Your future in focus
WHY I CHOSE THE UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN

“Firstly, the people. They are the politest, kindest and most helpful human beings I have ever met in my life. I love the freedom that Aberdeen provides. The curriculum is scientifically designed to promote inter-disciplinary learning which offers students like me the best possible chance of a successful career, alongside the fact that the University works closely with industry. Beyond all this, the university is known for its history, diversity and charitable giving.”

Thejus Hari
MSc Petroleum Engineering
Aberdeen is the fifth oldest university in the UK but we have an outlook that
is truly twenty-first century. We are
ranked amongst the world’s best
universities, with a reputation for
world-leading research which attracts
outstanding students and academics.
Over the last 500 years we have been
associated with five Nobel Prize
winners, and our modern multinational
student community benefits from the
latest programmes and facilities.

From 1495 to today, one thing has
remained constant: life changing
opportunities for the students who
pass through our doors.

History

Since 1495, we have offered life
changing opportunities for all
of our students.

Over the centuries, our students,
alumni and staff have made
outstanding contributions to
public life, science, business,
politics, religion and the arts.

Medicine has been taught at the
University since the beginning of
the 16th century, when the first ever
Chair of Medicine in the English
speaking world was established.
Other key areas of teaching at the
University centred on law, arts
and theology. Many significant
developments have taken place over
the centuries, including the active
encouragement of women into
Higher Education in the 20th Century.
Responding to change has always
been a part of our history and key
to our ongoing development and
progress as a leading international
educational provider.

We never stop growing and
developing as a university and it
is our challenge to you, to join us
and become part of the next
chapter in history.
37th in the world’s 200 ‘MOST INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITIES’

Times Higher Education 2016

96% of graduates entered directly into WORK, FURTHER STUDY OR TRAINING WITHIN 6 MONTHS

HESA, 2016

Aberdeen ranked in the TOP 10 PLACES TO LIVE & WORK IN THE UK

2016 Good Growth for Cities Index, PWC

75% of the University’s research is ranked as either INTERNATIONALLY EXCELLENT or WORLD LEADING

2014 REF results

IMPACTFUL

85% of all research submissions were rated ‘OUTSTANDING’ or ‘VERY CONSIDERABLE’ for impact

2014 REF results

Aberdeen is ranked BRITAIN’S SAFEST CITY

Provident Financial 2017
An international University

We have a long tradition of welcoming both international students and staff to Aberdeen. As one of the UK’s most internationally diverse universities, we are home to a student population of around 14,000 and a dynamic international community of students drawn from over 122 different countries. You will be learning in a truly international and diverse environment.

DID YOU KNOW?
We have a partnership with AFG College Qatar and an alliance with Curtin University Australia. We also plan to open a campus in South Korea.

CURRENTLY we have students from over 122 COUNTRIES

INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT
Our International Office provides support to prospective students from first meeting right through to arrival and orientation on campus.

Find country specific advice and details of your International Officer contact at abdn.ac.uk/my-country

Kostadin
Bulgaria

Cara
United Kingdom

Adesola
Nigeria

Norul
Malaysia

Yafan
China
International reach

Aberdeen

46% of our Postgraduate STUDENTS ORIGINATED FROM OUTSIDE OF THE UK in 2016/17

INTERNATIONAL STUDY

Closer than you think

The University of Aberdeen is closer than you think. Regular trains link Aberdeen to key hubs within the UK, including Glasgow, Edinburgh, Manchester and London. A variety of domestic and international flights make Aberdeen easily reachable, wherever you’re travelling from in the world.

