Why Cardiff University?

**Russell Group university**
Established in 1883, and a member of the Russell Group of leading UK universities

**Top 5**
Ranked 2nd nationally for research impact, and in the top 5 universities for research excellence in the latest Research Excellence Framework (REF 2014)

**9,000**
Over 9,000 postgraduate students from more than 130 countries

**300**
More than 300 postgraduate study options, including full-time, part-time, blended learning and distance learning courses

**98%**
98% of postgraduate research students and 95% of postgraduate taught students in highly skilled employment 15 months after graduation (HESA 2020)

**Top 10**
Cardiff is recognised as one of the 10 most beautiful universities in the UK (Times Higher Education 2018)
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Whether you’re looking to boost your prospects after graduation, change direction to follow a new career path or make sure you get ahead of the competition in a challenging jobs market, a postgraduate course can help you achieve your goals.

Our programmes allow you to gain the skills, knowledge and expertise you need to really stand out from the crowd.

Enhance your career prospects
Undertaking a postgraduate course is one of the most effective ways to advance your career to a higher level. The variety of skills and expertise gained from your course can significantly improve your job prospects, maximise your chance of securing work in a specific field and increase your earning potential.

Achieve professional accreditation
If you need to gain professional accreditation to reach the next stage of your career, a postgraduate course can help you achieve this. We offer a variety of courses leading to professional accreditation, some of which can be studied part-time alongside your employment.

Change your career path with a conversion course
If your undergraduate degree is not the field you want to work in, a conversion course allows you to upskill in a different area so that you can follow a new career path. We provide a wide range of conversion courses in subjects including business, computer science and law, where no prior knowledge or degree in the subject is required. You’ll find all of our conversion courses marked within the course directory.

Further explore a subject you are passionate about
If you’re coming to the end of your undergraduate studies but you still have the desire to learn or carry out research, a postgraduate course can satisfy your intellectual curiosity by allowing you to explore a subject in more depth.

Develop expert knowledge in a specialist area
Postgraduate study gives you the chance to really specialise in your field and advance your knowledge of a particular subject area.
About us
Established in 1883, Cardiff University boasts an international reputation for excellence in teaching and research, built on a history of service and achievement and recognised by our membership of the Russell Group of leading research-led universities.

The University is divided into 24 academic schools, located across two thriving campuses: Just a few minutes’ walk from the city centre, the majority of our academic schools can be found in our Cathays Park campus, amongst the impressive buildings, parks and wide tree-lined avenues that form Cardiff’s attractive civic centre. Our Heath Park campus is home to three academic schools offering programmes in medicine, dentistry and healthcare, sharing its site with the 1,000-bed University Hospital of Wales – the third largest teaching hospital in the UK.

Ambitious and innovative, we’re committed to creating and sustaining a welcoming, inclusive, accessible and friendly learning environment for all of our students. Our academic staff are driven by creativity and curiosity and many are leaders in their fields, creating a stimulating environment for you to learn in.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, some of our teaching, learning, research and services may need to change at short notice to ensure we fully adhere to the relevant government guidance. Please consult our website for details on how any changes may affect your studies in the 2021-22 academic year.
Wales: land of legend
Croeso

That’s Welsh for ‘welcome’, and you’ll feel it everywhere you go in Wales.

Welcome to a country of breathtaking natural beauty, where every day a new experience awaits. Around every corner, a hidden gem: colourful fishing villages and cosy inns, rugged valleys and cliff-top trails, sandy coves and vibrant cities. Here you can discover 640 castles: more than any other country in Europe.

This is a land of magic and myth, of princes and dragons. A land that has created writers and poets, musicians and athletes, architects and engineers, scientists and philanthropists. A land that has inspired generations to achieve their dreams.

This magical land is our home – and your home too. Croeso.
Cardiff:
a capital city


Cardiff is a thriving and attractive city which is widely recognised as an outstanding place in which to live, work and study. Cardiff caters to all tastes, offering everything from the excitement of the city to the peace and tranquillity of the nearby coast and countryside.

Contemporary, welcoming and easy to get around, the Welsh capital is a city with character, heritage and ambition. Cardiff combines all the advantages of a compact, friendly and affordable location with the cultural and recreational facilities of a modern capital city.
‘With an exhilarating mix of heavyweight cultural sights, exciting regeneration projects, world-class sport, a prolific music scene and some seriously banging nightlife, it’s easy to see why Cardiff now ranks alongside London and Edinburgh as one of the UK’s most compelling destinations.’  
Rough Guides, 2018
As one of the UK’s **major sporting centres**, Cardiff is home to the iconic 74,500-seat Principality Stadium. The city hosts professional football at the Cardiff City Stadium, rugby at the famous Arms Park and international cricket at Sophia Gardens. Cardiff also boasts an Olympic-sized swimming pool, a white water rafting and canoe centre, ice rink and facilities to play a range of other sports.

As you’d expect from a capital city, Cardiff is one of the UK’s **leading retail destinations**. Designer boutiques and high street names can be found within the St David’s Shopping Centre, which stands alongside local independent shops, numerous indoor and outdoor markets and a fascinating network of glass-canopied Victorian and Edwardian shopping arcades.

**In the mood for some culture?** Cardiff is well-equipped, with entertainment to suit all tastes. Cardiff Bay’s world-class Wales Millennium Centre regularly plays host to touring West End musicals, as well as concerts, drama and ballet. The city is also home to the acclaimed Welsh National Opera, two thriving theatres, several multi-screen cinemas, comedy clubs and a well-established arts centre.

Cardiff is a compact city, **best explored on foot or by bicycle**. The city’s Next Bikes scheme has cycle racks located all over the city – and the first half hour of every journey is free to all Cardiff University students! Excellent transport links also make it easy to travel across the city, south Wales and beyond, with London less than two hours away by rail.
Following an investment of £2.4bn, Cardiff Bay is regarded as one of the most successful regeneration projects in the UK. The Bay boasts a modern development of homes, shops, bars, restaurants, offices, and entertainment and sport facilities.

Boasting some **330 parks and gardens**, Cardiff benefits from an abundance of green spaces. Our parks reach right into the heart of the city centre, making the capital a green haven for exploring, relaxing and taking some time out.

Cardiff is a **truly cosmopolitan city** and its multicultural vibe is reflected in its diverse range of cafés, restaurants and bars. No matter your preference, you’re sure to find plenty to suit your taste and budget.

Want to escape the hustle and bustle of city life? The easily-accessible Brecon Beacons National Park offers outstanding scenery and wildlife, alongside ample opportunity for all kinds of outdoor pursuits including hiking and rock climbing. If it’s sea air you crave, take a wander along our stunning coastline by following the 870-mile Wales Coastal Path: the only path in the world that follows a country’s coastline in its entirety.

“Cardiff is a great place to be a student. Although it’s the capital of Wales, it isn’t a large city, which means most things are within walking distance. The centre is very compact and filled to the brim with bars, restaurants, cafés and shops. I also love Cardiff because of its surrounding areas: within half an hour I could either be looking out to sea in Penarth or climbing a mountain in the valleys.” **David, MSc Data Science and Analytics**
Cardiff is a friendly, diverse and global university. We welcome over 7,900 international students from more than 130 countries each year, who come to Cardiff to fulfil their potential through our postgraduate taught and research programmes. We understand that choosing to study abroad can be a big decision. That’s why we’re here to help you every step of the way.
As an international student, you can benefit from a range of specialist support services designed to make your move to Cardiff as straightforward as possible:

**Application guidance**
Our international team offers a dedicated advice service to help guide you through the process of applying to study at Cardiff. You can contact our international team at any point before, during and after the application process, and we'll answer any questions you may have.

**A warm welcome**
We offer an airport collection service from both Cardiff and Heathrow airports before the academic year starts. Once you arrive in Cardiff, we will provide you with a comprehensive induction programme and arrange activities to help you settle in to your new home.

**Guaranteed accommodation**
Cardiff is one of only a small number of universities that guarantees high quality, conveniently located accommodation for single international students (conditions apply). See page 18-19 to find out more about our wide range of student accommodation.

**Expert advice**
Alongside the support provided by your academic school, our international student advisers are on hand to assist you with issues such as visas, immigration and finance.

**International student societies**
Our award-winning Students’ Union houses a number of societies specifically for international students. The societies host regular activities for our international students to come together and socialise, as well as annual events such as the Festival of Culture and Diversity.

**English language programmes**
Our English language teaching centre offers a variety of courses which cater for most language levels and abilities. Our students come from all over the world to improve their English language skills before starting university. Classes are taught on campus by our experienced, fully qualified English language tutors. There is also an IELTS Test Centre at Cardiff University offering regular test dates throughout the year.

- Summer Pre-sessional Programmes: 8, 10, 12 or 20-week intensive courses are available for international students holding conditional offers.
- English for University Study Programme: an academic year programme with entry in September, January and April.
- In-sessional Student Support: we provide assistance with academic writing, exam techniques, listening and speaking, pronunciation, notetaking and seminar skills.
Cardiff University has a long history of providing outstanding research-led teaching:

We are ranked among the top 40 universities in Europe for teaching excellence. (Times Higher Education Europe Teaching Rankings, 2019)

Ranked 159th in the QS World Rankings 2021, we are Wales’ highest ranked university and remain amongst the UK’s best.

Our teaching has received robust endorsement from the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA).
Our staff are experts in their fields, working at the forefront of their academic discipline – which means that you will too.

Teaching and learning at Cardiff take place in a stimulating study environment. As a postgraduate student, you will be encouraged to develop a wide range of both subject-specific and transferable skills, enhancing your employability and equipping you with the capabilities you need to excel in your chosen discipline.

Languages for All
Looking to learn a new language or develop your expertise in an existing one? Our Languages for All programme gives you the chance to improve your language skills alongside your studies – for free.

Whether you’re a complete beginner or a linguistic ace, we cater for all abilities. Our flexible choice of study options allows you to learn in a way that suits you, through weekly classes, intensive sessions or independent learning. Courses are currently offered at a variety of levels in:

- Arabic
- French
- German
- Italian
- Japanese
- Mandarin Chinese
- Portuguese
- Russian
- Spanish
- Welsh

Work or study abroad
Through our European exchange programme you can apply to study or work in a European country for a maximum of 12 months as part of your postgraduate degree, subject to agreement from your academic school. European exchange offers you an exciting opportunity to become immersed in a different culture, make new friends and improve your language skills.

Continuing Professional Education
We offer a diverse range of part-time courses in a variety of subject areas, which take place in the daytime, evening and at weekends to fit around your lifestyle. Our Continuing Professional Education courses are ideal in helping you enhance your CV, improve your business and project management skills and broaden your learning experience.

We’ve been awarded a **silver rating** in the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF).
Whether you choose to live in a University residence or private accommodation, we want you to feel at home here.

University residences
Dedicated postgraduate flats are available in University residences, allowing you the opportunity to meet, live and work alongside like-minded people who understand the demands of postgraduate study.

International postgraduate students are guaranteed a single occupancy place in University residences for the full duration of their studies (terms and conditions apply). If you’re a UK student, University accommodation is not guaranteed but may still be available: see cardiff.ac.uk/accommodation for more information.

Options to suit everyone
We offer a range of high quality student residences to suit individual preferences and budgets, including:
• Single or mixed gender accommodation
• Private or shared bathrooms
• Self-catered, part-catered or fully catered
• A variety of social and sporting facilities
• A limited supply of residences suitable for couples or families (please note that this cannot be guaranteed).

