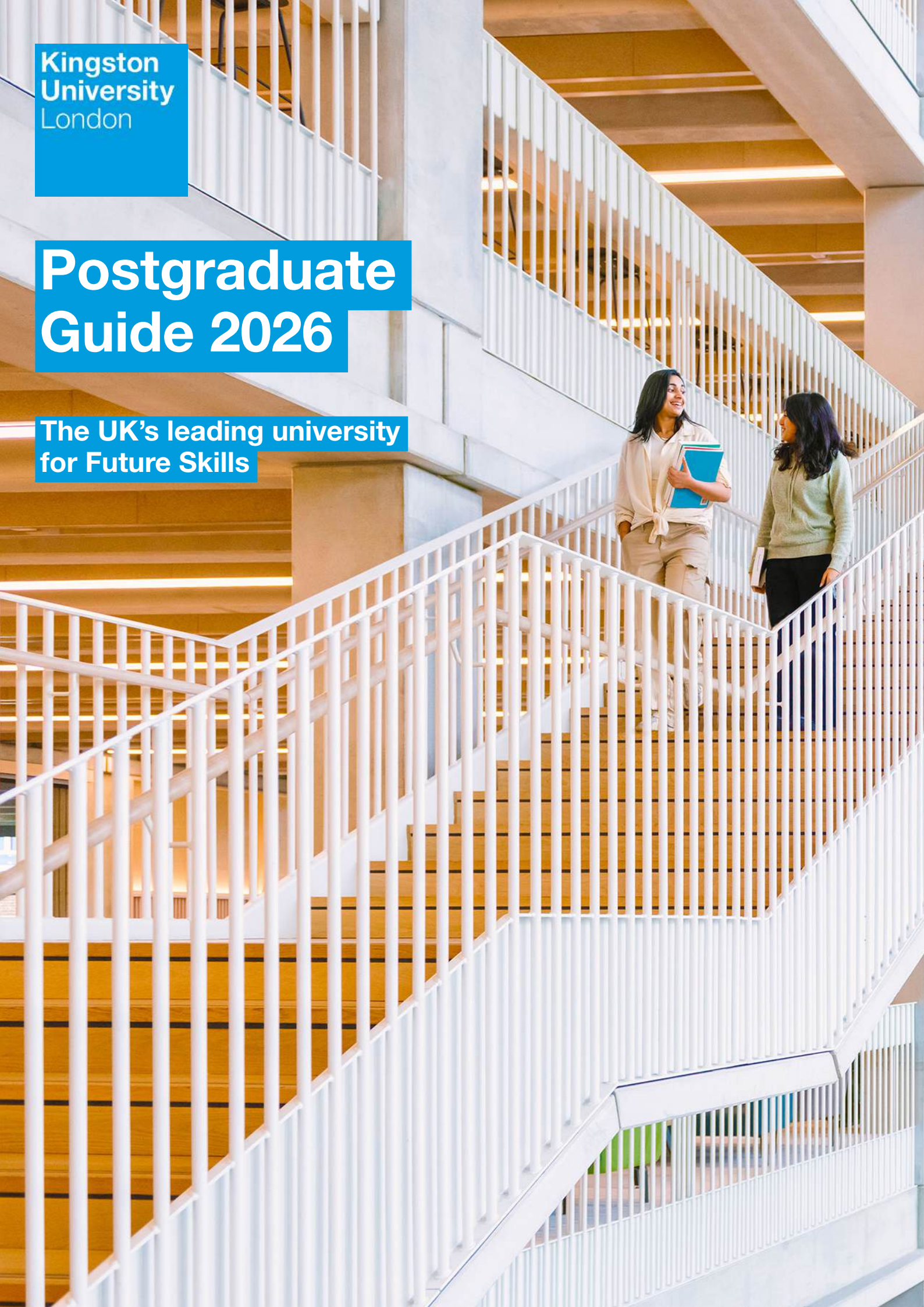
Kingston University London

Postgraduate Guide 2026

The UK's leading university for Future Skills



Is your ambition to advance, evolve or even change your career?

Whatever your reason for wanting to study further, at Kingston University

we will help make it work.



TEF 2023

Overall: **Gold**

Student experience: **Gold**

Student outcomes: **Gold**

Teaching Excellence Framework

Vice-Chancellor's welcome



"At Kingston University London, we are committed to ensuring our postgraduate students receive the **very best education and campus experience** throughout their studies, emerging ready to embark on successful careers sought after for their knowledge, skills and ability to innovate."

Our Kingston University postgraduate courses give you the professional qualifications and the opportunity to advance your own practice to prepare you for career or business success. Many of our courses are accredited by professional bodies and give you the opportunity to engage with industry experts. You will be taught by lecturers who are leading figures in their fields.

Kingston University is the UK's leading university for Future Skills. This campaign champions the life skills most valued by businesses and has attracted significant cross-party political support and is backed by prominent businesses and industry leaders. As a postgraduate student you will benefit from the expanding business partnerships and research opportunities facilitated through the Future Skills campaign.

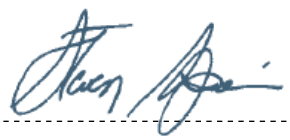
To increase your competitive edge in the job market, an entrepreneurial thread runs through all our postgraduate courses to help you learn best business practice, develop creative ideas and refine your problem-solving skills. A number of our postgraduate courses also offer a work placement, allowing you to gain vital hands-on experience to boost your knowledge even further.

Kingston University continues to achieve impressive results as recognised by the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF). We are one of an élite group of just 26 higher education providers from across the United Kingdom awarded Gold ratings in all three TEF categories: high quality teaching, providing an outstanding student experience and supporting students to achieve successful degree outcomes. We are also respected for our research with 70 per cent of our research rated world leading or internationally excellent. We are growing our impact through our Knowledge Exchange and Research Institutes, building partnerships to face some of the biggest challenges facing society.

To ensure our students have the very best opportunities for learning, we are continuing to make major investments in our campuses. Studying at Kingston University gives you access to a range of cutting-edge facilities, including high specification workshops, studios, simulation suites, and laboratories, supported by state-of-the-art IT facilities, all designed to replicate the professional world of work. Our award-winning Town House has been named best building, both in Britain and Europe, for its architecture.

We are proud of our diverse community with more than 20,000 students from 140 countries across the world. Our history stretches back to 1899 and we have a beautiful location in the historic Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames, just a 30-minute train journey to Central London and all its attractions.

We look forward to welcoming you to one of our Open Days or virtual events so you can experience what Kingston University has to offer.



Professor Steven Spier
Vice-Chancellor
Kingston University London

Why postgraduate study at Kingston University

→ Postgraduate study at Kingston

Kingston University is where postgraduate ambition meets real-world opportunity. Whether you are advancing your career, changing direction, or pursuing research, our global community, expert teaching, and strong industry connections will help you achieve your goals and make a meaningful impact.



Professional accreditations across 50+ postgraduate courses

Boost your career with qualifications recognised by leading industry bodies including AACSB, RICS, CIM, IEMA, and ARB/RIBA.



Postgraduate scholarships for UK and international students

A range of funding available including scholarships worth up to £12,000, alumni fee discounts, and faculty-sponsored awards.



70% of our research is rated world-leading or internationally excellent

Advance your career with research-informed teaching and expert supervision.
(Research Excellence Framework 2021).



Consistently ranked one of the top higher education institutions nationally for graduate start-ups

Be inspired to innovate with support for enterprise and entrepreneurship
(Higher Education Business and Community Interaction Survey).



4,000+ postgraduate students from 100+ countries

Join a dynamic and inclusive learning community with a global perspective.



State-of-the-art facilities across four specialist campuses

Study in environments designed to replicate the professional world – featuring Bloomberg trading rooms, simulation suites, and creative studios.



Award-winning Town House building

Experience an inspirational study space named Best New Building in the UK and Europe.
(RIBA Stirling Prize 2021 and EU Mies van der Rohe Award 2022).



Study in a historic Royal Borough just 30 minutes from central London

Kingston upon Thames is one of London's safest and most scenic boroughs, known for its riverside charm, royal heritage, and landmarks like Hampton Court Palace.



Strong links with employers across London and beyond

Our courses are informed by industry and developed in collaboration with employers – giving you the insights, networks, and confidence to progress in your chosen field.



One of just six higher education institutions to hold a two-star Fairtrade status

(Fairtrade University and College Awards 2024).

The London advantage

The best of both worlds

The Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames offers a unique blend of historic charm and modern convenience, just 30 minutes from central London. With its riverside setting, vibrant town centre, and reputation as one of London's safest boroughs (Met Police), it provides an ideal environment for postgraduate study and living.

London day trip



Scan the QR code or find us on **Instagram @kingstonuniversity**

Seamless connections

Both London and Kingston benefit from excellent public transport links, making the city's attractions easily accessible. This makes it easy to travel back home, if home is elsewhere, or to explore other parts of the country.

A global city at your fingertips

With a population of more than nine million, London showcases a diverse mix of cultures, cuisines, traditions and lifestyles from all over the world. It truly is a multicultural city, attracting students from diverse backgrounds from across the globe, bringing with them a range of educational backgrounds and experiences. No matter where you are from, you will encounter a wealth of perspectives, expand your network and make new friends.

A launchpad for your career

London serves as a global hub for many industries, including finance, with headquarters of major banks in the City of London. This status as a key financial centre and investment destination means that London offers opportunities for everyone who chooses to make it their home.

London named the **best student city in the world** for the eighth year running.

(QS Best Student Cities 2025).

