5 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 graduating[1]

Top 20 in the UK for postgraduate teaching[2]

1st in the UK and 3rd in the World for campus environment[3]

As Scotland's University for Sporting Excellence, sport is in our DNA

1 HESA Graduate Outcomes Survey, 2020-21
2 Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES), 2022
3 International Student Barometer, Wave 2, 2022

OUR PLACE IN THE WORLD

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

Centrally located, Stirling is within easy reach of international airports in both Edinburgh and Glasgow.

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
Madrid 3hrs
Islamabad 11hrs
Nairobi 11hrs
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

WELCOME TO SCOTLAND

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

SCOTLAND

- Famous for whisky, tartan, kilts and bagpipes, but there's so much more to this great country.
- Scotland has been voted the most beautiful country in the world [1] with majestic hills, lochs, glens and castles.
- The birthplace of Harry Potter, Sherlock Holmes, Peter Pan, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, Miss Jean Brodie and Inspector Rebus.
- Known on the big screen for Braveheart, Outlander, Trainspotting and many more.
- A thriving cultural hub, with 130 music gigs a month in Glasgow (a UNESCO City of Music), Trnsmt Festival, numerous international arts and literary festivals and the world's biggest annual Fringe festival in Edinburgh.

1 Rough Guides, 2019

STUDY IN SCOTLAND

Scotland is renowned the world over for the quality of its education. A degree from a Scottish university is recognised as a mark of quality by many employers.

- Home to 19 world-class higher education institutions – the most per capita in the world[1].
- 83,000 students a year from over 180 different countries[2].
- Scotland invented penicillin, the bicycle, television and the telephone.
- Scottish university research is consistently judged "world-leading" or "internationally excellent"[3].
- Scottish graduates have the best record of securing professional-level jobs in the UK and join the workforce with the highest average starting salaries[4].
- 88 percent of international students in Scotland are satisfied with all aspects of their experience at Scottish Universities[5].

1 Scotland's International Education Strategy, 2024
2 HESA FPE Student Record, 2022
3 Research Excellence Framework, 2021
4 HESA Graduate Outcomes Survey, 2021/22
5 International Student Barometer, 2022

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

- Stirling Castle is one of the largest and most important castles in Scotland.
- Macrobert Arts Centre, cinema and theatre right here on campus.
- Multiple live music and arts venues to enjoy around the city.
- 130 gigs a month in Glasgow, and the world's biggest arts festival in Edinburgh, both within easy reach of Stirling.

EAT, DRINK AND SHOP

- Visit the city's historic Victorian arcade, bustling high street and Thistles Shopping Centre.
- Local pubs, cafés and restaurants in Bridge of Allan (next door to campus), plus many friendly bars and coffee shops in Stirling city centre.

EXPLORE

- Easy to explore this historic town on foot, or using Stirling's cycle-hire scheme.
- Less than an hour's travel from both Edinburgh and Glasgow and national/international rail and air connections.
- A great base to access Loch Lomond and the Cairngorms national parks, as well as for exploring the Scottish highlands.

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

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 experience[1]

1 Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES), 2022

STUDY SPACE

From our modern and well-equipped library to our state-of-the-art teaching and learning spaces, there's plenty of room to work, relax and be yourself at Stirling.

TOP 20

in the World for satisfaction with the library[1]

LIBRARY

With close to a million physical and online resources, and plenty of room for research and study, our spacious library offers all the tools and resources you need to succeed.

LIBRARY FACILITIES:

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

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1 International Student Barometer, Wave 2, 2022

TEACHING AND LEARNING SPACES

Across our five main teaching buildings you will find:

- 10 high quality lecture theatres with capacity for up to 350 people
- 11 computer labs
- 70+ state-of-the-art flexible learning and teaching rooms
- Dozens of dedicated labs and faculty-specific facilities

CAMPUS CENTRAL - THE HUB OF IT ALL

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.

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

QS rated

5-STARS

for our facilities[1]

TOP 30

in the UK for Postgraduate Student Support[2]

1 QS Stars university Ratings 2024
2 Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2022

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. And all postgraduate students are guaranteed University-managed accommodation if you apply by the specified date.

APPLYING FOR ACCOMMODATION

Students who have firmly accepted a conditional or unconditional offer can apply online via the University Applicant Portal. Applications for September starts usually open in April, applications for January starts usually open in October.

