



Postgraduate Prospectus 2025

Together, we shape your future



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A warm welcome

Heriot-Watt University has been at the forefront of creating and exchanging knowledge for the benefit of society for over 200 years. I am proud to say that ethos continues to underpin the industry-informed education that gives our postgraduate students the edge when shaping the future in their career of choice.

I am delighted you are considering joining our culturally vibrant, academic and globally connected community. Our unique multi-campus locations mean we are a truly integrated university with proud Scottish roots. This outlook, alongside our inclusive and responsible values, underpins our commitment to help all our students fulfil their potential while contributing to a more sustainable, equitable and healthier world.

Postgraduate study is a big investment in yourself and your future. You will find us a place that supports all our students to truly flourish, both academically and to gain a clear sense of personal purpose. Our inspirational teaching, pioneering research and innovative industry partnerships with a wide range of organisations help make Heriot-Watt a special place to study and develop.

Our postgraduate programmes offer a personalised and authentic education designed to prepare our students to address in-demand skills gaps and global challenges such as climate change, energy transition and sustainability, AI and robotics, and health and care technologies.

You will see from this prospectus that Heriot-Watt students go on to do incredible things. We are so proud of the contribution that our students and alumni make to our global University communities and the societies they positively benefit. I encourage you to find out more about the Heriot-Watt experience by visiting us in person or contacting our dedicated Postgraduate Team.

Together, we shape the future.

Professor Richard A. Williams
Principal and Vice-Chancellor



Reputation and rankings

Heriot-Watt is known for conducting ground-breaking research that is relevant to business and industry. We aim to find innovations and solutions to real-world challenges for the benefit of society.

www.hw.ac.uk/rankings

Top 10 in the UK

Aeronautical & Manufacturing Engineering, Building, Chemical Engineering, Mathematics, and Town & Country Planning and Landscaping

The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2024

Petroleum Engineering

QS World University Rankings by Subject 2024

Building, Town & Country Planning and Landscape Design

The Complete University Guide 2025

1st in Scotland

We are 1st in Scotland and 2nd in the UK for postgraduate outcomes, and almost 90% of our graduates are in employment or further study 15 months after graduation

Graduate Outcomes Survey 2023

A world-class university

256th in the world and 32nd in the UK

QS World University Rankings 2025

Top 200 worldwide

Architecture & Built Environment, Business & Management Studies, Civil & Structural Engineering, Petroleum Engineering, Hospitality & Leisure Management, Mathematics

QS World University Rankings by Subject 2024

Arts and Humanities, Engineering

THE World University Rankings by Subject 2024

World-leading research

Almost 90% of our research outputs are ranked world-leading and internationally excellent

Research Excellence Framework 2021

Shaping business

1st in the UK for producing CEOs, Managing Directors and Entrepreneurs

Novuna Business Cash Flow Study 2023

Among Europe's elite

Top 18% of European universities

QS World University Rankings: Europe 2025



THE QUEEN'S
ANNIVERSARY PRIZES
FOR HIGHER AND FURTHER EDUCATION
2021

Awarded
The Queen's
Anniversary Prize for
pioneering research
in the frontier of
photonics

"As a significant leader in employability, Heriot-Watt produces high-calibre graduates who are fully equipped for success. A number of these graduates are currently developing successful careers at Cisco, contributing valuable knowledge and expertise while helping to grow our reputation as a worldwide leader in IT, networking and cybersecurity solutions. Our partnership with Heriot-Watt continues to go from strength to strength and we will continue to recruit from Heriot-Watt's elite pool of talented graduates."

Tom Kneen
CTO Office, Cisco UKI

Cisco is a worldwide technology leader specialising in software, network and cybersecurity solutions.

Careers and employability

A postgraduate degree from Heriot-Watt will give you a unique, globally connected perspective and experience. Our degrees are career focused and informed by the needs of business and industry worldwide.

We will help you meet some of the world's top employers. They actively seek out our graduates due to our reputation for developing the right know-how and skills for today's workplaces.

We provide the support you need to be career-ready.

- Regular opportunities to meet top employers at on-campus recruitment fairs, networking events and employer presentations.
- Work experience, industry placements and opportunities to work on live projects are integral to many of our postgraduate programmes.

- An employer mentoring scheme that provides valuable mentoring opportunities in your planned professional field.
- Networking opportunities with academics and peers.
- Careers advice throughout your studies to support you with job applications and to help you make informed choices about your future.
- Lifelong careers support for all graduates with a specialist careers consultant.

www.hw.ac.uk/careers



The Watt Club

The Watt Club is our alumni association, a network of over 159,000 Heriot-Watt graduates in 190 countries. It is thought to be the UK's oldest alumni association.