Affordable
Cardiff is one of the most affordable cities for students in the UK*, and this is reflected in our budget-friendly University accommodation. A self-catered residence costs between £113 and £159 per week, whilst a room in part-catered residences typically costs £156 per week (2020/21 prices for single occupancy residences). Residence fees and associated charges are payable by Direct Debit in three instalments across the year.

Private accommodation
There is a plentiful supply of accommodation available from private landlords in Cardiff. We run a residential house-hunting event in August, allowing you to meet other postgraduates and look for private rented accommodation as an individual, or as part of a group. Our Students’ Union also operates its own professional letting agency, Cardiff Student Letting, which provides student houses suitable for a range of budgets and does not charge agency fees.

*NatWest Student Living Index
Sport

Cardiff is consistently ranked amongst the top UK universities for sport. We offer an extensive range of sports clubs, with opportunities to participate at an elite or recreational level.

There are more than 60 Athletic Union clubs to get involved in throughout your postgraduate studies, ranging from hockey and rugby to martial arts, motorsports and dodgeball.

Many of our clubs compete in the British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) competition, where teams travel all over the UK battling it out for BUCS points against other universities. We also have an extremely popular intra-mural games (IMG) programme with over 100 teams competing weekly in netball, football and rugby.

The Fitness and Conditioning Centre houses our state-of-the-art strength and conditioning provision, while you will also find further cardio, resistance and weights equipment alongside a range of outstanding indoor and outdoor sports facilities at the Sports Training Village. Our friendly and personal approach to health and fitness includes fitness classes, personal training, individual programme design and nutrition advice.

Our High Performance Programme provides elite sportsmen and women with a comprehensive support programme to ensure that they have the necessary environment to excel in their given sport. Areas of support include lifestyle management and academic support, physical preparation such as physiotherapy, sports massage and strength and conditioning coaching, as well as the potential for financial award.
Our research
**Russell Group university**
We’re part of the Russell Group, which represents the 24 leading research-intensive universities in the UK.

**Top 5**
Ranked 2nd nationally for research impact, and in the top 5 universities for research excellence in the latest Research Excellence Framework (REF 2014).

**GW4**
We are a member of the GW4 alliance, which brings together the South West and Wales’ four leading, research-intensive universities.

**Recognition**
Our research teams have been awarded seven Queen’s Anniversary Prizes for work of outstanding excellence, and we’re proud to list two Nobel Prize winners as members of staff.

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Our nine flagship research institutes bring together academic talents from across a range of disciplines to tackle some of the biggest challenges facing society, the economy and the environment.
Cardiff University has a thriving and innovative research culture that connects our academics to industry, business, government and the third sector in Wales, the UK and internationally.

As a result, our research has real impact and is making a positive difference to the world. From advancing our understanding of dementia to discovering the chemical composition of the Earth’s mantle, our community of researchers is helping to create a stronger, healthier and more sustainable world.

We are a member of the Russell Group – the UK’s ‘Ivy League’ of leading research universities. We were ranked fifth among UK universities when judged on research quality and second on research impact in the most recent Research Excellence Framework (REF 2014).

This national assessment exercise, undertaken periodically by the UK funding bodies, confirmed our place as a world-leading centre of research excellence. 87% of our submitted research was rated as world-leading (4*) or internationally excellent (3*) – the top two categories of assessment.

The impact of our research continues to reach far beyond the journals in which it is published. Our expertise puts us in demand with policymakers, nongovernmental organisations and industry alike.

**Doctoral training initiatives**

Our research-intensive profile and reputation enable us to secure funding for doctoral study from a wide range of sources, including UK Research Councils, charities and trusts, governmental bodies and industry.

We are currently leading or participating in a range of specific doctoral training initiatives, including UK Research Council sponsored Doctoral Training Partnerships (DTPs), Doctoral Training Centres (DTCs) or Centres for Doctoral Training (CDTs). These span many of our areas of academic and research strengths.

DTPs, CDTs and DTCs bring together diverse areas of expertise which aim to train our doctoral students with the skills, knowledge and confidence to become successful researchers and who are able to tackle today’s big questions and future challenges.

They also aim to provide a supportive and exciting environment for students, often with the opportunity to take advantage of broader training or development opportunities, such as language learning, overseas research visits, or placements with non-academic partners.

**Our doctoral training initiatives include:**

**Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences**
- AHRC South, West and Wales DTP
- ESRC Wales DTP
- Knowledge Economy Skills Scholarships (KESS2)

**Biomedical and Life Sciences**
- BBSRC South West Bioscience DTP
- Knowledge Economy Skills Scholarships (KESS2)
- MRC GW4 BioMed DTP
- NERC GW4+ DTP in Environmental Sciences
- NERC GW4 FRESH Centre for Doctoral Training in Freshwater Biosciences and Sustainability

**Physical Sciences and Engineering**
- EPSRC DTP
- EPSRC Compound Semiconductor Manufacturing CDT
- EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Resilient Decarbonised Fuel Energy Systems
- Knowledge Economy Skills Scholarships (KESS2)
- NERC GW4+ DTP in Earth and Environmental Sciences
Arctic sea ice can’t ‘bounce back’

Arctic sea ice cannot “quickly bounce back” once climate change causes it to melt, according to research from a team including scientists from the School of Earth and Environmental Sciences. The research team used the shells of quahog clams, which can live for hundreds of years, and climate models to discover how Arctic sea ice has changed over the last 1,000 years.

They found sea ice coverage shifts over timescales of decades to centuries – so shrinking ice cannot be expected to return rapidly if climate change is slowed or reversed. The study examined whether past ice changes north of Iceland were “forced” (caused by events such as volcanic eruptions and variations in the sun’s output) or “unforced” (part of a natural pattern). At least a third of past variation was found to be “forced” – showing the climate system is “very sensitive” to such driving factors.

Platinum breakthrough for cleaner and cheaper catalysts

Working in conjunction with scientists across the globe, academics from Cardiff Catalysis Institute have developed a new way of significantly reducing the amount of platinum used in catalysts, opening up much cheaper and cleaner ways of producing a whole host of commodity chemicals and fuels. Though present in a wide range of catalysts used to speed up chemical reactions in industrial processes, platinum is an extremely expensive metal that produces harmful by-products.

Catalysis is the process of increasing the rate of a chemical reaction and is widely used in industry to produce products in a much quicker and more efficient way. The team from the Cardiff Catalysis Institute has shown how catalysts with just one-tenth of the amount of platinum can be created without sacrificing performance. Furthermore, the catalyst can perform with unprecedented selectivity meaning less waste products are produced.
**Discovery of new T-cell raises prospect of ‘universal’ cancer therapy**

Researchers from our School of Medicine and School of Biosciences have discovered a new type of killer T-cell that offers hope of a “one-size-fits-all” cancer therapy. T-cell therapies for cancer – where immune cells are removed, modified and returned to the patient’s blood to seek and destroy cancer cells – are the latest paradigm in cancer treatments.

The most widely-used therapy, known as CAR-T, is personalised to each patient but targets only a few types of cancers and has not been successful for solid tumours, which make up the vast majority of cancers. Our researchers have now discovered T-cells equipped with a new type of T-cell receptor (TCR) which recognises and kills most human cancer types, while ignoring healthy cells.

This TCR recognises a molecule present on the surface of a wide range of cancer cells as well as in many of the body’s normal cells but, remarkably, is able to distinguish between healthy cells and cancerous ones, killing only the latter. The researchers said this meant it offered exciting opportunities for pan-cancer, pan-population immunotherapies not previously thought possible.

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**Large scale feasts at ancient capital of Ulster drew crowds from across Iron Age Ireland**

Conclusive research suggests that people transported animals over huge distances for mass gatherings at one of Ireland’s most iconic archaeological sites. Researchers from the School of History, Archaeology and Religion led the study with involvement from other institutions, which analysed the bones of 35 animals excavated from Navan Fort, the legendary capital of Ulster.

The site had long been considered a centre for ritual gatherings, as excavations found a huge 40m diameter building and a barbary ape cranium, likely from at least as far as Iberia. Results suggest the pigs, cattle and sheep were brought from across Ireland, perhaps being reared as far afield as Galway, Donegal, Down, Tyrone and Antrim. Evidence suggests that some animals were brought from more than 100 miles away.
Our research institutes

Our nine flagship research institutes bring together academic talents from across a range of disciplines to solve problems of global importance.

Cardiff Catalysis Institute
The Cardiff Catalysis Institute is dedicated to improving the understanding of catalysis, developing new catalytic processes with industry and promoting the use of catalysis as a sustainable 21st century technology. The Institute has a vast array of equipment accessible to all students and staff to drive research forward and provide a valuable insight into the understanding of catalytic processes.

Crime and Security Research Institute
Established in 2015, the Crime and Security Research Institute develops new insights, evidence and knowledge about local, national and international crime and security problems. The Institute has helped reduce crime and increase security by identifying problems and providing practical, well-researched solutions that directly inform policy and practice.

Data Innovation Research Institute
The Data Innovation Research Institute has been established to conduct fundamental research into the aspects of managing, analysing and interpreting massive volumes of textual and numerical information. The Institute is the University’s hub for data science, encompassing research, teaching, high performance computing (HPC) and industry collaboration.

Energy Systems Research Institute
The Energy Systems Research Institute aims to tackle the global challenges associated with how we continue to generate, distribute and utilise energy. The Institute’s vision is to undertake internationally-leading research into the development of sustainable, affordable, socially acceptable and secure energy systems through a multidisciplinary approach that supports collaboration and innovation.

European Cancer Stem Cell Research Institute
Targeting cancer stem cells offers the potential to transform the way we tackle disease. They play a key role in the creation and growth of tumours, and the way they spread around the body. It may be possible to treat cancer more effectively by combining killing the cancer stem cells with current treatments that shrink the tumour mass but may not stop it growing back.

Neuroscience and Mental Health Research Institute
The Neuroscience and Mental Health Research Institute aims to be an internationally-recognised centre of excellence in the field of neuroscience and mental health, by taking new discoveries and translating them into greater understanding and diagnosis of mental illness.

Sustainable Places Research Institute
The irreversible consequences of climate change and resource depletion are being felt across the globe, and in very different ways in different places. Yet we have been slow to come up with innovative responses and solutions which take account of the unique relationships between economic, ecological and social processes at local levels.
The Sustainable Places Research Institute is a meeting place for sustainability science, focused on exploring innovative solutions for a more sustainable future. The Institute is making new connections in sustainability research, finding pragmatic, policy-led, locally-based solutions for individual cities, regions and nations.

**Systems Immunity Research Institute**

The Systems Immunity Research Institute delivers a comprehensive systems-based approach to immunity research, providing a holistic view of chronic disease progression, the control of infection and mechanisms that determine an effective immune response.

The Institute offers an internationally competitive research environment that fosters mentorship and encourages interdisciplinary collaboration. Researchers explore highly complex immune responses in an integrated manner, using experimental, clinical and systems-based approaches. The Systems Immunity Research Institute aims to answer fundamental questions concerning the mechanisms of immunity and to develop diagnostic and targeted treatment strategies for real-world application.

