



Cardiff School of History,
Archaeology and Religion
Postgraduate Programmes



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Welcome to the Cardiff School of History, Archaeology and Religion



The John Percival Building

Cardiff School of History, Archaeology and Religion enables the brightest and best to explore and share their passion for past societies and religious beliefs, from prehistory to the present day.

It does this within a well-equipped research and teaching environment, which is multidisciplinary in both outlook and practice, and as part of an internationally-respected research intensive university.

At the heart of the cosmopolitan capital city of Wales, the combination of established researchers with international standing and young scholars supports a dynamic research culture. The 2008 Research Assessment Exercise showed that research in the School is recognised internationally for its excellence, originality and significance. Students in the School specialise in Ancient History, Archaeology, Conservation, History and Welsh History and Religious Studies. Staff have a number of shared research interests.

As well as these internationally recognised strengths in Archaeology, History and Religious Studies, the School enables great flexibility in its postgraduate taught and research programmes. This is of particular advantage to students wishing to

pursue research which crosses boundaries and indeed breaks new frontiers of knowledge. Students benefit from collaborative links and research projects within the University, within Wales (including Amgueddfa Cymru - National Museum Wales) and across Europe as well as its partnership with St Michael's College and South Wales Baptist College. Recent research highlights include *The Story of Story* and *Caerau and Ely Rediscovering Heritage Project* [AHRC funded] *The Times of their lives* [ERC] and the *Muslim Chaplains* project [AHRC/ESRC].

The wide range of subjects studied also encourages students to establish links with other disciplines (e.g. architecture and languages for historians, chemistry and geology for conservators, sociology and anthropology for religious studies).

The School aims for excellence and innovation in research and teaching, and to provide a welcoming and highly supportive environment. Postgraduate teaching is research led and the School offers a dynamic and challenging environment for students.

The School has an impressive range of taught postgraduate programmes and offers specialised PhD supervision across our subject areas. There are excellent facilities for lectures, tutorials and private study, along with state-of-the art archaeological and conservation laboratories, new dedicated postgraduate facilities, and a photographic laboratory. This creates an environment which facilitates teaching and research of the highest standard.



Professor Chris Williams

We hope that this brochure will answer all your questions as you consider your options for studying at postgraduate level. Please do get in touch if you need further information. We look forward to hearing from you.

Professor Chris Williams
Head of Cardiff School of History, Archaeology and Religion

Cardiff: the Capital City of Wales



The University is surrounded by attractive parkland and is adjacent to Cardiff Castle and the city centre

Cardiff is a thriving and attractive city which is widely recognised as an outstanding place in which to live and study.

Location

Cardiff is located on the coast of South Wales, which has beautiful national parks and beaches only 30 minutes away. Cardiff is approximately 230km (145 miles) west of London and is easily accessed by train in about 2 hours. Cardiff has excellent transport links (ranked 1st in the UK for the most transport friendly city) with an international airport that has flights to many cities in Europe.

The Perfect Student City

Cardiff is a small city with a population of about 320,000 people. Approximately 20% of the population are students, which makes it safe, friendly and affordable (see pages 8-9). Cardiff, however, is also a capital city with all the culture, sports, shops, entertainment, work opportunities and atmosphere you would expect of a modern European metropolis.

With its distinctive character, good quality of life, and growing national and international reputation, it hosts many high-profile sporting and cultural events, including international rugby, soccer, cricket and motor sport, Cardiff Singer of the World and the UK's largest free summer festival.

Home to the world-renowned Welsh National Opera, it boasts prestigious concert venues such as the Wales Millennium Centre, St David's Hall and the Motorpoint Arena, as well as the iconic Millennium Stadium, the National Museum and Gallery of Wales, several theatres and the historic Cardiff Castle.



Cardiff is the location for award-winning television productions, including Dr Who, Sherlock, Torchwood and Casualty, and the Dr Who Experience in Cardiff Bay is a popular new attraction.

This means you get a small inexpensive city you can easily walk around, but also an exciting city where there is always something to do. To find out more about the city of Cardiff visit:

www.whycardiff.com

A Diverse, International City

Cardiff was one of the UK's first multi-cultural cities and an estimated 94 languages are spoken here. This is a real benefit for international students because many of the food and ingredients you have in your country are also sold in Cardiff. You can also be assured that there are many religious and cultural facilities across the city, including mosques, synagogues, churches and temples.



12 Facts About Cardiff

- ▶ Cardiff University is in the city centre of Cardiff.
- ▶ Cardiff Airport has more than 30 flights a day to UK and European cities.
- ▶ Cardiff is only 2 hours from London by train.
- ▶ Cardiff has a new £675 million shopping centre in the city centre.
- ▶ Voted the UK's seventh best nightlife city in 2011 by TripAdvisor users.
- ▶ Cardiff has a 70,000 seated stadium, an international sports village and a football league soccer club: Cardiff City FC.
- ▶ Cardiff has more than 330 parks and gardens.
- ▶ Cardiff was one of National Geographic's top 10 summer destinations 2011.
- ▶ The popular TV shows Doctor Who and Torchwood are filmed in Cardiff.
- ▶ Cardiff will be the European capital of sport for 2014.
- ▶ Named as 6th best shopping destination in the UK.
- ▶ Home to Europe's oldest living language, Welsh is spoken by 20% of the population, but don't worry everybody speaks English!



Weather in Cardiff

The average temperature in Cardiff in Winter is 7°C, and in Summer temperatures can reach up to 30°C. With four seasons, the weather in the UK is generally unpredictable and can vary considerably, however, Cardiff experiences less rainfall than other areas of Wales and is consistent with the rest of the UK.

Cardiff: the University



The Glamorgan Building

Cardiff University has an international reputation for excellence in teaching and research, built on a history of service and achievement since 1883, and recognised by our membership of the Russell Group of leading research-led universities.

A History of Achievement

The University was founded in 1883 when it was granted its own Royal Charter. Today, Cardiff is a member of the Russell Group, the UK's top 20 research intensive universities. It attracts students from more than 100 countries and substantial research funding from the Research Councils, public bodies, industry, commerce and other sources.

Cardiff University has celebrated a number of notable achievements during the past few years. Foremost among these was the award of the Nobel Prize for Medicine to Professor Sir Martin Evans of the School of Biosciences; Sir Martin becoming Cardiff University's second Nobel Prize winner, joining Professor Robert Huber of the School of Chemistry. The University was also awarded its fourth Queen's Anniversary Prize - an award which recognises universities and colleges across the UK for work of outstanding excellence.

Looking to the future, further increasing partnerships and collaboration are central to the University's mission to be a world-leading university; both internally - through interdisciplinary teams - and externally, through links with organisations of all types, nationally and internationally.

Location

The University's Cathays Park campus is located in and around the impressive Portland stone buildings, parks and wide tree-lined avenues that form Cardiff's attractive civic centre. The majority of academic schools are located here - just a few minutes' walk from the city centre. The four academic schools offering healthcare courses (excluding Optometry and Pharmacy) are based at the Heath Park campus, approximately one mile away, which is also home to the University Hospital of Wales.

Facilities

Although dating from 1883, Cardiff is focused on the 21st century, and has modern state-of-the-art buildings and facilities. The University has invested £200 million in its estate in recent years and most academic schools have benefited from major refurbishment, including new and well-equipped laboratories, lecture theatres, libraries and computing facilities.

The Graduate Centre

Our Graduate Centre is a unique facility for taught and research postgraduates. It complements our academic schools by offering additional resources of space, study and social facilities, workshops and events for students during their time on taught or research postgraduate programmes at Cardiff. Through its facilities and programmes, the Centre addresses the needs of postgraduate students and contributes to the development of a strong postgraduate community.

The Graduate Centre is located on the third floor of the Students' Union Building, directly opposite the Main Building on Park Place (Cathays Park Campus). The Centre operates throughout the year, including opening on some bank holidays. Opening hours are from 8.00 am until 12 midnight, Monday to Friday; and from 12 noon until 12 midnight, Saturdays and Sundays. The hours of opening are shorter during the summer period, closing at 10pm mid-July to mid-September, reflecting reduced demand through these months.

There is wireless access to the University's computing network throughout the Graduate Centre and a dedicated computer room with 35 networked terminals, printers, scanner and photocopier. Five meeting rooms provide space for training workshops, project groups, seminars and presentations. A Reading Room offers individual quiet study space for up to 35 people. The Lounge provides informal meeting space for group study, as well as additional computers for checking email.

The Café Bar hosts regular quiz nights and film screenings and is a modern, comfortable social space where postgraduates can relax, meet friends and watch television. It can also be booked for postgraduate-led events.

A variety of social and academic-related events are planned during the year, including a welcome programme at the start of each academic year to help new students meet each other and settle in. Social events range from film screenings to day trips and students are encouraged to become involved in the planning of activities.

Postgraduates are also involved in the management of the Graduate Centre, which is a joint project between the University and the Students' Union.

The Graduate Centre's website (www.cardiff.ac.uk/gradc) is updated frequently and is an excellent source of information about our events and facilities. You can also find us on Facebook (The Graduate Centre - Cardiff University) and join in with the network of other postgraduate students at Cardiff.