1.5h flight from London
1.25h flight from Manchester
55m flight from Newcastle
2.5h train from Glasgow
2.5h train from Edinburgh
1.5h flight to Amsterdam
2h flight to Paris
2h flight to Frankfurt

This map is for guidance only and should not be taken as a definitive or exhaustive representation of our student body.
International student support

Preparing for studying overseas

MEET YOUR INTERNATIONAL OFFICER

Our International Officers travel around the world meeting and advising prospective students. Each of our International Officers has a dedicated region and can offer specialised advice and guidance to our international applicants. To find out where they are visiting, check: abdn.ac.uk/my-country

ENGLISH LANGUAGE SUPPORT

As a future student, you’ll be offered free English language support sessions. You’ll receive four 15-minute Skype calls from one of our current students, allowing you to practise your English in preparation for upcoming IELTS/TOEFL examination. It also gives you the chance to find out more about student life in Aberdeen.

LANGUAGE CENTRE

If you do not manage to meet the English language requirements, you can make use of the University’s Language Centre. The programmes are taught by a team of friendly and experienced tutors, and focus on developing your listening, reading, speaking and writing skills. Programmes available in the Language Centre include the Academic English Preparatory Programme (AEEP), as well as intensive five and ten week pre-sessional courses for University of Aberdeen offer holders. For more information: abdn.ac.uk/languagecentre

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Prospective students whose native language is not English need to meet the University’s language requirements before they can start their studies. For more information: abdn.ac.uk/international/english-requirements

Students who do not meet the requirements can make use of the University’s Language Centre, which offers a variety of English language programmes, including pre-sessional courses for offer holders.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVISORS

Once you have arrived in Aberdeen, our student advisors can provide guidance on many aspects of international student life, including specialist advice on visa and immigration matters.

FUNDING

Students who require a visa to study in Scotland need to show evidence that they have sufficient funds to maintain themselves without earnings from work whilst studying. In addition to tuition fees, students require a further £1015 per month to cover their living costs. As part of your Tier 4 visa application students are also required to pay a health surcharge in order to have access to the National Health Service (NHS). For further information on this, please visit abdn.ac.uk/study/international

YOUR VISA

Most international students require a Tier 4 visa to study in the UK. You can find out more about whether or not you require a visa by visiting the UK Government website at: gov.uk/check-uk-visa

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. You can submit an ATAS application up to six months before the programme start date, even if the offer is still conditional. gov.uk/academic/technology/approval/scheme

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVICE

Once you have arrived in Aberdeen, our student advisors can provide guidance on many aspects of international student life, including specialist advice on visa and immigration matters.
“I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at the University of Aberdeen. It has taught me a lot and has helped prepare me for a future working in the environmental sector. It’s a fantastic place to study and offers a host of opportunities which allow you to get the most out of your studies.”

Shannon Smart
MSc: Environmental Science
Choose the way you learn

One of the most appealing aspects of postgraduate study is that it is more accessible to a wider range of individuals now than ever before; individuals of all ages, from all backgrounds, at various stages in their life and career.

Our taught and research degree programmes attract recent graduates moving straight into postgraduate study, mid-career professionals returning to advance or change their careers and working parents returning to education. Whatever your situation, we have the support mechanisms in place to ensure your postgraduate study is a success.

SHORT COURSES

Many of our degree programmes offer the option to study individual courses from that degree. This can be advantageous to those looking to further their educational knowledge in a specific area. A list of these courses can be found on page 44.

FULL-TIME

Postgraduate programmes range from a duration of one year to three years for a PhD. Specific programme durations can be found online.

PART-TIME

Part-time study is available for all research degrees and for a significant number of our taught degrees.

ONLINE LEARNING

We offer a growing number of online 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 to maintain. For more information visit: abdn.ac.uk/online

JANUARY & SEPTEMBER START DATES

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. Please visit abdn.ac.uk/january to find out if your programme offers a January intake.
Our legends

Each year we challenge our students to become our future history, re-write the story of the University and aspire to greatness. We are exceptionally proud of our Alumni and staff for the major changes they have made to the world over the centuries. We will give you the tools and encouragement to be a success and we invite you to become a legend in your own right.

NOTABLE STAFF AND ALUMNI

Our legends

NOBEL PRIZE WINNER

J J R Macleod (1923)
Professor J J R Macleod, jointly with Frederick Banting, for the research which led to the development of insulin as a treatment for diabetes.