Our campuses and facilities

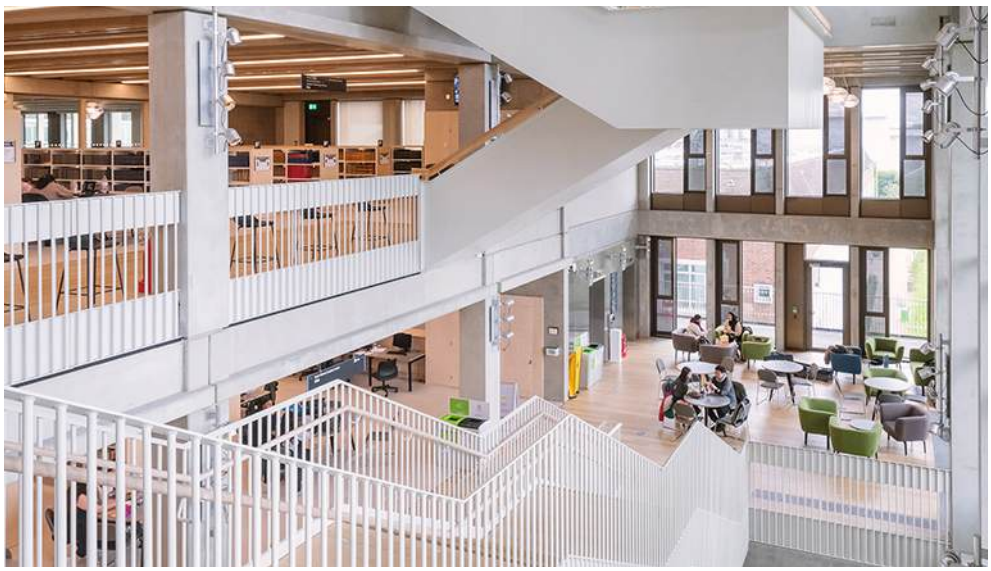
→ Explore our campus and facilities using our virtual experience

We are continuing to make major investments in our campuses to enhance the teaching and learning experience for our students. We believe that world-class architecture supports creative problem solving and educational success, creating an inspiring environment for collaboration and shared learning.

The University spans four teaching campuses throughout Kingston upon Thames, each offering its own unique character. Across all locations, you can connect with people from around the globe, collaborate and learn from one another.

Our world-class learning facilities include dedicated postgraduate study centres, virtual learning tools, 24/7 online learning support, libraries and both quiet and group study spaces, all designed to elevate your postgraduate journey.





Penrhyn Road campus

Located within a short walk from Kingston town centre, Penrhyn Road campus features on-site cafes, as well as the University's fitness centre, health centre, Kingston Students' Union and an Information Centre which provides services such as accommodation and finance advice. A newly established Careers Centre is also available to assist you with career development and enhance your employability.

At the heart of our Penrhyn Road campus is our award-winning Town House building, winner of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) Stirling Prize and the EU Mies van der Rohe Award. This innovative space offers an immersive learning environment, facilitating collaboration among students from all disciplines. Inside you'll discover a library with more than 1,000 study spaces, dynamic learning and social areas, a covered courtyard, cafes, dance studios, and stunning rooftop gardens overlooking Kingston upon Thames.

A recent project has transformed the ground floor of the Penrhyn Road main building, creating a more contemporary, engaging and functional environment within this key campus building.

Kingston Hill campus

Set in a beautiful, leafy environment, Kingston Hill campus features a blend of architectural styles and a strong community atmosphere. The campus includes a cafe, restaurant, and tennis courts, along with one of Kingston's few Grade 1 Borough woodlands, designated as a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC).



Knights Park campus

Vibrant and creative, students at Kingston School of Art, Knights Park campus benefit from access to extensively refurbished workshops and studios designed to reflect the professional world they are a part of. The University's own Stanley Picker Gallery located here provides opportunities for workshops and showcases works by international artists.

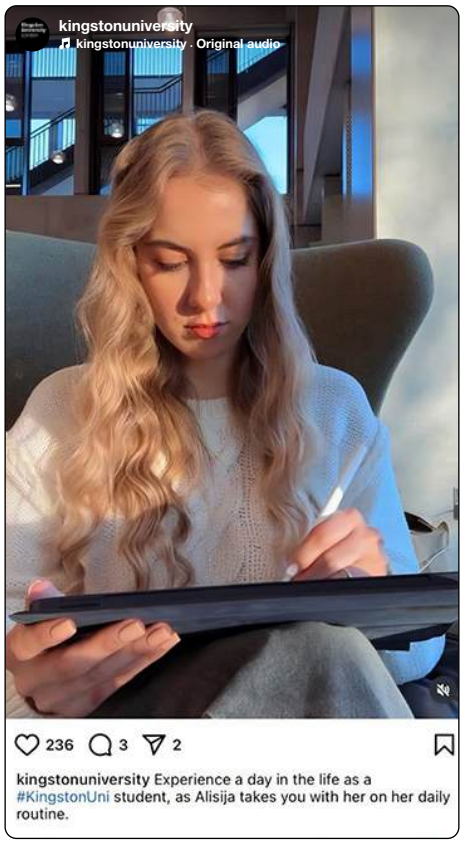


Roehampton Vale campus

The University's Faculty of Engineering, Computing and the Environment at our Roehampton Vale campus features cutting-edge technology to enable students to drive innovation and groundbreaking research. Surrounded by beautiful green spaces, such as Richmond Park, Wimbledon and Putney Commons, and Putney Heath, the campus provides an ideal setting for both study and enjoying nature.



Day in the Life



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Student support

We pride ourselves on offering tailored and comprehensive student support to help our postgraduate students thrive academically, socially and personally. The University provides a network of support services to meet diverse needs and you will be supported by a dynamic, inclusive community that is invested in your success.



Information Centres

We have a single point of contact for all our student services, by phone, online chat, logging calls, or visiting us in each of the campus libraries. We can help with library and course support queries and give general advice on money, wellbeing support, accommodation, visa issues, disability support, student funding and many other aspects of student life.

Academic skills centres

To help you reach your full academic potential, we offer tailored support through our Academic Skills Centres. Whether you are refining your research methods, enhancing your writing, or developing critical thinking, our expert advisors are here to support your growth.

Counselling and wellbeing

Students can access confidential, flexible services, such as one-to-one counselling, listening sessions, time and stress management sessions, and drop-ins. We also provide referrals to external support where appropriate.

On-campus GP surgery

Our NHS surgery offers GP appointments on campus and across their other surgeries. They also offer a wide range of wellbeing services and therapies.

→ Find out more

Student life

At Kingston University, we believe that postgraduate study should offer more than only academic advancement. We are committed to supporting students in realising their full potential while enjoying a fulfilling university journey. Through a variety of enriching activities, we help you cultivate valuable skills that enhance your career prospects and set you apart in an increasingly competitive job market.



Kingston Students' Union

Kingston Students' Union is run by students for students and will support you to get the best out of your university experience. They provide opportunities, host exciting events, offer free, independent academic advice to ensure you have the support you need, and support student-led campaigns.

The Union offers over 80 different student groups across a diverse range of interests, hobbies and sports. These groups are perfect for joining a community and meeting other students who share your interests.

Sports

We offer a wide range of sports clubs, fitness facilities, and recreational activities to support student wellbeing and active lifestyles. Postgraduate students can join social or competitive sports teams, access top-tier gym and outdoor facilities, and take part in free daily activities through the Active Lifestyles programme.

Beyond Barriers Student Mentoring

Our mentors are external professionals from a wide range of industries. You and your mentor will be carefully matched, and together you will discuss the skills and knowledge that you hope to gain through the programme, and set out a development plan including activities, goals and timelines.

Welcome

We dedicate the whole week before formal teaching begins in the autumn to your Welcome and Induction. This week is thoughtfully designed to help you acclimatise to university life, build meaningful connections, and begin your studies with confidence.

- Take part in a course induction, where you will meet your lecturers and classmates, and gain essential information to prepare for your academic journey.
- Discover key student support services available to you throughout your time at the University.
- Take part in a programme of events organised by the University and the Union of Kingston Students.

Student accommodation

Your living arrangements during postgraduate study play a vital role in shaping your academic and personal experience. Whether you prefer the convenience of campus living or the independence of private renting, Kingston University offers a range of options and support.





University Halls of Residence

Kingston University offers dedicated accommodation for full-time postgraduate students, designed to meet a range of lifestyle and academic needs. With an easy online application process, all-inclusive rent, and a variety of room types – including en-suite and studio options – students benefit from comfort, convenience, and community. Facilities include shared kitchens, on-site laundry, 24/7 security, and accessible rooms.

Residences are well-located near campus and town centres, with transport links to central London and inter-campus bus services. Residential Life Assistants provide ongoing support and help foster a welcoming postgraduate community.

Accommodation costs vary to suit a range of budgets. For the 2025 academic year, weekly rates start at £130 for a micro en-suite room and go up to £408 for a large self-contained studio. Early booking is recommended due to high demand.

→ Explore Halls of Residence

Private renting

Renting privately offers flexibility and independence, allowing you to choose from a wide range of properties—from studio flats to shared houses—based on your lifestyle and budget.

We provide guidance through money advisers, online resources, and tenancy support to help you navigate the private rental market confidently.

Your future career

Careers and employability are at the centre of our postgraduate curriculum. Many courses have been developed in consultation with industry-leading organisations and carry professional accreditation, reflecting current sector demands and future trends. Our staff maintain links to business and industry by staying active in the workplace and earning respect in the fields in which they practise.

As a postgraduate student, you will benefit from our award-winning careers and employability support designed to support your transition into senior roles and specialist fields. From tailored guidance and networking opportunities to integrated work placements, we will equip you with he skills and industry awareness to excel in a competitive and rapidly evolving global job market.



Careers and employability

Our dedicated careers and employability service help you to identify suitable career opportunities, support you with the recruitment process and provide advice on best practices to market your skills, knowledge, and experience to employers.

We also offer:
- mock interviews and assessment centres
- advice from professional career consultants
- industry and subject-specific networking events
- access to LinkedIn Learning for two years after graduation.

→ Explore our career support

Professional placements

Gain valuable work experience and develop the skills employers are looking for with our optional integrated professional placement year.

Our staff will support you while you search for your placement and ensure it meets the requirements for your course and future career goals. We will support you in building your network, helping you to discover relevant opportunities and introducing you to potential employers across multiple industries in the UK.

