout the first year from advanced fundamental topics and research tools in electrical power engineering, to specialist courses on emerging technologies and advanced numerical methods for power engineering problems. It culminates in the second year with a two-semester industrial or academic research project.

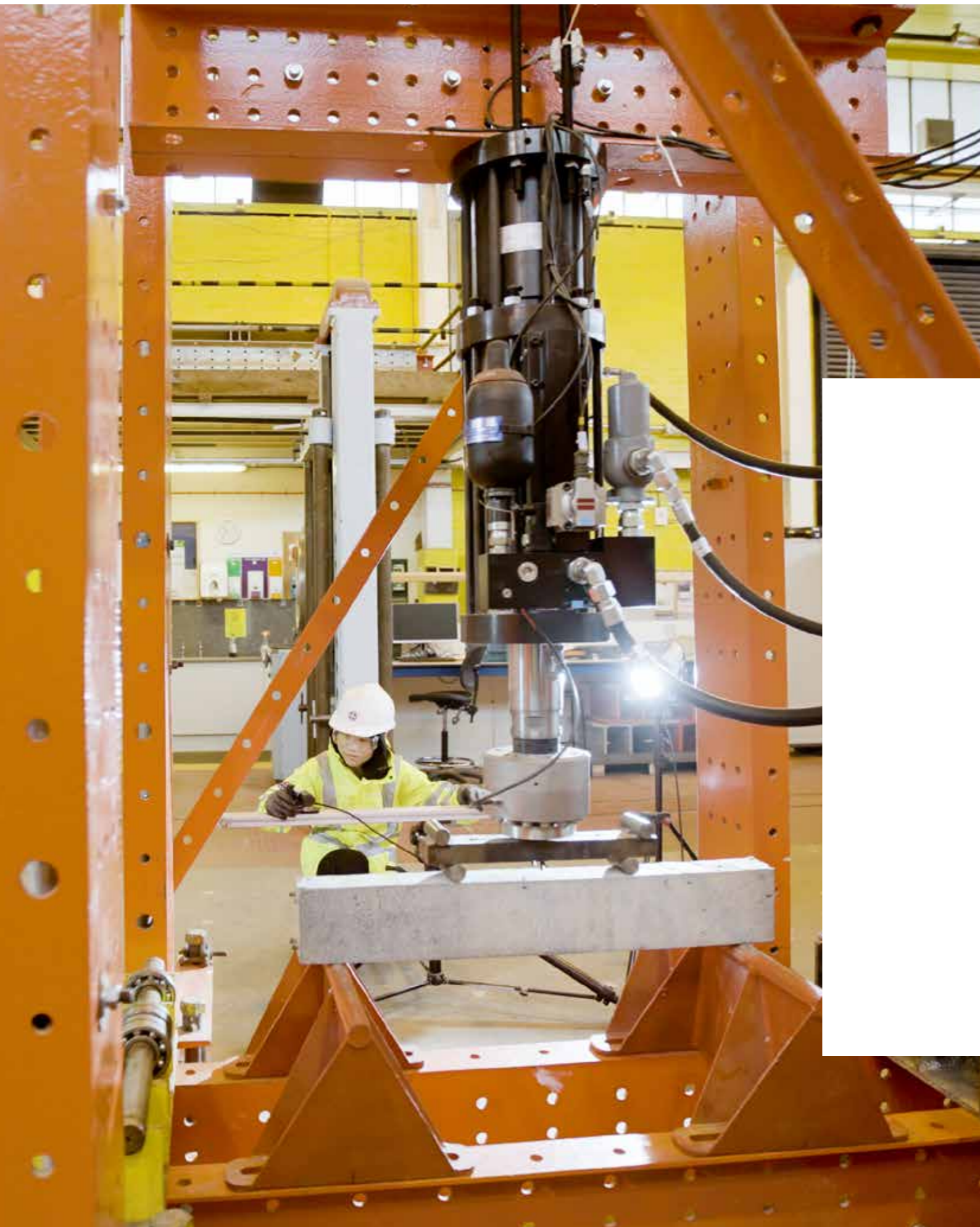
For more information on this MSc programme please visit: [www.ed.ac.uk/pg/960](http://www.ed.ac.uk/pg/960)