NOBEL PRIZE WINNER

Sir George Paget Thomson (1937)
Professor of Natural Philosophy (Physics) at Aberdeen from 1922-1930, together with the American physicist C J Davison, “for their (independent) experimental discovery of the diffraction of electrons by crystals”.

NOBEL PRIZE WINNER

Lord Boyd Orr (1947)
Director of the Rowett Institute and Professor of Agriculture from 1942 to 1945, in recognition of his contribution to the worldwide fight against hunger.

NOBEL PRIZE WINNER

Frederick Soddy (1921)
Professor of Chemistry at the University of Aberdeen from 1914-1919, for his work on radioactivity and isotopes.

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THE LIFE SAVER

John Mallard OBE
Professor John Mallard led the team which built the first whole body MRI scanner.
THE GLOBAL BUSINESS LEADER

Martin Gilbert
Co-founder and Chief Executive of Aberdeen Asset Management

THE OLYMPIAN

Neil Fachie MBE
Gold and Silver Medal winning Paralympian

THE LEADING LAWYER

Hon. A. Gail Prudenti
Distinguished New York Judge, served as Chief Administrative Judge of the Courts of New York State and presiding Justice of the New York Supreme Court

THE NOVELIST

Nan Shepherd
Novelist and Poet, the first non-Royal female to appear on a Royal Bank of Scotland banknote

THE BANKING FOUNDER

Sir Thomas Sutherland
Business leader, entrepreneur and founder of HSBC

THE ENTREPRENEUR

Ben Iravani
Managing Director, Monkey Bars Aberdeen Ltd, Co-founder of Porter’s Gin

THE ACTRESS

Laura Main

“The University of Aberdeen allowed me to not only further my academic education but also to gain invaluable experience on stage, performing in both the Musical Theatre Society and many student shows. I have lots of happy memories of those experiences and made good friends too.”
Bright lights, small city

Packed with potential, Aberdeen, known as the ‘silver city,’ is full of surprises, boasting international sophistication and old-world intimacy. It remains a key UK business hub and offers a range of cultural and leisure entertainment for all.
CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT

With a number of art galleries, historic theatres, museums and libraries, Aberdeen is steeped in culture. The city’s venues host hundreds of theatrical productions a year including ballet, opera and drama, as well as the popular Aberdeen Student Show, which raises significant sums for charity. For music lovers, local venues such as The Lemon Tree and the Music Hall often have famous musicians performing.

EATING AND DRINKING

From serving great local produce such as beef, fish and shellfish, to traditionally cooked international dishes, the city has a huge variety of restaurants and cafes from which to choose. It also has more than 100 bars and clubs ranging from popular student hang-outs and cozy traditional pubs, to wine and cocktail venues and clubs with DJs and live music.

SHOPPING

Whether in the city’s shopping malls, numerous retail parks, or in the bustling city centre itself, shoppers can find high street and designer stores, as well as quirky independent shops and international street markets.

*Source: PWC
**Source: Bank of Scotland poll, 2015
ABERDEEN
Bright lights, small city

From top left clockwise: Aberdeen Beach, The Academy Shopping Centre, Books and Beans, Union Terrace Gardens, St Machar Bar, Belmont Street and Cafe 52, The Green
On our doorstep

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Enjoy your studies in an area surrounded by stunning countryside, breath-taking coastlines and towering mountains. Ideally situated, with Britain's largest National Park to the west and miles of coastlines and sandy beaches to the east, Aberdeenshire provides endless activities and opportunities.

The city and shire also offer a great selection of outdoor activities including surfing, hillwalking, skiing, snowboarding and equestrian pursuits. Also within easy driving distance from the city are impressive castles and historic monuments. One of our most well-known castles, Dunnottar Castle, partly inspired Disney Pixar's animation Brave.
Taught postgraduate degrees

DIVERSE, CROSS-DISCIPLINE OPTIONS

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. We aim to equip our students with advanced knowledge and techniques to use throughout their studies.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

The requirement for most taught Masters programmes is a second-class UK Honours degree (or equivalent) in an appropriate discipline from an approved university.