We will also guide you through the application process, providing specialist training workshops to develop your CV and prepare you for interviews to help you secure your placement.

→ Find out if your course offers a work placement

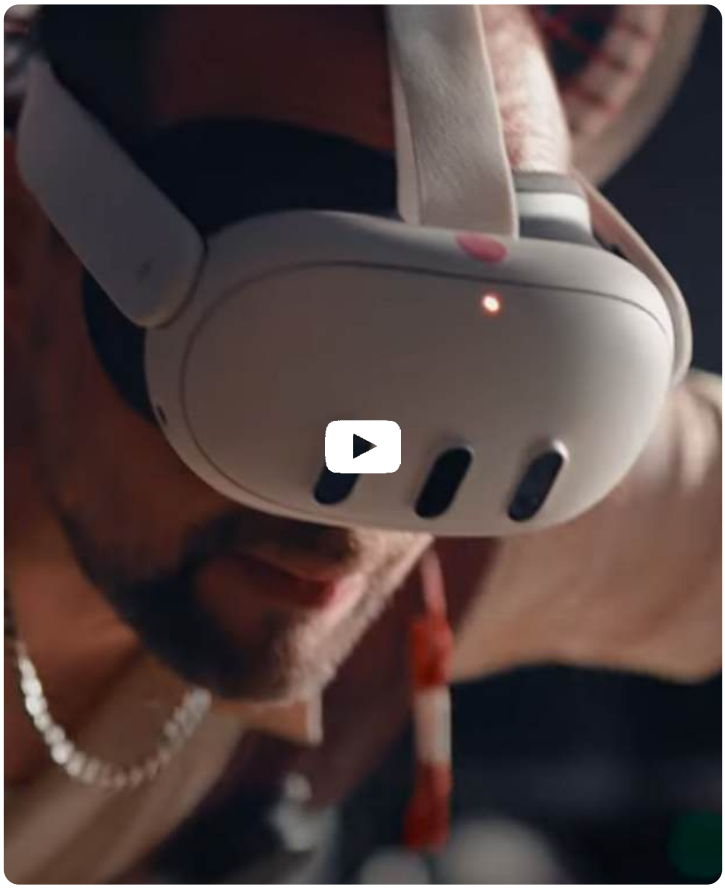
Research excellence

Our pioneering research is transforming the lives of people around the world by responding to some of the biggest issues facing society.

Our research spans diverse fields, with findings shared globally through publications, seminars and conferences. We are committed to supporting our communities of researchers and research students to develop the knowledge, skills and competencies they need to become thought leaders and practitioners in their respective fields.

Our students benefit from quality academic supervision and mentoring, career guidance and our well-established collaborative relationships with industry.

→ Explore our research



In the latest Research Excellence Framework (REF), 70 per cent of our research was rated world-leading or internationally excellent.

Knowledge Exchange and Research Institutes (KERIs)

Our four KERIs bring together our world-class expertise across our areas of excellence to drive innovation through research, collaboration and knowledge exchange to deliver even greater societal impact.

Behaviour, Business and Policy (BBP)
BBP pushes the boundaries of interdisciplinary research and knowledge sharing where human behaviour, business, and policy meet.

Cyber, Engineering and Digital Technologies (CEDT)
A dynamic hub for creativity and collaboration, CEDT is connecting engineers, scientists, industry experts, policymakers, and local communities.

Design, Arts and Creative Practice (DACP)
DACP brings together a diverse group of artists, designers, filmmakers, performers, and other creative experts to spark innovation and make a real impact across the creative world.

Health, Education and Society (HES)
HES is focused on tackling some of the biggest challenges in health, education, and society. By bringing together experts from areas spanning life/chemical sciences, nursing, social care, and education, we are working on research that makes a real difference in people's lives and helps create a more connected and thriving future.

Funding your study

Everyone deserves the chance to study at postgraduate level if they have the potential and drive to do so, no matter their background or financial situation. At Kingston University, we have services and advice to help you plan your finances and explore your funding options.

Scholarships for international students

Every year, we award scholarships to our international students in recognition of academic excellence and to encourage diversity in our student population. The scholarships are worth £5,000 towards the tuition of the first year of study only.

Scholarships and Bursaries for UK students

Aziz Foundation Postgraduate Scholarship for British Muslim students: 100% tuition fee reduction for British Muslim postgraduate students.

BAFTA UK Scholarship: £12,000 towards tuition fees available for applicants to MA Computer Animation and MMus Composing for Film and Television.

Chelsea Arts Club Trust MA Materials and Research Award: Bursary of £2,500 available for applicants for MA Fashion or MA Sustainable Fashion.

The Kingston MBA Scholarship: £3,000 towards tuition fees available to applicants for the Master of Business Administration (MBA) and Master of Business Administration (MBA): Cyber for Business Leaders who are self-funded.

NHS bursaries: NHS funding is available for a variety of master's courses, with bursaries for pre-registration courses in nursing, midwifery and social work. Full details of NHS bursaries and eligibility can be found on the NHS Business Services Authority website.

PGCE bursaries: You may be eligible for a bursary or scholarship if your teacher training course leads to qualified teacher status (QTS). These are tax-free amounts of money you receive to train in specific subjects and range from £10k-£28k. For detailed information about eligibility, please refer to the Department for Education website. Getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-and-support

Salutem Care and Education Scholarship: Healthcare organisation Salutem Care and Education is offering a scholarship for one student on either MSc Global Human Resource Management or MSc Occupational and Business Psychology. The scholarship will cover the full value of the tuition fees (home fee status), plus a maintenance grant. Salutem takes care of the funding so you can focus on the learning.

Stationers' Company bursaries: A Bursary of £6,000 is available to applicants who hold a conditional or unconditional offer for Kingston University's Publishing MA.

Scholarships for Kingston University graduates

Inspire the Future Scholarship: Through the generous support of Kingston University alumni, and friends of our *Inspire the Future* campaign, we are able to offer 20 postgraduate scholarships to progressing Kingston University undergraduate students and recent graduates. The scholarship offers a 40% reduction in fees for taught master's or postgraduate diploma courses. Please see our website for further details of eligibility and how to apply.

Progression Scholarship: We offer a 15% discount towards the full cost of the course to students completing their degree at Kingston University in the academic year 2025/26 and progressing on to a postgraduate degree in the academic year 2026/27.

Kingston University alumni discount: Students who have previously completed an undergraduate degree at Kingston University and go on to enrol on a postgraduate taught course are eligible for a 10% discount on tuition fees. International fee assessed students who are Kingston University alumni or have a family connection to the University are also eligible for a 10% discount on tuition fees.

Gangolli Scholarship: 100% Home tuition fee reduction for undergraduate students at Kingston University, progressing to enrol on a taught MSc in the School of Life Sciences, Pharmacy and Chemistry.

Kevin Walsh Scholarship: 100% Home tuition fee reduction plus maintenance grant awarded to an undergraduate student at Kingston University who is progressing to enrol onto a taught MSc in the School of Computer Science and Mathematics.

Loans and student funding (UK students)

If you are a UK student, studying full or part-time for your first master's degree (taught or research), you can apply for a masters loan to cover the fees of your postgraduate course from The Student Loans Company. Postgraduate certificates and postgraduate diplomas however are excluded.

If you are studying for your first doctoral level degree (PhD or Professional Doctorate), you can apply for a doctoral loan to help with your living costs and tuition fees.

→ Fees and funding

→ International student finance

Faculty of Business and Social Sciences

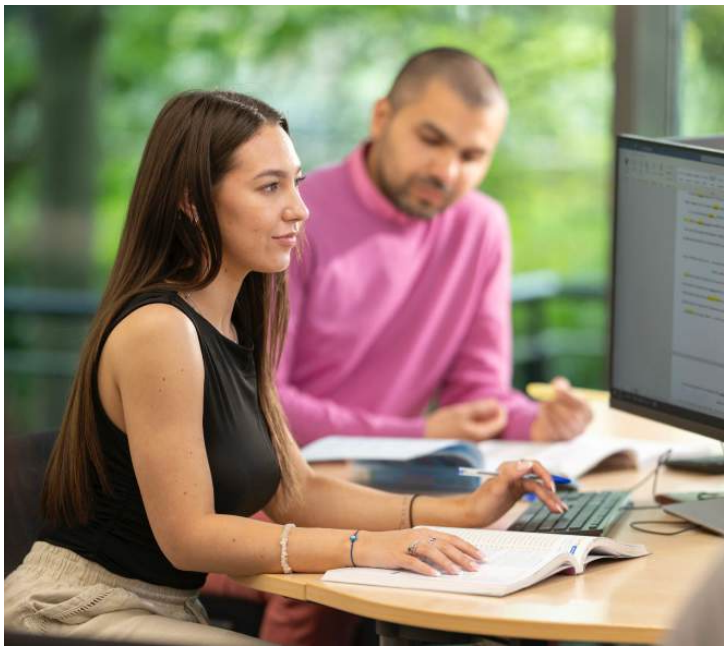
The Faculty of Business and Social Sciences is comprised of Kingston Business School and the School of Law, Social and Behavioural Sciences. Our mission is to cultivate ethical, enterprising, and adaptive professionals and leaders, committed to creating a more equitable and prosperous society. We are dedicated to building Future Skills through close collaboration with individuals, employers, and communities by shaping the future of business, public policy, and social progress.

Kingston Business School is globally recognised and committed to developing ethical, enterprising, and future-ready leaders. The School takes a skills-based and experiential approach to education, integrating business, creativity, and technology to prepare students for an evolving workplace.

Graduates in the School of Law, Social and Behavioural Sciences emerge equipped with a strong foundation in theory, critical thinking, and practical skills that allow them to analyse behaviour, solve complex problems, and contribute meaningfully to society.

Facilities

The Kingston Hill campus is home to a £26 million state-of-the-art Business School building. It features a Bloomberg Trading Room that allows students to engage with real-time financial data in a fast-paced, professional environment. Students also benefit from access to the BRAINS Lab (Behavioural Research Analytics in Neurotechnological Systems), a leading facility that supports user experience research and the development of next-generation technologies. Additional resources include a dedicated MBA study lounge and the Business Innovation Centre, an entrepreneurial incubator designed to support students in launching their own businesses.