DID YOU KNOW?

Stirling is the safest student city in the UK[1]

WHY CHOOSE UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION?

- Location - Be close to your classes, our beautiful campus and our fantastic on-campus facilities.
- No extra bills - heating, electricity, WiFi and contents insurance included.
- Safety and Security - 24/7 security and emergency support.
- Choice - accommodation for different needs and budgets.
- Self-sufficient - you'll always have your own bedroom. Bathrooms are either ensuite or shared. And all accommodation is self-catering with its own kitchen.
- Accessible - we can provide adapted accommodation for a variety of needs.

> Email ask@stir.ac.uk

1 The Complete University Guide 2022

ON CAMPUS FACILITIES:

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

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YOUR HOME FROM HOME

STIR.AC.UK/ ACCOMMODATION

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

TAKE A LOOK AROUND

Click to view our 360° accommodation tours

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 in the UK[1].

INDICATIVE LIVING COSTS

	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, WiFi, insurance, housekeeping assistance, and 24/7 staff assistance. This might not be the same for private accommodation.
**This does not include any travel home.

1 Halifax Bank Affordable Cities Review 2021

WORLD-CLASS SPORTS FACILITIES

SCOTLAND'S UNIVERSITY FOR SPORTING EXCELLENCE

Our sports facilities are ranked amongst the top 5 in the world[1], and are home to world-class and Olympic athletes. But you don't need to be an elite athlete 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
- State-of-the-art gym
- Olympic swimming pool
- Two sports halls, six indoor tennis courts
- All-weather athletics track
- Grass and artificial pitches
- Golf driving range and putting green
- World-class high-performance fitness suite
- Professional strength and conditioning area

SPORT, HEALTH AND WELLBEING

As well as our facilities, we offer a diverse programme of fitness classes, wellbeing activities and recreational sport sessions which are all included in your sports centre membership.

1 International Student Barometer, Wave 2, 2022

BE PART OF THE TEAM

STIR.AC.UK/SPORT

CLUB SPORT
The Sports Union supports over 50 clubs competing in a range of local and national competitions – perfect for beginners and experienced competitive athletes alike.

Our "just play" beginner sessions are a great way to learn something new, keep fit and meet people.

COACHING AND VOLUNTEERING
We offer coaching and volunteering opportunities for students involved in club sports, including supporting community lessons and events – perfect experience for your CV.

PERFORMANCE SPORT
World-renowned performance sport programme, 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, 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 facilities[1]

1 International Student Barometer, Wave 2, 2022

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

STIR.AC.UK/ INTERNATIONAL

You can be sure of a warm welcome at Stirling, with 95% of students saying there is a friendly attitude towards international students here[1].

91%
of international students were satisfied with their experience at Stirling[1]

INTERNATIONAL AGENTS

Our international network of agents can give you more information about courses and requirements, help with your application and provide advice before you arrive.

> Find out more

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT

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

DID YOU KNOW?

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

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.

> Find out more

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.

> Find out more

INTERNATIONAL CAREERS INFORMATION

At Stirling, we have a dedicated International Careers Consultant who provides career support across the institution ensuring that our international students are equipped with the knowledge and skills to manage their future careers.

1 International Student Barometer, Wave 2, 2022

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INTERNATIONAL

INTERNATIONAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Stirling considers academic qualifications from all over the world. Postgraduate courses 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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Stirling offers both September and January start dates for many courses

SEE FULL ENTRY AND LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

EXAMPLE MINIMUM INTERNATIONAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

> See website for up-to-date information

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's 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 Stirling[1]

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

1 International Student Barometer, Wave 2, 2022

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.

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

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.

10 YEARS | INTO UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING

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

PLAYING OUR PART

STIR.AC.UK/ SUSTAINABILITY

Our carbon emissions have reduced by 43% since 2007. By 2040, we commit to net zero.

Our Sustainability Plan sets out how we will do this and includes changes to how we will manage our campus, work with suppliers and move towards greener energy sources.

By working with strategic partners and leading on world changing climate research, we can help deliver a sustainable future for local, regional and global communities.

As a signatory to the Sustainable Development Goals Accord and the Race to Zero for Universities and Colleges campaign, we're also committed to the development of socially sustainable solutions including climate justice, reducing poverty and improved access to education.

