Founded in 1495, the *University of Aberdeen* is the fifth oldest university in the English-speaking world.

Today, the University has **14,500 students**, from over 130 countries around the world, undertaking undergraduate and postgraduate degree programmes, across the Arts and Humanities, Business, Law, Science and Engineering and the Medical Sciences.

### Ratings & Reputation

- Scholars associated with the University include five Nobel Prize winners, and the inventor of the modern MRI machine.
- University alumni founded the College of William and Mary in the US, and the University of Hong Kong.
- World top 200 university (QS Rankings, 2020)
- We established the first Chair of Medicine in the English speaking world in 1497.
- Fifth oldest university in the English-speaking world.
- We are in the UK top 10 for Law (Complete University Guide, 2020)

### Academic Structure

Teaching and research at the University of Aberdeen is organised across 12 Schools, which encompass a broad range of disciplines:

**Arts and Social Sciences**
- Business School
- School of Divinity, History and Philosophy
- School of Education
- School of Language, Literature, Music and Visual Culture
- School of Law
- School of Social Sciences

**Life Sciences and Medicine**
- School of Biological Sciences
- School of Medicine, Medical Sciences and Nutrition
- School of Psychology

**Physical Sciences**
- School of Engineering
- School of Geosciences
- School of Natural and Computing Sciences
The £57 million Sir Duncan Rice Library opened in 2012

PROUDLY NAMED ‘SCOTTISH UNIVERSITY OF THE YEAR 2019’

SOURCE: THE TIMES AND SUNDAY TIMES GOOD UNIVERSITY GUIDE 2019
Contrasting stunning architecture and historical charm with landmark building design, our campus epitomises both the University’s impressive heritage and its modern outlook.

The campus is home to a wide and diverse range of world-class teaching and research facilities, as well as sporting and recreational amenities, all in close proximity.

- Campus named in the “Top Ten Most Beautiful Historic Universities in the UK” by QS Top Universities website (2014)
- Located in the historic district of Old Aberdeen – a 20 minute walk from the centre of the city
- Sir Duncan Rice Library, named amongst the “20 Most Spellbinding University Libraries in the world” by the Independent newspaper (2013)

**History and heritage**

- King’s College with its crown tower and chapel: the symbolic centre of our growing campus
- Medieval St Machar’s Cathedral – completed in 1530, there has been a place of worship in the area since around 580 A.D.
- The Brig o’ Balgownie – one of Scotland’s oldest bridges
- Old Townhouse – the 18th century building houses one of the University’s numerous museum collections

**Bright future**

Complementing and contrasting the historic campus is the £57million Danish-designed Sir Duncan Rice library, opened by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. It houses the largest of the University’s modern collections, as well as historic collections of rare books, manuscripts and archives. Another recent addition is the Aberdeen Sports Village and our new Aquatics Centre, featuring an Olympic standard swimming pool and diving facilities.

**Other campus attractions**

- The beautiful and peaceful 11 acre Cruickshank Botanic Garden has shrub borders, a rock and water garden, sunken garden, rose garden, herbaceous border and an arboretum, and houses a nationally important collection of over 2500 labelled plants
- The University’s Zoology Museum is a Recognised Collection of National Significance to Scotland, featuring displays from microscopic organisms to great whales
Aberdeen is steeped in history, yet has a reputation as a contemporary and dynamic place to live, study and work.

In a matter of minutes, you can travel away from the bustling city centre to experience some of the most stunning attractions, countryside and wildlife that Scotland has to offer.

**Culture and entertainment**

With a number of art galleries and 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. The city has more than 100 bars and clubs ranging from popular student hang-outs, on campus and cosy traditional pubs, to wine and cocktail venues and clubs with DJs and live music. Additionally, the P&J Live holds many live events, consistently attracting world-famous bands, singers and comedians.

**Shopping and eating**

Whether in the city’s shopping malls, numerous retail parks, or in the bustling city centre itself, shoppers can explore well-known high street and designer stores, as well as browse quirky independent shops and international street markets. From serving great local produce such as beef, fish and shellfish, to experiencing the best of international cuisine in established chains and independent eateries, the city has a huge variety of restaurants and cafés to choose from.
DID YOU KNOW?

ABERDEEN IS SCOTLAND’S THIRD LARGEST CITY
(Pop. 220,000+)
History and culture

Whether you want to trace ancestors or just find out more about Scottish culture, Aberdeen is close to a number of Scotland's stunning stately homes. There, alongside breath-taking architecture, views and beautiful grounds, you'll hear tales of the spirits of spurned wives, and ghostly footsteps in the dead of night.