The Penrhyn Road campus, where social and behavioural sciences are taught, provides dedicated psychology teaching rooms and multiple research laboratories. These specialist facilities are equipped with high-specification technology, including electroencephalogram (EEG) systems, eye-tracking behavioural recording tools, and cognitive and physiological testing equipment.

Accreditations

Kingston Business School is proud to hold accreditation from AACSB (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business), a distinction earned by only 6% of business schools globally. It also holds accreditation from the Association of MBAs (AMBA), a recognition held by just 2% of business schools worldwide. Many of its courses are further accredited by leading professional bodies, including the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), the Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM), the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD), and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS).

The School of Law, Social and Behavioural Sciences offers courses that are accredited by key professional bodies such as the British Psychological Society (BPS), the Bar Standards Board (BSB), and the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA).

Industry links and employability

All master's students benefit from a UK Postgraduate Recruitment Conference and a Postgraduate Recruitment Assessment Centre Experience. These initiatives simulate real-world professional recruitment processes, offering tailored feedback to help students strengthen their employability skills. Law students pursuing the LLM have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience through Kingston University's Legal Advice Centre, where they participate in pro-bono work and develop practical interviewing and research skills.

"The chance to gain hands-on experience through an **integrated work placement** during my studies was invaluable, providing the ideal balance between academic learning and real-world application."

Ravina
MSc Occupational Business Psychology

Accounting, finance and banking

About our courses

To ensure your learning is informed by the latest developments in industry, our accounting, finance and banking courses have been designed and developed in consultation with global finance professionals and are accredited by professional bodies, such as CIMA and ACT.

You'll gain the skills needed for successful careers in the financial services, corporate finance, treasury or banking sectors from our £26 million state-of-the-art Business School. The school features a Bloomberg trading room that provides students with a fast-paced professional environment where they can interact with real-time financial data.

Recent graduates have progressed to roles like accountant, trader, financial analyst, investment banker, portfolio/fund manager and more. Others now work in Moody's Analytics, the NHS, Accenture and Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

→ Accounting and Finance MSc

→ Banking and Finance MSc

→ Finance MSc

→ Financial Technology MSc

→ Investment and Financial Risk Management MSc

Accountability, Governance and the Capital Markets (AGCM) Research Hub

The AGCM Research Hub brings together experts in accounting and finance. Our experts' research uncovers ways to advance transparency and responsibility in global markets. From understanding investor behaviours, to improving executive accountability, our research shapes a more ethical, inclusive financial world.

→ kingston.ac.uk/AGCMresearchhub

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CIMA



Business and management

About our courses

Kingston Business School holds the prestigious international accreditation by the AACSB (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) in recognition of the excellence of our business education. This accreditation has been earned by just 6% of the world's business schools and recognises the high quality and standard of our business degree offerings.

Our courses are developed in consultation with top industry practitioners, ensuring you gain the knowledge and skills to future-proof your career. Our £26 million state-of-the-art Business School offers exceptional facilities that support advanced teaching, research and enterprise. These include the Bloomberg Trading Room, Nest Business Incubator, a dedicated MBA Lounge, and the BRAINS (Behavioural Research Analytics in Neurotechnological Systems) Lab.

- → Business Analytics MSc
- → Global Human Resource Management MSc
- → International Business Management MSc
- → Leadership and Management in Health PgCert/PgDip/ MSc top-up/ MSc
- → Logistics and Supply Chain Management MSc
- → Master of Business Administration MBA
- → Master of Business Administration MBA: Cyber for Business Leaders
- → Occupational and Business Psychology MSc
- → Project Management MSc (On-campus/Distance Learning)
- → Real Estate MSc

Research spotlight

Technological innovations like AI, AR, and 5G are reshaping business, and Kingston Business School researchers are contributing to two major EU-funded projects focused on 6G and edge computing.

Our experts will play a pivotal role in evaluating how next-generation mobile technologies and advanced data processing capabilities could tackle some of the most pressing challenges facing society, from improving healthcare delivery to enhancing environmental sustainability.

→ kingston.ac.uk/businessresearchspotlight



Criminology and law

About our courses

Our criminology and law courses are delivered by our expert academic team, many of whom have published research and professional experience in the criminal justice and legal sectors. The University's location offers excellent access to crown courts, the central criminal court, and numerous non-government organisations (NGOs) and charities focused on crime prevention and justice.

LLM students can gain hands on experience at our Legal Advice Centre through pro-bono work and developing practical interviewing and research skills.

Graduates of the Criminology and Forensic Psychology MSc are well-prepared for diverse roles across the public and private sectors, including policy, crime reduction, offender management, security, policing, and multi-agency work. Many also pursue careers in research, government, advocacy, and counter-terrorism.

→ Criminology with Forensic Psychology MSc

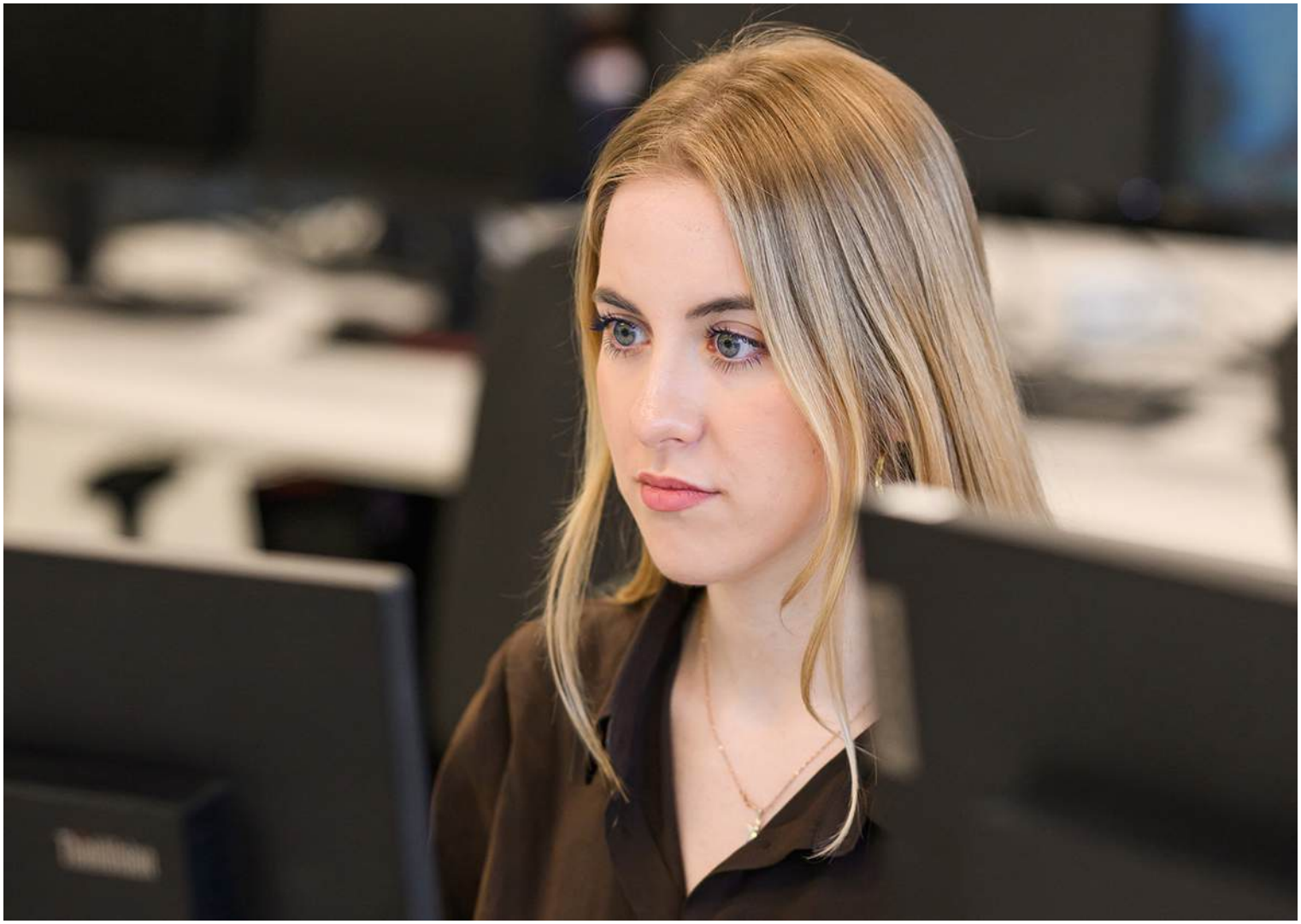
→ Law LLM

Research spotlight

Associate Professor Dr Elisabeth Carter, an accomplished criminology researcher and forensic linguist, has shared her specialist knowledge as lead academic adviser on a government campaign set up as part of measures to combat fraud at a national level.

Dr Carter was invited to play a role in the Home Office's Stop! Think Fraud campaign after rising to prominence as a media commentator and heading a number of national working groups. In the run up to the report launch – part of the Government's Fraud Strategy – she joined fellow experts to examine the way fraud, estimated to cost £6.8 billion in England and Wales, was communicated and addressed.

→ kingston.ac.uk/criminologyandlawresearchspotlight



Marketing

About our courses

We offer two cutting-edge postgraduate courses in marketing that are designed to propel your career forward.

The Digital Marketing and Analytics MSc equips you with the analytical and strategic skills needed to thrive in the ever-evolving digital landscape, while the Marketing and Brand Management MSc develops your expertise in brand strategy and marketing leadership, with input from top industry players like Diageo and Iris.

Our Marketing and Brand Management MSc is accredited by the Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM). Students can also gain a CIM Certificate in Professional Digital Marketing through the CIM Accredited Degree Programme.