You'll be able to connect with Heriot-Watt's global campuses and get to know other graduates, wherever you are in the world. Membership is free and for life, and you will be connected to this global community from the moment you join Heriot-Watt.



"The education at Heriot-Watt was incredibly comprehensive. I was taught how to effectively manage operations, while gaining valuable knowledge of regulations, standards and accreditation. This gave me a holistic understanding of operating a large-scale manufacturing facility.

Since graduating, I joined Attic Brew Co. as a Technical Brewer where I was tasked with developing processes geared towards quality and efficiency. I was then promoted to Head Brewer where I was instrumental in a large expansion and the commissioning of a new brewery. All this work led to me being awarded Young Brewer of the Year 2023 by the Brewers Journal. After 5 years at Attic Brew Co. I have now moved onto my next challenge at Molson Coors Beverage Company."

Samuel P Fraise,
Brewing Shift Manager
at Molson Coors
Beverage Company
MSc Brewing & Distilling, 2020



"Heriot-Watt helped me think like an engineer when it came to problem solving. When I left university, I was surprised at the number of people who hadn't designed a heat exchanger until their final years.

I did a placement year with GSK while studying at Heriot-Watt and once I graduated they offered me a role as a full-time Process Engineer. Since then I've had amazing opportunities to lead new product developments and capability roadmaps with the company for oral solid dosage forms."

Yusuf Ashraf,
Process Engineer at GSK
MEng Chemical Engineering with
Pharmaceutical Chemistry &
Diploma in Industrial
Training, 2021



"The support from staff and the amazing facilities were my favourite things about the University. Heriot-Watt helped me become a successful fashion designer that is 100% transparent, embeds sustainability within my work ethos and provides design that people can cherish.

I had the opportunity to showcase my collection at Vancouver Fashion Week this year, which was an incredible experience. I also got to attend fashion shows filled with creative people and collections, which was truly inspiring, and I made new friends and connections in the fashion industry which has greatly enriched my professional network."

Carina Pratt,
Freelance Fashion Designer
MA Fashion and Textiles
Design, 2023

Our alumni

www.hw.ac.uk/alumni

Alumni discount

Our alumni discount scheme offers 20% discount on postgraduate taught programmes to students who have previously studied with us. The discount is available on taught courses across all of our global campuses and our online programmes. Full eligibility criteria is available on our website.

Funding your studies

Postgraduate study is an investment in your future. You can further your knowledge, specialise in a subject area and expand your career options and earning potential.

Many students fund their studies through loans and some secure scholarships or bursaries. Taking on a financial commitment can be a big step but with careful research and planning, postgraduate study can be a rewarding choice.

Tuition fees

Tuition fees will vary depending on your programme of choice and where you come from. You can find fees information on the programme listings on our website.

Don't forget that there may be other costs associated with your programme, such as books, travel or study equipment.

Living costs

We estimate that you will need around £8,500 a year to meet living costs. We have helpful estimated budgets on our website that give you an idea of how much you might need depending on whether you are living on or off campus.

www.hw.ac.uk/finances

Funding for Scottish students

Eligible full-time Scottish students can apply for a loan from the Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS) to help towards fees and living costs. They generally fund full-time Postgraduate Diplomas that take up to one year to complete or full-time Masters programmes that take up to two years to complete.

Eligible part-time students can apply to SAAS for a tuition fee loan.

SAAS also offer a Disabled Students' Allowance to eligible students.

Funding for England, Wales and Northern Ireland students

English and Welsh students can apply for support to help towards fees and living costs. You can find more information from Student Finance England and Student Finance Wales.

Northern Irish students can apply to Student Finance NI for a loan towards tuition fees.

Funding for international students

We awarded £1.25 million in merit-based scholarships to fee-paying international students in 2023/24. The amount you can get will vary depending on your programme and where you are from.

The British Council provides lots of information on scholarships and funding options on their website.

Scholarships

We award ambitious students who show academic potential with merit-based, subject-specific and other scholarships each year. Our website will give you the most up-to-date opportunities.

Part-time work

Part-time work is a great way to support your studies and it can help you develop new skills, boost your CV and increase your employability. It's also a good way to meet new people and build networks. You can find work yourself, get support from our Careers Service or use the Unitemps office if you're studying at our Edinburgh campus.

You can also become a student ambassador with us and share your experience with future students. The work is paid and flexible and you'll be rewarded with the knowledge that you've helped other students on their path to study.

www.hw.ac.uk/funding

Our campuses



Edinburgh: A sustainable green campus on the outskirts of Edinburgh with a welcoming, supportive community
www.hw.ac.uk/edinburgh



Oriam

Our Edinburgh campus is home to Oriam, Scotland's Sports Performance Centre. This cutting-edge facility is the training hub for Scottish Rugby, Scottish Football, Scottish Squash and Scottish Handball and is housed in a stunning £33 million purpose-built sports facility.