**Water Research Institute**

The Water Research Institute was established in 2015 in order to address the grand challenge of sustaining water for people and ecosystems in a changing world. It aims to foster world-leading interdisciplinary research that will have strong impact and be used as evidence by decision makers.

It achieves this by providing a creative environment where researchers from different disciplines co-design and co-deliver research with stakeholders and end-users to provide integrated understanding and solutions to tackle global water challenges. The Water Research Institute benefits from long-standing relationships with partners from industry, academia, government and regulation, and the third sector.
The Doctoral Academy is the hub of interdisciplinary postgraduate researcher activities at Cardiff University. It is a central source for researchers to access personal, professional and research skills development workshops, as well as a range of interdisciplinary community events and funding opportunities, both online and within a dedicated space.

Our aim is to help you, the researcher, to have an outstanding student experience and to benefit from being part of a postgraduate community where you can develop research excellence and future employability. We work in partnership with the University’s Careers and Student Support services to ensure that you are fully equipped to succeed.

Undertaking Doctoral Research is intellectually stimulating, challenging and unlike any other form of university study. For that reason, the Doctoral Academy runs ‘Starting Out’ induction sessions in October and at each additional enrolment point. These events will introduce you to the nature of a research degree, to the support available for your research and career development and to other research students, who will become your friends, colleagues and perhaps even collaborators.

Supporting the Researcher Journey

We offer a comprehensive programme which encompasses several elements: formal training workshops, wellbeing and careers activities, online learning, community events and student-led activity.

Our programme is focused around the iterative stages of your PhD journey.

• Transition (settling in and getting started)
• Acquisition (building skills and networks)
• Completion (staying on track and finishing up)
• Employability (planning for your future)

This enables us to support you on your journey as a new researcher, helping build confidence, skills, persistence and a fulfilling career.

Interdisciplinary and Funding Opportunities

In addition to courses, we enable researcher development by providing opportunities for involvement in student-led conferences, and offering funding for student-led interdisciplinary activities. This funding enables researchers to gain experience and develop skills by running their own events and initiatives.

Access to GW4 Resources

Cardiff University is part of the GW4 Alliance, which brings together four of the most research-intensive and innovative universities in the UK: Cardiff, Bath, Bristol and Exeter. Being part of this alliance enables us to offer you access to specialist, flagship equipment and opportunities to build your wider network.

Doctoral Training Programmes

As a world-leading, research intensive university, we are involved in a range of dedicated doctoral training programmes which offer excellent fully funded postgraduate research opportunities, spanning many of our areas of research excellence.
Our Community

Join a nurturing community of postgraduate researchers, helping you develop links outside of your specialism.

Regular interdisciplinary activities offering a stimulating research environment and opportunities to network with other researchers.

Annual student-led conferences and other research showcase events, including our Images of Research exhibition and Three Minute Thesis competition.

Regular Writers’ Retreats offering support and encouragement for writing your thesis.

Dedicated space for PhD students including seminar rooms, an IT suite and study space.

A vibrant Twitter community offering a virtual space to discover and engage with other researchers.

The Doctoral Academy Blog, where you can showcase your research and discover the diversity of our research community.

The Doctoral Academy offers so many opportunities to acquire new skills and sharpen existing ones.

I appreciate that the Doctoral Academy is not just about making us better scholars, but genuinely more well-rounded and happy individuals. The world of academia can be harsh and isolating, but the Doctoral Academy is an oasis where PhD students from different academic backgrounds can come together and realise that we aren’t alone in this, not by a long shot. I have made friendships with people I cherish that I would have never encountered had it not been for the common ground of hands-on workshops, inspiring seminars and interdisciplinary conferences.

Adelle, School of History, Archaeology and Religion.
Supporting you
At the heart of the Cathays Park campus, our brand new Centre for Student Life – due for completion in 2021 – will bring all of our student support services together under one roof. The new building will be home to a range of services to allow you to easily access any support you need with your studies, health and wellbeing, preparing for your future, managing your money and living in Cardiff.
Cardiff University offers more than just outstanding taught courses and research opportunities. We want to help you make the most of your experience as a postgraduate student, by ensuring you can access any additional help you may need. From enrolment to graduation and beyond, we’re here to support you every step of the way.

**Money advice**
Our Student Funding and Advice team offers free, impartial, non-judgemental and confidential advice. Whether you’re a current or prospective student, you can contact us for expert advice on issues such as funding, access to government benefits, housing matters, academic processes and general welfare issues that may be affecting your ability to study.

Our Scholarships, Bursaries and Money team offers a hardship fund to support students during their studies when they experience unexpected short term financial crises, as well as administering and awarding most of the University's bursaries and scholarships.

**Emotional support**
Our Counselling, Health and Wellbeing team offers confidential counselling and emotional support to students who wish to discuss matters of a personal or emotional nature. Help is provided on an individual or group workshop basis, supported by self-help material. The service works to the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy ethical framework.

The Counselling, Health and Wellbeing Service provides a variety of support options including self-help resources, workshops, courses and groups, one-to-one counselling and wellbeing appointments and a wellbeing drop-in service. You can also receive support from our wellbeing champions: student volunteers who are trained to provide peer-to-peer support, as well as resources and information to signpost you to services who can help you.

**Disability support**
Our Disability and Dyslexia team offers information, advice and specialist support services, including study skills, mental health mentoring and support workers, to current and prospective disabled students on all disability related matters. We can help to identify your support needs, and will liaise with your academic school and other departments to put any reasonable adjustments which are required in place.

We also offer a screening and assessment service for students who think they may have a specific learning difficulty. The Disability and Dyslexia team operates an assessment centre where students applying for the Disabled Students’ Allowance (DSA) can be assessed and advised on equipment and support available to assist with their studies.

**World faiths**
Our multi-faith University Chaplaincy offers advice, support and care to students of all faiths and none. Our Chaplains provide a range of services including confidential pastoral listening, quiet spaces for prayer or meditation, opportunities for worship and communal prayer, information about local faith communities and places of worship, as well as social inter-faith events to encourage dialogue between members of different religions.

**Support for international students**
Our International Student Support team offers confidential advice and support for students from outside the UK on a wide range of non-academic issues including welfare and financial matters, immigration, visas and employment regulations for international students.

**Award-winning childcare**
Our award-winning Day Care Centre provides full day care facilities to students with children aged 10 weeks to five years. Located in the heart of the Cathays Park campus, the Centre offers care through the primary medium of English, alongside basic Welsh. Early application is advisable.
Whatever the stage of your career journey, our team of professional careers advisers is here to help you achieve your goals. We offer a wide range of services to support you with your career development during your time at Cardiff University and beyond.
Preparing you for your future

Our expert careers professionals are all linked to academic schools and can provide you with personal, subject-specific guidance on everything from skills development and job searches to interview preparation and practical help. We will work with you to help you plan your career and prepare you for the recruitment process in your desired industry.

Our online platform provides 24/7 support to help you with self-development, career planning and research, and as a postgraduate student, you will have access to a careers account where you can book appointments and events, and search for graduate employment opportunities with organisations recruiting directly from Cardiff University.

Commercial start-ups

Got an idea for a new business, social enterprise or freelancing opportunity? Our enterprise team can help you unlock your creativity and achieve your potential. You can access tailored personalised support to help establish or grow your business with 1:1 mentoring, start-up workshops, skills development sessions, funding opportunities and online tools to bring your ideas to life.

Employer connections

The Cardiff University jobs board gives you direct access to more than 2,000 registered employers. You will also have the opportunity to attend our frequent careers fairs, employer presentations and specialist panel events.

We have hundreds of employers on campus throughout the year that are actively looking to recruit our talented students.

Our postgraduates have secured employment with a wide range of high profile organisations including Admiral, BAE Systems, BBC, Bloomberg, Cap Gemini, Citibank Group, Deloitte, Eversheds, GE Healthcare, HSBC, IBM, Microsoft, the NHS, the Office for National Statistics, PwC, Sky News, TATA Steel and the UK Government. We also have strong links with a wide variety of third sector and SME organisations, providing you the opportunity to engage with a huge range of employers.

International students

Our careers advisers are on-hand to provide support, resources and guidance to help you research career pathways and opportunities in the UK and your home country.

Cardiff University ranked within the top 25 for universities targeted by the largest number of top employers in 2019-20, according to Graduate Market 2020.

We are ranked 12th in the UK in the Times Higher Education Global University Employability Ranking 2019.

98% of our postgraduate research graduates who were working in the UK were in highly skilled employment 15 months after the end of their course (HESA Graduate Outcomes Survey, 2020).

95% of our postgraduate taught graduates who were working in the UK were in highly skilled employment 15 months after the end of their course (HESA Graduate Outcomes Survey, 2020).
There's never been a more exciting time to be a postgraduate student at Cardiff University. We are currently investing hundreds of millions of pounds to provide our students with world-class facilities as part of our largest campus upgrade in a generation.
First-class facilities

A massive £600m capital investment programme across the University, including £260m in student facilities, will help us ensure that we can give you the best student experience possible.

Investing in your future

From elegant Portland stone buildings to contemporary study centres, you’ll be learning in a dynamic and inspiring environment. No matter what you study as a postgraduate, you’ll find everything you need to get the most from your course: state-of-the-art recording studios and performance theatres, Europe’s most powerful brain scanner, a £2m dentistry simulation suite, Wales’ largest stock exchange trading floor and a range of outstanding new research facilities as part of our Innovation Campus.

We are also building a £50m Centre for Student Life to provide a central hub for our student support services as well as offering modern, flexible social learning spaces and a 550-seat lecture theatre.

IT facilities

Our modern IT facilities enable easy access to a range of guidance, tools and resources to support your study and research. The University-wide wireless network covers University buildings and our student residences.

The University network provides you with access to a wide variety of software applications and collaboration tools, as well as online resources and services including email and networked file storage.

You will also benefit from free subscription to Microsoft Office 365 products for the duration of your studies.

Open Access IT rooms across the campus, some of which are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, are freely available for you to use. The IT Service Desk provides IT help and support 24/7.

Libraries

Our modern libraries are welcoming, comfortable and offer a broad range of information resources in print and online.

We provide a flexible study and research environment, with study spaces to suit all learning needs. Extended opening hours – including evenings, weekends and 24/7 access in our two main sites (the Arts and Social Studies Library and Health Library) – enable you to work at times that suit you best.

There are more than 1.3m printed books in the library collection and an extensive range of online resources including eJournals, eBooks, indexes, databases, statistical collections and full text archives. Research students can benefit from a wide array of specialist collections.
We understand that advancing your education to postgraduate level is a significant financial commitment. That’s why, if you’re considering a postgraduate course, it’s a good idea to consider your funding options as soon as possible. If you need help from the experts, our Student Funding and Advice team can provide you with free, impartial advice on all aspects of funding your study.
Most funding sources are highly competitive and are subject to various conditions. You should research your funding options early to ensure that you can meet application deadlines. Even if you can’t find full funding for your programme, you may be able to secure partial funding from a number of different sources.

**Master’s Excellence Scholarships**
Our competitive Master’s Excellence Scholarship scheme has been designed to support high calibre UK students in funding your postgraduate study. We are investing up to a total of £500,000 in the scheme for entry in September 2021, with each scholarship worth a minimum of £3,000 tuition fee discount. Conditions apply; please see our website for details.