Our £26 million state-of-the-art Business School is home to the industry-leading BRAINS (Behavioural Research Analytics in Neurotechnological Systems) Lab, giving students access to advanced eye-tracking, VR and emotion-sensing technology – offering powerful, real-world insights into consumer behaviour.

→ Digital Marketing and Analytics MSc

→ Marketing and Brand Management MSc

Customer Insights and Value (CIV) Research Hub

The CIV Research Hub examines customer behaviour and its effects on wellbeing. The Hub includes researchers and practitioners with expertise including but not limited to brand purchase behaviour, customer journeys across shopping channels, multi-media use and emerging digital technologies.

→ kingston.ac.uk/CIVresearchhub

AACSB ACCREDITED

CIM Graduate Gateway

Digital Marketing Institute Part of the BPP Education Group



Psychology

About our courses

Whether you are interested in understanding and supporting mental health, exploring the psychology behind criminal behaviour, applying psychological principles in the workplace, or converting from another discipline to pursue a career in psychology, we offer the academic foundation and practical skills you need. With options that support both professional practice and further research, our courses are ideal for those looking to make a meaningful impact in society through the science of human behaviour.

Our specialist psychology facilities include dedicated teaching rooms and multiple research labs equipped with high-specification tools such as electroencephalogram (EEG), eye-tracking, and behavioural recording systems. Students also benefit from access to advanced cognitive and physiological testing equipment, supporting hands-on learning and in-depth psychological research.

→ Clinical Applications of Psychology MSc

→ Criminology with Forensic Psychology MSc

→ Forensic Psychology MSc

→ Occupational and Business Psychology MSc

→ Psychology MSc

Research spotlight

Bullying among children is a serious social and psychological issue with both immediate and long-term negative effects. Dr. Muthanna Samara, Associate Professor in Psychology, has extensively researched the causes and predictors of bullying and victimhood, as well as how schools implement anti-bullying policies. Recently, Dr. Samara has focused on cyberbullying, exploring online interventions and legal implications and has proposed policy recommendations to support psychological treatments for both victims and perpetrators to help them cope with the impacts of cyberbullying.

→ kingston.ac.uk/psychologyresearchspotlight

AACSB ACCREDITED

The British Psychological Society Accredited



Faculty of Engineering, Computing and the Environment

The Faculty of Engineering, Computing and the Environment courses are developed in consultation with an advisory board of leading industry experts, ensuring they remain aligned with the latest advancements. This Faculty is home to cutting-edge research, expert consultancy, and teaching supported by academic staff who are leaders in their fields.

Facilities

The Faculty continuously invests in advanced teaching and research environments to ensure students can develop ideas, apply theory, and gain practical experience with industry-standard equipment. These resources are a key reason why our graduates are highly valued by employers.

At the Roehampton Vale campus, students benefit from a wide range of facilities tailored to engineering disciplines. These include a rocket propulsion laboratory for live rocket testing, and a large-scale wind tunnel capable of testing at speeds up to 145 kilometres per hour. The campus also houses flight and driving simulators, and a compact photovoltaic (PV) solar module for testing light-to-electricity conversion indoors and outdoors. There are laboratories for composite material fabrication, materials testing, and rapid prototyping, alongside access to simulation software such as WindPro, Eclipse, and Polysun to develop solar, wind, and biomass technologies. The site is also equipped with computer-aided simulation technologies, the latest CFD, CAM and CAD software, and an embedded systems laboratory featuring National Instruments equipment. Additional facilities include electrical, electronics, and robotics labs, a UAV fly zone, industrial robotic arms, autonomous vehicles, and advanced machine tools, including 3D scanners and 3D printer laboratories.

At the Penrhyn Road campus, students in computing, environmental science, and construction-related courses use a dedicated network security lab with Linux/Windows dual-boot systems, internet access, digital forensic hardware, and commercial-grade software such as Forensic Toolkit (FTK).



The campus is also home to state-of-the-art research labs focused on Wireless Multimedia and Networking, and an extensive materials and structures facility for testing in concrete, masonry, steel, and timber. Additional resources include geotechnical and hydraulics testing labs, surveying equipment featuring satellite GPS systems, and the Centre for Augmented and Virtual Reality Environments. This Centre provides game development students with access to VR headsets, as well as technology to track eye movement and brain activity.

A new electronics and robotics laboratory offers students hands-on experience in robotic engineering and artificial intelligence.

Accreditations

Many of the courses within the Faculty are recognised and accredited by a wide range of respected professional bodies, including the Engineering Council, Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE) and the Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS), Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) and the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB). Computing and IT courses are recognised by the British Computer Society (BCS), while cyber security is accredited by the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC). Environmental and sustainability courses are accredited by IEMA. These accreditations ensure that our courses meet the highest academic and industry standards, support progression to chartered status where applicable, and give students a competitive advantage in the job market.

Industry links and employability

The Faculty maintains strong, long-standing relationships with leading industry partners, ensuring our courses stay relevant and forward-looking. Our industry partners include Google, PlayStation First, and Sony, with Kingston University being one of only 12 universities to have an official educational partnership with Sony.

These connections provide valuable opportunities for students, including input into curriculum design, access to real-world projects, guest lectures, and potential pathways into employment.

> “I was looking for a respected London institution that could help me **upskill and take the next step** in my career – and Kingston University delivered exactly that.”
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> **Olawale**
> **MSc Renewable Energy Engineering**

Computing and information systems

About our courses

Our courses offer an exciting and future-focused pathway into some of the most innovative and fast-evolving areas of technology. Developed in consultation with industry, ensuring your learning meets the demands of business, these courses combine cutting-edge research with real-world applications, offering the opportunity to develop your leadership and project management skills.

Students benefit from advanced facilities, including a network security lab, digital forensic hardware and professional software, a state-of-the-art research labs for Wireless Multimedia and Networking; a Centre for Augmented and Virtual Reality Environments for games students, with virtual reality headsets and technology for tracking brain activity and eye movements.

- → Artificial Intelligence MSc
- → Computer Animation MA
- → Data Science MSc
- → Information Systems MSc
- → Mobile Networks and Media Streaming MSc
- → Network & Information Security / with Management Studies MSc
- → Networking & Data Communications / with Management Studies MSc
- → Software Engineering / with Management Studies MSc
- → User Experience Design MSc

Courses in development

– Quantum Software Engineering MSc

Research spotlight

Kingston University researchers, in partnership with Technocomm Consulting Ltd, have developed low-cost, mobile air pollution sensors enhanced by artificial intelligence and machine learning. The AI models significantly improved data accuracy, cutting sensor error rates by up to 46% by analysing environmental factors and pollutant interactions.

This data-driven approach transforms raw sensor output into actionable insights, enabling smarter public health decisions and improved traffic and environmental management. The project showcases how AI and data science can bring scalable, real-world impact and lays the groundwork for future smart city and IoT applications in global air quality monitoring.

→ kingston.ac.uk/computingresearchspotlight

bcs The Chartered Institute for IT

National Cyber Security Centre



Construction and surveying

About our courses

Our construction and surveying courses are developed in close collaboration with industry experts and are accredited by leading organisations such as the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), providing a strong foundation for professional recognition and career progression. Students benefit from optional year-long placements, hands-on experience with advanced facilities, and access to industry-grade equipment, preparing them for successful careers and valued by employers.

We continuously invest in our facilities, which include an extensive materials and structures facility in concrete, masonry, steel and timber; geotechnical and hydraulics testing facilities, and surveying equipment, such as satellite global positioning systems.

- → Building Surveying MSc
- → Management in Construction (Civil Engineering) MSc
- → Management in Construction MSc
- → Quantity Surveying MSc
- → Structural Design and Construction Management MSc
- → Structural Design and Construction Management with Sustainability MSc

Courses in development

– Structural Engineering MSc

– Construction Management MSc

– Civil Engineering MSc

– Civil and Environmental Engineering MSc

Research spotlight

Industry leaders gathered for a showcase of the Faculty of Engineering, Computing and the Environment's impactful research, spanning AI, cybersecurity, climate change, and student-led projects like Formula Student. Attendees included McLaren, Transport for London, and Innovate UK KTN, highlighting our strong industry ties and the University's focus on innovation, real-world solutions, and producing highly employable graduates through meaningful partnerships.

→ kingston.ac.uk/constructionandsurveyingresearchspotlight

CIOB THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF BUILDING

Engineering Council accredited degree

RICS



Engineering, electronics and robotics

About our courses

The School of Engineering delivers high-quality, career-focused education and research across aerospace, mechanical, and electrical, electronic, and robotic engineering. With an emphasis on innovation, collaboration, and real-world application, we offer an engaging and supportive environment that equips students with the skills and knowledge to succeed in their careers.

Facilities include but are not limited to: a rocket propulsion laboratory for testing and firing live rockets, a composite material fabrication lab, a large-scale wind tunnel, flight and driving simulators, electrical, electronics and robotics laboratories including robot dogs and humanoids UAV flyzone, industrial robotic arms and autonomous cars; and advanced machine tools, 3D scanners, 3D printer laboratories.

- → Aerospace Engineering MSc
- → Artificial Intelligence MSc
- → Design and Systems Engineering MSc
- → Electronics and Robotics MSc
- → Engineering Management MSc
- → Mechanical Engineering MSc
- → Mechatronic Systems MSc
- → Renewable Energy Engineering MSc
- → Software Engineering / with Management Studies MSc

Research spotlight

A new PhD programme called the Rocketry, Research, Teaching and Training (R2T2) hub funded by the UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) on behalf of the UK Space Agency (UKSA), is giving Kingston University students the opportunity to become the rocket engineers of the future. Part of a £4.9 million national initiative, the programme aims to equip students with critical research and hot fire testing experience for careers in the UK's growing space and propulsion industry.

Led by Dr Peter Shaw and supported by industry leaders, the initiative highlights Kingston's reputation in aerospace education. With cutting-edge facilities at Roehampton Vale and a strong track record in student success, the R2T2 hub is helping shape the rocket engineers of tomorrow.