Oriam offers access to world-class sporting facilities, expert health and fitness support and advice, and a truly exceptional student experience through the Sports Union clubs. Student membership includes access to the fitness suite, group exercise classes and much more.

www.oriamscotland.com

Orkney: A 'living laboratory'
supporting the global marine science
and renewable energy sectors
www.hw.ac.uk/orkney

Our campuses

Scottish Borders: A world-leading
campus for creativity and design
www.hw.ac.uk/borders



Dubai: A futuristic campus based in
Dubai Knowledge Park
www.hw.ac.uk/dubai



Malaysia: A stunning lakeside location in
Putrajaya and the country's first green campus
www.hw.ac.uk/malaysia

Edinburgh city

Edinburgh is one of the world's most beautiful cities. It is dynamic, modern and packed with opportunities. You'll find culture, history and beautiful buildings alongside green spaces and hidden gems.

A city of heritage

Edinburgh's Old and New Towns are a UNESCO World Heritage site. You can spend hours walking the streets of this compact city and find something new at every turn.

A city of culture

Edinburgh is packed with culture, from music and film to theatre and comedy. It is also home to the world's largest arts festival, the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, and has lots of free museums and art galleries.

A city of business

Edinburgh is Scotland's capital city and is regularly cited as one of the best UK cities for business outside of London. It is full of small-scale start-ups, large multinationals and everything in between so there are plenty of opportunities for you to connect with employers or find support for your business ideas.

A well-connected city

Edinburgh is a compact city – it's easy to walk or cycle around and there is a great network of buses and trams. A frequent bus service runs from our campus into the city centre.

You can connect to the rest of Scotland and major cities in the UK via train or bus and Edinburgh Airport connects to cities across the UK, Europe and internationally.

www.edinburgh.org

1st
in the UK for culture
Time Out 2023

2nd
most student-friendly city in the UK
QS Best Student Cities 2024

Innovation spotlight

Sustainable medical technologies

We are developing sustainable lateral flow tests using upcycled materials like discarded chewing gum and old fridge components. The project significantly reduces the environmental impact of medical waste and aligns with global sustainability goals.

Swallowable sensors for digestive health

We have developed an ingestible capsule with sensors to monitor and diagnose issues within the gastrointestinal tract. This non-invasive technology offers a significant advancement over traditional diagnostic methods like endoscopy and provides critical data to transform disease management.

A network of global campuses

Our campuses in Scotland, Dubai and Malaysia serve as hubs of expertise and connect students to broader international perspectives, markets and resources. This allows us to offer a truly global outlook enriched by local insights.

Global Research Institutes

Our Global Research Institutes are centres of excellence and collaboration created to translate our world-leading research into practical solutions.

iNetZ+: Global Research Institute for Net Zero and Beyond

iNetZ+ is dedicated to pioneering solutions for a carbon-neutral future. Our interdisciplinary researchers integrate digital technologies into energy systems, develop smart transport solutions and promote sustainable practices across various sectors.

Global Research Institute in Health and Care Technologies

The Institute delivers innovations that address significant global health challenges and enhance healthcare quality and accessibility worldwide.

The National Robotarium

A hub for robotics and AI innovation. Our strategic partnerships with industry leaders drive advancements in areas such as soft robotics, teleoperations and geriatric care.

The Lyell Centre

The Lyell Centre leads in Earth and marine sciences and combines expertise in geology, ecology and marine biology. Our research addresses climate change, biodiversity, energy transition and environmental sustainability.

www.hw.ac.uk/research

Global research

Heriot-Watt is a global university addressing global challenges. We combine rigorous academic research with industry collaboration to create solutions that have real impact.

Spin-out success

K-Briq: the world's most sustainable brick

K-Briq has revolutionised the construction industry with its environmentally friendly building materials. K-Briq is made from 90% recycled construction waste and significantly reduces carbon emissions compared to traditional bricks.

Touchlab Ltd: powering biomimetic skin for robots

Touchlab has developed a unique synthetic skin to give robots a sense of touch. The technology is deployed in a hospital setting and can help prevent infection and ease staff workload.



THE NATIONAL ROBOTARIUM



Entrepreneurship

We are committed to empowering our students to embrace their entrepreneurial spirit and support our postgraduate students to bring their business ideas to life.

We provide lots of opportunities to support your entrepreneurial ideas and help you build valuable business networks.

