

POSTGRADUATE OPEN DAYS

2023-24 OPEN DAYS:

Virtual Open Day Wednesday, 25 October 2023

On-campus Open Day Wednesday, 27 March 2024

Virtual Open Day Thursday, 11 April 2024



Book an open day:
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COURSE WEBINARS

Throughout the year, we run regular course-specific webinars. Find and register for the webinar or live chat best suited to you.



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BE THE DIFFERENCE

At the University of Stirling, we're committed to providing students with an outstanding education and the skills, experience and confidence required to make a positive difference in the world.

With a rich history of innovation, excellence and ambition, the University of Stirling is a place where ability – not background – is valued. Our research informs our teaching and is making a difference globally – 87 per cent of our research is having an outstanding or very considerable impact on society¹.

You can be confident of being able to follow your chosen career path, as 96 per cent of our graduates are in employment or further study within 15 months of graduating².

Stirling is proud to be a QS five-star rated university for teaching, employability, research, internationalisation, facilities, and inclusiveness³.

We are top 20 in the UK for postgraduate teaching and top 30 for both our postgraduate student experience and postgraduate support⁴. With more than 140 nationalities represented at the University, you will be joining a thriving, international postgraduate community.

You can choose to join us on our beautiful 330-acre campus – ranked first in the UK and top five in the world for both our campus environment and our sports facilities⁵ – or take up one of our flexible online courses.

You are about to make a very exciting and important decision about where you choose to study – and we're delighted that you're considering joining us at Stirling. I look forward to welcoming you soon.



Professor Sir Gerry McCormac,
Principal and Vice-Chancellor



¹ Research Excellence Framework, 2021

² HESA Graduate Outcomes Survey, 2020-21

³ QS Stars University Ratings, 2021

⁴ Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey, 2022

⁵ International Student Barometer, 2022

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REASONS TO CHOOSE STIRLING



Nearly half our
postgraduate students
are from overseas, with
over 140 nationalities
on campus



96% of postgraduate
leavers are in employment
or further study within
15 months of graduating³

Top 20 in the UK
for postgraduate
teaching²



**SCOTLAND'S
UNIVERSITY OF
SPORTING
EXCELLENCE**

1st in the UK and
3rd in the World for
campus environment¹



¹ International Student Barometer, Wave 2, 2022

² Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES), 2022

³ HESA Graduate Outcomes Survey, 2020-21

OUR PLACE IN THE WORLD

The city of Stirling and our stunning 330-acre campus is located in the heart of Scotland, UK and attracts students to the University from all over the world.

Stirling is within easy reach of the large Scottish cities of Edinburgh and Glasgow (both with international airports) and sits on the edge of the beautiful Scottish highlands.



BY AIR TO EDINBURGH/ GLASGOW AIRPORTS

Belfast 40mins
London 1hr 15mins
Abuja 9hrs
Bangkok 14hrs
Beijing 10hrs 30mins
Berlin 1hr 30mins
Dubai 7hrs 55mins
Mumbai 11hrs
New York 7hrs 30mins
Paris 1hr 30mins
Rio de Janeiro 11hrs 30mins
Singapore 15hrs 30mins
Toronto 7hrs 30mins

BY TRAIN TO STIRLING

Edinburgh 55mins
Glasgow 35mins
Birmingham 5hrs
London 5hrs 30mins
Manchester 4hrs 20mins
Newcastle 2hrs 30mins

BY CAR TO STIRLING

Birmingham 4hrs 30mins
London 7hrs
Manchester 3hrs 45mins
Newcastle 3hrs



STUDY IN SCOTLAND

Scotland is a special place – with breath-taking beauty, friendly people and a rich academic and cultural heritage.

QUALITY OF EDUCATION

Scotland is renowned for the quality of its education. This small country is home to 19 higher education institutions. We invented penicillin, the bicycle, television and the telephone, and Scottish university research is consistently judged “world-leading” or “internationally excellent” in its quality¹.

Graduates from Scotland’s universities have the best record of securing professional-level jobs in the UK and they join the workforce with the highest average starting salaries².

The academic excellence of this beautiful country is just one of the many reasons why more than 65,000 students from over 180 different countries choose to study in Scotland annually³. Come and join them.

QUALITY OF LIFE

Is it the history? The culture? The scenery and landscape? Or the people? It’s all of these! Scotland has been voted the most beautiful country in the world⁴. But as well as the majestic hills, lochs, glens and castles (the University of Stirling even has its own!), the thriving cultural hubs of Edinburgh, Glasgow and Stirling are within easy reach.



¹ Research Excellence Framework, 2021
² HESA Graduate Outcomes Survey, 2019/20
³ HESA FPE Student Record, 2022
⁴ Rough Guides, 2019

THIS IS STIRLING

The ancient city of Stirling combines the charm of a historic destination with the buzz of a young population.

SOAK UP THE CULTURE

The Albert Halls were recently named one of the best music venues in the UK by Time Out magazine, while the Tollbooth venue has a famous live music and arts scene. There is a multiplex cinema, and the Macrobert Arts Centre on campus showcases the best in arthouse and mainstream cinema, along with a year-round live performance programme.

FOOD AND DRINK

As well as local pubs, cafés and restaurants in Bridge of Allan (next door to campus), there are many friendly bars and coffee shops in Stirling city centre.



SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

The city's historic Victorian arcade, bustling high street and Thistles Shopping Centre are close by.

WELL CONNECTED

Less than an hour's travel from both Edinburgh and Glasgow, Stirling is perfectly placed for national/international rail and air connections.

Stirling is also a great base to explore the many attractions of these major Scottish cities.



DID YOU KNOW?

Stirling is the safest student city in the UK¹, as well as one of the happiest places to live².



¹ The Complete University Guide 2022
² Rightmove Happy Home Index 2022



OUR CAMPUS

The University of Stirling is ranked 1st in the UK and 3rd in the world for our campus environment. And it's a pretty wonderful place to live and study.