- → kingston.ac.uk/areospaceresearchspotlight



Environmental science and renewable energy

About our courses

Are you looking to gain the skills, experience, and professional recognition to lead in the sustainability sector?

Our Environmental Management MSc, accredited by the Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA), explores the sustainable use of natural ecosystems and qualifies graduates for GradIEMA status, or an opportunity to fast-track to PIEMA (practitioner status). This can help take your career to the next level and position you in good standing for leadership roles.

Our Renewable Energy Engineering MSc is accredited by the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE). Whether you pursue a career in solar, wind, or hydrogen energy, you'll gain hands-on experience with key industry technologies. In the Kingston University Renewable Energy Lab, you'll work with advanced tools for testing and optimizing solar PV systems, solar thermal energy applications, wind power plants, and fuel cell technologies, giving you the practical skills needed for a wide range of roles in the renewable energy sector.

→ Environmental Management MSc

→ Renewable Energy Engineering MSc

Courses in development

– Digital Geography and Artificial Intelligence MSc

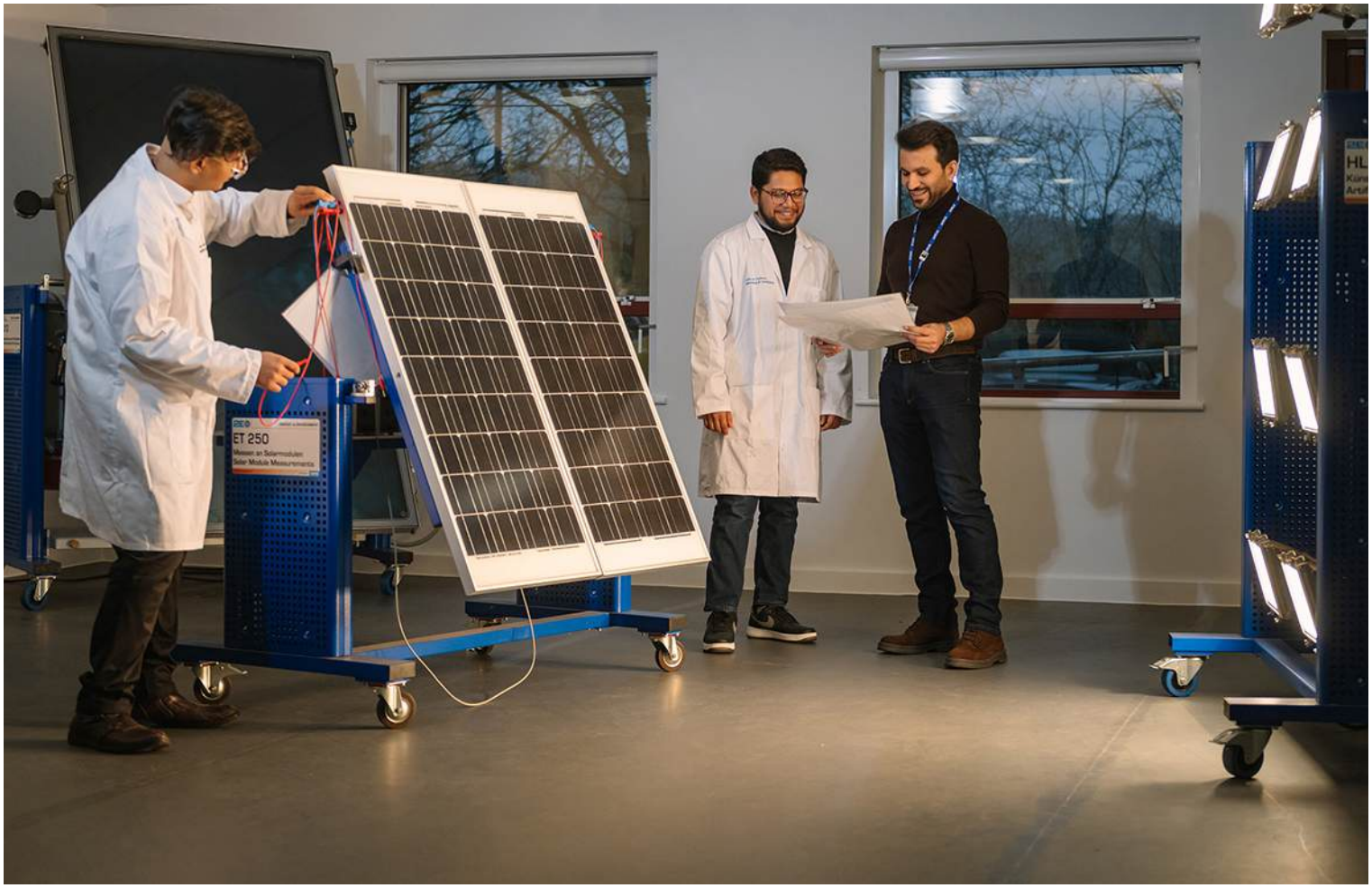
Research spotlight

A research project is helping to revolutionise air quality monitoring with the development of affordable, mobile AI-powered pollution sensors. In collaboration with Technocomm Consulting Ltd, the study tested compact sensors capable of delivering real-time data on harmful gases like CO, CO_2, and O_3. The sensors were validated alongside a high-precision reference station on the Norfolk coast, with AI models reducing measurement inaccuracies by up to 46%. By making accurate air quality data widely accessible, the project supports environmental policy, public health, and local action to combat pollution in the fight against climate change and for promoting sustainable, healthier cities.

→ kingston.ac.uk/environmentalscienceresearchspotlight

IEMA Transforming the world to sustainability

Engineering Council accredited degree



Games and digital media

About our courses

Our courses are developed in close collaboration with industry, ensuring your skills align with current and emerging demands across fields. You'll benefit from state-of-the-art facilities, including a dedicated network security lab that provides Linux/ Windows dual-boot computers, digital forensic hardware and professional software, such as the full commercial version of Forensic Toolkit (FTK); a state-of-the-art research labs for Wireless Multimedia and Networking; a Centre for Augmented and Virtual Reality Environments for games students, with virtual reality headsets and technology for tracking brain activity and eye movements. Games Development course facilities include Sony PlayStation 5 development consoles plus software like Visual Studio 2022, Unreal Engine 5, Unity and git. You'll also find high-tech equipment such as gaming PCs with 12th gen intel i7 processors, 1TB SSD drives and Nvidia GeForce RTX 3090 GPUs.

- → Computer Animation MA
- → Game Development (Design) MA
- → Game Development (Programming) MSc
- → Mobile Networks and Media Streaming MSc
- → Network & Information Security / with Management Studies MSc
- → Networking & Data Communications / with Management Studies MSc
- → User Experience Design MSc

Research spotlight

Kingston University has formalised a strategic partnership with Polytechnics Mauritius Ltd (PML) to enhance global career development through joint programmes in areas including engineering, cybersecurity, AI and robotics. The agreement includes student and staff exchanges, internships, collaborative research, and shared academic resources. By combining Kingston's Future Skills education model with PML's technical expertise, the partnership aims to address critical global skills gaps and identified six priority areas for programme development – computer games programming, cybersecurity and digital forensics, digital media technology, computer science, robotic engineering and AI.

- → kingston.ac.uk/gamingesearchspotlight



Faculty of Health, Science, Social Care and Education

The Faculty of Health, Science, Social Care and Education is committed to preparing students for careers that make a real difference. Students benefit from a dynamic learning environment supported by expert academic staff, many of whom are active practitioners in their field. The Faculty fosters strong professional networks with schools, healthcare trusts, local authorities, voluntary agencies, and industry partners, offering opportunities for collaboration, placements, and hands-on learning.

100 years experience in teacher education
(The Times Good University Guide 2025)

No 1 in London for Nursing, Midwifery, Children's Nursing, and Social Work
(The Guardian University Guide 2025)

Facilities

The Faculty has invested significantly in its teaching and research infrastructure to ensure that students are equipped with industry-standard tools and environments across all disciplines.

Science students have access to cutting-edge facilities and specialist laboratories covering disciplines such as anatomy, biochemistry, biotechnology, cell and molecular biology, histology, immunology, microbiology, nutrition, pharmacology, physiology, and sports science—including environmental testing chambers and biomechanics labs. There are also dedicated facilities for chemical synthesis and analysis, pharmaceutics, analytical chemistry, and pharmacy practice. A forensic crime scene house and an accredited forensic toxicology unit further support hands-on training in forensic science.

At the Kingston Hill campus, students in nursing and midwifery benefit from advanced clinical skills labs and simulation suites replicating hospital wards, GP practices, and birthing rooms. In 2025, the Faculty launched new immersive healthcare simulation suites. These high-tech facilities include a fully equipped simulated ward with up to 10 hospital beds and a four-screen immersive environment that can be customised to replicate a variety of real-world clinical scenarios.

The suites feature medium- and high-fidelity adult, child, and infant manikins, allowing students to practice and assess clinical skills such as monitoring vital signs, responding to patient deterioration, and managing arrest scenarios. Integrated virtual reality platforms and audiovisual camera systems enable the streaming, recording, and playback of sessions, supporting thorough feedback and reflection.

Social work students train in the Practice Learning Suite, which mirrors home visit environments and features recording equipment for simulated interviews. Education students benefit from purpose-built classrooms, art rooms, and science labs that replicate school environments. The on-campus library includes a wealth of teaching aids—from children's books and music CDs to curriculum-aligned resources across subjects. Outdoor learning spaces provide additional opportunities to develop practical teaching strategies using natural materials.

Accreditations

Many of the Faculty's programmes are accredited by prestigious professional and regulatory bodies, ensuring that courses meet the highest industry standards and support progression to full professional status.

Industry links and employability

Kingston's strong partnerships with professional bodies, healthcare providers, educational institutions, local authorities, and voluntary agencies ensure that all programmes are closely aligned with the demands of today's workforce. Students gain extensive practical experience through lab work, simulated environments, and professional placements. Depending on the programme, up to 50% of study time may be spent in real-world settings, working directly with patients, service users, children, or individuals with lived experience.