PROGRESSION

Students on taught programmes of study must satisfy the progress 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 abdn.ac.uk/study/pgt-progression

ASSESSMENT

Masters degrees usually conclude with a project or dissertation.

Full details can be found at abdn.ac.uk/infohub/study/assessment
Applying to our programmes

Taught degrees

1. CHOOSE YOUR PROGRAMME

This guide contains an overview of all our taught programmes, but you can find much more information and all our entry requirements at: abdn.ac.uk/postgraduate

2. SUBMIT YOUR ONLINE APPLICATION

All applications should be submitted online through our Applicant Portal: abdn.ac.uk/postgraduate/apply

PGDE applications must be made through UCAS: ucas.com/teacher-training

3. RECEIVING A DECISION

You will be sent an email with our decision. If there are conditions attached to the offer, please upload requested documents to the Applicant Portal as soon as possible.

4. IDENTIFY FUNDING OPTIONS

Most funding bodies have application deadlines, so we advise that you submit your funding application as early as possible. It is important that you have an offer from the University before you apply for funding, so you need to get your application to us well before the funding body’s closing date: abdn.ac.uk/funding

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 completed financial guarantee form with the letter of sponsorship later.

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.
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Life enriching degrees
### Biomedical Sciences

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**MSc**  Genetics  
Starts: Sept  
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**MSc**  Immunology and Immunotherapy  
Starts: Sept  
Mode: FT / PT  
[URL](/pgt/immunology)

**MSc**  Microbiology  
Starts: Sept  
Mode: FT / PT  
[URL](/pgt/microbiology)

### Business and Management

**MRes**  Business Research  
Starts: Sept  
Mode: FT / PT  
[URL](/pgt/business-research)

**MSc**  Digital Marketing Leadership  
Starts: Sept / Jan  
Mode: FT / Online  
[URL](/pgt/dml)

**MBA**  Energy Management  
Starts: Sept / Jan  
Mode: FT / PT  
[URL](/pgt/energy-mgmt)

**MSc**  International Business Management  
Starts: Sept / Jan  
Mode: FT / PT  
[URL](/pgt/int-bus-mgmt)

**MSc**  Marketing Management  
Starts: Sept  
Mode: FT / PT  
[URL](/pgt/marketing-mgmt)

**MBA**  Master of Business Administration  
Starts: Sept / Jan  
Mode: FT / PT  
[URL](/pgt/business-admin)

**MBA**  MBA (Global)  
Starts: Jan / July  
Mode: Online  
[URL](/pgt/mba-global)

**MSc**  Oil and Gas Innovation  
Starts: Sept  
Mode: FT / PT  
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### Chemistry

**MSc**  Analytical Chemistry  
Starts: Sept  
Mode: FT / PT  
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**MSc**  Oil and Gas Chemistry  
Starts: Sept / Jan  
Mode: FT  
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### Clinical Pharmacology and Drug Development

**MSc**  Bio-Business and Medical Sciences  
Starts: Sept  
Mode: FT / PT  
[URL](/pgt/bio-business)

**MSc**  Clinical Pharmacology  
Starts: Sept  
Mode: FT / PT  
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**MRes**  Drug Discovery  
Starts: Sept  
Mode: FT / PT  
[URL](/pgt/drug-discovery)

**MSc**  Drug Discovery and Development  
Starts: Sept  
Mode: FT / PT  
[URL](/pgt/drug-discovery-dev)

**MSc**  Stratified Medicine and Pharmacological Innovation  
Starts: FT  
[URL](/pgt/smapi)

### Computing Science

**MSc**  Artificial Intelligence  
Starts: Sept  
Mode: FT  
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**MSc**  Information Systems and Data Management  
Starts: Sept  
Mode: FT  
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**MSc**  Information Technology  
Starts: Sept / Jan  
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**MSc**  Petroleum Data Management  
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MSc | Studies in Mindfulness | Sept | FT / Online / BL | /pgt/mindfulness
PGCert | Teaching Qualification Further Education | Sept | FT / Online | /pgt/tqfe