Experience the campus with our virtual tour:
[STIR.AC.UK/VIRTUALTOUR](https://stir.ac.uk/virtualtour)

1 AIRTHREY CASTLE

Our 18th-century castle is still in use today.

2 AIRTHREY PARK MEDICAL CENTRE

On-campus general medical practice and dental centre.

3 STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

More than 2,800 bedrooms across 18 residences on- and off-campus.

4 THE LINK BRIDGE

The scenic commute between student accommodation and the University.

5 CAMPUS CENTRAL

Including the Library, Student Support Hub, Students' Union, the MacRobert Arts Centre, study zones, cafés, shops and a supermarket.

6 AIRTHREY LOCH

Our very own loch – home to our resident swans.

7 PATHFOOT BUILDING

Where the faculties of Arts and Humanities, Health Sciences and Sport, and the Institute of Aquaculture are based. It also houses our art collection.

8 COLIN BELL, IRIS MURDOCH AND RG BOMONT BUILDINGS

Home to the Faculty of Social Sciences.

9 COTTRELL BUILDING

Home to the Faculty of Natural Sciences and the Stirling Management School.

10 INTO BUILDING

Offers international students unique academic and language pathways.

11 SPORT CENTRE

With top-rated facilities, gym, café and more.

12 WALLACE MONUMENT

Stirling's famous landmark, built to commemorate Scots hero, Sir William Wallace.

13 UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING INNOVATION PARK

Home to several innovative business start-ups.

14 STIRLING COURT HOTEL

Award-winning on-campus hotel and conference centre, perfect for visiting friends/family.



LIFE AT STIRLING

TOP 30
in the UK for overall postgraduate
student experience¹

¹ Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES), 2022



CAMPUS CENTRAL

The modern and student-focused heart of the University. Campus Central has great facilities for both working and relaxing, and helps you get the most out of your university experience.

TOP 30

in the UK for Postgraduate Student Support¹

THE HUB OF IT ALL:

- Student Support Services
- Meeting and social spaces
- Collaborative learning and research spaces
- Bars and cafés
- Shops and supermarket
- Library
- Macrobert Arts Centre
- Students' Union





LIBRARY

With hundreds of thousands of books and plenty of room for research and study, our spacious library offers all the tools and resources you need to succeed, together with stunning views of the loch.

LIBRARY FACILITIES:

- Study desks with computers
- Group study rooms
- IT support
- Self-service laptop loans
- Wellbeing space to chill out and recharge
- Training suites
- Archives and Special Collections



[STIR.AC.UK/LIBRARY](https://stir.ac.uk/library)

TOP 20

in the World for
satisfaction with
the library¹



WELCOME HOME

Settling into your new home couldn't be easier – or more inspiring.

We offer a wide range of comfortable and secure accommodation, both on- and off-campus to all new students. And if you're a postgraduate student from outside the UK, we can guarantee you University-managed accommodation as long as you confirm your place and apply for accommodation by the specified date.

BUILT AROUND YOUR NEEDS

We have different types of accommodation to reflect the needs and budgets of our students. All accommodation is self-catered with fully equipped kitchens.

You will always have your own bedroom. Toilets and showers are either ensuite or shared with your flatmates. You will also have a kitchen to share.

ON CAMPUS FACILITIES:

- Self-service laundry
- Pharmacy, medical and dental centre
- Supermarket
- World-class sports centre
- Parking
- Bike hire
- Bars, cafés, cinema and theatre
- Amazon lockers
- Stirling Court Hotel (for visiting family and friends)



DID YOU KNOW?

Stirling is the safest student city in the UK¹

ACCESSIBLE HOUSING

We can provide or adapt accommodation for a variety of requirements. To discuss specific needs, email us at ask@stir.ac.uk, and we'll do everything we can to help.

SAFETY AND WELLBEING

We provide a 24/7 security team and a range of wellbeing and support services such as the SafeZone app and our Safe Taxi Scheme – which helps students get home safely if they run out of money.



**STIR.AC.UK/
ACCOMMODATION**

YOUR HOME FROM HOME

We have more than 2,800 comfortable, modern bedrooms across 18 residences both on-and off-campus.



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ACCOMMODATION



TAKE A LOOK AROUND

Click to view our 360° accommodation tours



APPLYING FOR ACCOMMODATION

Students who have firmly accepted a conditional or unconditional offer can apply online via the University Applicant Portal.



In addition to your tuition fees, you'll also need to consider your living costs during your studies. Fortunately, Stirling is one of the most affordable cities to live in the UK¹.

	Monthly	Three Semesters (Typical postgraduate year)
University accommodation Rent*	£448 - £868	£5,121 - £9,924
Food	£180	£2,030
Leisure	£120	£1,350
Clothing	£30	£340
Books	£25	£280
Phone	£25	£280
Travel**	£30	£340
TOTAL	£858 - £1,278	£9,741 - £14,544

NB This table is for illustrative purposes only. Prices can fluctuate for many reasons.

*Includes utilities, Wi-Fi, insurance, housekeeping assistance, and 24/7 staff assistance. This might not be the same for private accommodation.

**This does not include any travel home.



WORLD-CLASS SPORTS FACILITIES

**SCOTLAND'S
UNIVERSITY FOR
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EXCELLENCE**

Our sports facilities are ranked amongst the top 5 in the world¹, and are home to world-class and Olympic athletes. But you don't need to be an Olympian to keep active or join one of our 50+ sports clubs and use our state-of-the-art sports centre.