The Centre's email address is: grad-centre@cardiff.ac.uk

10 Facts About Cardiff

- ▶ Ranked 15 in the UK and top 1.5% in the world.
- ▶ Cardiff University is a member of the elite Russell Group top 24 UK research-led universities.
- ▶ The University teaches more than 28,000 students from more than 110 countries.
- ▶ Employment rates for Cardiff University's international graduates are 10% higher than the UK average.
- ▶ Accommodation in University residences is guaranteed for most international students and is within walking distance of the University.
- ▶ The University has 18 libraries, 28 IT suites, a Wi-Fi enabled campus and more than 1.5 million books.
- ▶ The University is on two campuses at the very centre of Cardiff, the capital city of Wales. Cardiff is only 2 hours from London by train.
- ▶ Teaching at the University was given the highest possible award in the last UK Government review. The University's degree programmes are also recognised by more than 40 professional bodies.
- ▶ The University generates more than £100 million annually from research grants and contracts.
- ▶ The University President Professor Sir Martin Evans FRS, is a Nobel Prize winner for Medicine.

Accommodation



Your Guarantee of Accommodation

International/EU postgraduate students are guaranteed a single-occupancy place in University residences for the full duration of your studies.

This is providing you apply through the normal admission and allocation process, and re-apply for residences each year through the overseas returners process.

We know that where you live is very important to you. You will want to settle quickly and live in a secure, well-located, sociable location that is also a suitable study environment.

This is why Cardiff University provides all international/EU postgraduate students a guarantee of accommodation in one of our highly-ranked University residences.

The University has 14 residences, each with different facilities, in different locations and at different costs. All international/EU postgraduate students are guaranteed a single occupancy place in University residences, providing they submit an online application and make a pre-payment by the specified deadline. Living in a university residence provides an opportunity to meet and get to know students from a variety of backgrounds, studying a range of different subjects.

Your choices include:

- ▶ single or mixed gender accommodation.
- ▶ private or shared bathrooms. About 70% of University residences have private bathrooms (called 'ensuite').
- ▶ self-catered, part-catered or fully catered (with vegetarian options).
- ▶ a variety of social and sporting facilities.

You will have your own study bedroom. Cardiff University does not have shared rooms or dormitories.

There is a very limited supply of residences suitable for couples and families. We are therefore unable to guarantee this type of residence and priority in the allocation process is given to students coming from overseas for their first year of study. You should not bring your family to Cardiff until suitable accommodation has been secured.

Close to the School

Cardiff's residences are very well located, with many residences being a short distance from the Queen's building complex in which the School of Computer Science & Informatics is located. The majority of students are able to easily walk or cycle to their lectures everyday. The table below gives the approximate walking times from three residences to the School (see table below).

Safe and Supportive

One of the advantages of University residences is the support you are offered. Each residence has a network of residences staff, student wardens and security staff that provide 24 hour assistance. Only students, guests of students and staff are allowed on University residences sites. This makes them safe and secure.



What do University residences provide

A typical apartment in University residences could include 6 study bedrooms, each with their own bathroom. Six occupants would share a kitchen.

Every student has their own bedroom. Each room has a bed, desk, chair, wardrobe and storage.

You won't need to buy additional furniture. Also Halls of Residence bedrooms are connected to the University network and highspeed internet. In your flat you will have access to a shared kitchen/dining room. This area includes a cooker, refrigerator, sink, table and chairs. If you choose 'ensuite' you will have your own bathroom with shower.

How Much Do University Residences Cost?

The cost of residences depends on several factors, including the residence you choose, length of stay, meal options and whether you want private bathroom facilities. University residences are very good value as the cost includes water, electricity, security, furniture and internet access. As everything is included in one price, it helps you more easily budget.

For the 2012/13 year self-catering residences ranged from £71 - £125 a week. Part/fully catered residences ranged from £86 - £110 a week. Rooms with private bathrooms are generally more expensive than rooms with shared bathrooms.

Private Sector Accommodation

For students who wish to rent privately-owned accommodation, there is a great choice of accommodation available for rental in the city - including a good variety within walking distance of the University and city centre.

The University's Residences Office can help by providing you with lists of properties that are currently available to rent. Detailed advice on tenancy agreements and other aspects of living in private sector accommodation is made available via the University's Student Support Centre or the Students' Union Advice and Representation Centre. The Students' Union also runs a letting agency, details of which can be found at:

www.cardiffstudentletting.com

If you are looking for private accommodation you should arrange to visit Cardiff before the start of term as it is not advisable to arrange such accommodation either by post or telephone. When you come to Cardiff for this purpose, you can take advantage of low cost accommodation in our halls provided your visit is outside term-time and that you arrange this with us in advance. Details can be found at:

www.cardiff.ac.uk/summer

How Does Cardiff Compare with Other Places?

Cardiff has many advantages which make it a cheaper place to study than other university cities. These include:

- ▶ Cardiff is a compact city and the University is in the middle - therefore you won't have far to travel between the University, city centre shops and your accommodation.

- ▶ Cardiff is also very flat making it easy to walk or cycle around. You won't need to spend money on buses or taxis.
- ▶ Cardiff council runs bicycle and car sharing schemes. This will make it even easier for you to get around without large extra costs.

Cardiff is also one of the most affordable of the traditional university cities. The table below compares the Russell Group of Universities, and the average cost of rent for students per week and per month.

Cardiff is almost £20 cheaper a month than the average UK student rent, and a massive £198 cheaper a month than rent in London. This does not include other items such as food and entertainment, which are also significantly more expensive in other cities, especially London.

Living Expenses

For the 2012/13 session the University estimated that a single student in Cardiff would need £877 a month. These estimates are based on the actual experiences of students living in Cardiff. This means for the year that a postgraduate student (September - June) needed £9,811 a year. These estimates include accommodation, bills, food, books, clothes, travel, telephone and social expenses.

If you are intending to bring family members, such as a spouse or child, you will need to have at least an extra £400 a month for each family member.

Voted Top 5
for accommodation
whatuni.com

Postgraduate Study at Cardiff School of History, Archaeology and Religion



Working on an Egyptian Sarcophagus

A hub for postgraduate study of past societies and religious beliefs, Cardiff School of History, Archaeology and Religion is a dynamic school with an international reputation for excellence in research across its subject areas.



students on a research excavation

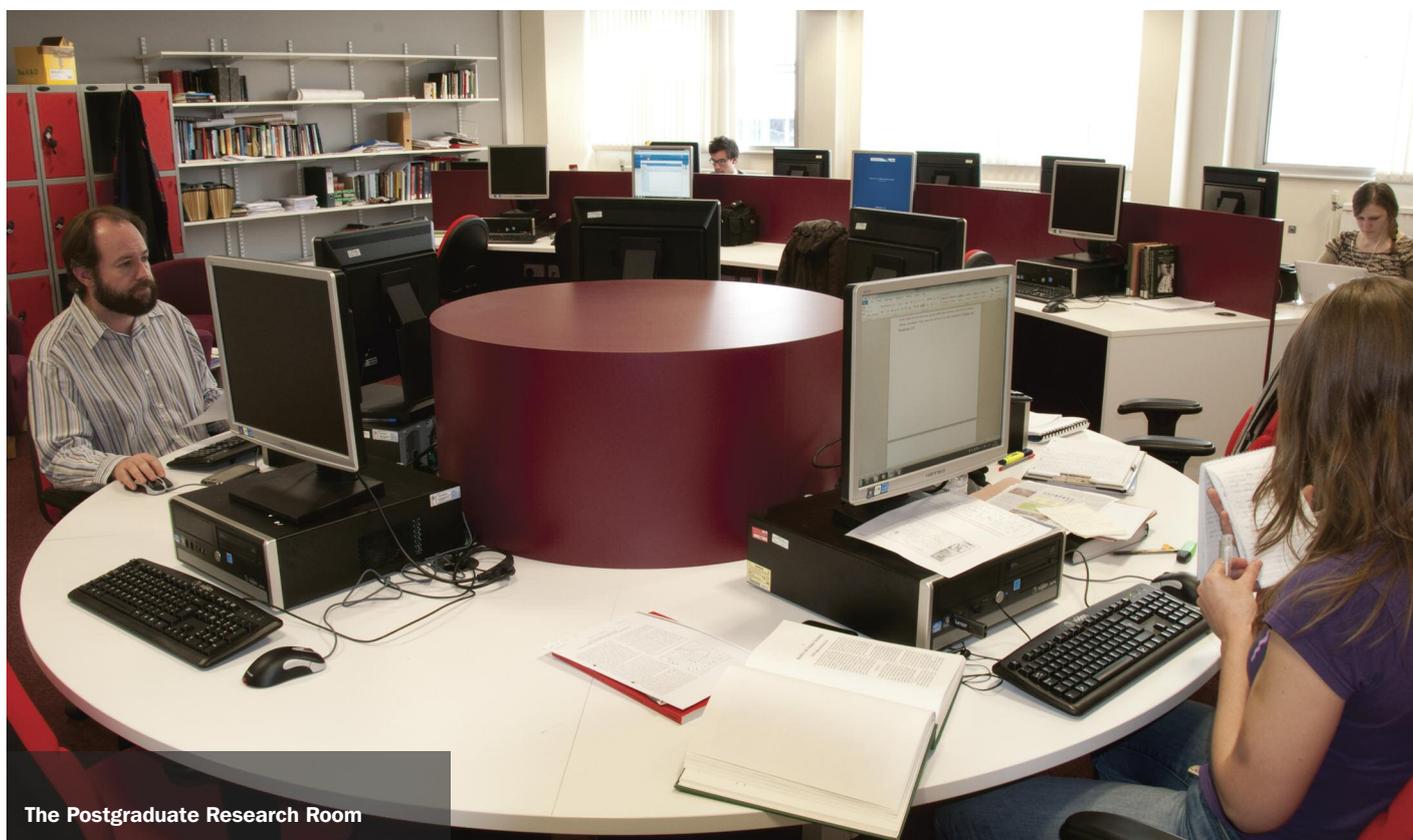
Its research has attracted research funding from a number of sources, including the Arts and Humanities Research Council, the British Academy, the Economic and Social Research Council, English Heritage, Historic Scotland, Leverhulme Trust, the Natural Environment Research Council, the Wellcome Trust, and the Welsh Assembly.