- Our global business incubators provide a programme of support to help transform ideas into scalable and investable ventures.
- Initiatives such as our DeepTech Accelerator programme help students transform ideas and research into viable businesses and provide co-location opportunities in our Research Park and the National Robotarium.
- Our GRID (Global Research Innovation and Discovery) ecosystem provides support to students at all stages of their entrepreneurial journey and offers access to our Entrepreneurs in Residence for personalised guidance.
- Our Global Innovation Challenge is a 10-week interactive workshop series that helps to develop enterprise skills and culminates in a pitch to win investment for your business concepts.
- We are home to Converge, Scotland's largest company creation and enterprise programme for the university sector. Converge supports staff, students and recent graduates from all of Scotland's universities and research institutes to turn their ideas, creativity and research into sustainable businesses.

www.hw.ac.uk/business

Study at Heriot-Watt

Studying at Heriot-Watt is a rewarding experience. Our programmes are focused on the current and emerging needs of industry worldwide so you can be confident you are gaining the skills and knowledge needed to be successful in your career.

We believe in translating knowledge into practical solutions. You will learn by putting your knowledge into practice with hand-on projects and practical group work. Our strong links with global industry ensure you get access to potential employers through guest lectures, live industry projects and on-campus events.

All our taught programmes are grouped into subject tables on the following pages. There may be options to begin your programme in September or January. Full course details, start dates, entry requirements and fees are on our website.

Our programme portfolio is continually under review and some of the programmes listed in this prospectus may change. Our website will have the most up-to-date information.

www.hw.ac.uk/pg-study



"Studying at Heriot-Watt has been a truly transformative experience for me. The learning journey here has been nothing short of exceptional."

Toluwalase Akingbogun, MSc Human Resource Management

"I had an amazing time studying there, and I am still very much enjoying today the network I was able to create thanks to this experience."

Sarah Verclytte, MSc Interpreting and Translation



Business+

Edinburgh Business School is practice-oriented. We place great emphasis on learning by doing and use practical group work to ensure students gain experience implementing the theory they learn in lectures and textbooks.

We prepare students for the real world by developing transferable and professional skills that complement specialist knowledge. You will have the opportunity to take part in competitions, business partnerships, research projects and our Consultancy Bootcamp. Our business incubator offers a nurturing network of resources and connections for those interested in entrepreneurship.

Many of our programmes are accredited by professional bodies which gives you a head start in your career.

Our sport programmes offer hands-on experience alongside specialist teaching. Oriam, Scotland's Sports Performance Centre, is situated on our Edinburgh campus and offers access to world-class sporting facilities and expert health and fitness support and advice. The Centre is a training hub for many of Scotland's top sports teams and athletes.

www.hw.ac.uk/pg-study

3rd

in Scotland for Marketing

The Complete University Guide 2025

Top 200 worldwide

**Business & Management Studies and
Hospitality & Leisure Management**

QS World University Rankings by Subject 2024

Business+	
Accounting	
Programme	Delivery
MSc International Accounting and Finance	Full-time/part-time
Economics	
Programme	Delivery
MSc Economics, Banking and Finance	Full-time/part-time
MSc Energy and Economics	Full-time/part-time
Finance	
Programme	Delivery
MSc Finance	Full-time/part-time
MSc Finance and Management	Full-time/part-time
MSc International Banking and Finance	Full-time/part-time
MSc Investment Management	Full-time/part-time
MSc Sustainable Finance with Fintech	Full-time/part-time
Languages and Intercultural Studies	
Programme	Delivery
MSc Chinese-English Translation and Interpreting	Full-time/part-time
MSc Intercultural Business Communication	Full-time/part-time
MSc Interpreting	Full-time/part-time
MSc Interpreting and Translating	Full-time/part-time
MSc Translating	Full-time/part-time
Logistics and Operations Management	
Programme	Delivery
MSc International Management with Industrial Management (IMIM)	Full-time
MSc Logistics and Supply Chain Management	Full-time/part-time
MSc Strategic Project Management	Full-time/part-time

Business+	
Management	
Programme	Delivery
MSc Business Analytics and Consultancy	Full-time/part-time
MSc Business Analytics and Consultancy with Advanced Practice (2 years)	Full-time
MSc Business Strategy, Leadership and Change	Full-time/part-time
MSc Human Resource Management	Full-time/part-time
MSc International Business Management	Full-time/part-time
MSc International Business Management with Advanced Practice (2 years)	Full-time/part-time
MSc International Sport Management	Full-time/part-time
Marketing	
Programme	Delivery
MSc Digital Marketing	Full-time/part-time
MSc Digital Marketing with Advanced Practice (2 years)	Full-time
MSc International Marketing	Full-time/part-time
MSc International Marketing with Consumer Psychology	Full-time/part-time
Psychology	
Programme	Delivery
MSc Applied Psychology	Full-time
MSc Business Psychology	Full-time/part-time
MSc Business Psychology with Coaching	Full-time/part-time
MSc Business Psychology with Human Resource Management	Full-time/part-time
MSc Business Psychology with Intercultural Communication	Full-time/part-time
MSc Social and Behavioural Research Methods	Full-time/part-time
MSc Sport Psychology	Full-time/part-time

Entry requirements

You will require a UK second class honours bachelors degree, or its non-UK equivalent, in a relevant subject from a recognised university. Work experience in a relevant field may also be considered in support of your application. The degree discipline, classification and supplementary entry requirements vary by programme. Depending on your circumstances you may need to meet certain English language requirements too. Please see our website for further information.



Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)



Our postgraduate programmes reflect the current and emerging needs of global industry and employers. Many of our programmes provide a pathway to professional accreditation, giving you a head start in your career and setting you up well for life after graduation.

You'll have access to specialist industry-standard equipment, software and laboratories and you'll learn directly from academics working and researching in world-leading areas of knowledge and innovation. This includes work and research in internationally leading centres in quantum science and communication, the Centre of Excellence in Sustainable Building Design, the International Centre for Brewing and Distilling, the National Robotarium, our Energy Academy and the Scottish Institute of Solar Energy Research.

Our Campbell Maths Gym supports all students to strengthen their mathematical and statistical skills.

www.hw.ac.uk/pg-study

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)	
Actuarial Mathematics and Statistics	
Programme	Delivery
MSc Actuarial Management	Full-time/part-time
MSc Actuarial Management with Data Science	Full-time
MSc Actuarial Science	Full-time/part-time
MSc Actuarial Science and Management (2 years)	Full-time/part-time
Brewing and Distilling	
Programme	Delivery
MSc Brewing and Distilling	Full-time/part-time
MSc Brewing and Distilling with Entrepreneurship	Full-time/part-time
Building, Planning, Real Estate and Urban Design	
Programme	Delivery
MArch Master of Architecture (2 years)	Full-time
MSc Real Estate	Full-time/part-time
MSc Spatial Planning and Real Estate Development	Full-time/part-time
MSc Urban Strategies and Design (joint programme with the University of Edinburgh)	Full-time
Chemical Sciences	
Programme	Delivery
MSc Analytical Science for the Biosciences Industries	Full-time/part-time
MSc Food Process Engineering	Full-time
MSc Toxicology	Full-time
Civil, Structural, Safety and Water Engineering	
Programme	Delivery
MSc Advanced Structural Engineering	Full-time/part-time
MSc Civil Engineering and Construction Management	Full-time/part-time
MSc Civil Engineering with Industry Placement (2 years)	Full-time
Computer Science	
Programme	Delivery
MSc Artificial Intelligence	Full-time/part-time
MSc Artificial Intelligence (2 years)	Full-time
MSc Computer Science for Cyber Security	Full-time/part-time
MSc Computing (2 years)	Full-time
MSc Data Science	Full-time/part-time

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)	
Computer Science (continued)	
Programme	Delivery
MSc Data Science (2 years)	Full-time
MDes Games Design and Development	Full-time
MSc Information Technology (Business)	Full-time/part-time
MSc Information Technology (Software Systems)	Full-time/part-time
MSc Network Security	Full-time/part-time
MSc Software Engineering	Full-time/part-time
Construction Management and Surveying	
Programme	Delivery
MSc Commercial Management and Quantity Surveying	Full-time/part-time
MSc Commercial Management and Quantity Surveying with Industry Placement (2 years)	Full-time
MSc Construction Project Management	Full-time/part-time
MSc Construction Project Management with Industry Placement (2 years)	Full-time
Electrical, Electronic and Computer Engineering	
Programme	Delivery
MSc Imaging, Vision and High Performance Computing (joint programme with the University of Edinburgh)	Full-time
MSc Robotics	Full-time
Energy and Renewables	
Programme	Delivery
MSc Energy	Full-time/part-time
MSc Energy with Entrepreneurship	Full-time/part-time
MSc Renewable and Sustainable Energy Transition	Full-time
MSc Renewable Energy Engineering	Full-time/part-time
Marine, Environment and Climate Change	
Programme	Delivery
MSc Climate Change: Managing the Marine Environment	Full-time/part-time
MSc Global Environmental Change and Policy	Full-time
MSc International Marine Science	Full-time/part-time
MSc Marine Renewable Energy	Full-time

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

Mathematics

Programme	Delivery
MSc Applied Mathematical Sciences	Full-time/part-time
MSc Applied Mathematical Sciences (2 years)	Full-time/part-time
MSc Applied Mathematical Sciences with Climate and Environmental Change Modelling	Full-time/part-time
MSc Computational Mathematics and Data Analysis	Full-time/part-time
MSc Mathematical Biology, Ecology and Medicine	Full-time/part-time
MSc Mathematics	Full-time/part-time

Mechanical, Process and Energy Engineering

Programme	Delivery
MSc Advanced Mechanical Engineering	Full-time/part-time
MSc Advanced Mechanical Engineering with Industrial Application (2 years)	Full-time/part-time
MSc Global Sustainability Engineering	Full-time/part-time
MSc Global Sustainability Engineering with Industrial Application (2 years)	Full-time/part-time