**International scholarships**
We have a range of highly prestigious scholarship programmes to support exceptional international students, including our Vice Chancellor’s International Scholarship scheme. Awards from £2,000 are available to international students across a wide range of subject areas and, in many cases, you will automatically be considered without having to submit a separate application form.

**Alumni discount scheme**
For the 2021-22 academic year we’re piloting a new alumni discount scheme, which is available to all graduates no matter how long ago you graduated. The alumni discount is applicable to a limited number of postgraduate programmes, and is awarded in the form of a £1,000 tuition fee discount for UK students, or a £2,000 tuition fee discount for international students. A full list of applicable programmes is available on our website.

**UK Government postgraduate funding for master’s study**
Postgraduate loans from the UK government are available to support UK students who fulfil the eligibility criteria. Different loans apply depending on where you are domiciled in the UK – please see our website for details. For entry in 2020, students from Wales could receive up to £17,489 of funding (comprising both a loan and grants), while students from England could receive a loan of up to £11,222. Government funding amounts for entry in 2021 will be published on our website as soon as they are confirmed.

I applied for a Master’s Excellence Scholarship and this cut my fees, which really helped relieve financial pressure during my degree.

- *Matilda, MSc Computing*

**UK Government doctoral loans**
Doctoral loans from the UK government are also available to support UK students who fulfil the relevant eligibility criteria. For entry in 2020, all UK students could receive a loan of up to £26,445. As with the UK Government funding for master’s study, different loans apply depending on where you are domiciled in the UK.

**Additional funding sources**
- The UK’s seven Research Councils fund UK research students on a competitive basis through our doctoral training programmes
- Throughout the year, we advertise a range of funded PhD projects on our website
- If you’re an international student, make sure you investigate funding opportunities offered within your home country via the British Council and other external funding providers
- Our Unistaff Jobshop can help you secure part-time, casual or regular employment within both the University and external organisations
- Numerous charities, trusts and foundations may offer funding for postgraduate study.

**What does my course cost?**
Tuition fees vary depending on the course you choose and whether you’re a UK or international student. You can find full details of the tuition fees for individual programmes on the course pages of our website.
As soon as you enrol as a student, you automatically become a member of Cardiff University Students’ Union, one of the biggest, best and most active in Britain.
As a student-led, independent part of the University, the Students’ Union represents students and provides a diverse and inclusive range of activities, services and facilities that enrich student life.

The elected full-time officer team provides dedicated representation for postgraduate students and researchers to support your needs.

**Eat, relax, study**

The Students’ Union has recently undergone major redevelopment, transforming it into a great place to study, socialise and relax. We have worked hard to strengthen the postgraduate community in Cardiff, including hosting events specifically for postgraduate students. From fun social activities like brunch meet-ups and quiz nights to day trips for postgraduates to locations across the UK, it’s a great chance to get to know your fellow postgraduate students.

**Advice and welfare**

The Students’ Union has its own Student Advice service offering free, professional and confidential advice on a range of student issues, including academic, housing and financial issues. They are there to support you with any aspect of your life as a master’s or research student.

**Societies and activities**

With more than 200 societies and 60 sports clubs to choose from, there’s plenty to keep you busy. If you don’t have time to fully commit to a club or society, the ‘Give it a Go’ programme offers you the chance to try out a whole host of activities. Find out more at: cardiffstudents.com/activities

**Student media**

There are opportunities to get involved in our award-winning media, which include the student newspaper ‘Gair Rhydd’, a lifestyle magazine called ‘Quench’, as well as our own radio and TV stations, ‘Xpress Radio’ and ‘Cardiff Union TV’.

**Jobs and skills**

The Students’ Union offers a range of courses to develop your skills, opportunities to volunteer in the community, and the chance to gain work experience while you study. If you’re looking to earn some money while you study, the Students’ Union and Cardiff University run Jobshop, a dedicated service for students looking to find temporary work that fits around your academic commitments.

**Shops and services**

Within the Students’ Union building, you will find a range of shops and services, including a supermarket, bank, bookshop, IT repair shop, cafés, print shop, pub and a hairdresser. The Students’ Union also has its own letting agency that specialises in letting student accommodation.

**Representation**

The Students’ Union is the recognised voice of students at Cardiff University, joining students in campaigning about the issues important to them, including issues specific to postgraduates. The Students’ Union recruits and trains over 1,000 Academic Reps each year, who serve as a valuable link between the University, the Students’ Union and the student body to ensure that the student voice is taken seriously at every level.

**Top 3 Students’ Union in the UK**

(WhatUni Student Choice Awards 2020)
Studying with us
Choosing your course

Postgraduate taught or postgraduate research? Deciding which postgraduate course is right for you will depend on a number of factors including your areas of interest, current level of study and future career ambitions.

**Taught programmes**
(including MA, MSc, MScEcon, MBA, MTh, LLM and MDA)

Taught master’s programmes enable you to develop specialist knowledge and expertise of a specific subject area.

The structured teaching programme is delivered through a combination of lectures, seminars, tutorials and directed reading, alongside independent and practical work. Teaching is followed by the preparation and submission of an individual dissertation or final project. Some courses may also include industrial or work-related placements. A full master’s programme is usually studied across 12 months full-time or 24 months part-time, and is comprised of 180 credits.

**Postgraduate Diploma (PgDip) and Postgraduate Certificate (PgCert)**

Postgraduate Diplomas and Certificates are postgraduate-level courses structured in a similar way to master’s courses but don’t normally involve a written dissertation. These courses are often accredited and can be used to build credit towards a master’s qualification. A PgDip is usually studied across 9 months full-time or 18-21 months part-time and is comprised of 120 credits. A PgCert programme is less extensive than a PgDip and is normally studied across 6-9 months full-time or 12 months part-time. A PgCert is comprised of 60 credits. You can also choose to study a range of individual modules on a standalone basis.

**Research degrees**

Research degrees involve the in-depth study of a specified field over an extensive period.

The results of this research are written in the form of a thesis or dissertation, demonstrating an original contribution of knowledge or practice to their chosen discipline. Opportunities for supervised research are available in all our academic schools.

We encourage you to explore opportunities in academic schools outside your original degree subject, as you may find that many of them offer research areas that link with your area of interest.

The type of research you are engaged in and your experience of undertaking postgraduate research will differ depending on whether you are studying for a lab-based research degree or one within the arts, humanities and social sciences.

Increasingly, institutions offer research degrees that contain some structured teaching, such as our Master of Research (MRes) programmes, Professional Doctorates and our PhD in Economics. These programmes provide advanced research training and specialist knowledge before you embark on your specific research project.

**Benefits of a Taught Degree**

- Study a subject you enjoy in more depth
- Increase your career prospects by developing a stronger academic and/or vocational profile
- Change career path with a conversion degree
- Develop your transferable skills to a higher level

**Benefits of a Research Degree**

- Make a valuable contribution to knowledge and society in a subject area you love
- Develop more specialised knowledge and expertise
- Increase your career prospects by developing a stronger research profile
- Develop your intellect
- Develop new skills and problem solving abilities
Thinking of heading in a different direction, pursuing a new career or returning to study a different subject? Conversion courses can help you make this a reality.

Undertaking a conversion course is one of the most effective ways to fast-track a career change, or continue studying in a completely different subject area from your undergraduate degree. There are many benefits to studying a postgraduate conversion course:

**Fast-tracking a career change**
If your undergraduate degree is not the field you want to work in, a conversion course allows you to upskill in a different area so that you can follow a new career path.

**Continuing your study at a higher level**
A conversion course allows you to acquire additional skills to go alongside those gained on your undergraduate degree.

**Pursuing a vocation that matches your interests and that you find more fulfilling**
If you’ve developed an interest in a new area, a conversion course allows you to explore the subject in more depth.

**Increasing your prospects of securing employment in a specific field**
The variety of skills and expertise gained from your conversion course could allow you to significantly improve your job prospects and increase your chance of securing work in a specific field.

**Growing your skillset**
To help further your career aspirations, a conversion course enables you to develop skills and knowledge in a new subject.

We offer a diverse range of conversion courses that allow you to study a subject unrelated to your undergraduate degree or career, to support you with a change of direction. Subject areas include:

- Archaeology and Conservation
- Business and Marketing
- Computer Science and Informatics
- Creative Writing
- Geography and Planning
- Journalism, Media and Culture
- Law
- Occupational Therapy
- Psychology
- Social Work

There are also various programmes available which accept undergraduate degrees from related fields of study or relevant work experience.

All conversion courses are clearly marked in our course directory list.
We offer a wide range of postgraduate taught and research degrees, with flexible study options to fit your individual circumstances.

As a postgraduate student, you will be encouraged to develop a wide range of both subject-specific and transferable skills, enhancing your employability and equipping you with the capabilities you need to excel in your chosen discipline.

**Distance learning**
We deliver flexible online programmes to postgraduate students around the world.

Our dynamic e-learning programmes allow you to study with us no matter where you live, alongside your work or other commitments.

We offer a number of innovative online programmes spanning a broad range of subject areas. Our online programmes are academically equivalent to qualifications earned through face-to-face learning and we take the delivery of teaching online just as seriously as we do on campus. The experienced academic team and your personal tutor will ensure you are fully supported in all aspects of your student experience.

Our distance learning courses provide you with the flexibility to study in a convenient location and at a time, pace and intensity that suits you. You will have access to our outstanding range of online resources and become part of our thriving e-learning community, bringing together students and tutors from across the globe and enabling you to enjoy the Cardiff experience no matter where you live.

**Blended learning**
Some of our programmes are offered as blended learning, combining face-to-face classroom methods with computer-mediated activities or online provision.

**Part-time study options**
Many of our academic schools offer part-time postgraduate courses, which are ideal if you need to balance study with professional, financial or family commitments. Part-time programmes offer greater flexibility and a less intensive workload whilst still providing all the benefits and support enjoyed by full-time students.

Conversion courses / Studies to suit your lifestyle
Subject areas
We’re **internationally accredited** by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International).

You’ll study at a business school ranked joint **1st in the UK** for research environment and **6th** for research excellence (REF 2014).

You’ll be part of a diverse learning community with a clear mission: to make **a positive impact** on Wales and the world.
Accounting and Finance

Our accounting and finance programmes are delivered by Cardiff Business School: the world’s first public value business school and one of only a small number across the globe to be accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International).

We have outstanding facilities across three buildings, including Wales’ largest trading room. This Bloomberg-ready modern space is based in our £13.5m Postgraduate Teaching Centre and used extensively on our banking, finance and economics programmes.

You’ll learn about trading and risk management by accessing the latest market data through Market Squared and Global Investor Simulations software.

Postgraduate taught

We offer two specialist taught accounting and finance programmes, both of which balance theory and practical application so that you have the knowledge and expertise required for global career opportunities on the stock exchange, in investment banking, hedge fund management, consultancy, regulation or in academia.

Our MSc Accounting and Finance is designed to train a new generation of finance professionals to challenge the system with courage and confidence. We’ll help you rewrite the rules on wealth creation and encourage you to champion responsible finance and pursue profit without profiteering. The programme is accredited by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) and led by our team of academic experts and qualified accounting professionals. They’ll use world-leading research and real-world examples of organisational performance, financial reporting and investment to give you a critical understanding of advanced aspects of accounting and finance.