With internationally recognised scholars and close links with other Schools in the University and other universities in Wales and Europe, the School offers an impressive range of degree programmes and research supervision in Ancient History, Archaeology, Conservation, History, Religious Studies, Theology and Welsh History. Its ten research centres contribute to the vibrant research culture in the School through regular programmes of seminars, workshops, conferences and publication.

Location and Facilities

- ▶ New dedicated postgraduate research room (networked IT facilities)
- ▶ State-of-the art Conservation laboratories
- ▶ Environmental & Geographical Information Systems laboratories
- ▶ Photographic & visual evidence studio
- ▶ Drawing office
- ▶ WiFi access

The School has a friendly and informal atmosphere, creating a nurturing environment for students and staff. Set in the John Percival Building so named in honour of its former head of School, it is within walking distance of key University facilities. The impressive Main Building, award-winning Students' Union and the Graduate Centre are all a short-walk away. The city's cosmopolitan cultural and shopping quarter is only a fifteen-minute walk with parkland linking the University and civic centre with historic Cardiff Castle and the river Taff. The neighbouring Arts and Social Studies Library is well-stocked with books and academic journals in all our subject areas and has an expanding



The Postgraduate Research Room

collection of electronic resources and primary source materials on CD-ROM and microfilm.

Special collections include the Salisbury Library, which offers a unique collection of original printed material and is widely regarded as the best resourced library for Welsh historical studies outside the National Library of Wales; the History Research Collection; the SCOLAR collection of selected British cabinet and United Nations documentation and archives; the William Temple collection; the Cardiff collection of 14,000 rare and antiquarian books dating from the sixteenth to the twentieth century and the European Documentation Centre, which assembles material relating primarily to the European Union. There are also extensive collections in Ancient History and Archaeology including Near Eastern texts and a wide variety of primary sources for world religions.

All libraries within the University provide networked computers, space for private study, graphic services and photocopying. All libraries and computer rooms are open into the evenings and at weekends; some

facilities open 24 hours a day to suit varying work patterns. Additionally, the School maintains small specialist libraries in Ancient History, Conservation and Religious Studies.

In recent years, the School has enhanced its facilities for postgraduate students with the introduction of a new dedicated Postgraduate Research Room, equipped with space for private study, networked computers, scanners, document readers and printers.

Naturally WiFi access is available throughout the building and all postgraduate students receive computing training in the initial stages of their work.

Postgraduate students form an important part of the research culture and are closely integrated into the research environment. They are actively encouraged to participate in research-related activities and have numerous opportunities to meet other postgraduate students through regular seminars in Ancient History, Archaeology, History, Islam in Contemporary Britain, Religious Studies and Welsh History, through the Interdisciplinary research seminar series, and in a variety of social

settings on the campus. Financial support is designated by the School enabling travel to conferences and to carry out research trips within the UK and overseas.

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Further Information

The School welcomes entries from all prospective postgraduates.

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Postgraduate Taught Programmes - overview



Research seminar discussion

As befitting a large and dynamic school, Cardiff School of History, Archaeology and Religion offers a wide range of taught postgraduate courses in the following academic disciplines:

- ▶ Ancient History
- ▶ Medieval and Modern History
- ▶ Welsh History
- ▶ Archaeology
- ▶ Conservation
- ▶ Religious Studies
- ▶ Theology

Further information on the Postgraduate Taught Programmes available in the School is provided under the individual subject sections which follow.

The School's postgraduate taught degrees combine the opportunity to study specific subjects or themes at an advanced level while also gaining important academic and transferrable skills, such as critical thinking, analysis and problem solving, and communicating with a variety of audiences. Teaching takes place in small group seminars with academics who are research-active leaders in their fields, and the School offers a friendly and supportive environment for all its postgraduate students.

Students taking a postgraduate taught degree develop their knowledge and understanding by choosing from a selection of core and option modules specific to their degree. Masters students also complete a Dissertation in the summer semester in which they continue to specialise in their chosen field. Cardiff University Masters students can carry on their research by enrolling on a PhD programme, while many use their postgraduate degrees to pursue professional careers after university.

All the postgraduate taught programmes offered in the School are designed to:

- ▶ provide a self-regulated year of further study and research geared to students' particular interests and needs.
- ▶ act as a preparatory year for PhD candidates and for further research.
- ▶ provide students with opportunities to pursue a programme of study which is relevant to their particular interests and needs.
- ▶ encourage students to develop and apply research skills and methods, theoretical concepts, and the techniques of conducting and writing up an independent project.
- ▶ encourage students to broaden their independent analysis and interpretation drawing on the relevant scholarship and primary source material.
- ▶ provide students with the opportunity to acquire, or perfect, the necessary reading competence in foreign languages (modern and classical) to enable them to study original documents essential to research in their chosen fields.
- ▶ enable students to extend their understanding of, and ability to apply, relevant debates, concepts, and approaches.

- ▶ enable students to present a coherent, fluent and structured written argument relevant to their particular interests and the needs of a research project, in accordance with professional conventions.
- ▶ extend students ability to use information technology resources (bibliographical databases, internet, etc.) to access sources and information and to work with discipline-based software programmes.

Postgraduate Programmes

Most of the degrees - the Masters of Arts (MA), Masters of Science (MSc) and Masters of Theology (MTh) - can be taken full-time (dissertations undertaken in the summer) or part-time (dissertation undertaken over the following year). We also offer Postgraduate Certificates and Postgraduate Diplomas in Islam in Contemporary Britain, Theology and Chaplaincy Studies, as well as opportunities to take individual modules that can lead to Postgraduate Certificates and Diplomas in all our other subjects through the new part-time Pathways programme.

Masters Application deadline

Deadline for applications for any of the Masters courses is 1 August for entry the same year.

Entry Requirements

Applicants should normally possess a higher education degree with a first or good upper second class Honours (UK), or a qualification recognised by the University as equivalent to this. Applications should include a brief statement (500 words) on dissertation plans.

Applicants whose first language is not English will normally be expected to obtain a minimum IELTS score of 6.5 or a TOEFL score of 580 (237 computer-based test).

Postgraduate Research Programmes - overview

Postgraduate students are welcomed into a world of committed 'hands-on' scholarship, in which academics - contributing at an international level - offer a supportive, if challenging, 'apprenticeship' in evidence-based enquiry.

There is a strong shared belief in the necessity to train the next generation of scholars to contribute to their discipline, and wider life, at the highest level. This begins with our masters programmes, which inculcate a broad range of critical research competencies that span from laboratory skills to ancient and medieval languages, and culminates in our MPhil and Doctoral programmes; these are unashamedly 'artisanal' and professionally focussed. To come to Cardiff is to be prepared for a working life committed to rigorous thought and clarity of expression, skills essential to a wide variety of professional roles in, and beyond, academia.

There is a vibrant and supportive research culture in the School. As well as a wide variety of school research seminar series [Ancient History, Archaeology, History, Religious Studies], the international profiles of our staff members means that our students often join their supervisors in attending conferences and workshops around the world. Dedicated School funding supports research students in these and other research-related activities. Recent examples include students joining supervisors for conferences in America and the UK, as well as archival and site visits to France, Germany and Armenia, to name only a few.

The School offers postgraduate research opportunities leading to the awards of MPhil and PhD in the following broad areas:

- ▶ Ancient History
- ▶ Archaeology
- ▶ Conservation
- ▶ History
- ▶ Religious Studies
- ▶ Welsh History

Research students work with two supervisors, a primary and a secondary, who are specialists in the chosen field of study.

Progress is monitored through report forms, a system of annual review, and by the Postgraduate Quality Committee, upon which there are postgraduate representatives. Training needs are identified and are subject specific, with training provided within the School and by the Graduate College.

Mode of Study

PhD programmes are usually of three years' duration full-time; MPhil programmes are usually a minimum of one year's duration full-time. Part-time opportunities are available. The School usually admits postgraduate research students at the beginning of October, but students may also be admitted at different points in the year subject to negotiation.

Assessment

MPhil and PhD students submit a thesis at the end of the programme, showing evidence of original scholarship. For the PhD, the thesis is up to 80,000 words in length, while for the MPhil, the thesis is up to 60,000 words.

Entry Requirements

Applicants should normally possess: a UK higher education degree with a first or good upper second class Honours, or a qualification recognised by the University as equivalent to this, and a Master's degree or a minimum of two years' experience in a position of responsibility relevant to the proposed course of study. They should include with their application a statement (500-1000 words) outlining their research plans. Applicants whose first language is not English will normally be expected to obtain a minimum IELTS score of 6.5 or a TOEFL score of 580 (237 computerbased test).