Engineering
MSc | Advanced Mechanical Engineering | Sept | FT | /pgt/advanced-mech-eng
MSc | Decommissioning | Sept | FT/ Online | /pgt/decommissioning
MSc | Global Subsea Engineering (with Curtin University, Australia) | Sept | FT | /pgt/global-subsea-eng
MSc | Oil and Gas Engineering | Sept / Jan | FT / Online | /pgt/oilgas-eng
MSc | Oil and Gas Innovation | Sept | PT | /pgt/oilgas-innovation
MSc | Oil and Gas Structural Engineering | Sept | Online | /ogse
MSc | Petroleum Engineering | Sept / Jan | FT / PT / Online | /pgt/petroleum-eng
MSc | Process Safety (Chemical Engineering) | Sept | FT / PT / Online | /pgt/process-safety
MSc | Project Management | Sept | Online | /pgt/project-mgmt
MSc | Renewable Energy Engineering | Sept | FT / Online | /pgt/renewable-energy
MSc | Reservoir Engineering | Sept | FT | /pgt/reservoir-eng
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MSc | Safety and Reliability Engineering for Oil and Gas | Sept | FT / PT / Online | /pgt/safety-eng-oil-gas
MSc | Subsea Engineering | Sept / Jan | FT / PT / Online | /pgt/subsea-eng

Environmental and Biological Sciences
MSc | Applied Marine and Fisheries Ecology | Sept | FT / PT | /pgt/marine-ecology
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MSc | Environmental and Ecological Sciences | Sept | FT / PT | /pgt/eco-sci
MSc | Environmental and Forest Management | Sept | FT / PT | /pgt/env-forest-mgmt
MSc | Environmental Management | Sept | FT / PT | /pgt/env-mgmt
MSc | Environmental Pollution and Remediation | Sept | FT / PT | /pgt/env-pol-rem
MSc / MRes | Environmental Science | Sept | FT / PT | /pgt/env-science
MSc | Marine Conservation | Sept | FT / PT | /pgt/marine-conserv
MSc / MRes | Soil Science | Sept | FT / PT | /pgt/soil-science

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MSc | Geographical Information Systems | Sept / Jan | FT / PT / Online | /pgt/gis
MLE | Rural Surveying and Rural Property Management | Sept | FT / PT | /pgt/rvpm

Geology
MSc | Geophysics | Sept | FT | /pgt/geophysics
MSc | Integrated Petroleum Geosciences | Sept | FT | /pgt/ipg
MSc | Oil and Gas Enterprise Management | Sept / Jan | FT | /ogem
MSc | Petroleum Data Management | Sept | FT / PT / Online | /pgt/pdm
MSc | Petrophysics and Formation Evaluation | Sept | FT / PT / Online | /pgt/petrophysics
MSc | Reservoir Engineering | Sept | FT | /pgt/reservoir-eng

History, History of Art and Philosophy
MLitt | Art and Business | Sept | FT / PT | /pgt/art-business
MLitt | Irish and Scottish History | Sept | FT / PT | /pgt/irish-scot-history
MLitt | Medieval and Early Modern Studies | Sept | FT / PT | /pgt/metms
MLitt | Modern History | Sept | FT / PT | /pgt/modern-history
MLitt | Scandinavian Studies (Viking and Medieval Studies) | Sept | FT / PT | /pgt/scandinavian
MLitt | Scottish Heritage | Sept | Online | /scottish-heritage
My MLitt in Museum Studies gave me the edge - and the confidence - to get ahead in what is a fiercely competitive jobs market. Being employed at the iconic British Museum within a year of graduating is definitely a dream come true.