Petroleum Engineering and Geoscience

Programme	Delivery
MSc Mature Field Management	Full-time
MSc Petroleum Engineering	Full-time
MSc Reservoir Evaluation and Management	Full-time
MSc Subsurface Energy Systems	Full-time

Entry requirements

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1st

in the UK for Building

4th

in the UK and 2nd in Scotland for Town & Country Planning and Landscaping

Top 10

in the UK for Chemical Engineering and Mathematics

*The Times and The Sunday Times
Good University Guide 2024*



Design

We are a centre of excellence in design. We bring together talented students from across the globe to study collaboratively in fashion and textiles, communication and design, and constructed and virtual environments.

Our communication and design programmes feature a collaborative approach to design, digital technology, creative media, innovation, management, branding, marketing and entrepreneurship.

Our constructed and virtual environments programmes explore the relationship between interiors and architecture and blend the application of practical skills, research and technology to develop practical design solutions for current socioeconomic issues.

We develop graduates who succeed in the global fashion and design industries in both creative and business-led roles.

Our fashion and textiles programmes foster curious and entrepreneurial mindsets through innovative design and strategic thinking. Students will develop creative and personal responses to the socioeconomic challenges of our time and will graduate equipped to meet the future needs of the creative industries.

You will study in Galashiels at the heart of the Scottish Borders. The campus is built around a mill that boasts purpose-built facilities and state-of-the-art equipment that are among the best in the UK. Galashiels is easily accessible by train and bus from both Edinburgh and Glasgow and is surrounded by breathtaking countryside.

www.hw.ac.uk/pg-study

Previous graduates have secured exciting design and managerial roles within prestigious global organisations such as Chanel-owned Barrie Knitwear, Levi Strauss, Paul Smith, The White Company, Loro Piana, Maybourne Hotel Group and AECOM.



Design

Design and Textiles

Programme	Delivery
MSc Design Management	Full-time/part-time
MA Digital Design and Innovation	Full-time/part-time
MA Fashion and Textiles Design	Full-time/part-time
MA Fashion and Textiles Design with Industry Placement	Full-time/part-time
MSc Fashion and Textiles Management	Full-time/part-time
MA Interior Architecture and Design	Full-time/part-time

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1 Choose your course

Take a look at our postgraduate courses – full details including course descriptions and entry requirements are on our website.

If you're applying for a postgraduate research degree, browse our list of available opportunities online. Now is a good time to speak to potential supervisors too.

2 Check entry requirements

As a general rule, you will require a UK second class honours bachelors degree, or its non-UK equivalent, in a relevant subject from a recognised university. Depending on your circumstances you may need to meet certain English language requirements too.

Check our course listings for details and for any specific requirements for your course.

3 Check application and funding deadlines

We recommend you apply as soon as you can. Some of our courses have application deadlines and many of our popular courses may close earlier than others. If you're an international student, you must apply at least six weeks before your programme start date.

Funding deadlines vary so if you're thinking of applying for funding, it's a good idea to start looking as soon as possible.

4 Apply online

Apply online to your chosen programme. You will need to create an account and upload any supporting documents we need to process your application.

How to apply

This is intended as a guide for the majority of our postgraduate courses. There may be extra steps for some programmes – we'll advise you throughout the process.

www.hw.ac.uk/apply

5 Track your application

You can track your application online and you'll be able to see once we've made you an offer. You'll also be able to view any additional information we might ask you for and submit it here.

6 Accept your offer

Accept your offer online as soon as possible. If you're an international student, you will need to make an advanced fee payment.

7 Visa requirements

We will send details on how you can request a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) from us if you need a visa to study in the UK. Please allow plenty time to secure your visa and arrange your travel.

8 Welcome to Heriot-Watt!

You'll receive an email ahead of your start date with instructions on how to enrol onto your programme. Our support services will guide you through any questions you have, from accommodation and travel to wellbeing and student support.

Flexible online study

Our flexible online postgraduate courses are tailored to your aspirations and designed to fit around your life. Our graduates are future-focused leaders who hit the ground running with in-demand skills.

Built for careers

Our online programmes equip you with sought-after industry-aligned skills that support your ambitions and empower you to accelerate your career.

Flexible for professionals

We give you access to education that works for you. Fit study around your busy life and take control of your future.

Globally accessible

We are proud that our learning is accessible to people all over the world from a vast breadth of cultural and professional backgrounds.

Designed for impact

We prepare you to make a real impact in your workplace and in the world with our global reputation and excellence in research and teaching.

www.hw.ac.uk/online

Explore our full portfolio

We offer an interdisciplinary portfolio of online programmes across Business and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) subjects, which includes our suite of online programmes at Edinburgh Business School. The most up-to-date course listings are on our website.