Our MSc Finance will help you become a finance professional or PhD-ready postgraduate with advanced decision making and problem-solving expertise to command and interpret financial data, identify ethical trading opportunities and measure and manage risk. Our experts will use internationally recognised research to demonstrate how statistical and econometric techniques can be applied to model financial data.

With extensive use of our flagship trading room, you’ll undertake a rigorous programme of training as you learn to operate some of the leading financial databases and develop your own trading personality.

Postgraduate research

The Accounting and Finance section at Cardiff Business School has an established and expanding worldwide reputation for conducting high quality theoretical and empirical research in accounting, finance and related fields.

Our research focuses on practice, including operation and behaviour of financial markets, the regulatory operations of professional bodies such as the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), the control of organisations, and organisational performance.

With specific interests in reporting and regulation, capital market activity, market microstructure, auditing and auditor work and corporate governance issues, our faculty bring their expertise to interdisciplinary research groups and centres across the University. These include the Centre for China Business Research, Empirical Finance Group and Interdisciplinary groups on Accounting and Tax Research.

Many of our scholars also maintain close relationships with organisations outside the University by conducting independent advisory work with UK and devolved governments on issues related to finance. This broad engagement gives a unique edge to the student learning and research experience.

By choosing us for your doctoral study, you’ll be fully integrated into our research and academic community and become part of our dynamic and diverse research environment. You’ll be provided with the tools, support and opportunities to contribute to the advancement of knowledge and generate impact and value in your chosen academic field.

Taught programmes

• Accounting and Finance (MSc)
• Finance (MSc)

Research programmes

• Business Studies (PhD)
In the latest Research Excellence Framework, we ranked **12th in the UK for Archaeology** (REF 2014).

We are proudly rooted within our local community, with **strong links across the heritage sector**, including collaborations with institutions in Wales and beyond.

Led by **internationally renowned researchers** in their fields, our courses are known for the diverse approach to teaching and assessment that develops discipline-specific and transferable skills in practice and theory.
Postgraduate taught

Our postgraduate taught programmes in archaeology and conservation encompass a broad range of periods and subjects.

These reflect our research specialisms in prehistoric, classical and medieval archaeology in Britain, continental Europe and beyond, as well as the practical disciplines of archaeological science and conservation.

In studying with us as part of the School of History, Archaeology and Religion, you will have the opportunity to enhance and develop your academic, practical and transferable skills within the fields of archaeology, conservation and collections care.

With an international reputation for the quality of teaching and research, our postgraduate taught courses at Cardiff offer you a hands-on experience under the careful supervision of leading experts in the field.

As part of your studies, your practical work in our fully equipped suite of laboratories will not only greatly enhance your range of skills, but also make an original contribution to the conservation of precious objects and research on ancient human and animal bones. You will join a tight-knit community, becoming part of a wider group of alumni working in the heritage sector across the globe.

Postgraduate research

PhD and MPhil research degrees in archaeology and conservation are available for those wishing to further specialise or pursue a career in academia or heritage science.

Our research students join a vibrant, supportive academic and research community, with supervision by leading experts in their field.

Prepare yourself for a working life committed to rigorous thought and clarity of expression. You will develop your skills within a well-equipped research and teaching environment, multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary in both outlook and practice. We will support you to explore and share your passion for past societies, from prehistory to the present day, and the conservation and heritage science that preserves material culture for future generations.

Teaching programmes

- Archaeological Science (MSc)
- Archaeology (MA)
- Care of Collections (MSc)
- Conservation Practice (MSc)
- Professional Conservation (MSc)

Research programmes

- Archaeology (PhD, MPhil)
- Conservation (PhD, MPhil)
Architecture and the built environment at Cardiff University is ranked in the **top 40 worldwide** and **top 5 in the UK** (QS World University Rankings 2020).

Many of our programmes offer part-time or distance-learning study options, making them **suitable for working professionals** wishing to remain in practice while studying.

We have a long-standing record of **teaching excellence** and our graduates are in high demand.
The Welsh School of Architecture offers a wide range of postgraduate taught programmes that reflect our research expertise. These are linked by an aim to develop the key skills that you’ll need to specialise in your field of interest and enhance your career opportunities. Our programmes allow you to acquire a breadth of new knowledge as well as the practical skills required to ensure that you’ll be working at the forefront of your discipline.

Our programmes are designed to be of value to anyone wishing to undertake specialist study after an undergraduate degree, as well as to professionals who may already be involved in designing, managing, enhancing and evaluating the built environment and looking to develop new skills, and to those considering pursuing a postgraduate research degree.

We pride ourselves on producing highly employable graduates who can apply expertise, rigour and imagination to architectural and design challenges across the world.

Our portfolio of taught postgraduate programmes showcases our strengths in architectural design, architectural humanities, architectural science, building performance evaluation, design administration and professional practice, environmental design, sustainable building conservation, and urban design.

Our research degrees relate to the School’s established reputation in all aspects of sustainability in the making of cities and the built environment. There are six research and scholarship groups in the school within which students and academic staff researchers cluster: Computational Methods, Design, Materials and Making, Energy, Environment and People, Heritage and Conservation, Humanities and Urbanism.

Research underpins all of our activities. It leads to new knowledge in its own right, but also informs teaching and makes an impact on the world beyond academia. A research degree is excellent training for those who wish to pursue a career in research, higher education, industry or professional consultancy.

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**Taught programmes**
- Advanced Building Performance Evaluation (MSc)
- Architectural Design (MA)
- Architectural Studies (MArch)
- Architecture: Professional Practice (PgDip)
- Computational Methods in Architecture (MSc)
- Environmental Design of Buildings (MSc)
- Master of Design Administration (MDA)
- Sustainable Building Conservation (MSc)
- Sustainable Mega-Buildings (MSc)
- Urban Design (MA)

**Research programmes**
- Architecture (PhD, MPhil)
- Creative Practice in Architecture (PhD)
In the 2020 Academic Ranking of World Universities, Biological Sciences at Cardiff University was ranked in the top 30 worldwide, and the top 4 in the UK.

98% of our submitted research is rated as internationally excellent, world-leading or internationally recognised (REF 2014).

60% of our research has been deemed ‘outstanding’ for its impact in terms of its reach and significance (REF 2014).
Postgraduate taught

We offer two postgraduate taught programmes which have been designed to enable you to develop your skills, deepen your understanding and enhance your career prospects.

Our **MSc Global Ecology and Conservation** will provide you with the knowledge and capabilities needed to develop innovative conservation strategies which will have a real impact in tackling the challenges our world is currently facing. With training in core areas such as wildlife surveys, biodiversity assessments and species management, you will learn how to identify current and emerging dangers to species and ecosystems, and develop the skills necessary to tackle these threats.

Our **MSc Tissue Engineering** aims to provide graduates from both life sciences and clinical backgrounds with advanced knowledge, understanding and skills in the science and practice of tissue engineering, from theoretical science through to research translation and clinical application. The programme is both lecture and laboratory-based, and includes a number of opportunities to visit relevant clinical settings and local industrial partners.

Postgraduate research

Our research spans the full range of biological and biomedical sciences, and seeks to deliver new solutions to global challenges that have major economic, societal and environmental impact.

The School of Biosciences plays a lead role in several of the University’s specialist research institutes, including the European Cancer Stem Cell Research Institute, Water Research Institute, Neuroscience and Mental Health Research Institute, Sustainable Places Research Institute, and the Medicines Discovery Institute.

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**Taught programmes**
- Global Ecology and Conservation (MSc)
- Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine (MSc)

**Research programmes**
- Biosciences (PhD, MPhil, MD, MRes)
You’ll study at a business school ranked joint 1st in the UK for research environment and 6th for research excellence (REF 2014).

You’ll be part of a diverse learning community with a clear mission: to make a positive impact on Wales and the world.

We’re internationally accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International).
Cardiff Business School is an internationally accredited school with a clear purpose: to make a difference in the communities of Wales and around the world. We’ll challenge you to think differently and give you the tools and techniques to bring about change in business and in society.

**Postgraduate taught**
Our investment in study, support and social facilities offers you the very best environment in which to achieve success. The multi-million-pound Postgraduate Teaching Centre is home to Wales’ largest trading room alongside state-of-the-art lecture theatres, seminar rooms, a coffee shop and dedicated postgraduate chill-out spaces.

We’ve been recognised by the Small Business Charter for promoting a culture of enterprise among our students. The award demonstrates our excellence in supporting our students to develop entrepreneurial skills, attend business mentoring events, enter competitions and work with our small business and social enterprise sector partners.

**Postgraduate research**
Prepare for your research career in academia, as a business practitioner or public policy decision maker on our doctoral programmes.

We host a vibrant and international community of more than 130 PhD students across economic and business studies disciplines including: accounting and finance, logistics and operations management, marketing and strategy, and management, employment and organisation.

As part of this cohort of postgraduate researchers, you’ll be fully integrated into our research and academic community.

You’ll be provided with the tools, support, and training on a combination of general and specialist research modules. These experiences will ensure that you have the necessary scholarly expertise to contribute to the advancement of knowledge by generating impact and value in your chosen academic field.

**Taught programmes**
- Business Management (MSc)
- Business Management with a Professional Placement Year (MSc)
- Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- Executive Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- Human Resource Management (MSc)
- Master of Business Administration with Media (MBA)
- Public Leadership (MSc)
- Social Science Research Methods: Management and Business Studies (MSc, PgDip)

**Research programmes**
- Business Studies (PhD)
Following over £20 million investment, our teaching and research facilities provide a superb environment for excellence.

The School of Chemistry was the first recipient of the prestigious Regius Professorship in Wales, awarded by Her Majesty the Queen in recognition of our long track record of exceptionally high-quality research.

We are home to the renowned Cardiff Catalysis Institute, a University-supported initiative to establish an internationally leading centre of excellence for catalysis within the UK.
Chemistry

We are a leading chemistry school with a clear mission to tackle the important scientific challenges of the 21st century. The School of Chemistry provides a dynamic, stimulating environment for your postgraduate study.

Our established record of collaborations with international companies helps our research to achieve global impact, as well as creating industrial opportunities for our students. With an investment of over £20 million in recent years, our extensive facilities enable research in all branches of core and interdisciplinary chemistry.

Postgraduate taught
Our master’s degrees are designed to provide training in state-of-the-art aspects of theory, practical techniques, and applications. We offer three postgraduate taught programmes: MSc Advanced Chemistry, MSc Catalysis and MSc Medicinal Chemistry. Each of these has been designed to equip you with the knowledge and skills you need to enhance your employability and further your career.

Postgraduate research
Our research programmes offer you the freedom to investigate a cutting-edge topic in depth, amongst leading researchers with truly first-class facilities. Each research programme is based on independent full-time research work, with an academic supervisor to guide you in discovering new and exciting areas of chemistry.

The School of Chemistry specialises in the following research areas: catalysis, chemical biology, inorganic chemistry, organic synthesis, physical organic chemistry, solid state materials and theoretical and computational chemistry.

Taught programmes
• Advanced Chemistry (MSc)
• Catalysis (MSc)
• Medicinal Chemistry (MSc)

Research programmes
• Chemistry (PhD, MPhil)
In the latest Research Excellence Framework, 99% of our submitted research was rated at least of international standard, with 79% classed as internationally excellent or world-leading (REF 2014).

We’re engaged in collaborations with more than 100 academic partners, enabling us to provide the valuable option of taking a salaried professional placement with some taught master’s degrees.