## **Electrical Power Engineering**

This one-year programme is designed to equip graduates and professionals with a broad and robust training on modern power engineering technologies, with a strong focus on renewable energy conversion and smart grids. It is suitable for recent graduates who wish to develop the specialist knowledge and skills relevant to this industry and is also suitable as advanced study in preparation for research work in an academic or industrial environment. In semesters 1 and 2, the programme comprises a mixture of taught courses, workshops and a group design project, led by leading experts in the field, covering the key topics in power systems, electrical machines and power electronics. The final part of the programme is an individual dissertation, which provides a good opportunity for students to apply their acquired skills to real problems in electrical power engineering.

For more information on this MSc programme please visit: [www.ed.ac.uk/pg/937](http://www.ed.ac.uk/pg/937)





### Electronics

This programme offers distinct specialisation areas in electronics: analogue VLSI design, bioelectronics and analogue and digital systems. In analogue VLSI design, our facilities include a unique custom designed analogue integrated circuit specifically designed to support laboratory based teaching. Our advanced design and prototyping laboratories, advanced micro and nano fabrication facilities and state-of-the-art digital system laboratories use the latest industry standard software tools. Alternatively, students may specialise in the emergent discipline of bioelectronics where our research and teaching interests include access to the fabrication facilities at the Scottish Microelectronics Centre.

For more information on this MSc programme please visit: [www.ed.ac.uk/pg/669](http://www.ed.ac.uk/pg/669)

### Signal Processing & Communications

This programme provides graduates and working professionals with a broad training in signal processing and communications. It is suitable for recent graduates who wish to develop the specialist knowledge and skills relevant to this industry and is also suitable as advanced study in preparation for research work in an academic or industrial environment or in a specialist consultancy organisation. Our students gain a thorough understanding of theoretical foundations as well as advanced topics at the cutting edge of research in signal processing and communications, including compressive sensing, deep neural networks, wireless communication theory, and numerical Bayesian methods. The MSc project provides a good opportunity for students to work on state-of-the-art research problems in signal processing and communications.

For more information on this MSc programme please visit: [www.ed.ac.uk/pg/20](http://www.ed.ac.uk/pg/20)

### Sustainable Energy Systems

This internationally renowned degree, based within a world-leading renewable energy research group, equips graduates and professionals with a broad and robust training. Wind, marine and solar energy technologies are covered, as well as the wider environment in which they fit, including: resource assessment; energy production, delivery and consumption; efficiency; sustainability; economics, policy and regulation; and grid/off-grid systems. In addition, our MSc students actively engage in research as part of their dissertation projects either within the Institute for Energy Systems or with industry, with some joining our PhD community afterwards. This programme is affiliated with the University's Global Environment & Society Academy.

For more information on this MSc programme please visit: [www.ed.ac.uk/pg/22](http://www.ed.ac.uk/pg/22)

### Fire Engineering Science

This one-year MSc in Fire Engineering Science will provide students with a deep understanding of the fundamental physical processes of fire behaviour, and their application in engineering. New technologies and climate change are increasingly introducing new and complex fire hazards into environments that were previously considered low hazard. Our graduates will gain the knowledge of fire science and its engineering application which will allow them to help reduce and control these hazards. Students will study how fires burn (fire dynamics), how regulators controls fire risks, and how our environment can be changed to mitigate fire risks. Students will learn about how to measure and study fire phenomena through the fire laboratory class. Finally, as part of the dissertation, students will have the opportunity to contribute to the sum of human knowledge by applying their new expertise and understanding to a relevant dissertation topic.

For more information on this MSc programme please visit: [www.edin.ac/451xhAl](http://www.edin.ac/451xhAl)

### Digital Design and Manufacture

Digital Design and Manufacturing refers to a convergence of complementary computing technologies that, in combination, have the potential to create an industrial revolution whose impact on productivity is comparable to the introduction of steam power or the adoption of mass production. This course provides students with a broad understanding of the theories and practices required to enable successful implementation of these digital technologies in industrial applications.

For more information on this MSc programme please visit: [www.ed.ac.uk/pg/1040](http://www.ed.ac.uk/pg/1040)



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# How much will it cost?