Times Higher Education
Impact Rankings 2024

GREENER ENERGY
We invest in our buildings to improve thermal efficiency and use cleaner forms of energy such as heat pumps and solar.

PLANT-BASED
Vegan options are available in all our cafés and restaurants

WASTE REDUCTION
Our Students' Union Green and Blue Space saves around six tonnes of waste each year through re-purposing, upcycling and promoting sustainable lifestyle swaps.

FORWARD-THINKING TEACHING
Sustainability is embedded in our teaching to ensure you feel equipped to deal with future environmental challenges.

TRAVEL
A bike sharing scheme and electric vehicle charging points across campus encourage sustainable travel.

BIODIVERSITY
Our 330-acre campus boasts a rich and diverse range of plant and animal life. Hedgehogs, which are vulnerable to extinction, thrive on our campus.

WORLD-LEADING RESEARCH
From the climate benefits of growing mushrooms to improving water quality in Ukraine, we make a global impact through our research.

LEADING THE WAY
We're ranked among the **top 200 universities worldwide** for social and environmental sustainability[1] and also in the **top 100 institutions in the world** for our contribution to meeting 10 of the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals[2].

1 QS World University Rankings: Sustainability 2024
2 Times Higher Education Impact Rankings, 2024

FEES AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

TUITION FEES

See course web pages for the latest fee information.

Tuition 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 have 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 £13,900 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 or apply to an external loan provider such as Prodigy Finance.

SCHOLARSHIPS

We have a wide range of scholarship and bursary opportunities available. See our handy online **scholarship finder.**

ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

Have you previously completed an undergraduate degree at the University of Stirling? Alumni are eligible for a 15% scholarship on full or part-time taught Masters degrees.

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

COLLABORATING WITH BUSINESS

Many of our courses offer the opportunity to undertake work-based learning with businesses, giving you invaluable experience, expanding your professional networks and increasing your confidence and employability.

96%
of leavers are in employment or further study 15 months after graduating[1]

93%
student satisfaction with careers support services[2]

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

OUR SERVICES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

- Specialist careers advice with 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.
- Platform subscriptions giving you access to 24/7 online CV and LinkedIn review platforms, interview and assessment software.

1 HESA Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21
2 International Student Barometer, Wave 2, 2022

ALUMNI

STIR.AC.UK/ALUMNI

BE THE ONE WHO ACHIEVES THEIR GOALS

ADITYA SANKOLLI
MSc SPORTS MANAGEMENT, 2022
Football Development Coach
Arsenal FC

Adi decided to study at Stirling because of our reputation as "Scotland's University for Sporting Excellence" and the opportunity to take advantage of the UK Post Study Work visa, which is open to all international students for two years after graduation.

The University helped Adi secure an internship at Stirling's local football club, which provided the experience he needed to secure his dream job as a Football Development Coach for Arsenal FC.

WATCH ADI'S STORY HERE

BE THE ONE WHO LANDS THEIR DREAM ROLE

Dr. KAT RAINES
PhD, 2020
Senior Manager, Research Support Office at Nuclear Waste Services

The fantastic natural environment at Stirling was the decisive factor for Kat to study her undergraduate degree at Stirling.

The University helped her to arrange a placement after she graduated, and she worked as a conservationist in the Seychelles for three years. She then returned to Stirling to pursue PhD research into the affects of radiation on wildlife.

Kat now works for the UK's Nuclear Waste Services, engaged in the UK's largest environmental protection project.

WATCH KAT'S STORY HERE

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ALUMNI

BE THE ONE WHO IS CAREER READY

LUCY FRASER EDMANS
MSc BIG DATA, 2018
Lead Data Scientist
Forth Point | A Blend360 Company

Lucy wanted to help companies get the most from their data, so she studied MSc Big Data at Stirling and is now a Lead Data Scientist at award-winning data consultancy Forth Point | A Blend360 Company in Edinburgh.

Lucy is responsible for delivering technical solutions for clients to help solve business challenges and drive value, as well as working on new business proposals and pitches.

There are also a lot of communication skills needed to help clients understand the technical solutions, and Lucy credits the experience she gained through her degree at Stirling with where she is now.