Research Centres

The School of History, Archaeology and Religion aspires to excellence in all its activities in keeping with the University's mission to 'pursue research, learning and teaching of international distinction and impact'. In terms of research this involves not only the production of high calibre monographs, articles and reports, but also continuing to enrich its research culture and its sense of shared excitement in the exchange of ideas and discovery. One way of promoting these aims is through a number of Research Centres supported by the School. These include: Centre for Chaplaincy Studies, Cardiff Centre for the Crusades, Centre for the History of Religion in Asia, Centre for Late Antique Religion and Culture, Cardiff Centre for Modern German History, Centre for the Study of Islam in the

UK, Centre for the Study of Medieval Society and Culture, Cardiff Centre for Welsh American Studies, and The University of Wales Institute of Classics and Ancient History. Its Research Groups similarly foster exciting exchange. The centres provide a focus for collaborative research within the School, University and Wales hosting a regular programme of research seminars, organising conferences and workshops. They contribute to the dynamic research culture in the School and University.

Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Research

The interdisciplinary Postgraduate Research Day enables postgraduates in the School to gain experience in presenting conference-style papers in a relaxed environment attended by staff and postgraduate students, facilitating an additional source of feedback on their research.

Teaching Opportunities

We view the postgraduate experience as an induction into the profession of University lecturer, but whatever the career destination, we normally provide opportunities for postgraduates to undertake teaching in an area related to their competence. Students receive training at the University and School levels, and care is given to provide necessary monitoring and support. Experience of university-level teaching is an excellent addition to one's skills portfolio.

Further Information

Cardiff University websites:

www.cardiff.ac.uk/postgraduate/pgfunding
(UK/EU students)

www.cardiff.ac.uk/international
(International Students)

External websites:

Graduate Prospects:

www.prospects.ac.uk

British Council:

www.britishcouncil.org/learning

UK Research Councils:

www.rcuk.ac.uk

Professional and Career Development Loans:

www.direct.gov.uk/cdl

Students' Union Jobshop:

www.cardiffstudents.com

AHRC

www.ahrc.co.uk

Ancient History: Postgraduate Opportunities

Teaching and research interests include both political and social history; particular strengths include warfare, gender and sexuality, religion, ancient medicine, and the interpretation of epigraphic and archaeological evidence.

In both teaching and research our expertise is complemented and extended by collaboration with our colleagues in Classical Archaeology, Medieval History and Religious Studies.



Adam Anders
PhD Ancient History

"I chose Cardiff as a prospective MA student because of its excellent taught programme and because of the well-known academics who would be teaching me. When I arrived, I found the faculty and staff extremely helpful and supportive in an academic environment that really allowed me to thrive. I was so pleased with Cardiff's extensive research resources and with the down-to-earth attitude of the faculty that I decided to pursue a PhD here as well."

Taught Programmes

Ancient History (MA)

The MA in Ancient History allows students to explore the history, society and culture of the Greek and Roman world from Archaic Greece to Late Antiquity, through a combination of taught modules and individual research. The programme is designed to be flexible, enabling students to pursue their own interests whilst gaining a solid foundation of research skills. It is possible to spend part of the year on a residential course at the British School in Athens or the British School at Rome (subject to acceptance on the course).

History and Archaeology of the Greek and Roman World (MA)

The Masters in the History and Archaeology of the Greek and Roman World is an interdisciplinary programme designed to develop skills in interpreting literary, artistic and archaeological evidence from the ancient world. It is suitable for students who have taken combined undergraduate degrees in Ancient History and Archaeology, and for those who have taken Ancient History, Classics or Archaeology alone and wish to extend the scope of their studies.

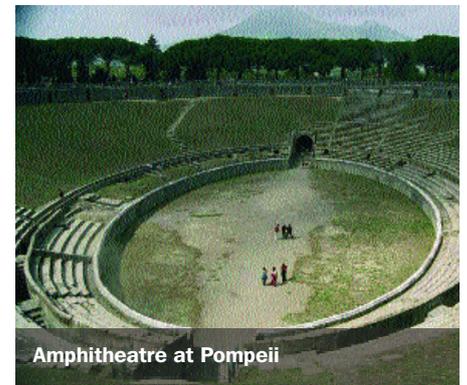
Ancient and Medieval Warfare (MA)

the only degree of its type in the UK, this Masters offers students the opportunity to study military history in the Greek, Roman and Medieval worlds from a broad

comparative perspective. The programme of study is based on Cardiff's particular teaching and research expertise in warfare studies.

Late Antique and Byzantine Studies (MA)

The MA in Late Antique and Byzantine Studies is designed to provide students with the advanced knowledge, understanding and skills needed to carry out independent research into the history and culture of late antiquity and Byzantium. It takes advantage of the concentration of expertise in late antique history, culture, religion and archaeology in the Centre for Late Antique Religion and Culture (CLARC), which is based in the School. Students also learn an ancient language at an appropriate level - either Greek (Classical or Byzantine), Latin (Classical, Patristic or Medieval), Arabic, Hebrew, or Syriac and Aramaic.



Amphitheatre at Pompeii



Arch of Severus, Roman Forum

Research in Ancient History

The Ancient History Department is happy to supervise research for MPhil/PhD degrees over wide areas of Ancient History from Homer to the Byzantine Empire. Our research benefits from co-operation with neighbouring institutions through the Universities in Wales Institute of Classics and Ancient History. The following areas are of particular strength:

The History and Archaeology of Archaic Societies in Greece and Italy

Several staff are interested in aspects of early societies, especially the processes of state formation, the evidence for ethnic groups, and the changing roles of elites; all share fundamental methodological concerns for the reconstruction of ancient societies solely or largely from the archaeological record, which ties in closely with research within Archaeology.

Archaeological work on the peoples of pre-Roman Italy includes the survey project at Iuvanum, jointly run from Cardiff by Guy Bradley, who has also written the standard book on the Umbrians.

Warfare in Antiquity

In this major research area, which overlaps with the interests of researchers in medieval and modern history, ancient historians' work covers both the military and the political and social aspects of warfare. Specific research interests include Greek warfare in the Archaic and Classical periods (subject of a recent monograph by Louis Rawlings), the morality of war, the Roman army (the subject of a book by Kate Gilliver), military display, Carthaginian warfare, and warrior societies such as the Celts.

The Political and Social History of the Greek City-states

This is the primary research area of several members of staff, from the Archaic period through to the Hellenistic; there is a focus on the political, social and religious institutions of Greece, and especially of Athens, including the legal and political systems, religious festivals and officials, and the symposium. Central to much of this research is the evidence of inscriptions, where Stephen Lambert is an international expert; he is making a major contribution to the re-editing of the corpus of Athenian inscriptions.

The History and Archaeology of Italy and the Western Roman Provinces

Several members of staff in Ancient History and Archaeology are involved in research on aspects of the Roman world, especially the history and archaeology of early Rome and pre-Roman Italy (the subject of recent and forthcoming books by Guy Bradley), the Roman Republic, the Roman army, and the archaeology of Roman Britain and the western provinces.

The History of the Later Roman and Early Medieval Periods

Research interests extend into Late Antiquity, where they meet the interests of colleagues in History, Archaeology and Religious Studies. Particular areas include the political, religious and social history of the late Roman and Byzantine periods, early Christianity, and the archaeology of the medieval Levant.

Gender and Sexuality in the Ancient World

Several members of staff have interests in the social construction and valuation of gender and sexuality in a variety of periods, from Archaic and Classical Greece to the Later Roman Empire. Particularly distinct is a specialism in eunuchs in the ancient world, the subject of several books by Shaun Tougher.

Housing and the Built Environment

Members of staff associated with the AHRC-funded Building Communities research project (1998-2004) continue to work on the structures of domestic space and settlements in the Aegean between 1000 and 100 BC; the proceedings of a major conference on these themes were published in 2007. A further interest is the decoration of Greek and Roman houses, especially Classical and Hellenistic mosaics, which will be the subject of a forthcoming book by Ruth Westgate.

Ancient Medicine and Science

This is a new research area for Cardiff ancient historians. Laurence Totelin is a specialist in ancient botany and pharmacology; her interests overlap with those of several colleagues in modern history.

Research Culture: Seminars and conferences

Regular postgraduate and staff seminars take place in Ancient History, often involving visiting academic speakers, or in collaboration between Ancient History and Archaeology. Cardiff ancient historians also play significant roles in organising and contributing to the biennial Celtic Conferences in Classics, which alternate between Ireland, Scotland, Brittany and Wales. In 2010 the Department hosted the annual Classical Association Conference. In addition, we take part in an annual two-day conference for staff and postgraduates at the University of Wales' conference centre at Gregynog in mid-Wales.

Recent and current topics studied by research students in Ancient History include: the Athenian navy; trade and traders in the classical Greek world; domestic cult in Classical Greece; the role of light troops in Roman warfare; baths and bathing in Late Antiquity; the historiography of ancient colonisation; and military imagery in Roman interior decoration.

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Archaeology: Postgraduate Opportunities

Archaeology at Cardiff is broad-ranging, topical and dynamic, ensuring that its students study in an academically challenging environment. It is supported by highly qualified staff and a range of well-equipped laboratories.