We are **1st** in Scotland and 2nd in the UK for postgraduate outcomes, and almost 90% of our graduates are in employment or further study 15 months after graduation

Graduate Outcomes Survey 2023

Network with over **8,500** students in more than 160 countries

"The one thing I love about the MBA programme is that it is so flexible and is designed to accommodate your busy life. It helps you learn at your own pace."

Margaret Sakufiwa, MBA graduate

"A postgraduate degree is hard but very rewarding work and Heriot-Watt University rewards academic ability with knowledge and skills that are sought by companies in many industries. I highly recommend it."

Linda Cottrell, MSc Safety, Risk & Reliability Engineering graduate

Study support

You'll be assigned a personal tutor or student advisor who will be your key source of advice, guidance and support during your time at Heriot-Watt. They can help you with advice on any issue and can direct you to other support services in the University.

There is a Postgraduate Centre at our Edinburgh campus for postgraduate students to study, meet and socialise. If you're studying at our Scottish Borders or Orkney campuses, you'll be able to make use of dedicated study and learning spaces.

Health and wellbeing

Staying physically and mentally healthy will help you achieve your full potential and make the most of your studies. Our counselling service and Edinburgh campus Chaplaincy provide safe spaces to talk and our Student Success Advisors, all recent Heriot-Watt students, are there to listen and provide guidance. You can also take advantage of our coaching service to help you set and achieve goals.

Our Edinburgh campus sports centre offers fitness suites, gym spaces and sports facilities. You'll also find an NHS health centre offering medical and dental services.

Green campus

Our Edinburgh campus is set on green parkland with woodland walking trails and a loch so there are plenty of places for you to take a walk, switch off and reflect on your day. You'll also find a shop, food and drink outlets and accommodation for postgraduate students.

Community

Our Student Union is run by students, for students. You can get involved in voluntary roles such as class rep or Student MP, join one of over 60 student-run societies or go along to one of their regular events to meet other postgraduate students.

The Chaplaincy on our Edinburgh Campus is open to everyone from all backgrounds and cultures. It is a place to meet people and make friends and to explore matters of faith and spirituality in an open, respectful and non-judgemental environment. Separate prayer rooms are provided for Muslim worship.

Disability support

Our dedicated staff in the Disability Service will provide ongoing advice and support to those who need it. They can help with any support you might need, such as exam and coursework adjustments or equipment to help you make the most of your lectures.

Childcare

We have a nursery on our Edinburgh campus that provides childcare for children between three months and five years old.

International students

Our Global Student Office supports new international students with preparations for studying and living in the UK, including immigration, as well as support for your studies, such as English language classes and academic skills workshops.

www.hw.ac.uk

Wellbeing and support

We want you to make the best of your time at Heriot-Watt and we're committed to helping you every step of the way. You'll find support for your studies and your personal wellbeing, and you'll be welcomed by a friendly and supportive on-campus community.

Accommodation

We offer modern, spacious accommodation built to the highest standards in sustainable design and energy use.

Edinburgh campus

Our Edinburgh campus offers a range of accommodation types to suit your needs and budget.

- All of our campus accommodation offers an ensuite study bedroom and is single occupancy and self-catered.
- You will be placed in accommodation with other postgraduate students.
- Energy and Wi-Fi costs are included, so you don't need to worry about extra bills.
- Our postgraduate halls are conveniently located near to the Student Union, sports facilities and academic buildings.

- Landscaped central courtyards act as a hub where you can mix with others and relax.
- Our Residence Life team ensures the welfare and wellbeing of all our students living on campus.

Catering to suit everyone

When you don't want to cook in your accommodation, you'll find a range of catering venues on the Edinburgh campus. These include Elements, Central and The Piece. Our experienced chefs are responsive to special dietary needs including Halal, vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free.

www.hw.ac.uk/accommodation-ed

Scottish Borders campus

Our Jean Muir campus accommodation is located directly beside the campus. It offers spacious, self-catered kitchen and dining areas, ensuite bedrooms with study areas and impressive learning, social and wellbeing areas throughout the building. The accommodation is surrounded by open, green spaces with spectacular views of the stunning Borders countryside.

www.hw.ac.uk/accommodation-sbc

Orkney campus

There is no on-site accommodation at our Orkney campus however our support staff can provide information to help you find somewhere suitable in and around the Stromness area.

www.hw.ac.uk/accommodation-orkney

Accommodation guarantee

We guarantee all new full-time students at our Edinburgh campus an offer of accommodation either on or off campus in their first year. You are covered by the guarantee if:

- you are a new full-time student for a full academic year starting from September;
- you have a conditional or unconditional firm offer of a place at the University;
- you reside outside the city of Edinburgh; and
- you apply for accommodation online before the accommodation guarantee deadline (23 June 2025).