Our strong links with industry put us at the forefront of technological development and provide excellent employment opportunities for students.
The School of Computer Science and Informatics is committed to delivering inspiring teaching and cutting-edge research at the forefront of technological innovation.

Developed with input from UK and international organisations, our programmes are commercially relevant and have been designed to equip you with the practical skills sought by employers. We offer a contemporary portfolio of both specialist and conversion master’s programmes catering to a variety of backgrounds and interests.

**Postgraduate taught**

Our range of conversion degrees – some with the option of placement – are intended for graduates from non-computing backgrounds to develop the technical, analytical and professional skills required for a computing or software engineering role.

In today’s highly competitive global marketplace, our specialist programmes can set you apart from other candidates and equip you with the expert knowledge and technical skills that employers are looking for.

Many of our postgraduate programmes offer a 7-12-month professional placement to help you gain a competitive edge in your degree. Not only will this hands-on experience build your confidence, it will help you to grow your professional networks, and give you the chance to apply your new skills in the real world.

A suite of our postgraduate degrees will be delivered at our Data Science Academy; an interdisciplinary education hub for data-intensive science set up to educate the next generation of experts in the field.

**Postgraduate research**

We have a talented research community which continues to make a valuable contribution to the rapidly developing computer science sector. Our long-standing, dynamic research culture has given rise to our international reputation for world-class research. Computer science research has a significant and direct social impact, making postgraduate study in this discipline an inspiring choice.

Our three main research sections have recently evolved to reflect emerging trends within our dynamic discipline, comprising of Artificial Intelligence and Data Analytics; Cybersecurity, Privacy and Human-Centred Computing; and Visual Computing.

Additional research groups have been designed to complement our research sections, aiming to provide additional vitality and agility in which we can respond to emerging trends. Our research groups currently include Natural Language Processing (NLP), Argumentation, Knowledge Representation and Reasoning, Data Analytics, Computer Vision, Geometric Computing and Graphics, Multimedia Computing, Healthcare Technologies, Cybersecurity, Privacy, Human Centred Computing and Scientific Computing/High Performance Computing.

**Taught programmes**

- Advanced Computer Science (MSc)
- Advanced Computer Science with a Professional Placement Year (MSc)
- Artificial Intelligence (MSc)
- Computational and Data Journalism (MSc)
- Computing (MSc)
- Computing with Placement (MSc)
- Computing and IT Management (MSc)
- Computing and IT Management with Placement (MSc)
- Cybersecurity (MSc)
- Data Science and Analytics (MSc)
- Software Engineering (MSc)
- Data Analytics for Government (MSc)

**Research programmes**

- Computer Science and Informatics (PhD, MPhil)
The School of Dentistry has a reputation for excellence in teaching, research and clinical care, with a history of postgraduate education dating back over 40 years. We are ranked as one of the top dental schools for research in the UK according to the latest Research Excellence Framework (REF 2014). Our programmes are delivered by academics who are undertaking world-leading research, so you will be taught by experts who are currently making a significant impact on healthcare delivery for the wellbeing of the community.
**Dentistry**

Postgraduate taught
We provide a broad range of taught master’s programmes that offer pathways for clinical specialisation and for developing research training in the biomedical and life sciences.

Our programmes are delivered by internationally recognised clinicians and research academics who provide a friendly, supportive and professional learning environment for both clinical and biomedical science focused study programmes.

You will be based in the University Dental Hospital, the only dental facility of its kind in Wales, which provides a full range of dental specialty clinical services to a large number of patients and as such excellent opportunities for postgraduate clinical education. Our state-of-the-art research laboratories also offer an ideal biomedical learning environment.

Our clinical courses can provide eligibility to sit relevant national clinical specialist examinations.

Non-clinical courses are designed to provide the basic research training often now expected for entering into a PhD programme of study and may be used to permit entry into a three-year PhD programme of study within the School of Dentistry.

Postgraduate research
We have a vibrant postgraduate research culture, with a range of degree qualifications across varied areas of research.

Many of our projects are interdisciplinary and translational in nature, contributing to the discovery of new knowledge relevant to orofacial medicine and allied subjects of medical science and engineering.

Our internationally competitive research projects and groups include microbial diseases, advanced polymer therapeutics, matrix biology and tissue repair, mineralised tissue, regenerative biology, dental public health, and violence research.

**Taught clinical programmes**
Our clinical courses can provide eligibility to sit relevant national clinical specialist examinations:
• Clinical Dentistry (Endodontology) (MClinDent)
• Clinical Dentistry (Prosthodontics) (MClinDent)
• Implantology (MSc)
• Orthodontics (MScD)

**Taught non-clinical programmes**
Our non-clinical programmes provide in-depth research into biomedical science, including stem cell biology, biomaterials and tissue/organ engineering and academic insight into understanding the structure and biology of oral tissues and dental diseases:
• Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine (MSc)
• Oral Biology (MSc)

**Research programmes**
• Dentistry (PhD, MPhil)
Established in 1891, the School of Earth and Environmental Sciences fosters world-class research and has more than 55 academics, including two Fellows of the Royal Society.

Our School is situated in the heart of Cardiff’s civic centre, neighbouring the National Museum Wales and its impressive geological collection.

From the latest analytical techniques to a coastal research vessel, our state-of-the-art facilities and equipment support research and teaching activities throughout the School.
The School of Earth and Environmental Sciences has a reputation for high quality research and a vibrant, friendly teaching environment.

You will benefit from our excellent research facilities and working with scientists who are leaders in their fields. We utilise the latest analytical techniques and facilities, including a 3D seismic laboratory and our research vessel, the Guiding Light.

**Postgraduate taught**

Our taught programmes address contemporary environmental, policy and research issues. You will acquire a breadth of new knowledge, as well as the key skills you need to specialise in your field of interest and enhance your career opportunities.

You may even find yourself working with well-known companies in the UK and further afield to solve real-world problems. We have well-established relationships with many employers in a wide range of related fields, who regularly offer their knowledge, support our research projects, and recruit our students.

**Postgraduate research**

Our internationally recognised research aims to tackle some of the most pressing problems within science and create positive impacts on the world we live in.

Our postgraduate research degrees are based on independent full-time research work with an academic supervisor to guide you in discovering new and exciting areas. Underpinned by substantial external funding, our vibrant research environment offers you the opportunity to work with world experts and use high-quality research equipment.

Each year we recruit approximately 15 students for PhD degrees, who benefit from participating in teaching exercises, School activities and essential skills-training experiences.

Our researchers are broadly divided into three research centres: The Centre for Solid Earth and Natural Resources deals with the composition and dynamic evolution of the Earth’s mantle and crust, including its mineral and petroleum resources. Research at The Centre for Geobiology and Geochemistry focuses on the Earth’s surface, including in and under its oceans, where life has evolved and profoundly affected environments over billions of years. The Centre for Resilience and Change investigates the causes and consequences of changes in the Earth system, in the ocean, atmosphere and on land, from the geological past into the present and future.

**Taught programmes**

- Applied Environmental Geology (MSc)
- Water in a Changing World (MSc)
- Environmental Hazards (MSc)

**Research programmes**

- Earth Sciences (PhD, MPhil)
You’ll be part of a diverse learning community with a clear mission: to make a **positive impact** on Wales and the world.

You’ll study at a business school ranked **1st in the UK** for research environment and **6th** for research excellence (REF 2014).

We’re **internationally accredited** by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International).
Our economics programmes are delivered by Cardiff Business School: the world’s first public value business school and one of only a small number across the globe to be accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International).

We have outstanding facilities across three buildings, including Wales’ largest trading room. This Bloomberg-ready space is based in our £13.5m Postgraduate Teaching Centre and used extensively on our banking, finance and economics programmes.

You’ll learn about trading and risk management by accessing the latest market data through Market Squared and Global Investor Simulations software.

Postgraduate taught
We offer three specialist economics programmes, which balance theory with practical application in order to prepare you for a career as a professional economist, in policy making, consultancy, academia or for a position of responsibility in an international bank, financial institution or government agency.

Our **MSc Economics** is focused on nurturing a new generation of economics professionals with the tools and techniques to interpret the complexities of a global economy. Our team of academic experts will encourage you to consider the social, economic and ethical implications of your decisions as you encounter the economics of labour, development, policy and trade. They’ll equip you with the specialist theoretical knowledge and practical skills to address significant economic challenges to help prepare you for careers in government service, industry, international institutions, consultancy and central banks.

Our **MSc Financial Economics** will help you become a finance professional or economist committed to responsible wealth creation, with the expertise to command and interpret financial data, identify ethical trading opportunities and measure and manage risk. Our experts will prepare you for public or private sector careers in stockbroking, investment banking, financial analysis, corporate treasury, fund management and government agencies. They’ll use internationally recognised research to demonstrate how analytical techniques can be leveraged to understand practical problems.

The **MSc International Economics, Banking and Finance** programme focuses on the grand challenges brought about by the globalisation of the world’s economy. We’ll help you become a business professional who specialises in finance, commerce and regulation with a cross-cutting analytical, qualitative and quantitative skillset to tackle complex financial challenges. Our experts will prepare you for international career opportunities in banking, finance, in a national treasury or government agency, with research-led teaching and practice-based learning in the areas of money, banking, finance and trade.

Postgraduate research
The Economics section at Cardiff Business School boasts a vibrant research community, exploring a range of themes and conducting impactful, socially-relevant research.

Research areas of strength include macroeconomics, finance, econometrics, labour, trade, growth and development, research and development, innovations and productivity, regional and industrial economics, and economic and business history.

Many of our scholars also maintain close relationships with organisations outside the University by conducting independent advisory work with UK and devolved governments on issues related to the UK, EU and global economies. This broad engagement gives a unique edge to the student learning and research experience.

By choosing us for your doctoral study, you’ll be fully integrated into our research and academic community and become part of our dynamic and diverse research environment. You’ll be provided with the tools, support and opportunities to contribute to the advancement of knowledge and generate impact and value in your chosen academic field.

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**Taught programmes**
- Economics (MSc)
- Financial Economics (MSc)
- International Economics, Banking and Finance (MSc)

**Research programmes**
- Economics (PhD)
In the latest Research Excellence Framework (REF 2014), the overall quality of our research was ranked \textit{1st for Civil Engineering} and \textit{7th in General Engineering} (encompassing Mechanical and Electrical and Electronic Engineering).

We were also rated \textit{1st in the UK} for the impact of our research across all of our disciplines (REF 2014).

We have \textbf{strong links with industry} and our graduates are highly sought after by national and multinational employers.
Studying engineering at Cardiff means that you’ll be part of one of the leading engineering schools in the UK with a reputation for high quality research and a vibrant, friendly teaching environment.

**Postgraduate taught**

You’ll benefit from our excellent research facilities and working with engineers who are leaders in their fields. Many of our staff are involved in large-scale, internationally recognised research projects.

We offer a wide range of specialist taught degree programmes which will enable you to expand your engineering knowledge and skills and to specialise in a particular area in order to develop your career. Each programme has been designed with a major research element, with strong industrial links which feed into the teaching content and research projects.

**Postgraduate research**

We offer a wide range of postgraduate research opportunities across the core disciplines of civil, electrical and electronic, and mechanical engineering. Within these disciplines there are many specialist areas such as communications, energy and the environment, medical engineering, materials and nanotechnology.