Andy Seaman
PhD Archaeology

"I am now working as a lecturer in the field at a sister institution. My research topic developed out of interests that I developed whilst undertaking my Undergraduate and Masters degrees in Archaeology. I chose to undertake my PhD at Cardiff because the department is not only central to my research area, but also because it has specialist staff and facilities which have enhanced my research experience. I have benefited from excellent supervision, and have been able to further my research by undertaking a small scale fieldwork project at a potential Early Medieval ecclesiastical site in Monmouthshire."



Analysis of skeletal remains in the environmental laboratory

Specialisation and recognised excellence in specific areas of study and in particular skills underpin all the work of the School. Research is varied and international, reflecting an understanding of what archaeology can and should contribute to society.

The School has a strong core of full-time lecturing and research staff and a series of short-term, project-based research and teaching staff. Facilities include a fully equipped suite of laboratories for conservation, osteoarchaeology and materials analysis (including a Scanning Electron Microscope and X-ray Diffraction facilities), an environmental study centre, continually upgraded computing equipment (including GIS), and digital photography and illustration suites.

Taught Programmes

Archaeology (MA)

The Masters degree in Archaeology offers students the opportunity to study a range of regions, periods and specialist topics in detail. The programme of study is based on Cardiff's particular teaching and research expertise. A major aim of the degree is to prepare students for further postgraduate study or for employment. Several pathways are available through the MA Archaeology, which provide the opportunity for more focused study. These currently include:

- ▶ European Neolithic
- ▶ British Prehistory
- ▶ Early Medieval Society and Culture

Archaeology (MA) - European Neolithic pathway

The Neolithic encompasses some of the most important transformations in prehistory: people settling down, adopting and developing agriculture and animal husbandry, taking on new forms of material culture, extending networks of exchange, establishing long-lived sites and building monuments. The Neolithic therefore sets a series of unanswered questions about origins and identity, what people believed about the world, their past and themselves, the nature of their relations with others, and the rate and kind of change over several millennia.

Archaeology (MA) - Prehistoric Britain pathway

The Prehistoric Britain pathway offers the opportunity to develop a critical understanding of the archaeological evidence for social development of British society in Prehistory from the agricultural colonisation of the early Neolithic, through the periods of ritual monument use in the Late Neolithic and Early Bronze Age and their transformation into the domesticated

landscapes of the later Bronze Age. It culminates with an exploration of the regional diversification that occurred in the Iron Age and that the Romans encountered in the first century AD.

Archaeology (MA) - Early Medieval Society & Culture pathway

In Britain and Ireland, the period AD 400-1100 witnessed some of the deepest and most lasting changes in society and culture in post-Roman Europe. Through the study of settlement forms and patterns, mortuary remains, artefacts, art, literature and place-names, the Early Medieval Society and Culture pathway sets the foundations of modern society, cultures and identities in Britain and Ireland within their proper European contexts.

Early Celtic Studies (MA)

The MA in Early Celtic Studies is designed to introduce students to aspects of the Celtic world through archaeological, historical, literary and mythological sources. The degree offers students the opportunity to develop a critical understanding of people to whom the term Celtic has been applied, from the earliest European evidence through to the historical and literary evidence of early medieval Britain.



Cardiff excavation at Ecsefalva: Neolithic burial in eastern Hungary

Research in Archaeology

Cardiff is a major centre of international standing in the archaeological research of prehistoric and historic Britain, Europe and the Mediterranean region. Active projects of excavation, fieldwork, scientific laboratory-based analyses and traditional library research are supplemented by the presence of the UK's leading centre for archaeological conservation.

Wide-ranging research naturally generates a dynamic research culture, which includes weekly seminars designed to bring in scholars from across the UK, Europe and the USA to discuss their work in a lively atmosphere of debate and argument. Proactive involvement by Cardiff students is expected, as it is central to the success of these activities. Research students typically go on to jobs in academia, archaeological trusts and government bodies associated with heritage.

Cardiff has a lively group of MPhil and PhD research students studying a wide range of topics from the Neolithic to the Early Modern period, reflecting - but not limited by - the research interests of their supervisors.

Prehistory of Europe

A major research strength at Cardiff since the time of Professor Richard Atkinson's excavations at Stonehenge in the 1950s. Current staff research projects in this field include: diversity in the LBK of central Europe; Mesolithic-Neolithic transitions in the Danube Gorges; the built environment in the Balkans, central Europe and Britain in both the Neolithic and the Iron Age; the body; chronological modelling.

Eastern Mediterranean

This is another major focus of research in Cardiff. Fieldwork and long-term research projects include: field survey and excavation at Praisos in eastern Crete; excavation of the industrial site at Tell-el-Amarna and the sacred animal necropolis at North Saqqara in Egypt; survey of the Byzantine, early Islamic and Crusader town walls of Ascalon; a historical, architectural and archaeological study of the churches of the Crusader Kingdom of Jerusalem and of Rhodes town at the time of the knights of St John.



Excavating at Roman Caerleon

Roman Empire

There is a long-standing research tradition (going back to Mortimer Wheeler's excavations at Caerleon) which continues with such projects as: a comprehensive study of Iron Age and Roman coin finds from Wales; the Samian manufacturing site at La Graufesenque in France; survey of the Roman city of Iuvanum in central Italy; excavation of the Roman legionary fortress at Caerleon; geophysical survey of the Roman city of Caerwent; and excavation of Bradford-upon-Avon Roman villa.

Post Roman Empire and Medieval World

One of Cardiff's longest-running research traditions is the study of the post-Roman period, with special emphasis on Britain, Ireland and northern Europe. Current research focuses on: the high-precision radiocarbon dating of Anglo-Saxon burials; the Anglo-Saxon community at Eriswell, Suffolk; the Dark Age crannog at Llangorse in Powys; Norse settlement in the Outer Hebrides; and excavation and post-excavation work on Cosmeston medieval village.

Archaeological Science

This is an active and expanding subject at Cardiff and includes study of the environment, analysis and interpretation of human and faunal remains, chemical analysis of artefacts, ceramic and glass

technologies, analysis of metals, Bayesian modelling, radiocarbon calibration and the application of IT methods to archaeology, which includes Geographic Information Systems.

The Historiography of Archaeology

The current development of the discipline as a bridge between the sciences and humanities is another major area of research interest. Current work focuses on: the history of classical archaeology; the identity of the British Iron Age; the history of Scottish archaeology; the socio-politics of archaeology, burial and monuments; the archaeology of houses and households; patterns of sedentism and mobility; auditory archaeology; and the archaeology of art and visual culture.

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Conservation: Postgraduate Opportunities

Cardiff is a world leader in conservation teaching and research. With over thirty years experience in heritage conservation, our strength is the integration of theory with professional practice.

The success of this approach is reflected in the popularity of our degrees internationally and the excellent employment record of past graduates.



Simon Lambert
MSc Care of Collections

“The Cardiff MSc gave me a good all round knowledge of collections care and this knowledge was invaluable after leaving University. The MSc served as an important first step towards gaining employment within the heritage sector and greatly contributed towards me gaining my first internship. The MSc Care of Collections strengthened my managerial abilities and provided several opportunities to test them in practical and theoretical situations. This course prepares you to hit the ground running when entering the workforce, as it not only focuses on concerns for object- and collectionlevel care, but also on developing literacy in policymaking and cultural strategy. At the end of this course, you understand the issues, you can approach them critically, and you are equipped with the right tools to find viable solutions.”

Cardiff has an active research profile with research contributing to publications on a wide range of topics.

All academic staff have experience in hands-on conservation of objects and museum work as well as areas of specialist research. The teaching and research team is supplemented by an in-house commercial enterprise which provides students with the opportunity to interact with professional conservators.

Taught Programmes

Care of Collections (MSc)

Students interested in careers within the museum sector have an opportunity to improve their career prospects within the museum profession by obtaining specialist training in the care of museum collections with the School of History, Archaeology and Religion. The MSc in Care of Collections provides opportunities for graduates of any discipline with an interest in the cultural heritage sector to study preventive conservation and care and management of cultural and heritage collections.

Professional Conservation (MSc)

Cardiff's Professional Conservation MSc provides opportunities for qualified conservators and scientists to develop their primary training in professional conservation practice and to enhance their research

skills. The MSc Professional Conservation is designed primarily for trained conservators, but also provides science graduates with the opportunity to utilise their training and to develop their specific research skills within conservation science.

Conservation Practice (MSc)

This two-year full-time programme aims to provide a conservation qualification that encompasses theoretical and practical skills. It provides a comprehensive intellectual framework with which to interpret, synthesise and critically evaluate objects and collections, evidence from research and from written sources. Students develop a detailed understanding of conservation theory and practice via project management and conservation of objects.



Research in Conservation

PhD students have a dedicated laboratory at their disposal. We have a strong laboratory infrastructure and expertise which supports and supervises research into a wide range of early materials and technologies. Training is available for research students in a range of scientific methods from petrography to X-ray microanalysis either as core research methodologies or in support of more general archaeological projects. Laboratory investigations include assessments of treatment methods for archaeological iron, anoxic storage and the investigation of the glass transition temperature of Paraloid B72 and its impact on dust collection. The commercial arm of the School deals with materials ranging from twentieth-century plaster busts to faience tiles from Djoser's pyramid in Egypt.