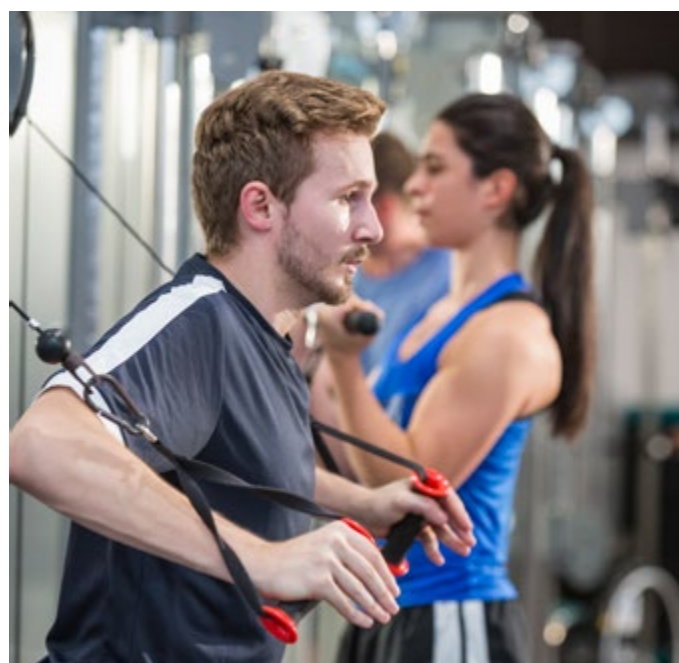
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SPORTS FACILITIES

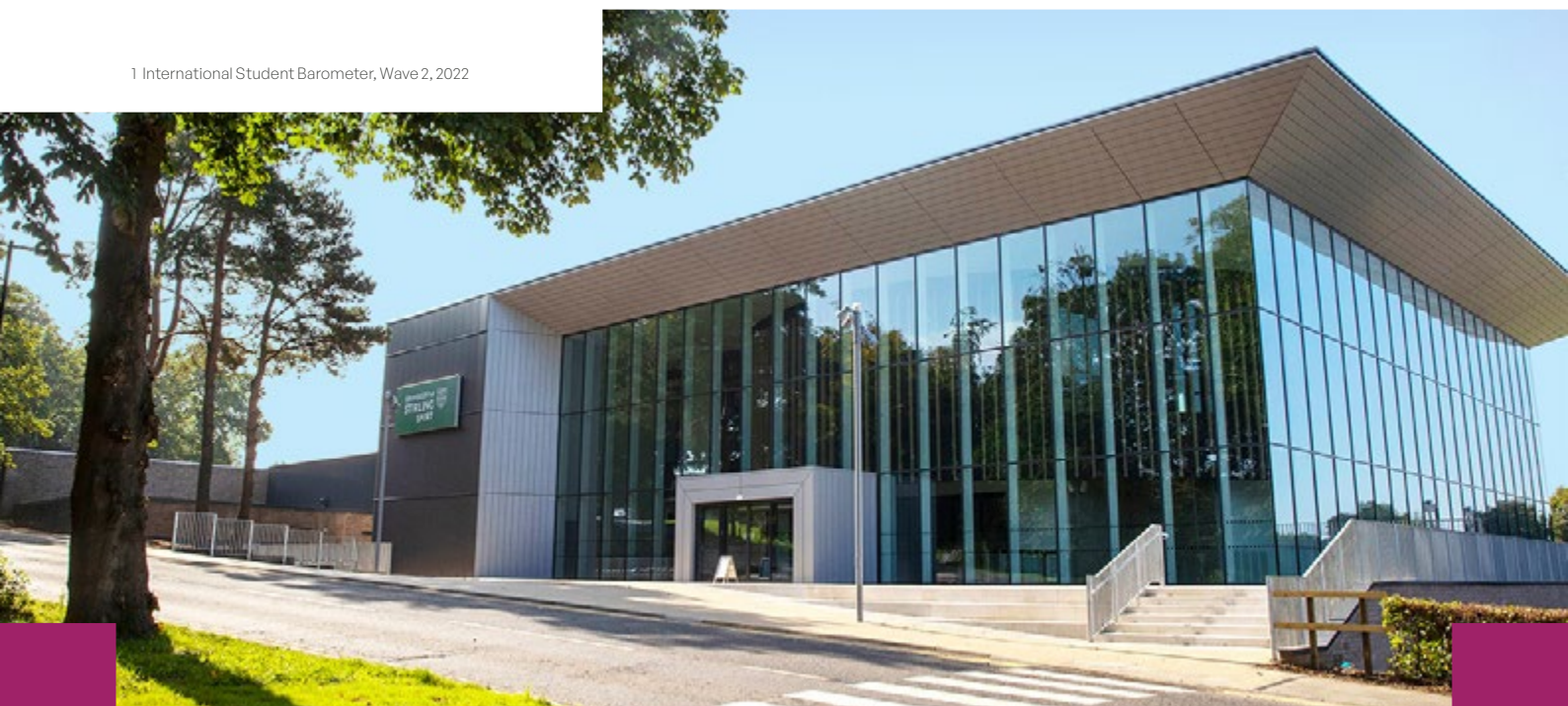
- Purpose-built fitness studios and a state-of-the-art gym
- Two sports halls, six indoor tennis courts, two squash courts
- Olympic swimming pool
- Indoor cycling studio
- All-weather athletics track
- Grass and artificial pitches
- Golf driving range and putting green
- World-class high-performance fitness suite

HEALTH, FITNESS AND WELLBEING

A wide range of fitness classes, activities and support is included in our sports centre memberships.



¹ International Student Barometer, Wave 2, 2022



BE PART OF THE TEAM



STIR.AC.UK/SPORT

CLUB SPORT

Together with the Sports Union, we support over 50 sports clubs competing in a range of local and national competitions. Whether you're a beginner or experienced competitive athlete, our clubs can provide the perfect sporting environment.

COACHING AND VOLUNTEERING

We also offer a choice of coaching and volunteering opportunities for students involved in club sports, including support services, community lessons, event delivery and more – perfect experience for your CV.

PERFORMANCE SPORT

Our performance sport programme is world-renowned, attracting student athletes from across the globe and producing World, Paralympic and Olympic champions and medallists.

SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Our sports scholarships provide student athletes with high-quality coaching and support services, including academic flexibility, facilities access, strength and conditioning, physiotherapy and sports psychology. **Find out more.**



DID YOU KNOW?

The University is home to many professional sporting bodies:



Scottish
Swimming



TRIATHLON
SCOTLAND

Tennis
SCOTLAND

sportscotland
institute of sport
high performance expertise

**RANKED 1ST
IN THE UK**

**and top 5 in the world
for sports facilities¹**

¹ International Student Barometer, Wave 2, 2022

BE WELCOME

You can be sure of a warm welcome at Stirling, with 95% of students saying there is a friendly attitude towards international students here¹.



STIR.AC.UK/
INTERNATIONAL

91%

of international students
were satisfied with their
experience at Stirling¹



Nearly half our postgraduate students are from overseas and we have more than 140 nationalities represented on our inclusive and multicultural campus.

INTERNATIONAL AGENTS

The University has a wide network of international agents around the world. They can give you more information about courses and requirements, help with your application and provide advice before you arrive.

You can find a list of our international agents [here](#).

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT

Our International Recruitment Advisors and Student Hub experts can help you with many aspects of coming to study at Stirling.

VISA INFORMATION

All international students (including EU, EEA and Swiss students) intending to study at Stirling for a period of more than six months will need to apply for a Student Route Visa.

Under the Student Route, you must demonstrate that you hold an offer from an approved education institution (such as Stirling), speak English to the accepted standard and are able to support yourself financially during your studies.

There is an application fee for this Visa and you'll have to pay a health surcharge as well. There are also some restrictions to be aware of. For example, you can only work a maximum of 20 hours a week during term time.

For the latest advice on visas and how to apply, [click here](#).

GRADUATE ROUTE VISA

After you have finished your studies, most students are able to apply for a two year post-study work visa (three years for PhD students), allowing you to apply for jobs in the UK. Further information on eligibility and costs available [here](#).

¹ International Student Barometer, Wave 2, 2022



INTERNATIONAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Stirling considers academic qualifications from countries all over the world. For postgraduate courses, you'll typically need a strong Bachelor Honours degree or equivalent, but requirements vary, and you may need to meet further criteria for some courses.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

We accept many forms of English language qualifications, including IELTS, Cambridge English Qualifications, PTE Academic and more.

If you don't have an appropriate qualification you can complete one of our pre-sessional English courses with INTO University Partnerships.



**FIND FULL INFORMATION
ON ENTRY AND
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
REQUIREMENTS HERE**

EXAMPLE MINIMUM INTERNATIONAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

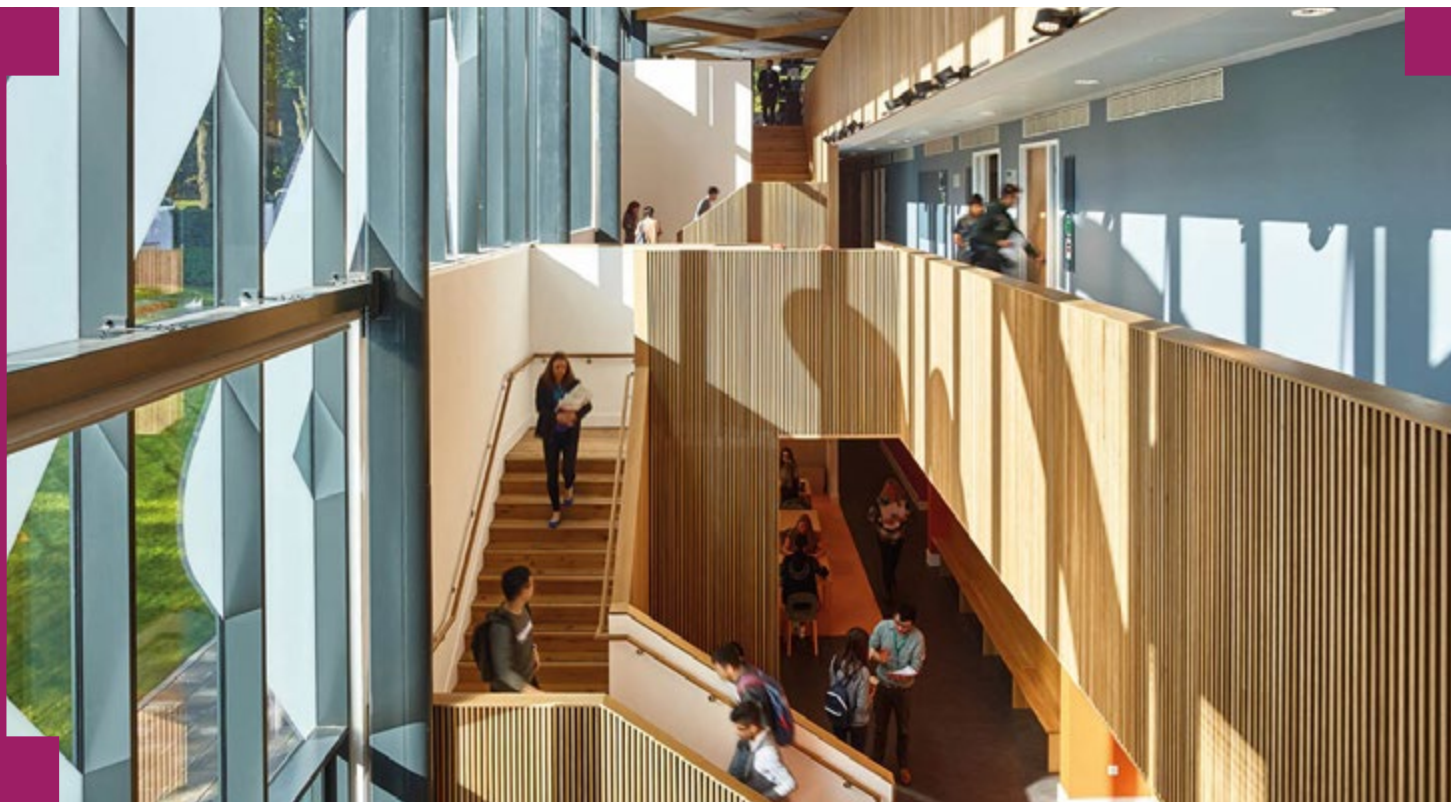
Country	Requirement
China	70% in a four-year Bachelor's degree (65% for a 211/985 University)
India	50% in Bachelor's/Special (Honours) degree from Tier 1 College/University or 55% from a Tier 2 College/University
Kenya	Second class, lower division Bachelor degree or a minimum of 50%
Nigeria	Second class, lower division Bachelor's degree (CGPA 2.50/5.00)
Pakistan	2.6/4.0 GPA or 60% in a four year Bachelor's degree
Taiwan	65% in a four year Bachelor's degree
USA	Bachelor's degree with GPA of 2.7