Also within easy driving distance from the city are impressive stone circles, standing stones and burial cairns, some dating back as far as the Bronze Age. Every spring and summer visitors enjoy The Highland Games that celebrate the diversity of Scottish culture. These popular events focus on competitive music, dancing and heavy athletics such as caber tossing.

There are more castles per acre here than anywhere else in the UK:

- Balmoral Castle in nearby Royal Deeside, was bought by Queen Victoria in 1852, and is a summer retreat for the British Royal Family
- Craigievar Castle near Alford was the inspiration for Walt Disney's fairytale castle
- Slains Castle at Cruden Bay is said to have inspired Bram Stoker's Dracula
- The spectacular ruins of Dunnottar Castle south of the city were the stunning backdrop for Franco Zeffirelli's Hamlet, starring Mel Gibson

Aberdeen is a great base from which to explore Scotland and the rest of the UK - thanks to its great road and rail links. Mainland Europe is also only a short flight away from Aberdeen's International Airport.

The great outdoors

The area around Aberdeen offers a great selection of outdoor pursuits including surfing and kiting boarding at the beach, as well as hillwalking, skiing, snowboarding and equestrian pursuits. With around 52 golf courses in Scotland's castle and whisky country, there's one to play every week of the year.

Find out more at:

visitabdn.com
Gain valuable research experience while living and studying abroad in beautiful, historic Scotland — all without disrupting your studies at home!

Spend your summer undertaking research in world-class facilities on the University of Aberdeen’s STEM Summer Research Programme.

This intensive six-week programme will give you the opportunity to complete your own research project under the direction of an academic mentor. Designed to challenge your academic knowledge and critical thinking skills, the programme will also train you in the latest research techniques; and allow you to attend workshops catered specifically to your individual interests.

If you’re hoping to pursue a career in research, academic staff will run regular sessions to develop your scientific reading and writing, critical analysis, and public engagement skills. Gaining international experience working on an in-depth research project in collaboration with top researchers in your chosen field is the ideal preparation for those considering progression into graduate research programmes.

Where possible, Pre-med students have the opportunity to undertake clinical skills development activities including clinical shadowing and experience in our simulated ward. All of our research projects are conducted at our Foresterhill campus - one of the largest medical campus in Europe. This programme will resonate strongly on graduate school applications and ensure you are better prepared for medical school interviews.

**Research Areas**

A diverse range of research projects are available. In recent years, our projects have included research in the areas of biomedical science, molecular, cell and developmental biology, and more.

Previous projects undertaken by summer research students include:

- Breast Cancer Projects
- Bacterial pathogens as a cause of infections
- Determining the potential of natural products to induce cytotoxicity in human cancer cells
- Study of a new receptor target for brain disease

For more information on the projects available next year, please visit:

[abdn.ac.uk/study/international/summer-school](abdn.ac.uk/study/international/summer-school)

**Academic credits**

Over the summer you will earn six credits by completing a supervised research project culminating in a final research paper.

**Entry Requirements**

GPA Requirement of 3.0 or above in a relevant undergraduate major.

**Tuition fees**

For more information on tuition fees, please visit:

[abdn.ac.uk/study/international/summer-school](abdn.ac.uk/study/international/summer-school)
How to Apply

To study at Aberdeen, the University requires:

- A GPA of 3.0 or better
- An academic letter of reference from your home institution
- An official academic transcript
- A personal statement explaining why you would like to study at the University of Aberdeen

You can be nominated for the programme by your home institution. Once we receive the nomination, you will be sent a link to our online application form.

The deadline for applications is December 1st.
Foresterhill Medical Campus

Our Foresterhill Medical Campus provides high quality health services, education and research. It is jointly owned by the National Health Service (NHS) Grampian and the University of Aberdeen.

About the Foresterhill Campus

The campus is a purpose-built teaching and research facility, and also provides state-of-the-art health care facilities for the public.

Institute of Medical Sciences

The Institute of Medical Sciences (IMS) is the flagship research institute at the University of Aberdeen. With a focus on developing future effective therapies, the mission of IMS is to lead and support biomedical research within the School of Medicine, Medical Sciences and Nutrition, coordinating with other biomedical institutes at the Foresterhill campus including the Rowett Institute and the Institute of Applied Health Sciences.

The IMS building provides excellent laboratory and research facilities for the benefit of researchers. The IMS encompasses 411 researchers and support staff. In the last 12 months, staff at the IMS raised £30 million in research funding and published 415 peer-reviewed papers.

The Rowett Institute

Part of the School of Medicine, Medical Sciences and Nutrition, the Rowett Institute is a global leader in nutrition research. Aiming to address the big issues of our time including food inequalities, food security and obesity, and sustainable development, the Institute provides support to industry, evidence for policy development and contributes to nutrition and health education.