Chris Dobbs
MLitt Museum Studies
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Dr Heather Morgan

Dr Heather Morgan and Dr Max Barnish, carried out a review of scientific studies into high heels. The academics found that more needs to be done to stop women being forced to wear them at work. Evidence was found to show that the shoes increase women’s attractiveness to men and raise the esteem of the wearer, but also found a wealth of studies showing they raise the risk of developing musculoskeletal conditions and the chance of injury. The researchers hope the study will influence policy makers to introduce new laws to combat the practice.

Prof Peter Smith

Professor Pete Smith, Professor of Soils and Global Change at the University of Aberdeen, conducted research that underpins international climate policy choices to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from agriculture. He produced evidence for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change on the consequences of climate change for land-use and agriculture. Professor Smith, Dr Jon Hillier and their team developed the Cool Farm Tool—a greenhouse gas accounting software tool. The tool is now used by companies such as Pepsi, Unilever, Heineken and Ben and Jerry’s.

Prof Neil Gow

Professor Gow is a founding member of the Aberdeen Fungal Group and contributed to building this group to its current status as one of the largest centres of excellence for medical mycology. Professor Gow has been announced as winner of the prestigious Royal Society of Edinburgh Sir James Black Medal for 2017. The award, which is the RSE’s senior prize in Life Sciences, was given to Professor Gow for his outstanding contribution to the field of mycology through his ground-breaking research on human fungal infections.

Prof Alexandra Johnstone

Professor Alexandra Johnstone based at the Rowett School of Nutrition and Health, led a food industry collaboration project with Marks and Spencer (M&S) and the University of Aberdeen. The research assisted in developing a range of dishes that were sold in store from 2010. M&S has 20 million weekly customers and since its launch in January 2010, the range has become the number one diet brand in store.

Prof Heather Wallace

Professor Wallace’s research interests are in cancer therapies: chemotherapy, chemoprevention and selective drug delivery. Professor Wallace is enthusiastically involved in connecting academia with the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry and works to facilitate scientific excellence and innovation in the discovery of new medicines. She was elected a fellow of several professional organisations including the Royal College of Pathologists. She is also a European Registered Toxicologist and a member of the UK Register of Toxicologists.

I have enjoyed working from the scientific idea inception, straight through to seeing the food products on the shelves in Marks & Spencer plc, and applying them with diet and weight loss volunteers.
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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 financial forms of sponsorship later.
The support I’ve received from lecturers and professors has been incredible. They have offered mock PhD interviews and 1-to-1 feedback sessions. These have really helped me identify areas for improvement, but also recognise my strengths and massively increase my confidence academically, professionally and personally, which in turn has helped me secure a PhD and Scholarship here for when I finish my MSc.

Helen Heaney
MSc Microbiology

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“I chose Aberdeen because of the unquestionable relevance of the city to the Oil and Gas sector. Additionally, the University has a long tradition of being centre stage of innovation and meaningful applied research. The extraordinary cultural diversity of its population, the peace of its streets and the permanent feeling of being welcome, make living and studying in Aberdeen very enjoyable.”

Diego Bustamante Gil
LLM in Oil and Gas Law
“Aberdeen’s prestige, research and teaching quality make it a top choice for most programmes, but for forestry related Masters, it’s the only choice. There is no comparable programme of similar quality in the UK. Having run for over 100 years, the programme has a long history in producing the most employable graduates.”

Ben Howard
MSc Environmental and Forest Management
Making the most of your studies

YOUR OWN LEARNING SPACE
A number of our taught Masters degrees have dedicated rooms used for study, learning and integrating with colleagues. All PhD students are also given their very own study space within their department.

LEARN FROM INDUSTRY LEADERS
You can receive high quality industry knowledge and teaching without leaving campus with our industry lecturers. These highly sought after industry professionals provide a wealth of knowledge and expertise to enhance your employability.