Conservation

Students have access to a suite of laboratories, dedicated waterlogged wood facilities and a wide range of equipment that includes analytical scanning electron microscopy, climatic chamber, Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy,

x-radiography, digital microscopy, potentiometer, portable XRF, plus access to state of the art x-ray diffraction with our partners at Amgueddfa Cymru - National Museum Wales.

Preservation of Material

Current major projects include a major multidisciplinary project aiming to revolutionise preservation of heritage iron. Recent work identified the corrosion mechanism occurring on Brunel's nineteenth-century iron steam ship Great Britain and modelled desiccation methods for controlling its corrosion. Results were used to design the conservation procedure for the ship, which gained international acclaim with the award of the Gulbenkian Museum prize.

Collection Management

Researching collection management and assessment methodologies is a major study theme at Cardiff and this feeds directly into the MSc Care of Collections. The mechanism, value and natural bias of collection condition surveys have undergone extensive study and publication.

Sustainability

Sustainability is a growing research area considering the carbon foot-printing of loan collections and benchmarking the sustainability of laboratory practice.

Further Information

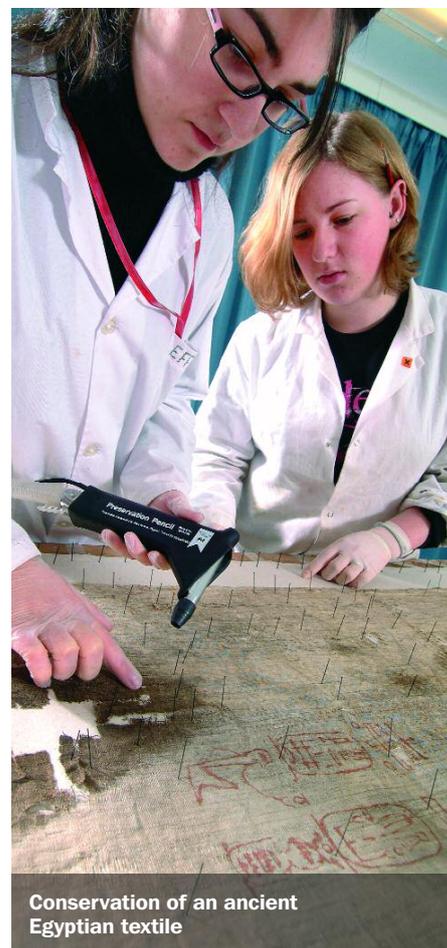
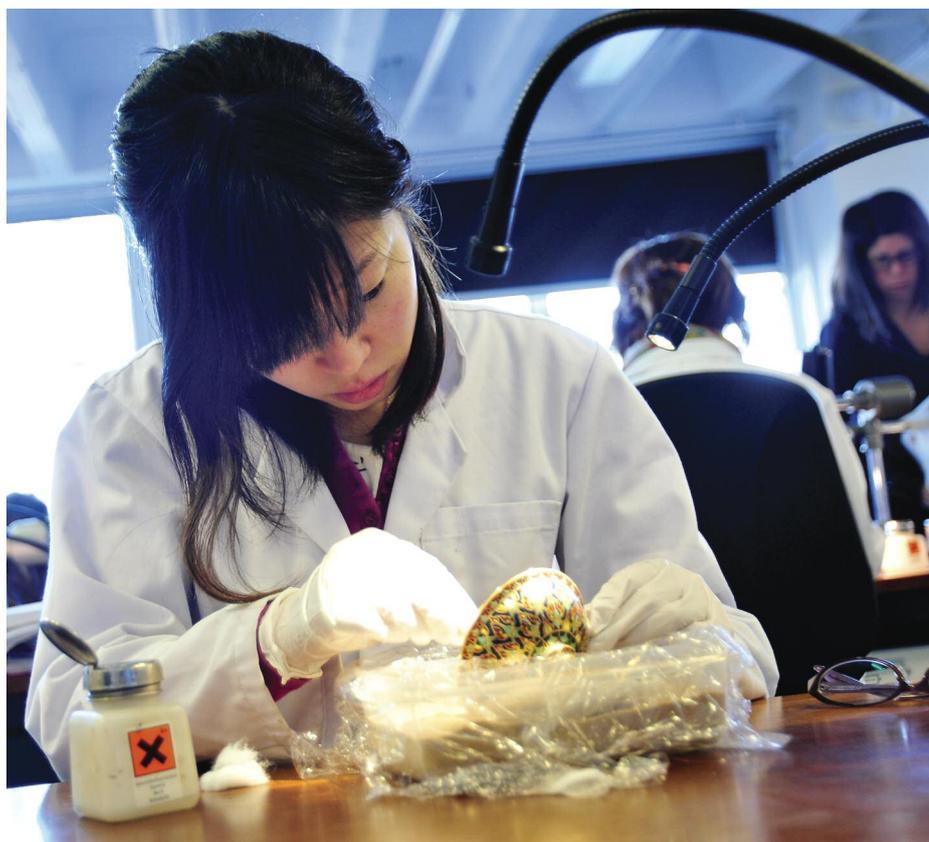
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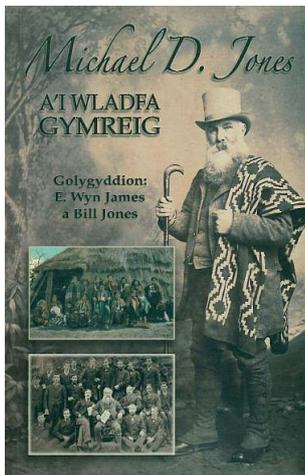
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Conservation of an ancient Egyptian textile

History and Welsh History: Postgraduate Opportunities

History and Welsh History at Cardiff provides supervision and tailored individual training in a wide range of historical fields. Teaching is driven by the latest historical research and offers an exciting and stimulating learning environment with a broad range of subjects.



A recently published study of Welsh migration to Patagonia

Postgraduate students benefit from the presence of internationally recognised scholars whose expertise is sought by major historical journals and leading academic publishers. Historians at Cardiff have fostered links with a range of universities and research institutions in the United States, Australia, Japan and Europe and are frequent contributors to history programmes on radio and television. A number of long-standing and successful lecture series arranged by the various research centres provide an opportunity for students to meet leading scholars from universities in Britain and abroad. History at Cardiff is in regular contact with major museums locally and in other parts of the United Kingdom, thus giving students access to important historical collections and the material evidence of history.

Taught Programmes

History (MA)

The MA History is designed to act as a self-regulated year of further study, and provide a preparatory year for PhD candidates. This degree provides a thorough grounding in research skills and methods, theoretical concepts and the techniques of conducting and writing up an independent research project, as well as a wide range of chronological, geographical and thematic expertise to offer a challenging and flexible programme of study.

History of the Crusades (MA)

The MA in the History of the Crusades offers students the opportunity to study the crusading expeditions to the Holy Land and within Europe during the period 1090-1450. The scheme draws together a wide range of expertise in Medieval History and Archaeology to provide a challenging and flexible programme of study.

Welsh History (MA)

The MA in Welsh History draws together a wide range of chronological, geographical and historiographic expertise in early modern and modern Welsh history to offer challenging and flexible programmes of study, with teaching and research tailored to the interests and needs of individual students. Teaching of modules and supervision of dissertation topics is normally available in English and Welsh.

Medieval British Studies (MA)

To study medieval Britain through history, archaeology, literature and religious studies, giving training and expertise for many careers including PhD programmes, the heritage sector, journalism, teaching, media research (media, commercial, academic), and publishing. Taught by scholars from Archaeology, History, English Literature and Welsh, this Masters offers a unique interdisciplinary approach.

MSc Social Science Research Methods

This is available in Economic and Social History - please see www.cardiff.ac.uk/rgs/diploma.html for more details. This, together with the MA in History (Economic and Social History), has ESRC recognition for postgraduate awards.



Presentation of student research

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Research in History and Welsh History

Medieval History of Britain, Europe and the Middle East

Research currently includes work on: Britain and Ireland in the Viking age and beyond; slavery and society in the British context c.800-1200, English social history (12th-15th centuries); the history of the Military Orders; the role of women in the crusades; international relations and diplomacy; the comparative legal history of England and Scandinavia; popular memory and gender in the English ecclesiastical courts; Gender and Social Belonging in England, 1250 - 1500.

Early Modern History of Britain and Wales

Focusing on crime, violence and gender; the body; witchcraft; popular Royalism; the English Civil War and Republic; gentry politics and culture; parliament and legislation; Wales within the Early Modern British state; and Britain and Ireland within wider transnational cultures in the Early Modern Period.

Modern European History

This covers the social, political and gender history of France since 1870; modern Austria from Habsburg to Hitler; ethnic minorities and émigré communities in Eastern Europe; Anglo-German relations and German perceptions of Britain; denazification and the Allied occupation of Germany; Goebbels and biography; war and the environment; and propaganda and culture in Germany.

The Arts, Political Power and National Identity in Germany and Austria

German and Austrian History have a vibrant presence at Cardiff and research papers are regularly presented through the Cardiff Centre for Modern German History. One of the distinctive features of German History at Cardiff is its expertise in the links between Political Power, Collective Identities and the Arts (Architecture, Film, Music, Painting and Theatre).