The 10,000m² building includes a clinical investigation unit, a metabolic research facility and a body composition suite, along with extensive state-of-the-art laboratories.

Getting There

The Foresterhill campus is a short 10 minute drive, or 30 minute walk, from our Old Aberdeen campus. A free shuttle bus for staff and students connects both campuses with the Hillhead Student Accommodation Village.

DID YOU KNOW?

THE UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN IS RANKED 5TH IN THE UK FOR ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY, AND IN THE TOP 10 IN THE UK FOR MEDICINE

SOURCES: THE TIMES AND SUNDAY TIMES GOOD UNIVERSITY GUIDE 2019
I’ve always wanted to go to medical school and become a doctor, and put the idea of research on the back burner. This programme has given me hands-on experience in a research lab and shown me both the dry and wet side of lab. Though I still wish to go to medical school, get an MD, and practice medicine in the future, I think my viewpoint has shifted and given me more interest in possibly specializing in a cancer dominated field. Not only has it intensified my want to go to medical school, but it’s also a great stepping stone for getting into a permanent lab at my home university and will be great on medical school applications - so it’s a learning experience as well as a CV builder. This programme also exposed me to a different culture and a lot of different people which will help me in the work environment later as well as with patient interaction for all future professional endeavors.

Morgan
Physiology Major

Living in Aberdeen has been such a great experience, the city is big enough that there’s always something to do, but small enough that you can walk wherever you need or want to go. Our housing was a twenty minute walk from the beach, which had amazing views, and from the city center where there is everything you could imagine - a movie theatre, night life, restaurants, shopping, etc. Being so far from home, it was also comforting that Aberdeen is an extremely safe city. After being here for only a week Aberdeen already felt like a home away from home.

Not only is the research opportunity amazing, but the city, and country are amazing. The locals are always friendly, and the staff at the University of Aberdeen [are] supportive and encouraging throughout your studies. Take advantage of your time in the city throughout the week, and plan two or three trips to Europe or other parts of the UK on the weekends while you’re here. My friends and I traveled to Ibiza, London, the Highlands, and Glasgow, and it was amazing.

Amanda
Human Biology Major
Bring your students to learn at our historic campus in Aberdeen.

Situated on the stunning North East Coast of Scotland, our ancient university with modern facilities makes us an ideal location choice for your faculty-led programme in Scotland. From short courses lasting only a few days, to more in-depth programmes lasting up to a month, we have a range of options to suit your requirements.

Every programme is different, and with that in mind, we can assist in building you a bespoke package to suit your budget and your needs, including teaching spaces, accommodation, catering and social programme options.

**Teaching Facilities**
- Classrooms, lecture theatres, and seminar rooms to accommodate small and large student numbers
- Modern science and engineering lab facilities
- Digitally Enhanced Learning Spaces to support active, collaborative and distributed learning

**Academic Input**
Input from our academic staff through guest lectures or seminars. We can offer guest teaching in the following areas:
- Biological Sciences
- Business
- Divinity, History and Philosophy
- Education
- Engineering
- Geosciences
- Language, Literature, Music and Visual Culture
- Law
- Natural & Computing Sciences
- Medicine, Medical Sciences and Nutrition
- Psychology
- Social Science

**Accommodation**
- Single study bedrooms
- Inclusive of bedding, towels
- 24 hours Security
- Flexible catering options available
- Bed & Breakfast option available
- Basic kitchen utensils provided

For more information, see the accommodation section.

**Additional Facilities**
- Sir Duncan Rice Library: named as one of the most beautiful libraries in the world, with extensive collections and a large number of individual study spaces
- State-of-the-art sporting facilities at the world-class Aberdeen Sports Village and Aquatics Centre
- Multi-purpose venues suitable for a range of events including academic seminars, sports, games, and dances
- Music practice rooms
- Free wi-fi access across campus

**Trips and Excursions**
Combine your academic programme with complimentary cultural activities in Aberdeen and beyond to give students an experience they won’t forget. We can help you organize a range of day trips, with popular options including:
- Balmoral Castle (highlight of the famous Castle Trail, and summer home of the Royal family)
- Glenfiddich Whisky Distillery
- Dunnottar Castle
- Edinburgh
- St Andrews

Evening and weekend events on campus can also be arranged, including Ceilidhs - traditional Scottish music and dancing, film nights, sports and games evenings, and more.
For further information on our Faculty-led programmes, and the services available to you at the University of Aberdeen, please contact: studyabroad@abdn.ac.uk
All summer students are guaranteed a place in University accommodation.

We offer a range of options in or close to the Old Aberdeen Campus, the Hillhead Student Village and the City Centre. All the rooms are single study bedrooms with both en-suite and standard facilities available - with prices to suit all budgets.