This practical focus is complemented by curriculum content designed to reflect current professional challenges and innovations. Whether students aim to pursue careers in healthcare, education, social care, or science, the Faculty equips them with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to succeed and make a meaningful impact in their chosen fields.



Biomedical science, cancer biology and microbiology

About our courses

We offer a range of postgraduate courses in biomedical science, cancer biology, microbiology and haematology. Each course is designed to equip you with the specialised knowledge and practical skills needed to thrive in scientific and healthcare environments.

Our extensive links with leading healthcare and research laboratories provide you the opportunity to enhance your learning and work with companies, such as GlaxoSmithKline and the Institute of Cancer Research.

- → Biomedical Science: Haematology MSc
- → Biomedical Science: Haematology with Management Studies MSc
- → Biomedical Science: Medical Microbiology MSc
- → Biomedical Science: Medical Microbiology with Management Studies MSc
- → Cancer Biology MSc

Research spotlight

Kingston University has launched a new collaboration with Science Card, Britain's first e-money current account app dedicated to accelerating science and innovation, to fund research exploring the potential of fig latex to combat cervical cancer.

Led by Dr. Hossein Ashrafi, the study aims to develop a less harmful, lower-risk approach to treating cervical cancer, characterise the bioactive compounds of fig latex and understand its therapeutic applications. As well as focusing on improving patients' quality of life, the latest project will explore ways to develop novel, life-saving treatment. The researchers believe this could also have the potential to tackle other forms of cancer which, ultimately, could make a significant impact in both the scientific community and on wider society.

→ kingston.ac.uk/sciencecardsearchspotlight

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Chemistry and pharmaceutical sciences

About our courses

Students will develop extensive practical and research skills in our £6.8 million laboratories. With hands-on experience in industry-standard labs with state-of-the-art equipment and teaching from experts at the forefront of innovation, you'll gain the practical skills and scientific knowledge needed to thrive in these rapidly evolving fields.

During your studies you'll undertake an independent research project that will provide you with the opportunity to research an area of interest in depth, within industry or as collaborative research with other laboratories.

- → Analytical Chemistry MSc
- → Advanced Therapeutics and Public Health MSc **NEW**
- → Forensic Science (Analysis) MSc
- → Forensic Science (Toxicology) MSc
- → Pharmaceutical Analysis MSc
- → Pharmaceutical Analysis with Management Studies MSc
- → Pharmaceutical and Chemical Research MRes **Coming for 2026**
- → Pharmaceutical Science MSc
- → Pharmaceutical Science with Management Studies MSc

Research spotlight

Experts from our Chemistry Department have come together with two leading industry partners to develop an accessible new synthetic compound library.

Dr Stephen P. Wren, who led the project and heads the University's Wren Group, worked alongside Professor Adam Le Gresley and PhD candidate Nathan Long. They teamed up with global sustainable laboratory equipment visionaries Asynt and renowned worldwide chemical products supplier Key Organics to create the library, which can help enrich drug discovery programmes around the world.

By partnering with leading industry experts Asynt and Key Organics, the Wren Group enables access to high-quality chemical starting materials, DrySyn oil-free heating blocks and CondenSyn waterless air condensers.

→ kingston.ac.uk/chemistryresearchspotlight

The Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences



Education and teaching

About our courses

With over 100 years of experience in education and teacher training, we offer a wide range of postgraduate courses designed to prepare you for a rewarding and impactful career. You'll learn from experienced professionals using innovative teaching methods such as e-learning, virtual environments, and simulated scenarios, all while gaining valuable hands-on experience working directly with children and young people.

Our programmes are developed in collaboration with schools, colleges, and educational organisations, ensuring your learning is relevant and up to date.

- → Assessment Only route leading to Qualified Teacher Status
- → Early Years Teacher Birth to Five Years leading to Early Years Teacher Status (EYTS)
- → Education MA
- → Education PhD (Doctor of Philosophy)
- → Music Education MA
- → Primary Teaching Leading to Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) PGCE
- → Special Educational Needs and Inclusion PgCert

Secondary Teaching leading to Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) PGCE

- → Secondary Teaching leading to Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) PGCE (Citizenship with Social Sciences)
- → Secondary Teaching leading to Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) PGCE (English)
- → Secondary Teaching leading to Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) PGCE (Mathematics)
- → Secondary Teaching leading to Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) PGCE (Physical Education)
- → Secondary Teaching leading to Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) PGCE (Biology, Chemistry and Physics)

Research spotlight

Kingston University has partnered with the Driver Youth Trust to offer trainee students and partner schools the skills to support pupils who have challenges in reading and writing.

As part of the project, a research study will examine the impact of the initiative. Students will have the chance to feed back on their experiences, to help develop the programme further and potentially inform similar initiatives at other educational institutions.

- → kingston.ac.uk/teachingresearchspotlight



Nursing, midwifery and healthcare

About our courses

Designed in partnership with local NHS Trusts, with a focus on practical skills development, our courses are taught by experienced practitioners, blending theoretical knowledge with hands-on learning in our modern simulation facilities and real-world placements. This ensures you gain the skills, confidence, and qualifications you need to make a meaningful difference in people's lives.

Our nursing and midwifery skills labs and simulation suites are designed to replicate hospital wards, GP practice and birthing rooms, allowing students to develop and practice their skills in preparation for their placements and future careers. In 2025, the brand-new immersive healthcare simulation suites, equipped with cutting-edge technology, were opened by Sir Ed Davey, the leader of the Liberal Democrats and MP for Kingston and Surbiton.

- → Adult Nursing MSc
- → Advanced Clinical Practice MSc/PgDip
- → Advanced Therapeutics and Public Health MSc
- → Children's Nursing MSc
- → Healthcare Practice MSc/PgDip/PgCert
- → Leadership and Management in Health PgCert/PgDip/MSc top-up/MSc (Distance Learning)
- → Learning Disabilities Nursing MSc
- → Mental Health Nursing MSc
- → Midwifery MSc top-up
- → Midwifery with Registered Midwife for Registered Nurses (Adult) MMid
- → Midwifery with Registered Midwife MMid

Research spotlight

People with intellectual disabilities, who make up 2% of the UK population, often face serious healthcare inequalities, especially in end-of-life care—a situation worsened by the Covid-19 pandemic. Professor Irene Tuffrey-Wijne has led pioneering research addressing these unmet needs, focusing on grief, communication about death, and palliative care.

Her work revealed that many healthcare staff lack the knowledge to support this group effectively, leading to exclusion and increased stress. Her efforts have influenced national and international policies, improved training, and helped establish international standards for end-of-life care through collaboration with the European Association of Palliative Care.

→ kingston.ac.uk/palliativecareresearchspotlight

AACSB ACCREDITED

The Centre for Advancing Practice Accredited Course

nmc Nursing & Midwifery Council

No.1 in London

Kingston University is top in London for Nursing (The Times Good University Guide 2025).

Kingston University is top in London for Nursing and Midwifery (The Complete University Guide 2026).



Social work

About our courses

From qualifying routes to specialist modules and advanced practice in areas like residential childcare or practice education, our courses are grounded in real-world experience and led by experts in the field.

Courses are designed and managed in consultation with employers, partner agencies, and those accessing social work services, so you'll gain the skills and confidence to make a lasting impact on the lives of vulnerable individuals and communities, with hands-on learning and opportunities for professional accreditation.

You can develop and practice essential skills in our Social Work Practice Learning Suite by simulating home visits and recording interviews, closely reflecting your future working environments.

→ Graduate Diploma in Residential Work (Children's)

→ Master of Social Work (MSW)

→ Practice Education PgCert

→ Social work (post-qualifying) credit-bearing short course

→ Social Work (Step Up) PgDip

Research spotlight

Research led by Kingston University and the National Children's Bureau has uncovered an unprecedented picture of national demand for children's social care services in England. The study, funded by the Nuffield Foundation, examined the relationship between assessed risk factors, social care intervention and educational outcomes.

The research found the rise in demand for children's social care services has led to a disproportionate rise in child mental health problems, extra-familial harm, and complexities around parental mental health.

→ kingston.ac.uk/socialworkresearchspotlight

Social Work England

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Kingston School of Art

Kingston School of Art offers a world-class creative education where ideas emerge, disciplines merge, and fearless creativity thrives. As one of the UK's leading institutions in art and design, the School spans a diverse range of subjects including art, design, architecture, journalism, media, publishing, humanities, performing arts, and the creative and cultural industries.

Its national reputation is reflected in impressive subject rankings, award-winning student work, strong research performance, and partnerships with leading brands and cultural institutions. Kingston School of Art is also known for its global alumni network, with graduates influencing creative industries around the world. All courses culminate in a major final project, with many offering live industry briefs and professional placements to ensure students graduate industry ready.

Top 10 in the UK for Art and Design
(The Complete University Guide 2026)

Facilities

A recent £32 million investment in the Knights Park campus has transformed Kingston School of Art into one of the most advanced creative learning environments in the UK.

Facilities include a large, open-access 3D workshop and interdisciplinary construction areas, where students can work with a wide range of materials such as wood, metal, stone, plastic, plaster, ceramics, wax, and bio-resins. Digital media workshops provide access to an extensive suite of design-related software, supporting a wide range of creative practices.

The campus is also home to a collaborative hackspace, where postgraduate students with shared interests in areas like digital art, machining, science, and technology can meet, innovate, and experiment. Fashion students work in purpose-built sewing and knitting workshops, supported by large design studios and an extensive fashion archive.



Specialist facilities for moving image include fully equipped workshops for filming, animation, sound recording, and video editing. Five professional-grade recording studios, along with audio and video editing suites, provide students with industry-level production tools. Among the most unique resources is the Visconti Studio—an analogue/digital hybrid recording facility featuring a 300-square-metre octagonal live room and rare vintage instruments and equipment.

Photography students benefit from two dedicated studios, digital and traditional darkrooms, and a comprehensive photography workshop. There are also facilities for printmaking, letterpress, and bookbinding, as well as loan rooms where students can borrow professional photography, audio, and film equipment.