## Fees

Please refer to our website for the latest information regarding Tuition Fees:

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/tuition-fees>

## Accommodation

The postgraduate accommodation is based across a number of sites, typically located within a short walk or bus ride from the centre of Edinburgh and with many being close to key University buildings and facilities. All new students at the University of Edinburgh are covered by the University Accommodation Guarantee.

The rates for accommodation vary depending on location and room type - please review the options available on our website:

<https://www.accom.ed.ac.uk/our-accommodation/>

University accommodation rents include utility costs; personal contents insurance; data network facilities and support from the Residence Life team. Cleaning and housekeeping vary according to the location and type of accommodation offered but usually include all common areas, staircases etc. within our premises.

## Living expenses

Information on the cost of living in Edinburgh for a typical academic year can be found on our university website:

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/students/finance/cost-of-living>

Of course, these calculations will vary according to your lifestyle.

## Scholarships

All students who take part in the 4+1 scheme are eligible for a £3,000 scholarship per year. Students studying on the two-year MSc in Advanced Power Engineering will receive a scholarship payment of £2,000 per year.



# How to apply

Thoroughly explore the website to identify your preferred programme of study: <https://edin.ac/3KsdEJ9>

If you are in 4th year now, tell the International Office that you would like to apply. You will be required to make an application through our website. This gives full instructions, including details of any supporting documentation you need to submit, such as references, degree transcripts etc.

Some of our programmes are extremely popular so we encourage you to apply as early as possible (usually from October onwards). This will allow us to prioritise your application as a 4+1 student and allow you to receive a decision earlier. Once you have applied, you should notify your International Office and the School of Engineering of your University User Name (UUN) so we can identify you as a 4+1 student.

## Late Applications

Late applications may still be considered for 4+1 programmes. Contact your International Office immediately if you wish for a late application to be considered.

## Entry requirements

Minimum entry requirements are the equivalent of a UK 2:1 degree in a relevant discipline. Students whose first language is not English must show evidence of one of the qualifications below.

- IELTS Academic: total 6.5 (at least 6.0 in each module)
- TOEFL-iBT: total 92 (at least 20 in each component)
- PTE(A): total 62 (at least 59 in each component)
- CAE and CPE: total 176 (at least 169 in each component)
- Trinity ISE: ISE II with distinctions in all four components.

## Interviews

We will ask for initial application documents before the interview. You will be interviewed by someone from the School of Engineering in April/May 2024. This interview will be in English and will test your knowledge of the engineering discipline you are studying, as well as your language ability. If your English language level is below the requirements for entry then options for attending pre-session English classes will be explored at interview.

We will inform you as soon as possible after the interview if your application can progress to the next stage.

## Receiving an offer

You will receive a Conditional Offer for your Masters programme which will be converted to an Unconditional Offer when you meet the conditions. The conditions are normally the completion of your Bachelor degree and/or meeting English language requirements.

## Visa

If you do not hold a UK or Irish passport, you will need to apply for a visa to study in the UK once you receive your Unconditional Offer.

Depending on your nationality and programme of study, you may also need to apply for Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) clearance. This can be a lengthy process so we encourage you to apply as early as possible.

Further information can be found on our website.

**ATAS:** <https://edin.ac/3tZbxUF>

**Student Immigration Service:** <https://edin.ac/2GfEXF1>





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## Further Information

- The University of Edinburgh: [www.ed.ac.uk](http://www.ed.ac.uk)
- Information for International Students: [www.ed.ac.uk/studying/international](http://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/international)
- School of Engineering: [www.eng.ed.ac.uk](http://www.eng.ed.ac.uk)
- English Language Education: [www.ed.ac.uk/english-language-teaching](http://www.ed.ac.uk/english-language-teaching)
- Tuition Fees: [www.ed.ac.uk/tuition-fees/find](http://www.ed.ac.uk/tuition-fees/find)
- Postgraduate Degree Programmes: [www.edin.ac/3KsdEJ9](http://www.edin.ac/3KsdEJ9)

## Checklist

- If you are thinking of applying, start to plan now
- Inform your International office of your interest
- Work out which degree programme you are interested in studying at Edinburgh
- Start preparing for your IELTS test
- Be prepared for an interview in April/May 2024
- Apply for a visa as soon as you can
- Book accommodation for the start of university

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