Our vibrant research-led culture attracts postgraduate students from the UK and around the world to study and undertake research in the school. Our dynamic PhD and MPhil programmes can be studied on a full-time or part-time basis, to fit around your lifestyle needs. As a partner in the Engineering Doctorate Centre in Steel Technology, we also support candidates for the Engineering Doctorate (EngD) award.

**Taught programmes**

- Advanced Mechanical Engineering (MSc)
- Building and Infrastructure Information Modelling (BIM) for Smart Engineering (MSc)
- Civil Engineering (MSc)
- Civil and Geoenvironmental Engineering (MSc)
- Civil and Water Engineering (MSc)
- Communication Technology and Entrepreneurship (MSc)
- Compound Semiconductor Electronics (MSc)
- Electrical Energy Systems (MSc)
- Manufacturing Engineering, Innovation and Management (MSc)
- Sustainable Energy and Environment (MSc)
- Structural Engineering (MSc)
- Wireless and Microwave Communication Engineering (MSc)
- Wireless and Microwave Communication Engineering with a Research Year (MSc)
- Wireless and Microwave Communication Engineering with a Year in Industry (MSc)

**Research programmes**

- Engineering (PhD, MPhil)
- Engineering (EngD)
- EPSRC CDT in Compound Semiconductor Manufacturing
- Wireless and Microwave Communication Engineering (MRes)
Our School of English, Communication and Philosophy is one of the largest of its kind in the UK, with over 70 teaching, research and professional service staff.

We’re positioned in the top 100 universities in the world for the study of English Language and Literature (QS World University Rankings by Subject 2020).

In the latest Research Excellence Framework (REF 2014), we were ranked in the top 10 overall for English Language and Literature based on the quality of our research.
Critical rigour, creative thinking and intellectual inquisitiveness are at the heart of our teaching and research. Enriched by our diverse student community, we explore new perspectives in the study of language, texts, cultures, ideas, values and identities.

Our postgraduate programmes offer you the opportunity to study English Literature and Creative Writing at an advanced academic level while gaining important skills, such as high-level critical thinking, analysis, problem-solving and the ability to engage in independent research.

**Postgraduate taught**

Our **MA English Literature** offers a range of approaches and subjects from the medieval to the contemporary, together with the opportunity to specialise in a particular area. The programme engages creatively with key cultural, theoretical, historical and political contexts informing the latest literary research.

Our **MA Creative Writing** has been designed for creative writers looking to develop their abilities. Taught by professional writers, this one-year full-time programme will extend your knowledge and understanding of the practice of creative writing. This programme is a conversion course, so you don’t need any prior knowledge of the subject area (such as an undergraduate degree in Creative Writing) prior to beginning your studies.

**Postgraduate research**

Our research students become valued members of a supportive, collaborative and intellectually vibrant community. You will be supervised by researchers who are world-leaders in their fields and you will enjoy the benefits of joining a prestigious and well-supported research environment with excellent facilities.

Our numerous reading groups, research seminars, workshops and conferences provide excellent opportunities for exploring ideas, identifying and interrogating problems and showcasing new approaches. Our PhD programmes can be undertaken full-time or part-time to suit your needs, with three start dates across the academic year.

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**Taught programmes**
- English Literature (MA)
- Creative Writing (MA)

**Research programmes**
- Creative and Critical Writing (PhD)
- Critical and Cultural Theory (PhD, MPhil)
- English Literature (PhD, MPhil)
The School of Geography and Planning is recognised as a **centre for research excellence**, with 85% of our research rated as world-leading or internationally excellent (REF 2014).

Ranked in the **top 100** for Geography in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2020 and **7th in the UK** for Town and Country Planning and Landscape in The Times/Sunday Times Good University Guide 2020.

97% of our postgraduate students who were working in the UK were in **highly skilled employment** 15 months after the end of their course (HESA Graduate Outcomes Survey, 2020).
We’ve built our reputation across the boundaries of urban planning and human geography, with an emphasis on the built and natural environments, and the impacts of economic, social, political and cultural change.

While geography provides the theoretical and analytical skills to understand both the nature of change and its impacts, planning translates this understanding into action to ensure a better quality of environment for present and future generations.

Our aim is to help solve some of the stubborn contemporary challenges facing human society and transform people, places and systems around the world.

**Postgraduate taught**

All of our postgraduate taught programmes are situated within key policy research areas and groups in the School. The programmes are well recognised by academic and policy communities both domestically and internationally, with several programmes offering professional recognition by industry bodies such as the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI), the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) and the Chartered Institution of Highways & Transportation (CIHT).

**Postgraduate research**

We are a major centre for research in human geography and planning, with emphasis on helping our students recognise their fullest potential in their chosen area of research. We play a leading role in academic and policy debates at national and international levels and aim to recruit committed research students for the pursuit of innovative, cutting-edge research at PhD level.

We place considerable value on the quality of training for, and supervision of, our research students. Each research student is linked to one of the School’s research groups. Being a member of one of these groups provides a context in which knowledge about the broad research area can be exchanged and embeds you into the wider academic community of the School.

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**Taught programmes**

- Eco-Cities (MSc)
- Environment and Development (MSc)
- International Planning and Development (MSc)
- International Planning and Urban Design (MSc)
- Planning Practice (PgCert)
- Social Science Research Methods (Environmental Planning) (MSc)
- Social Science Research Methods (Environmental Planning) (PgDip)
- Spatial Planning and Development (MSc)
- Sustainability, Planning and Environmental Policy (MSc)
- Transport and Planning (MSc)
- Urban and Regional Development (MSc)
- Urban Design (MA)

**Research programmes**

- Geography and Planning (PhD)
Our postgraduate taught programmes benefit from the input of world-renowned researchers and clinicians who are experts in their field.

We ranked joint 1st in the UK for research environment and 4th overall based on the quality of our research (REF 2014, joint submission including Allied Health Professions, Dentistry, Nursing and Pharmacy).

100% of our submitted research rated at least of international standard with 94% classed as internationally excellent or world-leading (REF 2014, under joint submission with Allied Health Professions, Dentistry, Nursing and Pharmacy).
Healthcare Sciences

We are a leading provider of postgraduate education for nursing, midwifery and allied health professionals. Delivered through a mix of self-directed and contact sessions, our programmes are designed to help you meet the challenges of the rapidly changing healthcare environment and to make a valuable contribution to patient care and clinical practice.

Postgraduate taught

We understand that it can be difficult to keep up with the latest developments and further your healthcare education, whilst balancing work or other commitments: that’s why many of our programmes can be studied on either a full-time or part-time basis. We also offer a diverse range of standalone modules at level 6 and 7, allowing you to study in a flexible way.

Our team of experts will support you in gaining clinical and academic experience to apply in your workplace and to further your career. So develop your skills, deepen your knowledge and be part of something life-changing today.

Postgraduate research

Undertaking a postgraduate research degree in healthcare sciences will enable you to make a valuable contribution to knowledge and practice within your professional field. By pursuing research based around your own interests at one of the leading healthcare research departments in the UK, you lay the foundations for a career in which you can make a real difference to healthcare in the wider world.

Our postgraduate research students are at the hub of our research community. As well as access to scholars working on world-leading research, we provide a comprehensive programme of support.

Taught programmes

- Advanced Practice (MSc)
- Clinical Photography (PgCert)
- Community Health Studies (SPQ) (PgDip)
- Education for Healthcare Professionals (MSc, PgCert)
- Managing Anaesthesia Care (MSc)
- Non-Medical Prescribing (PgCert)
- Specialist Community Public Health Nursing (Health Visitor) (PgDip)

Research programmes

- Healthcare Sciences (PhD)
We ranked in the **top 20 for overall research quality** in the most recent Research Excellence Framework (REF 2014).

You can access **outstanding support** from the University of Wales Institute for Classics and Ancient History, run jointly by Cardiff, Swansea and Lampeter universities.

Within Modern History, you can tap into a wide range and breadth of **research interests and expertise**, including, but not confined to: British and Welsh history; North American history, including the history of slavery; history of medicine.
As a postgraduate student based in the School of History, Archaeology and Religion, you'll join our vibrant academic and research community. Supervised by experts, you'll encounter exciting opportunities to debate and exchange ideas, whether through our internationally connected research centres or numerous seminar series.

Our postgraduate community contributes vitally to the research culture of the School and to the University’s international reputation for research. You'll benefit from our stimulating and supportive learning environment, and have the chance to participate in our exciting interdisciplinary research groups and centres.

**Postgraduate taught**

Taught by leading scholars, our full-time MA History seeks to satisfy your curiosity about history while deepening your knowledge of its key concepts and methods as a discipline. Offering a range of modules designed with your future employability in mind, you'll benefit from the opportunity to explore a variety of approaches to study of the past – including social, cultural, intellectual and political – across a broad chronological and geographic range.

**Postgraduate research**

We offer two research programmes in History.

Our **PhD/ MPhil Ancient History** aims to offer knowledge and expertise for a career in research, public service, teaching and academia. We have considerable research strength in ancient history, with opportunities for interdisciplinary research in archaeology, medieval history and religious studies through our Centre for Late Antique Religion and Culture. The programme itself offers wide chronological coverage, from the Bronze Age to the rise of Islam, stretching from Ancient Greece and Rome to Mesopotamia, Iran and the Silk Route.

Our **PhD/ MPhil History and Welsh History** aims to prepare you for a variety of career options, including in research and academia, public service, teaching, and the private sector. Our internationally-recognised and internationally-leading historians have a wide range of interests and expertise, enabling us to supervise you in a large array of research fields. Particular research and teaching strengths include, but are not confined to: British and Welsh history, medieval to contemporary; North American history; modern European and Eurasian history, from France to Russia and Central Asia; modern Asian and African history; environmental history; and theoretical and methodological approaches to the study of history and the humanities.

Our research programmes provide training and a high level of support both to enable successful completion of your degree, and to prepare you for your next career stage. You will benefit from a series of postgraduate training programmes. We also provide a History PhD Training Seminar that will help integrate you into our department’s research culture. We enjoy strong links with research academies overseas such as the British Schools in Athens and Rome.

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**Taught programmes**

- History (MA)

**Research programmes**

- Ancient History (PhD, MPhil)
- History and Welsh History (PhD, MPhil)
We’re ranked Europe’s fifth best for Communications and Media Studies and 23rd globally (QS World University Rankings by Subject 2020).


Our state-of-the-art building is situated in the heart of Cardiff’s media community.
All of the postgraduate programmes offered by our School of Journalism, Media and Culture are designed to be consistently relevant to a rapidly changing media and communications environment, and always informed by the most recent professional innovations and academic research. Nationally and internationally, we are a top-rated school of research excellence, media teaching and journalism training.

**Postgraduate taught**

Our postgraduate taught programmes are an engaging blend of practical workshops and academic seminars. We pride ourselves on offering our diverse student body a unique integration of both theory and practice. We aim to instil in you an intimate knowledge of real-world media and journalism practice that is built on a solid foundation of academia. Our courses are delivered by industry experts with years of experience and a passion for sharing their knowledge.

Our graduates must meet the needs of knowledge-based, global, entrepreneurial and innovation-driven economies and be equipped with the skills and confidence to lead. Pursuing your postgraduate degree with us means that you can take advantage of excellent career prospects, as our graduates are in high demand and frequently found in top media jobs worldwide.