INTO



UNIVERSITY of STIRLING



Working with global education experts INTO, our pathway courses are designed to give you excellent preparation for your University of Stirling degree.

95%

of students said there is a friendly attitude towards international students at the University of Stirling¹

ACADEMIC PRE-MASTER'S SCHOLARSHIP

Students studying a three term pre-Masters in certain subjects may be eligible for a scholarship worth up to £4,000 per year for both the pre-Masters and the Masters year itself. Find out more.

THREE TERM PRE-MASTERS

This course bridges the gap between three-year diplomas (or university systems not recognised in the UK) for entry to a Masters degree. It focuses on English language, study and research skills combined with subject content relevant to your chosen subject area.

ONE TERM PRE-MASTERS

This is an intensive three-month course covering English language and study skills such as academic English, essay writing, research skills and critical thinking. It is ideal for students who have substantial work experience or a 3rd class Honours degree.

PRE-SESSIONAL ENGLISH

Pre-sessional English courses provide short and intensive preparation in academic English for students who are already academically qualified and are due to start a degree at the University of Stirling.

The courses can be taken either online or on campus, and are designed to improve your IELTS score by at least 0.5 (6-week course) or 1.0 (10-week course) in one or more sub-skills.



For more on
Study Pathways:
STIR.AC.UK/INTO



For more on
Pre-sessional English:
STIR.AC.UK/PSE

FEES AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

TUITION FEES

See course web pages for the latest fee information. Fees cover the cost of registration, research and study supervision, the use of academic facilities and examinations (not including resits). Note that some courses may require you to pay additional fees for laboratory or field-based work.

LOANS

For Scottish students, Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS) may be able to provide you with a loan of up to £11,500 to help cover tuition fees and living costs. Similar postgraduate loans are available from other UK agencies, including Student Finance England (up to £12,167), Student Finance Wales (up to £18,770) and Student Finance Northern Ireland (up to £5,500).

For US students, the University of Stirling is eligible to certify loan applications for the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP).

Other international students may be able to apply for similar loan schemes from their country of residence.



[STIR.AC.UK/
FEESANDFUNDING](https://stir.ac.uk/feesandfunding)

SCHOLARSHIPS

We have a wide range of scholarship and bursary opportunities available. We also have a handy scholarship finder tool on our website.

ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

UK and Republic of Ireland students who have completed their undergraduate degree at the University of Stirling are eligible for an Alumni scholarship which provides a discount for the first year of a full-time or part-time Masters degree.



[STIR.AC.UK/
SCHOLARSHIPS](https://stir.ac.uk/scholarships)





BE CAREER FOCUSED

Our Student Skills and Employability service provides a range of resources and support to help you make informed career decisions and realise your ambitions.



[STIR.AC.UK/CAREERS](https://stir.ac.uk/careers)

INTERNATIONAL CAREERS INFORMATION

At Stirling, we have a dedicated International Careers Consultancy team providing employability support to ensure that our international students are equipped with the knowledge and skills to manage their future careers and network with companies overseas.

COLLABORATING WITH BUSINESS

Many of our courses offer the opportunity to undertake a consultancy-based project, where you work in partnership with a real business. The business benefits from your research, insights and ideas, whilst you enjoy invaluable experience, expand your professional networks and increase your confidence and employability.

THE STIRLING ENTERPRISE PROGRAMME

The University of Stirling's Enterprise Programme supports students, staff and recent alumni to explore their entrepreneurial potential and develop their skills and ideas with a range of free, tailored activities and services. **Find out more.**

96%

of leavers are in employment or further study 15 months after graduating¹

93%

student satisfaction with careers support services²

OUR SERVICES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

- Daily appointments, online or in-person, with professionally trained consultants
- CV, application and cover letter checks, as well as interview advice
- Employer-led skills workshops, careers information and recruitment events
- Practice in psychometric testing, online interviews and personality profiling
- Volunteer opportunities, graduate vacancies, work placements, internships and part-time work
- Career-planning masterclasses
- Networking and careers events with employers, professional bodies and industry experts
- Immersive simulations to test and practise your skills in the safety of a mock environment.

¹ HESA Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21

² International Student Barometer, Wave 2, 2022



BE SUPPORTED

Our Student Support Services are accessible to everyone and are tailored to meet the diverse requirements of our student community. #JustAsk

IMMIGRATION

Our Student Immigration Team can give you advice and information on visas, immigration and more.

STUDENT LEARNING SERVICES

Our Student Learning Services Team organises daily drop-in sessions, regular workshops and tutorials to help you boost your learning skills.

FAITH AND SPIRITUALITY

The Chaplaincy is open to all faiths and none, and celebrates the wealth of nationalities, cultures and beliefs we have on campus. Support includes a dedicated prayer and wash room for Muslim students.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Our qualified counsellors, wellbeing and mental health professionals are here for you throughout your time at Stirling.