Social, Cultural and Political History of Wales

Research covers the social, urban and political history of Wales in the early modern and modern period; nineteenth and early

twentieth century Welsh emigration and Welsh communities outside Wales; the construction of Welsh identities in the modern period; the impact of industrialization on Wales; unemployment, social policy, social and political movements particularly during the economic depression of the 1930s; marriage, family and identity in modern Wales; Wales and the British Empire; political and social interests of the Welsh gentry; Wales and the Civil War and the Interregnum; and Wales within the Early Modern British state.

British Economic and Social History

Research can be undertaken on: 20th century British economic history and policy; the interaction between socio-economic change international affairs including Britain's relations with the USA and western Europe after 1945; everyday life and the 'economics' of everyday life; commodity culture; museums and heritage and Britain; regional and local history; urban and rural history; 20th century British economic history and policy; and socio-economic change and international relations.

Modern Asian History

Special focus on China and the Indian subcontinent, and British imperial history including empire and Wales. Research currently includes work on: gender and women's history of Modern India; agency and formation of Indian women's subjectivities; state and society in Modern India; impact of colonial economy on the domestic economy; Indian middle classes and women; crime and gender in India; state building in Republican China (1912-1949); aspects of political history of modern China such as the Nationalist Party and the Chinese Communist Party; mass/civilian mobilisation in Republican China; society in modern China.

International Migration History

This has special focus on: German minorities in Europe, America and Africa, and Welsh Immigration to Australia, North and South America.

Gender History

Research covers a broad spectrum of periods and is underway on the Medieval, Early-Modern and Modern periods in Britain,

Europe, and British India. Aspects considered include: the medieval English lady; medieval masculinities and conceptions of gender and power; women in the Crusades; gender and crime; sexuality; women's agency and resistance under British rule in India; women, feminism and print culture in the 20th century Britain; masculinity, marriage, family and identity in 20th century Britain.

Medical History

Areas of research interest include: public and rural health; hospitals and medical education; food and disease; literature and medicine; veterinary medicine; the modern history of psychiatry, including trauma; women, health, and medicine in the twentieth century and the modern history of psychiatry including trauma.

Historiography and Historical Theory

Potential topics include the history of historical writing in Britain and France, the relationship between history and the social sciences, social history, the impact of gender and women's histories in the profession and the nature of the national and tradition in historical writing.



Portrait of Sir Thomas Aubrey

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Religion and Theology: Postgraduate Opportunities

Religious and Theological Studies at Cardiff is a flourishing centre of research at the cutting edge of the subject. All academic staff are active researchers in their fields and inform their teaching with the latest state of knowledge.

Taught Programmes

Religious Studies (MA)

The MA in Religious Studies and its associated pathways, provide the ideal progression from a degree in Religious Studies (or allied Humanities subjects) into a research degree. Through a carefully-structured programme of modules that offer an introduction to postgraduate research and study skills, as well as subject-specific training, students can prepare themselves for future postgraduate research, as well as a range of relevant careers, such as religious education teaching, print and broadcasting media, and employment in religious organisations.

MA Late Antique and Byzantine Studies

Students take a core module covering theoretical concepts and approaches in late antique and Byzantine history, and choose from a range of specialist options, including tailored special topics focused on particular periods and themes. They also receive training in research methods, public speaking, and the handling of ancient texts, and learn an ancient language at an appropriate level - either Greek (Classical or Byzantine), Latin (Classical, Patristic or Medieval), Arabic, Hebrew, or Syriac and Aramaic.

MA Religious Studies: Asian Religion

in research skills and methods, and the opportunity to explore an area of independent research. All students receive training in research methods, academic writing, public speaking, and the handling of ancient texts. They are also encouraged to undertake the study of Sanskrit at an appropriate level.

Religious Studies (MA) - Myth, Narrative and Theory pathway

The MA in Religious Studies 'Myth' pathway gives students opportunities to study a wide range of myths, in textual, visual, cinematic, and oral forms and to develop analytical skills in numerous disciplines, including psychology, sociology, anthropology, philosophy, history and literary studies. Students are potentially prepared for further postgraduate study at PhD level, but the course offers many transferable skills that are recognized and would be useful for careers in teaching, media, NGOs and charitable organisations, and government posts.

Religious Studies (MA) - Religion in Late Antiquity pathway

Late Antiquity, the period of history stretching from 200-800AD, is widely regarded as one of the most important times in world history. It witnessed the consolidation and emergence of many of the major world faiths, e.g. Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, and is a period rich in historical and cultural significance for understanding religion in the modern age.

Islam in Contemporary Britain (MA, PG Diploma)

This programme aims to provide students with an understanding of the history and development of Muslim communities in the UK, and the social science training and skills to undertake original qualitative research with and about Muslims in Britain.

Theology

Theology at Cardiff University is taught in partnership with two affiliated Theological Colleges (St Michael's College and the South Wales Baptist College). Staff deliver a developing and complementary range of Theology modules and courses at both Undergraduate and Postgraduate level.

Chaplaincy Studies - Military route (MTh)

This programme offers knowledge and expertise to enable students to contribute more fully to their roles as military chaplains through the development of intellectual competence and research skills, alongside deepening reflective practice and enhanced pastoral activity.

Chaplaincy Studies (MTh, PG Diploma, PG Certificate)

These postgraduate programmes are post-experience courses which aim to develop intellectual competence and postgraduate skills, as well as to deepen reflective practice and develop pastoral practice. The programmes aim to make chaplains more effective in their roles, so that they can make an enhanced contribution within their chaplaincy work. There is a generic route and three pathways focusing on chaplaincy in the following sector:

- ▶ Education
- ▶ Higher Education
- ▶ Healthcare

Theology (MTh, PG Diploma, PG Certificate)

These programmes offer a series of taught modules on issues concerning mission, ministry, spirituality and critical reflection. They enable the deepening and upgrading of skills for those in ministry, whether ordained or lay, including the possibility of critical reflection on current practice. There is also the possibility of taking modules from the Master's in Chaplaincy Studies, thus allowing a wide ranging engagement with the encounter of Christianity and contemporary society. There is a generic route and pathways providing the opportunity for more focused study. These currently include:

- ▶ Biblical Studies
- ▶ Christian Doctrine
- ▶ Church History
- ▶ Practical Theology

Yunus Ali

MA Islam in Contemporary Britain

"The MA students at Cardiff are presented with a unique opportunity to explore, analyse and gain an in-depth understanding of past and present issues facing Muslim communities in Britain. This has been a fascinating and enriching experience as the course complements and builds upon the knowledge that I acquired during my undergraduate degree."

Research in Religion and Theology

Cardiff offers considerable research strength in religious studies and theology. Staff in religious studies work on a diverse range of topics and religious traditions including religion in the contemporary world, early Christianity, Islam, Asian religions and provide opportunity to learn subject-related languages. Staff are happy to supervise research for MPhil/PhD degrees over a wide area. The themes which run through our work are narrative traditions in Asia, hagiography, biography, translation, commentary and the interface between religion and society in the contemporary world. The following areas are of particular strength:

Buddhism and its literature

Buddhism in its historical development from India to China including its literature in the respective languages. Focus is on Buddhist narrative traditions and historiography.

Byzantine history, culture and religion

Warfare, state, society and religion in the Late Roman, Byzantine and Islamic Near East. Expansion of Christianity and Islam in the Mediterranean and its hinterlands.

Contemporary Islam in the UK and the West

Islam in Britain, publicly-funded chaplaincy, sociology of religion, Islamic environmentalism, Muslim childhood, Islamic pastoral care.

Early Christian literature, history and culture

New Testament studies; Late Antiquity; Gnosticism; Manichaeism; Later Roman Empire; Biblical Hermeneutics; Study of Mythology.

Greek and Latin patristics

The study of the New Testament, Greek, Latin, and Syriac Patristics, the religions of Late Antiquity including Manichaeism, Gnosticism and Islam, Early Christian and Islamic historiography, late antique philosophy and philosophers, late Roman society and culture, and the history of the Byzantine empire.

Hinduism and its literature

We offer supervision in aspects of the role and function of religious narrative in early and medieval South Asia, with a special emphasis on Epic and Puranic literature, but also including Vedic, Kavyic and dramatic materials (and associated commentaries). Our interest is in the role of story in the transmission and adaptation of cultural knowledge and forms of communal religious identity within South Asia. Areas of special interest include: translation theory and practice; the role of genealogical discourse in South Asian societies; the relationship between Vedic and later sources; and historiography and intellectual history (in relation to narrative sources).

Jainism and its literature

Jainism in its historical development in India and the diaspora, including its literature.



Central Indian Temple

Modern media and religion

Psychology and the Supernatural in Contemporary Film, Anthropology, Myth, Ritual, and Gender, History of Ideas.

Religion in late antiquity

The study of Religion in Late Antiquity, especially Christianity, with a particular focus on the Mediterranean world and the Near East, particularly interaction of Christianity with Judaism, Graeco-Roman ('pagan') religions and early Islam, and the emergence of the Latin ('western') and Syriac Christian traditions.

Syriac Literature and the Christian Orient

Syriac and Aramaic Language and Literature; the history and theology of the Christian Orient; ancient versions of the Bible and of other Christian literature.