As soon as you have received an unconditional or conditional offer of a place with us you can start the process of securing accommodation.



Scotland living

Scotland is a country of natural beauty and is steeped in history. You'll find beautiful castles and rolling hills next to stunning beaches and rugged coastlines. Scotland offers the perfect countryside for outdoor pursuits including mountain climbing, water sports and winter sports. If you'd prefer something less adventurous, you can visit one of our beautiful islands or go searching for some Scottish wildlife.

Wherever you're from and whatever your interests, you'll find a warm and friendly welcome in Scotland.

Well-connected

Edinburgh is well-connected to the rest of Scotland, the UK, Europe and beyond. The Edinburgh campus is just three miles from Edinburgh Airport and the Scottish Borders campus is on the Borders Railway, which gives access to Edinburgh city centre in just 50 minutes.

It's easy to take day trips to parts of Scotland or longer weekend trips to other parts of the UK on a train or bus. Edinburgh Airport flies to over 150 destinations and connects you to other major UK and European cities and many international destinations.

There are regular flights and ferries from Orkney to mainland Scotland where you can explore the rest of the country and beyond.

www.visitscotland.com

Postgraduate research degrees

Heriot-Watt University provides an inspiring environment for research students. We are a research-intensive university known for pioneering research, and our links to business and industry ensure our impact goes well beyond our campuses. We focus our interdisciplinary research and significant international collaborations on finding solutions to global challenges.

“Our fundamental purpose is to create and exchange knowledge that benefits society. Our research continues to go from strength-to-strength, focusing on interdisciplinarity and collaboration to address major global challenges. Our Global Research Institutes provide the platforms to translate this shared expertise into impact in the real world.”

Professor Steve McLaughlin, Vice-Principal and Provost

Our research degrees

We offer research degrees across all subject areas and all our global campuses. You can study for PhD, EngD, DBA, MRes and MPhil degrees. Projects often involve working in research teams with industry or other leading research laboratories around the world. We provide first-class training and support with a focus on supporting your career development.

You can find a list of all current opportunities on our website.

Centres for Doctoral Training (CDT)

Heriot-Watt leads and participates in ten Centres for Doctoral Training:

- Centre for Doctoral Training in Sustainable Management of UK Marine Resources (CDT SuMMer)
- Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) Centre for Doctoral Training in Algebra, Geometry and Quantum Fields
- EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Applied Photonics (Use-Inspired Photonic Sensing and Metrology)
- EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Applied Quantum Technologies

- EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Green Industrial Futures
- EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Quantum Informatics
- EPSRC and Ministry of Defence (MoD) Centre for Doctoral Training in Sensing, Processing, and AI for Defence and Security
- Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Scottish Doctoral Training Partnership for Social Sciences
- Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) Centre for Ecologically Relevant Multiple Stressor Effects on Wildlife (ECOWILD)
- UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) Artificial Intelligence (AI) Centre for Doctoral Training in Dependable and Deployable Artificial Intelligence for Robotics (D2AIR)

The CDTs train PhD students in technologies that are critical to industry, the economy and sustainability and attract significant industry support in training the next generation of researchers. Some funded places are available.

Research Futures Academy

Our Research Futures Academy provides postgraduate research students with a programme of training and development throughout their PhD, EngD or MPhil studies. We will support you to develop the personal and professional skills needed to enhance your employability and career prospects.

Funding and scholarships

We offer a number of competitive funded scholarships for research degrees. Full or partial support may be available for well-qualified candidates from UK research councils, research pools, charities or industry.

Other competitive funding is available through the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) Doctoral Training Partnership (DTP).

www.hw.ac.uk/phd

Almost **90%** of our research outputs are ranked world-leading and internationally excellent

Research Excellence Framework 2021

Accessibility statement

Heriot-Watt University is committed to equal opportunities for all, regardless of disability, as stated in the Equal Opportunities Policy, and is committed to the principles of The Equality Act 2010.

Disclaimer of liability

Heriot-Watt University will make all reasonable efforts to deliver the programmes described in this prospectus.

Prospective students should be aware that it is occasionally necessary to modify, discontinue or combine programmes and/or make changes to entry requirements. This may be necessary for a number of reasons such as low enrolments, illness or departure of staff, industrial action or reduction of funding. The University does not provide education on a commercial basis, and is dependent on public and charitable funds which require the University to deploy its resources efficiently and rationally. Changes will only be made if the University reasonably considers it to be necessary.

If a programme is discontinued, the University will use reasonable endeavours to provide a suitable alternative and will take all reasonable steps to minimise disruption; allow a student to withdraw without penalty if a programme is cancelled or significantly varied, with an appropriate refund of tuition fees and deposits.

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