MONEY SUPPORT

For help with budgeting, money management and applications for additional funding and financial support whilst studying at Stirling.

ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION

Our expert team helps students with a wide variety of needs to get the most out of their university life, ranging from assessments and pre-entry visits, to on-going support throughout your entire degree.



**STIR.AC.UK/
STUDENTSUPPORT**

BE INVOLVED

The Students' Union is a place to make new friends, get involved with societies and sports teams and discover a wide range of extra-curricular activities and career-advancing opportunities.



OPEN AND SUPPORTIVE

Stirling Students' Union provides independent advice and help, wherever and whenever it's needed. They are here to ensure your Stirling experience is the best it can be.

FANTASTIC FACILITIES

"Studio" serves food and drinks in a relaxed lounge atmosphere, with live sports fixtures, music and an outside decking area with stunning views.

"Underground" café serves Starbucks food and drink as well as providing lots of space to study and socialise.

The multi-purpose "Venue" is a great place to relax and unwind during the day and hosts a range of events and activities at night.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

The Union has more than 70 societies and 50 sports clubs, so no matter what your interest is, there are many great ways to meet like-minded people from a range of backgrounds. There are clubs for business development, volunteering, music, travel, the arts and much more.

THE POSTGRADUATE SOCIETY

The University of Stirling Postgraduate Society brings taught and research postgraduate students together through a variety of social activities: from regular coffee mornings and pub quizzes, to lunches and research events.



[stirlingstudentunion](#)



[@stirlingunion](#)

TOP 10

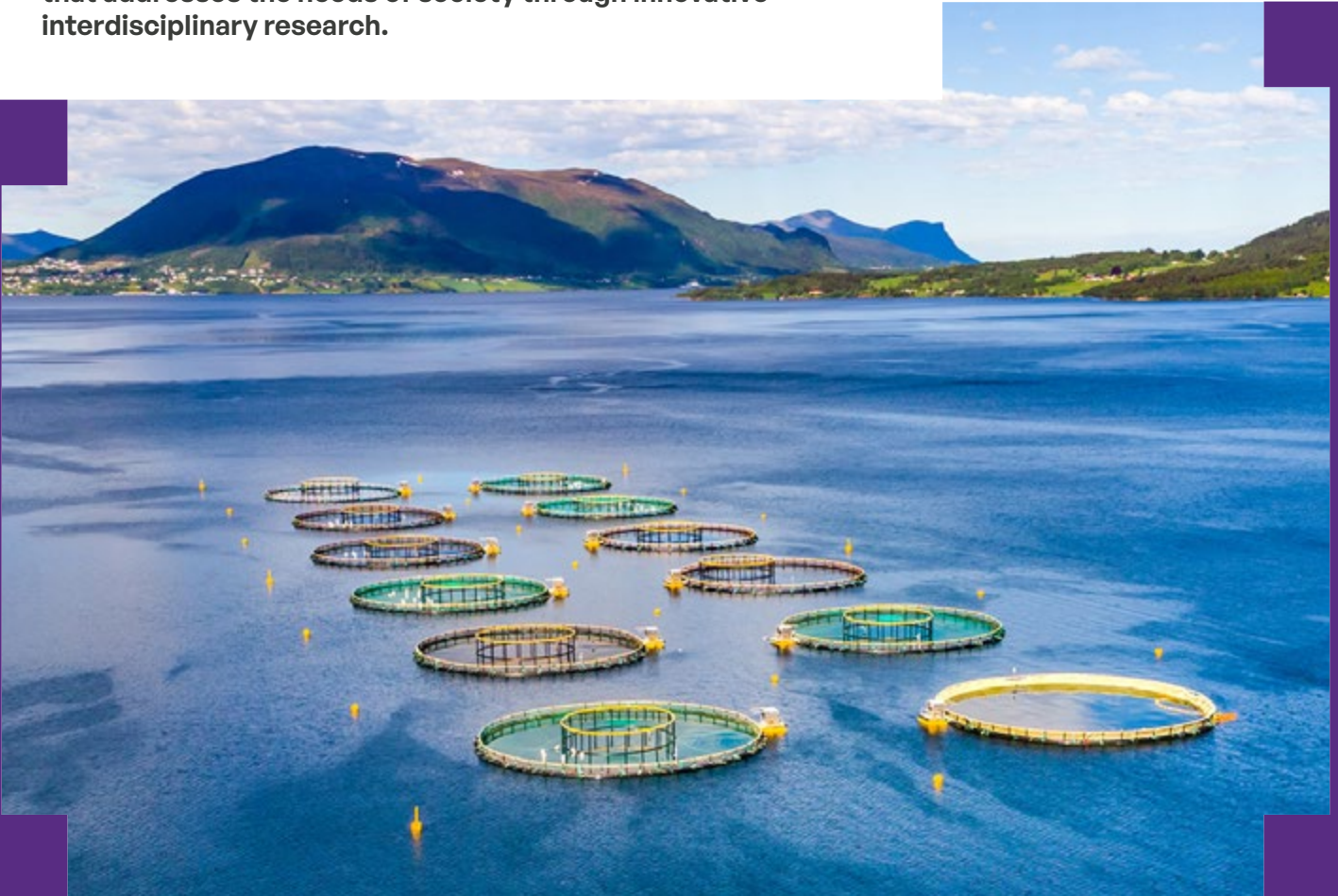
Our clubs and societies are ranked Top 10 in the UK¹





RESEARCH WITH IMPACT

Our vision is to be recognised across the world as a university that addresses the needs of society through innovative interdisciplinary research.



At the University of Stirling, our researchers are truly making a difference. We're working to improve the lives of people with dementia, feeding communities through sustainable aquaculture research and finding creative ways to inspire better health and wellbeing. Our challenge-led research is conducted to the highest standards of quality and integrity, allowing us to support and improve life across the world.