APPLY YOURSELF TO INDUSTRY
Our postgraduate programmes often provide the opportunity to take part in an industry project. These projects allow students to work with industry and apply their learning to real case studies. Students not only receive invaluable experience but also gain the ability to build relationships with potential employers.

INSPIRATIONAL MENTORING
Several of our degrees include industry mentoring which allows you as a student to receive first-hand knowledge and guidance from one of our selected senior industry professionals. This rare insight will be advantageous in kick-starting your career.

ENLIGHTENING EXCURSIONS
Our field trips enrich learning and provide opportunities for teaching to be applied practically. Some of our programmes offer excursions to local and international sites including Asia, Italy and North America.

CAREER MENTORING
The Career Mentoring Programme is a 6-month partnership between current students and alumni. Students are matched with professionals who are willing to share their experience and expertise and mentor you in developing your own career ideas.

Mentors provide you with the benefit of their own experience in a particular profession or employment area.

ENTERPRISING RESEARCHERS
This innovative initiative promotes enterprise and employability skills among postgraduate researchers by facilitating short-term projects with local organisations. These collaborations are designed to provide PhD researchers the opportunity to put their research skills into professional practice, solving real world problems.

Through this close engagement with employers, the initiative places the University ahead of the curve with the employability support and experience they offer to postgraduates.
At the University of Aberdeen, we believe academic enlightenment can be delivered outside the four walls of the classroom. We give our students the opportunity to discover this through our worldwide excursions and field trips.

Please note, field trips are only available on some degree programmes.
Careers

The University’s Careers Service supports you in developing and fulfilling your career aspirations.

Throughout your study and after your graduation we can provide:

• One to one appointments with a specialist Careers Adviser
• A duty Careers Adviser available daily for quick queries and application checks
• Access to careers advice and guidance at any time and from anywhere through our Virtual Adviser Service
• Skills development opportunities including our unique Enterprising Researchers project, career mentoring and the Leadership Academy.
• Careers Fairs and a programme of presentations and skills sessions run by local, national and multi-national employers who recruit our graduates
• A library with information on a huge range of careers, further study, application advice and more
• Searchable database of career planning resources

To find out more about the Careers Service, visit abdn.ac.uk/careers

RESEARCHER DEVELOPMENT

At Aberdeen, we are committed to providing you with skills and experiences that will support your postgraduate research journey and equip you for future employment whether in academia or elsewhere.

Our Researcher Development team encourage self-reflection, enhance transferable skills, stimulate creativity and enterprise and maximise your career potential. A major part of our approach is linking our training programmes to practical outputs enabling you to evidence skills on your CV.

To discover more visit abdn.ac.uk/develop

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Whether you have leadership experience or you wish to become a leader in the future, the Leadership Academy is here to support you and enhance your leadership skills.

The Academy runs from October to November or February to March and aims to develop your leadership skills and qualities through a series of interactive workshops and seminars. You can learn about different leadership skills and styles, network with professionals and gain useful insights and tips from employers and leadership experts.

abdn.ac.uk/careers
The reason I chose the University of Aberdeen was not only because of its academic excellence and rich tradition but also because of the way I felt when I was on campus. Having received offers from other universities like Bristol and Swansea, Aberdeen was the obvious choice because of the vast amount of research being conducted in science and engineering.

Susmita Naskar  
PhD Engineering
Finance & Scholarships

TUITION FEES

Tuition fees will vary depending on your chosen degree. Up-to-date information on all tuition fees for taught and research degree programmes (including part-time study) can be found online.

Please be advised that some programmes may also have additional costs. We recommend that you check our tuition fees pages carefully in order to identify these.

Further information on fees and funding can be found at abdn.ac.uk/study

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

Alumni Discount Scheme
A 20% discount is available on postgraduate tuition fees for all alumni who have spent time at the University, including 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: abdn.ac.uk/funding

“I was born in Scotland while my parents were studying in the UK. Therefore, coming back was always a dream. My dreams came true when I found the research topic of my interest, and received an Elphinstone Scholarship to complete my studies here at the University of Aberdeen.”