WATCH LUCY'S STORY HERE

BE THE ONE WHO BUILDS THEIR OWN FUTURE

GILL BAIRD
MBA, 2015
Owner and Founder
Cosmedicare and St Ellen's Hospitals

Studying an MBA at Stirling gave entrepreneur Gill the credibility and confidence to set up and build her own private hospital in Glasgow.

She believes all the different aspects of the course and the University, such as the academic team, the Stirling environment and the professional development available gave her the skill sets and attributes needed to be successful in a professional environment.

WATCH GILL'S STORY HERE

BE SUPPORTED

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

ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION
Our expert team helps students with a wide variety of needs to get the most out of their university life.

STUDENT LEARNING SERVICES
Boost your learning skills with daily drop-in sessions, regular workshops and tailored tutorials.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING
We're here to support our students throughout their time at Stirling, whatever they are going through. Chat to our qualified counsellors, wellbeing and mental health professionals on-campus, or access our 24/7 support helpline whenever you need it.

FAITH AND SPIRITUALITY
The Chaplaincy is open to people of 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.

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

IMMIGRATION
Advice and information on visas, immigration and more.

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.

university of stirling students' union

OPEN AND SUPPORTIVE

Stirling Students' Union represents you, the student, to the University and beyond and is here to help, wherever and whenever you need it. We're here to ensure your Stirling experience is the best it can be.

REPRESENTING YOU

The Students' Union supports, develops and represents students throughout your time at University. We're here to help you:

- Make lifelong memories
- Build skills for the future
- Provide support and advice when you need it
- Influence your learning

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.

> Find out more

stirlingstudentunion

@stirlingunion

TOP 10

Our clubs and societies are ranked Top 10 in the UK[1]

1 International Student Barometer, Wave 2, 2022

STIR.AC.UK/RESEARCH

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.

80%
of Stirling's research is either world leading or internationally excellent[1]

At the University of Stirling, our researchers are truly making a difference to spaces, places and lives. 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 mission-orientated approach to 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 87% recognised as being of the highest standard, having an outstanding or very considerable impact on society[1].

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 excellent[1].

RESEARCH THEMES

- Cultures, Communities and Society
- Global Security and Resilience
- Living Well

> Read more about our research themes

1 Research Excellence Framework, 2021

SUPPORTING PhD STUDY

STIR.AC.UK/
RESEARCHDEGREES

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 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

Between 2023 - 2025, we've invested £3.6 million in studentship funding for the next generation of world-class researchers. This funding is available for PhD students starting their studies in October 2025.

Applications for these university funded scholarships usually open in March. Please see the website for further details relating to the research topics and how to apply. > Find out more

TEACHING EXCELLENCE

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

AACSB ACCREDITED

TOP 10
in the UK for good teachers and expert lectures[3]

SEE ALL OUR FACTS AND FIGURES

FIVE-STAR TEACHING

Our collaborative, research-led approach to teaching consistently earns five stars in QS World University Rankings[1]. 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 Learning[2].

TOP-RATED COURSES

Independent surveys such as The Guardian University Guide, QS World University Rankings and the Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide consistently rank our courses among the top in the UK, and many of our Masters courses are accredited by prestigious professional bodies.

AACSB ACCREDITED

This prestigious accreditation means we are among the top six percent of business schools worldwide, and is a guarantee of a high-calibre education, with industry-relevant, innovative courses recognised by employers.

FLEXIBLE LEARNING

We have over 90 postgraduate courses, including full-time, part-time, on-campus and online or blended learning courses, and many have both September and January start dates.

1 QS Stars University Rating, 2024
2 Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey, 2022
3 International Student Barometer, Wave 2, 2022

TAUGHT DEGREES (MASTERS)

Go to 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 12-18 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 straight away.

15% ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP
You will also be eligible for the alumni scholarship, giving 15% discount on full and part-time courses.

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. Check course pages for relevant entrance requirements.

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. We will not issue a confirmation letter (CAS) and you will not be able to apply for your visa until payment is received.
> Pay deposit

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.
> Apply for visa

RESEARCH DEGREES (DOCTORATES)

Go to 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.

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.

We accept and consider applications up to a year before you want your research degree to begin.

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USEFUL CONTACTS

A postgraduate qualification is a big step forward in your life and career, so you've probably got a few questions. We have a wide range of specialist teams who can provide all the information you need to make the right decisions for you and your future.

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