Stirling research is making a tangible difference across the globe – with new analysis recognising that 87% is of the highest standard, having an outstanding or very considerable impact on society¹.

The results of the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2021 – an independent appraisal of the quality of research conducted by all UK universities – also reported that more than 80% of Stirling's research is either world leading or internationally excellent¹.

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¹ Research Excellence Framework, 2021

SUPPORTING PhD STUDY



STIR.AC.UK/RESEARCH

Research conducted at the University of Stirling inspires positive change, brings new perspectives and aims to address some of society's biggest challenges. Join our thriving research community and be a part of it.

PhD OPPORTUNITIES

We can offer PhD supervision across a broad range of subject areas, and are especially keen to support collaborative, inter-disciplinary research.

INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDIES (IAS)

The IAS supports our growing PhD research community with resources, networking opportunities, skills development and more. We also have a dedicated learning and research space that supports knowledge exchange and interdisciplinary collaboration.

GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

Through the IAS, you'll be connected with a global community of scholars, industry experts, leading academics and employers from a diverse range of interdisciplinary research areas.

PhD STUDENTSHIPS

We're investing in the next generation of world-class researchers. £3.6 million studentship funding (over three years) is available for PhD students starting their studies in October 2024. Further details relating to the research topics and how to apply will be published on the website late 2023.

Please see the **website** for further details relating to the research topics and how to apply.



TEACHING EXCELLENCE

Stirling consistently ranks highly in many worldwide and UK University benchmarks for teaching and course quality.

TOP 10

in the UK for good teachers and expert lectures³



SEE ALL OUR FACTS AND FIGURES

FIVE-STAR TEACHING

Our collaborative, research-led approach to teaching consistently earns five stars in QS World University Rankings¹. But more importantly, our students simply love the way we teach, that's why we're ranked top 20 in the UK for Postgraduate Teaching and Learning².

TOP-RATED COURSES

Many of our courses are ranked among the top courses in the UK in independent surveys such as The Guardian University Guide, QS World University Rankings and the Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide.

WORLDLY-WISE

Our campus is a truly global place, with nearly 50% of our postgraduate students from overseas. Our focus is on providing education with a purpose. We're here to help you prepare for success in an increasingly global society – and play an integral role in transforming it for the better.

FLEXIBLE LEARNING

We have over 90 postgraduate courses, including full-time, part-time, on-campus and online or blended learning courses.

¹ QS Stars University Rating, 2021

² Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey, 2022

³ International Student Barometer, Wave 2, 2022



TAUGHT DEGREES (MASTERS)



Go to [STIR.AC.UK/POSTGRADUATE](https://stir.ac.uk/postgraduate) to start your application now

[Master of Science \(MSc\)](#)

[Master of Arts \(MA\)](#)

[Master of Research \(MRes\)](#)

[Master of Letters \(MLitt\)](#)

[Master of Business Administration \(MBA\)](#)

[Master of Laws \(LLM\)](#)

[Master of Public Policy \(MPP\)](#)

[Master of Public Health \(MPH\)](#)

[Postgraduate Diploma \(PGDip\)](#)

[Postgraduate Certificate \(PGCert\)](#)

Masters courses are intensive programmes of study that typically take 12 months to complete (full-time) and include lectures and seminars, as well as practical assignments, research projects and/or work placements. Many taught courses can also be done part-time or by distance learning online.

Postgraduate Diplomas and Postgraduate Certificates usually need fewer credits to complete and so can take less time.

FAST-TRACK APPLICATION

If you are a current undergraduate student at the University of Stirling, you will be eligible for our fast-track application to postgraduate study.

Provided you meet the minimum requirements for your chosen course, we will be able to guarantee you an offer and you may be eligible for an alumni scholarship.

HOW TO APPLY FOR YOUR TAUGHT (MASTERS) DEGREE COURSE

1 CHECK YOUR ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Most postgraduate courses require at least a second-class Honours degree or equivalent, and some require work experience or proven knowledge.

2 CHOOSE YOUR START DATE

Many of our postgraduate courses have two or more intakes per year (e.g. September and January. Check individual course information). Courses can fill up, and international students in particular need to leave enough time for visa applications, so we recommend you apply early.

3 APPLY ONLINE

You can apply directly through the online application form on our course pages. International students can also apply via one of our in-country International agents.

4 RESPONDING TO OUR OFFER

If we send you an offer of a postgraduate position... congratulations! We'll send you a link to our Applicant Portal, where you can upload documentation, apply for accommodation and choose your fee payment options.

5 PAY YOUR DEPOSIT (INTERNATIONAL ONLY)

International Students need to pay their deposit by the deadline stated on their offer letter.

6 START THE VISA APPLICATION PROCESS (INTERNATIONAL ONLY)

If you require a Student Route Visa, we recommend you apply as soon as possible, so you can get your visa processed in plenty of time.

RESEARCH DEGREES (DOCTORATES)



Go to [STIR.AC.UK/RESEARCHDEGREES](https://stir.ac.uk/researchdegrees) to start your application now

Master of Philosophy (MPhil)

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATES:

Doctor of Applied Social Research (DASR)

Doctor of Business Administration (DBA)

Doctor of Nursing (NursD)

Doctor of Midwifery (MidD)

Doctor of Professional Health Studies (DPHS)

Doctor of Education (EdD)

Doctor of Diplomacy (DDipl)

Doctorate in Health Psychology (DPsych)

Doctorate in Big Data Science

These advanced research degrees generally involve independent research on a specific subject and may take two, three or up to eight years (part-time) to complete.

Professional Doctorate qualifications integrate professional and academic knowledge, and are designed for professionals who want to focus on a particular area in their field and make a contribution to theory and practice through further study.

HOW TO APPLY FOR YOUR RESEARCH DEGREE

1 DEVELOP YOUR RESEARCH PROPOSAL

You should start with a clear idea of what you'd like to research. Your proposal should include background, rationale and context for your intended research, as well as clear aims and objectives. **See our website for more guidance on writing a research proposal.**

2 CHOOSE A SUBJECT AREA

Once you have your idea, identify which broad subject area your research will fall under.