Kingston School of Art supports literary creativity through the Writers' Centre, Kingston, a dedicated cultural hub for creative writing. Students also have access to professional-standard exhibition spaces where they can display and curate their own work. These include the Stanley Picker Gallery, the University's on-site public art gallery, and Dorich House Museum, which houses the world's largest collection of work by the sculptor Dora Gordine.

Accreditations

While Kingston School of Art's strength lies in its creative excellence, many of its programmes are also shaped by industry standards and informed by professional practice. Courses are developed with direct input from industry professionals and follow best practices that prepare students for careers in competitive, professional environments.

Industry links and employability

Alongside theoretical teaching, students develop professional skills and build portfolios through real-world projects and final major works. Many courses offer opportunities to work on live industry briefs or take up placements with creative agencies, media organisations, design studios, publishers, or cultural institutions.

The School's extensive network of industry partners, visiting professionals, and alumni ensures that students are exposed to the current realities of the creative sector. They engage with guest speakers, receive feedback from practitioners, and take part in competitions, exhibitions, and collaborative projects.

"I was blown away by the quality of the facilities. The breadth of disciplines catered for is very impressive... **the best workshop in a UK university."**

Ian Hunter
Director of The Materials Council

Architecture and interiors

About our courses

We prioritise continuity in architectural and interior design culture and the creation of work that responds thoughtfully to context and place. Our postgraduate courses blend rigorous academic grounding with real-world experience. You'll work closely with renowned practitioners and academics on live projects in our state-of-the-art facilities at Kingston School of Art's Knights Park campus.

Graduates emerge as versatile, critically engaged generalists who are skilled in both thinking and making and ready to navigate and contribute meaningfully to the evolving and diverse landscape of contemporary practice.

- → Architecture (ARB/RIBA Part 2) MArch
- → Historic Building Conservation MSc
- → Interior Design MA
- → Landscape Architecture MLA (LI accredited)
- → Product & Furniture Design MA
- → Professional Practice Architecture (ARB/RIBA Part 3 exemption) PgDip
- → Urban Design MA

Research spotlight

At Home: Panoramas de nos vies Domestiques, a collaborative and multidisciplinary research project by Professor Penny Sparke, Dr Jana Scholze and Dr Catharine Rossi, was commissioned for the 12th Design Biennale Saint-Étienne. It explored the relationship between the home and design in the past, present and future through five core themes: Utopia, Shelter, Identities, Wellbeing and Connected. They worked with exhibition designers Plaid and graphic designer Lombaert Studio to realise the practice-based research project.

→ kingston.ac.uk/architectureandinteriorsresearchspotlight

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Landscape Institute Accredited Course

RIBA Validated course in architecture

RICS



Creative arts

About our courses

Across our creative arts courses we aim to provide a theoretically-informed, collaborative and practice-relevant experience, ensuring you gain the knowledge, skills and industry awareness needed to thrive in today's competitive climate. Teaching is delivered by a dynamic mix of academics, practitioners, industry-based mentors, and guest speakers.

Consistently recognised for excellence in teaching and research, which is reflected in our subject rankings, Kingston School of Art is a hub of innovation and talent, benefitting from strong links to leading brands and institutions that choose to work with us.

- → Animation MA
- → Composing for Film and Television MMus
- → Film Making MA
- → Fine Art MFA
- → Illustration MA
- → Music MA
- → Music Performance MMus
- → Photography MA

Research spotlight

We Are Publication is a unique experimental publishing platform that combines artistic and academic practices. This initiative engages artists, writers and curators in exploring alternative approaches to creating and disseminating knowledge. Through podcasts, zines, live events and digital media, the platform fosters a vibrant space for discussion and innovation, challenging traditional publishing norms and offering new ways to experience contemporary art.

→ kingston.ac.uk/creativeartsresearchspotlight



Creative professions

About our courses

Our portfolio of creative professions courses are designed to develop your critical, experimental, and professional practice. While you study, you'll benefit from top quality teaching from a diverse team of academics, creative practitioners, and industry experts who bring real-world insight into the classroom with their close professional links to keep your studies relevant to the changing work environment.

Our courses offer a collaborative, practice-led and theoretically grounded experience, preparing you to navigate and influence in today's creative landscape.

- → Art Business MA
- → Curating Contemporary Design MA (in partnership with The Design Museum)
- → Museum and Gallery Studies MA
- → Music Education MA
- → Project Management for Creative Practitioners MSc
- → Sustainable Fashion: Business and Practices MA

the DESIGN MUSEUM



Design

About our courses

In a world where design plays a crucial role in addressing complex global challenges, our postgraduate courses in design equip students with the critical thinking and practical skills needed to thrive in an ever-evolving industry. As part of a dynamic and inclusive design community, students work alongside experienced faculty staff to explore design's ethical, social, and environmental impact.

Open-access workshops and studios provide the space for experimentation, innovation, and the exchange of ideas between students and staff alike.

- → Curating Contemporary Design MA (in partnership with The Design Museum)
- → Fashion MA
- → Graduate Diploma Creative Practice
- → Graphic Design MA
- → Interior Design MA
- → Product & Furniture Design MA
- → Sustainable Design MA

Research spotlight

Dr. Anke Jakob of Kingston University's Design School has researched how to better support people with dementia through the design of Multi-Sensory Environments (MSEs) in care homes. Her ethnographic study across 16 care homes found that most MSEs were ineffective due to poor design, unsuitable aesthetics, and a lack of staff training.

In response, she collaborated with Professor Lesley Collier to create a guidebook offering practical design recommendations. The guide is freely available online and has received attention from media and dementia support organisations.

→ kingston.ac.uk/designresearchspotlight

the DESIGN MUSEUM



Language and media

About our courses

Our postgraduate courses offer an inspiring and intellectually stimulating environment where students refine their voice, practice critical thinking, and gain the professional skills needed to thrive in today's fast-moving media and publishing industries.

You'll join a community of outstanding writers, journalists, publishers, academics, writers in residence, and guest speakers and become part of a vibrant literary and media community through the Writers' Centre Kingston – a cultural hub dedicated to creative writing in all its forms. With a strong focus on creativity, critical thinking, and real-world application, our programmes are designed to help you develop your voice and build a successful, sustainable career.

- → Creative Writing and Publishing MA
- → Creative Writing MA
- → Creative Writing MA (Distance Learning)
- → Creative Writing MFA
- → Journalism PgDip/MA
- → Media and Communication MA
- → Publishing MA

Research spotlight

A storytelling method called Expressive Writing and its oral counterpart Expressive Telling is helping vulnerable people in the Middle East and the UK recover from trauma. Developed by Professor Meg Jensen and Dr. Siobhan Campbell, these techniques use imaginative storytelling to help participants process difficult experiences and envision a better future. The approach has supported thousands of survivors of conflict, forced migration, and violence, and is used by NGOs to deliver cost-effective, sustainable mental health support.

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nctj accredited course



Music

About our courses

Music students benefit from expert teaching, delivered by a rich mix of academics, practitioners, academic practitioners, industry-based mentors, and guest speakers.

As a music student, you'll have access to professional studios and rehearsal spaces in our Coombehurst House Complex, including five recording studios, a computer suite with iMac workstations, plus audio and video editing facilities and band rehearsal rooms. You'll also be able to use the Visconti Studio, a unique analogue-digital space featuring vintage equipment, a 300m² octagonal live room, and selection of rare instruments like a Mellotron, Hammond organ, and Steinway grand piano.

→ Composing for Film and Television MMus

→ Music Education MA

→ Music MA

→ Music Performance MMus

Research spotlight

The Visconti Studio at Kingston University preserves analogue music production techniques for the digital age. Led by Dr. Leah Kardos, the studio collaborates with artists and institutions to document, revive, and share vintage recording practices. Through research, public archives, and events, it safeguards the cultural heritage of analogue sound for future generations.

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How to apply

Applicants are typically expected to meet, or be predicted to meet, the minimum entry requirements outlined for their chosen course. These requirements—including English language criteria for international students—can be found on individual course pages. International applicants are encouraged to refer to our country guides to check qualification equivalencies, English language requirements, and to find approved representatives who can support you.

When to apply

We recommend applying early, especially if you need a student visa. International applicants can consult our detailed admissions timeline to plan accordingly.

Submitting your application

There are several application routes, depending on your circumstances.

– Apply direct online via the course page.
– Apply for a PGCE via the Department for Education.
– Apply for Nursing and Social Work via UCAS.



Interviews and portfolios

Some courses may include an interview or require a portfolio submission as part of the selection process. If applicable, these requirements will be clearly outlined in the entry criteria on the course page, along with guidance on preparation. Candidates selected for interview or portfolio submission will receive further instructions from our admissions team.

Track your application

For courses assessed solely on application (courses that do not require a portfolio submission or interview as part of the application process), applicants should normally receive an initial decision or a request for more information within 10 days of submissions of their application. Applicants will be notified via email and can monitor progress through our Online Student Information System (OSIS).

Accepting an offer

Successful applicants can accept their offer through our OSIS applicant portal. For Nursing and Teaching programmes, formal acceptance must be made via UCAS Apply or the Department for Education portal. Specific instructions will be provided in your offer email.

Applying for a research degree

The application process for a research degree (PhD, Professional Doctorate, MPhil, MA/MSc by Research) is different. This includes submitting a draft research proposal or project outline, confirming academic alignment with our areas of expertise, and providing additional documentation. For detailed information about the application process for research degrees please see website.

Open Days

We offer a range of opportunities for you to chat to us about postgraduate study at Kingston University. Our online and in-person Open Days are the perfect opportunity to find out all you need to know before you apply.

Our postgraduate Open Days take place on:

- **Wednesday 15 October 2025 (virtual)**
- **Wednesday 19 November 2025 (in-person)**
- **Wednesday 25 February 2026 (virtual)**
- **Wednesday 24 June 2026 (in-person)**

→ Find out more

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We aim to respond to emails within 24 hours.

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