Sadik Omairey
PhD: Multi-scale Fibre Reinforced Composite Design: A Reliability-Based Optimisation Approach
Feel at home

GUARANTEED ACCOMMODATION*

The University has around 3200 beds within its portfolio of accommodation 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. Our accommodation is on, or within walking distance, of the main Campus.

We offer:

- A range of properties in or close to the Old Aberdeen Campus, the Hillhead Student Village and the City Centre
- A Central Hub (within the Hillhead Student Village) with extensive social and study facilities
- Wireless network throughout
- A frequent bus service travelling to both the main campus and the City Centre

* 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. We have very limited accommodation for couples and no family accommodation.

Ask questions and find out how and when to apply
Tel: +44 (0)1224 273102
studentaccomm@abdn.ac.uk
abdn.ac.uk/accommodation
Your learning resources

As a student of the University you will have access to a wide range of support services and world-class teaching and learning facilities.

200,000
SPECIAL LIBRARIES & ARCHIVES

which hold an internationally significant collection of over 200,000 rare books printed mostly before 1840, and over 4,000 unique and manuscript collections.

An architecturally significant, AWARD WINNING LIBRARY
The Sir Duncan Rice Library was named as one of the most beautiful libraries in the world. Source: CEOWORLD magazine 2016
A range of food outlets offering EVERYTHING from halal to vegan options

Museum collections, which include Anatomy, Archaeology, Anthropology, Art, Geology, Herbarium, History, Pathology, Scientific Instruments & Zoology

Computer Labs Access
Language learning resources, through our DEDICATED LANGUAGE CENTRE

Disability Provision
A range of specialist software on all classroom PCs, and a number of individual occupancy Assistive Technology Booths

Dedicated IT Service Desk
Student learning support and services

StUDENT PORTAL
A secure web-based portal through which you can view and check your personal details, course enrolments, timetable, accommodation fees, library loans and exam results

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Wide range of software and high quality wireless printing
Sporting excellence

With outstanding Olympic standard sports facilities and a vibrant Sports Union with more than 50 different clubs, there are many ways to get involved.

SPORTS VILLAGE

Aberdeen Sports Village provides outstanding sports and exercise facilities and is located just across the road from the main campus. Your home for sport during your studies, ASV offers exclusive student lifestyle memberships for University of Aberdeen students. aberdeensportsvillage.com

SPORTS BURSARY

The University of Aberdeen Development Trust Sports Bursary Scheme is funded each year by the Development Trust. The Trust raise funds for many causes across the University, through the generosity of companies and individuals.

Facilities include:

- State of the art gym, with more than 150 exercise stations
- Performance weights area
- Over 100 group exercise classes every week
- A 50 metre Olympic swimming pool
- A 25 metre Olympic diving and swimming pool
- An eight lane 400m running track
- A six lane indoor running straight
- Four squash courts
- Three sports studios
- Indoor 3G pitch
- Two health and relaxation suites
- Café in both centres

There are numerous other sports facilities available across the University:

- Two rugby pitches
- A lacrosse pitch
- An artificial cricket wicket
- Outdoor tennis courts
- Floodlit football training areas
- The Balgownie Playing Fields, for football, rugby and shinty teams
- The Hillhead Centre has a full-size grass football pitch, a full-size sand-dressed synthetic pitch and a grandstand
- The River Dee boathouse rowing club
- Royal Deeside climbing bothy

Zoey Clark

Silver Medalist at the World Championships 2017
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"The learning style here is proactive and interactive. Students like to exchange academic opinions with each other and they passionately pursue further knowledge, encouraging me to learn beyond what has been taught in the classroom. Following the completion of the MSc programme, I have been given the opportunity to continue my studies at the University. I would definitely recommend studying at the University of Aberdeen for all the training, support and opportunities I have been given."

Vanessa Wong
MSc in Psychological Studies

Open Days
Wed 15 November 2017
Wed 14 March 2018
Wed 14 November 2018

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