3 IDENTIFY A SUPERVISOR

Although it's not necessary to name a supervisor on your application, making contact with an academic operating in your chosen field before you apply can help strengthen your research proposal and application. You can use the **'Find a Supervisor'** tool on our website.

4 APPLY ONLINE

Apply directly through the online application form on our website. You can start a PhD or MPhil in any month, however Professional Doctorates usually have specific starts. Check individual course pages to find out.

5 START THE VISA APPLICATION PROCESS (INTERNATIONAL ONLY)

If you are an international student who will need a Student Route Visa, we recommend you apply as soon as possible, so you can get your visa processed in plenty of time. We accept and consider applications up to a year before you want your research degree to begin.



BE THE DIFFERENCE

From our diverse alumni to our honorary graduates, there are many amazing success stories of how Stirling students have made a difference across the world. Here are a select few...



JACKIE KAY MBE
POET AND NOVELIST

BA English Studies, 1983
Honorary Doctorate, 2000

Jackie writes extensively for stage, screen and children. Her first book of poetry, *The Adoption Papers*, won the Saltire Society Award for Best First Book in 1992.

In 2011, she won the Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust Book Award (Non-Fiction) for *Red Dust Road* – an account of her search for her natural parents – and from 2016 to 2021 she was the Scots Makar (the ‘Scottish Poet Laureate’).



SIR ANDY MURRAY
PROFESSIONAL TENNIS PLAYER

Honorary Doctorate, 2013

From nearby Dunblane, three-time BBC Sports Personality of the Year Andy Murray trained at the University of Stirling’s National Tennis Centre as a youngster.

In 2009, he became the first British winner at Queen’s since 1938. In 2012 he secured the Gold Medal at the London Olympics Final – and ended Britain’s 77-year wait for a Wimbledon singles champion less than a year later.

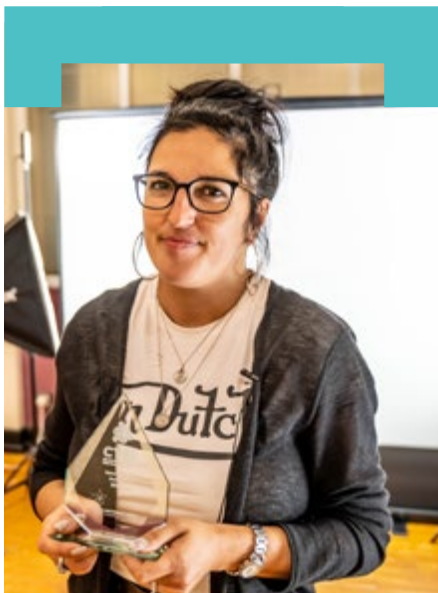


SAM HEUGHAN
ACTOR AND CHARITY FOUNDER

Honorary Doctorate, 2019

Award-winning Scottish actor Sam Heughan has appeared in a host of television and film productions, and is best known for his role as Jamie Fraser in hit series *Outlander*. He has won Best Actor awards for his performances in the series, and has received several BAFTA and Critic’s Choice Television Award nominations.

An ardent supporter of blood cancer charity Bloodwise, Sam has also established his own charitable foundation, My Peak Challenge.



SHUMELA AHMED
MANAGING DIRECTOR, RESILIENCE
LEARNING PARTNERSHIP

Access Course, 2013
BA (Hons) Journalism Studies
and Politics, 2017
PGDip Tertiary Education
with TQFE, 2018

A shining example of the transformational impact education can have on someone's life, Shumela has dedicated her academic and professional career to helping others realise this too.

As co-founder and Managing Director of the Resilience Learning Partnership, a growing social enterprise led and driven by lived experience, it is her ambition to see lived experience as the dominating force within public policy across the UK.

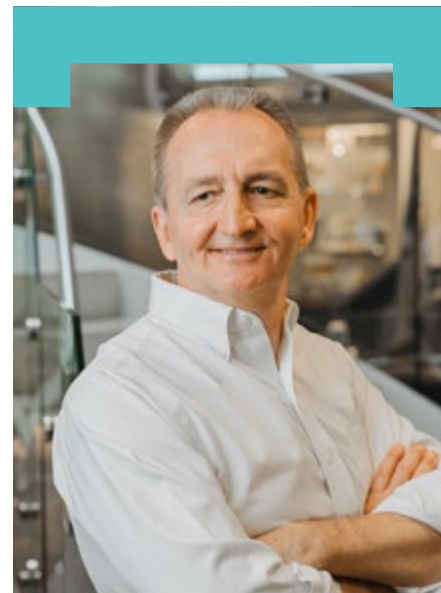


ROHIT JAISWAL
FOUNDER, BRANDWITH
WORLDWIDE MEDIA

MSc Media Management, 2004

After graduating from Stirling, Rohit joined the corporate strategy team at The Times of India, before moving on to work for New Delhi Television Limited's (NDTV) distribution department, becoming Vice President & Head (Distribution & Affiliates), before leaving to co-found his own media company.

In 2023, he was recognised as one of the top young Indian alumni of the UK and was awarded a prestigious India UK Achievers Honour in the Media and Journalism category.



GRANT REID
CEO AND SUSTAINABLE
BUSINESS LEADER

BA Management Economics, 1982
Honorary Doctorate, 2023

Grant Reid grew up in Kincardine, Scotland, and graduated in management economics from the University of Stirling in 1982.

Now living in the USA, he served as CEO of Mars Inc for more than eight years and is credited with having an instrumental role in transforming and diversifying the business, as well as improving its sustainability.

A committed climate actionist, he is now Chair of the Sustainable Markets Initiative Agribusiness Taskforce which is driving substantial action on how to scale regenerative agriculture.



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