Church of St. John of Ephesus in Selçuk, Turkey (6th Century)

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Funding your Postgraduate Study

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Securing funding for postgraduate study is an important consideration for many students. Most funding sources are highly competitive and are subject to various application deadlines; unless you will be funding your studies yourself, it is therefore essential to start researching and thinking about your funding options as soon as possible.

In most cases, you will need to have received an offer of a place to study in order to obtain financial support, so it is also important that you apply for your chosen programme of study well in advance of the deadlines for any funding applications you intend to make.

The following information is a summary of the main sources of funding available to UK, EU and international postgraduate students. More detailed information on possible sources of postgraduate funding is available on our website at:
www.cardiff.ac.uk/for/prospective/pg/funding/

Postgraduate Studentships Cardiff University International Studentships

In recognition of the outstanding talent of many international students, Cardiff University offers a highly prestigious International Scholarship Fund designed to attract and reward the brightest students. There is a wide range of distinct scholarships available, at all academic levels including Postgraduate Taught, and PhD.

Cardiff University Postgraduate Taught Studentships [Home/EU]

Introduced in 2013, these Scholarships are each worth £3,000 and are awarded in the form of a tuition fee discount.

For the latest Cardiff University funding information, head to:
www.cardiff.ac.uk/for/prospective/postgraduate/funding.html

School-related Postgraduate studentships

Jameel Scholarships

With the help of a very generous gift to the University, the Jameel Scholarships have been established to enable the very best students to come to Cardiff - those who have the intellect and determination to apply their knowledge for the benefit of Muslim communities in the UK, and to promote better understanding of Islam in wider society.

For the latest Jameel Scholarships information, head to:
www.cardiff.ac.uk/share/research/centres/csi/scholarships/index.html

SHARE Postgraduate studentships

In 2013 seven masters and two research studentships [equivalent to UK/EU fees] were awarded by the School.

School International Postgraduate Bursaries

The School has bursaries for International students (non UK / EU) taking a Master's degree (MA, MSc or MTh), within the School. In 2013 five bursaries of £1000 were available.

For the latest School information, head to:
www.cardiff.ac.uk/share/degreeprogrammes/howtoapply/postgraduate-funding-opportunities.html

UK Research Council Studentships (open to UK/EU candidates only)

The UK Research Councils are public bodies responsible for the support of research and postgraduate training in the UK, and, as such, are a major source of postgraduate funding. The two Research Councils relevant to subject areas in the School of History, Archaeology and Religion are the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), and the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), both of which are detailed below.

Eligibility

Only candidates who are designated by the University as eligible to pay tuition fees at the UK/EU rate are eligible to hold Research Council Studentships.

Candidates who are designated UK for fees purposes are eligible for full awards (i.e. fees plus stipend). EU candidates who have been residing in the UK for three years prior to the start of their course (including for educational purposes) are also eligible for full awards. All other EU candidates are eligible for fees-only awards. Full details of the Councils' academic and residency criteria are available on their respective websites.

Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC)

www.ahrc.ac.uk

Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)

www.esrc.ac.uk

Other sources of funding

There are many charities, foundations and trusts that may contribute to your study costs. You will need to apply to these individually. Many of these are listed on our website; you can also refer to publications such as The Grants Register and the Prospects Postgraduate Funding Guide, available at your University Careers Service. International students are advised to investigate funding opportunities offered by their own country, and to check with their local British Council office, or the British Council website at:
www.britishcouncil.org/learning

Loans

Career Development Loans are the most common loans for postgraduates, but are only available to UK and EU students. A Career Development Loan is a deferred repayment bank loan to support vocational education or training. For the latest on amounts you can borrow, please telephone +44 (0)800 100 900 or visit: www.direct.gov.uk/cdl

Working alongside Full-Time Study

If you intend to undertake some paid employment whilst pursuing full-time study, one option is to enrol with the Unistaff Jobshop, which offers casual employment in the University and surrounding area. Please bear in mind when considering part-time work that you need to be able to balance the demands on your time. For further information on the Jobshop, please see the Students' Union website at www.cardiffstudents.com (follow the link to 'Jobshop' in the 'Support and Service' section).

How to Apply

Apply online at:
www.cardiff.ac.uk/postgraduate/pgapply



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The Online Application Service can be accessed via the Apply Section of our postgraduate website at:
www.cardiff.ac.uk/pg/apply

Full guidance notes can be accessed at each stage of the online application process once you have created your account and commenced your application. If you have any queries or experience any difficulty with the Online Application Service, please contact the Admissions Team by calling +44 (0)29 2087 9999 or emailing admissions@cardiff.ac.uk

Benefits of applying online

If you use the Online Application Service to submit your application, your user account will also allow you to:

- ▶ view your completed application form
- ▶ download referee report forms to provide to your referees
- ▶ determine your provisional fee classification
- ▶ monitor the progress of your application and accept or decline an offer, if appropriate
- ▶ update your personal contact details and view correspondence issued to you by the University Registry in relation to your application
- ▶ contact the University Registry by email
- ▶ access visa application advice from the International Students website (if required)
- ▶ access information on finding accommodation

(2) Paper-based application

Paper-based application forms are available for applicants who are unable to use the online method. These should also be used to apply to the small number of

postgraduate programmes (including those undergoing final approval by Cardiff University) for which online application is not currently available. However, please note that applicants who choose to submit a paper-based application cannot currently benefit from the features provided by the Online Application Service as outlined above. Application forms and documents can be downloaded for printing at www.cardiff.ac.uk/pg/apply

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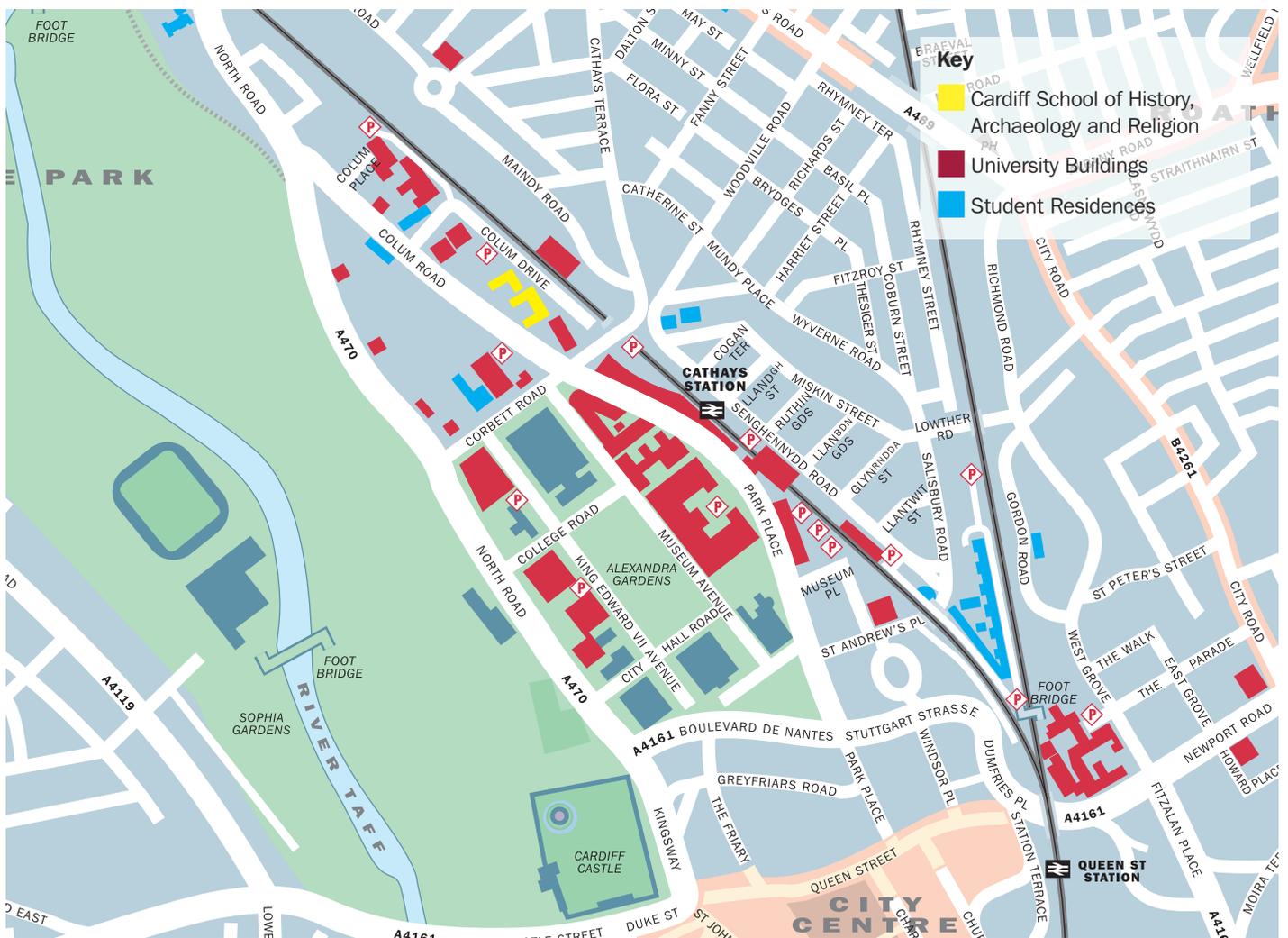
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Postgraduate Admissions

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