**STEM students**

You and your classmates will be housed together either on the Old Aberdeen Campus, or the Hillhead Student Village which is a 15 minute walk from the centre of campus. There is a free shuttle bus which connects all locations.

Accommodation is self-catered, and you will share a kitchen and living facilities with your fellow summer students. There are several supermarkets within easy walking distance, or you can take advantage of a number of food delivery services which operate in Aberdeen.

Evening events run by the International Centre and the Hillhead team will give you the opportunity to meet other students studying in Aberdeen and make friends from across the globe. Previous events have included movie nights, ‘bring a dish from your home country’ night, pub quizzes, gardening club, and much more.

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

**ABERDEEN IS RANKED AS SCOTLAND’S SAFEST CITY**

*Source: Provident Financial, Unbroken Britain - 2018*
Faculty-led students

We offer a range of accommodation options on the Old Aberdeen Campus and Hillhead Student Village. All rooms are single study bedrooms with both en-suite and standard facilities available and prices to suit all budgets. Students will be provided with linen and a towel for the duration of their stay.

Our self-catered halls are mainly apartment-style units with shared kitchens and bathrooms. We also have the option of corridor-style rooms with shared bathroom and kitchen facilities at the end of the corridor. Flexible catering options are available, including the popular bed and breakfast option. Students will be provided with basic kitchen utensils throughout their stay. Supermarket and take-aways options are also within a short walking distance from all of our accommodation locations.

For more information, please refer to the accommodation website:

abdn.ac.uk/accommodation
International Student Support

We are dedicated to ensuring all of our international students feel part of the University community. With a third of our students coming to Aberdeen from overseas, the University of Aberdeen has a great deal of experience in welcoming and helping international students adjusting to student life in Scotland.

We offer support by means of the following:

- International Centre
- International Orientation
- Counselling Service
- Chaplaincies
- Resident Assistants (RAs)
- Student Association Student Advice Centre

International Centre

The International Centre was opened with the purpose of providing a focal point where members of the University of Aberdeen community can meet and engage with all things international and to help international students make the most of their time in Aberdeen. The International Centre holds a summer calendar of events and socializing opportunities for International Students. Events held over the summer in previous years have included:

- Day trip to Dunnottar Castle
- Day trip to Loch Ness and Urquhart Castle
- International BBQ
- Cruickshank Gardens Picnic
- Pedal-powered Movie Night
- Group entry into Great Aberdeen Run

Careers Service

The University of Aberdeen has one of the best records in the UK for graduate employability. Whether you already have firm plans for your future or are still making up your mind, we are on hand to help you make informed career decisions and provide the practical support you need to secure a graduate job or a place on a postgraduate programme. The University Careers Service is available to all students throughout their time in Aberdeen. We also offer various employability initiatives, including career mentoring.

Aberdeen Sports Village and Aquatic Centre

If you’re hoping to stay active over the summer, look no further than the state-of-the-art Aberdeen Sports Village and Aquatic Centre. Featuring a newly refurbished gym, Olympic standard swimming pool and diving facilities, outdoor and indoor running tracks, several purpose-built exercise studios, and more, there is something for everyone. Summer passes are available which will include access to the gym and pool, and to the full range of exercise classes on offer.
All international (except European Economic Area and Swiss nationals) students are required to apply for entry clearance to enter the UK.

**STEM Summer Programme: Short Term Study Visa**

**Study Visa**

Any international (except European Economic Area and Swiss nationals) student planning on studying full time in the UK for less than six months can apply for a Short Term Study Visa.

For information on applicable visas for faculty-led programmes, please consult:

[go.uk/check-uk-visa](https://go.uk/check-uk-visa)

For further information and advice on visas please visit:

[go.uk/study-visit-visa](https://go.uk/study-visit-visa)

**Health insurance**

International Students coming to the UK on a Short Term Study Visa are not eligible to use the National Health Service (NHS) and will be required to have private health insurance to cover them for the duration of their stay in the UK.
The University is based just a 20 minute walk from the centre of Aberdeen, a city known for its diverse and thriving regional economy.

Our city’s role as the Energy Capital of Europe means that we benefit from the very best of transport and travel links from throughout the world. With global air, rail and road connections, Aberdeen is also easily reachable from anywhere in the UK.

Aberdeen International Airport is one of the fastest growing airports in the UK and has excellent links to the UK’s main and regional airports. The 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 travel hubs. British destinations include four London airports, (London City, Heathrow, Gatwick and Luton) - just over an hour’s flight time. Connections to and from North America can also be made at Amsterdam and Paris. For further information, please visit:

[aberdeenairport.com](http://aberdeenairport.com)

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