97% of our postgraduate students who were working in the UK were in highly skilled employment 15 months after the end of their course (HESA Graduate Outcomes Survey, 2020).

**Postgraduate research**

We are committed to undertaking research that engages with contemporary issues across journalism, the media and culture, both theoretically and practically. A key strength of our research environment is the dialogue between research and practice-based staff which helps us to deliver impactful research outcomes in terms of practice and policy in the wider world.

We are committed to helping you reach your fullest potential, with the assistance of our expert research supervisors and the academic, technical and personal support provided by our experienced staff. We provide training and a high level of support, and the postgraduate community contributes vitally to the University’s international reputation for research. Our staff have international reputations both in practical journalism and in research and publications.

Our overarching PhD/MPhil programme of Journalism, Media and Culture covers all projects that we supervise within any of the fields of journalism, media and cultural studies.

**Taught programmes**

- Broadcast Journalism (MA)
- Computational and Data Journalism (MSc)
- Cultural and Creative Industries (MA)
- Digital Documentaries (MA)
- Digital Media and Society (MA)
- International Journalism (MA)
- International Public Relations and Global Communications Management (MA)
- Journalism, Media and Communications (MA)
- Magazine Journalism (MA)
- News Journalism (MA)
- Political Communication (MA)
- Science Communication (MSc)

**Research programmes**

- Journalism, Media and Culture (PhD, MPhil)
We’re the **only Russell Group university in the UK** to offer complete professional legal training: the Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL), Legal Practice Course (LPC) and Bar Training Course (BTC).

**84%** of our research was rated as world-leading or internationally excellent, and **80%** of our research has been deemed outstanding for its impact in terms of its reach and significance (REF 2014).

**98%** of our postgraduate graduates who were working in the UK were in highly skilled employment 15 months after the end of their course (combined data for the School of Law and Politics) (HESA Graduate Outcomes Survey, 2020).
Law

We are committed to providing an outstanding teaching and learning experience and our teaching is underpinned by our excellent research activity. We attract students from all over the world and offer a friendly, supportive and culturally diverse School in which to study.

Postgraduate taught
Law is a subject you can apply to every aspect of your life. We will provide you with an appreciation of domestic and international issues, help stimulate a critical approach to current and proposed regulation, cultivate independent thinking and enable you to undertake in-depth research.

Our world-leading legal academics are at the cutting edge of law practice, allowing you to benefit from a wealth of expertise and experience.

Postgraduate research
Join the next generation of legal scholars and take part in innovative research in a wide range of fields. Our School of Law and Politics is a recognised leader in legal scholarship in the UK, and our size enables us to sustain a vibrant research culture.

You can study our Law PhD/ MPhil programme on either a full-time or part-time basis, to fit around your lifestyle needs. We offer supervision in a vast range of legal subjects including Islamic law, civil justice, contract law, human rights law, intellectual property, medical law and social care law, among many others.

Professional legal programmes
If you wish to become a solicitor or barrister, we offer all the main vocational training courses currently required for entry into the legal profession. We're the only Russell Group university in the UK to offer the Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL), Legal Practice Course (LPC) and Bar Training Course (BTC).

Our LLM programmes cover a variety of engaging and diverse specialisms, which make them ideal for those who know which area of Law that they wish to focus upon. If you are looking for flexibility and breadth, our general Law LLM allows you to study across the spectrum without focussing on one specific area.

Pro Bono
You can develop your skills in client care, legal research, writing and public speaking whilst working on real cases and helping members of the community via our range of Pro Bono schemes. Working with lawyers and a variety of organisations you will have the opportunity to work on real cases.

One of our most well known projects is the Cardiff Innocence Project which conducts casework, research, and advocacy on the topic of miscarriages of justice. We are the only university Innocence Project in the UK to have helped overturn cases at the Court of Appeal.

Taught programmes
• Canon Law (LLM)
• Governance and Devolution (LLM)
• Human Rights Law (LLM)
• Intellectual Property Law (LLM)
• International Commercial Law (LLM)
• Law (LLM)
• Legal Aspects of Medical Practice (LLM)
• Shipping Law (LLM)
• Social Care Law (LLM)
• Social Science Research Methods (Social-Legal) (Law) (MSc, PgDip)

Professional legal programmes
• Bar Training Course (BTC) (LLM, PgDip)
• Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL) (G Dip)
• Legal Practice Course (LPC) (LLM, PgDip)

Research programmes
• Law (PhD, MPhil)
You will form part of our School of English, Communication and Philosophy, which is one of the largest of its kind in the UK and home to more than 70 teaching, research and professional service staff.

In the latest Research Excellence Framework, we were part of a submission with English Language & Literature that achieved a top 10 place overall, with 86% of our research rated as world-leading or internationally excellent (REF 2014).

You will be taught by experts from our Centre for Language and Communication Research, who research the form, function and effect of human communication and language.
Linguistics and Communication

Postgraduate taught
Our postgraduate taught programmes reflect our distinctive approaches to research in the fields of linguistics and communication.

Each programme offers you the opportunity to study linguistics and communication at an advanced level while also gaining valuable transferable skills such as high-level critical thinking, analysis and problem solving, together with independent research skills.

We offer four postgraduate taught programmes in linguistics and communication: MA Applied Linguistics, MA Forensic Linguistics, MA Language and Linguistics and MA Language and Communication Research, which can all be studied on a full-time or part-time basis to suit your lifestyle.

Each of these programmes has been designed to provide training in theory and techniques to allow you to expertly analyse different aspects of linguistics and communication, equipping you with the knowledge and skills you need to enhance your employability and further your career.

Postgraduate research
As a research student in the School of English, Communication and Philosophy, you will be supervised by academics who are world-leaders in their fields, whilst enjoying the benefits of joining a prestigious, well-supported and dynamic research environment.

Our postgraduate researchers become key members of a supportive and intellectually vibrant community. Our numerous reading groups, research seminars and workshops provide exciting platforms for showcasing new concepts, interrogating problems and trying out new ideas. In an increasingly competitive jobs market, you will be encouraged and supported in building up the skills that will enhance your employability, whatever your career direction.

Our Centre for Language and Communication Research is one of the foremost international centres for research, research training and teaching in social, functional, applied and interactional areas of human communication, language and linguistics. We use linguistic theory and a wide range of methods to explore how language works as a system, and how it is used to define identity and reflect and mould attitudes. We apply our research to important social challenges, to generate improvements in diverse areas including language learning, Alzheimer’s care, multicultural interaction, legal-lay interaction and social inclusion.

Taught programmes
- Applied Linguistics (MA)
- Forensic Linguistics (MA)
- Language and Communication Research (MA)
- Language and Linguistics (MA)

Research programmes
- Language and Communication (PhD, MPhil)
You’ll be part of a diverse learning community with a clear mission: to make a positive impact on Wales and the world.

You’ll study at a business school ranked 1st in the UK for research environment and 6th for research excellence (REF 2014).

You’ll join a suite of logistics and operations management programmes accredited by the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT).
Our accredited logistics and operations management programmes are delivered by Cardiff Business School: the world’s first public value business school and one of only a small number across the globe to be accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International).

You’ll be taught by one of the largest groupings of logistics and operations management experts in the UK. Our faculty is comprised of highly respected academics and practitioners who are leaders in their fields of research, engagement and innovation.

**Postgraduate taught**

We offer three full-time specialist taught programmes in the field of logistics and operations management. Each of our programmes balances theory with practical application, to equip you with the tools and techniques for a career in industry, academia, policy making and more.

Our **MSc Logistics and Operations Management** will help you become a management professional with problem-solving capabilities, as well as ethical insight into decision-making related to processes, products, and services. Together with our experts, you’ll explore transportation and low carbon logistics, inventories, warehousing and procurement, and resource and materials management. Using world-leading research and real-world examples, they’ll introduce you to technological innovations in logistics, alongside the latest management techniques, systems and thinking as you prepare for global career opportunities.

Our **MSc Maritime Policy and Shipping Management** is practically-oriented, drawing on the research and consultancy of our faculty and reflecting our leading international position in the field of maritime affairs. You’ll explore grand challenges in ocean governance, port management, regional and international policy, maritime law and shipping operations. We’ll help you become a management or policy-making professional capable of making decisions that consider the full range of economic, social, environmental and legal impacts of maritime business.

Our **MSc Sustainable Supply Chain Management** has a unique focus on sustainability and ethical trading. Our academic and practitioner experts will help you optimise your professional decision-making skills while considering the economic, social and environmental impacts of supply chains. They’ll use internationally recognised research to give you a critical insight into cross-cutting issues such as the impact of technology, emergency and humanitarian operations, and environmental performance and responsibility.

**Postgraduate research**

Our logistics and operations management research works to address grand challenges across critical business functions.

Our research focuses on operations management, procurement, supply chain management, logistics, blockchain, distributed ledger technology and the circular economy. And, because of the interdisciplinarity inherent to our fields of scholarship, we adopt approaches from systems dynamics, lean and operational excellence, as well as those related to transport and shipping.

Since 2014, we have participated in funded research projects in excess of £3 million and have published widely in highly ranked Association of Business School journals.

We’re also home to a number of research groups and centres, which provide the ideal environment for the development of new ideas and theories as well as promoting synergies across disciplinary boundaries. These include the Co-operation for Growth, Centre for Automotive Industry Research, the Lean Enterprise Research Centre, Logistics Systems Dynamics Group, PARC Institute of Manufacturing, Logistics and Inventory, and the Transport and Shipping Research Group.

By choosing us for your doctoral study, you’ll be fully integrated into our research and academic community and become part of our dynamic and diverse research environment. You’ll be provided with the tools, support and opportunities to contribute to the advancement of knowledge and generate impact and value in your chosen academic field.

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**Taught programmes**

- Logistics and Operations Management (MSc)
- Maritime Policy and Shipping Management (MSc)
- Sustainable Supply Chain Management (MSc)

**Research programmes**

- Business Studies (PhD)
You’ll be part of a diverse learning community with a clear mission: to make a positive impact on Wales and the world.

You’ll study at a business school ranked joint 1st in the UK for research environment and 6th for research excellence (REF 2014).

We’re internationally accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International).
Our management, employment and organisation programmes are delivered by Cardiff Business School: the world’s first public value business school and one of only a small number across the globe to be accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International).

### Postgraduate taught
Alongside our MSc Business Management conversion course, we offer three further programmes in the field of management, employment and organisation, each of which have been designed to enhance your employability and allow you to specialise in your chosen discipline. All of our programmes are delivered by world-leading academics that have different points of view. They’ll challenge your thinking as they show you the world of business from alternative perspectives. Our curricula is practically focused and challenge-based giving you the opportunity to develop the confidence, knowledge and skills needed for a successful career in management, human resources and personnel.

Our MSc Human Resource Management is accredited by the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development. You’ll build the confidence, knowledge and skills to question, evaluate and make effective judgements on strategies and practices that deliver impact and value for employers and employees. Our team of academic and practitioner experts will prepare you for a career as a HR professional. They’ll use internationally recognised research alongside a programme of guest speakers to illustrate how HR practitioners shape and influence an organisation’s recruitment process, working culture and performance.

Our MSc International Human Resource Management attracts a global cohort seeking to manage people differently. In preparation for a career in international HR, you’ll learn to combine specialist technical knowledge with a strong understanding of the social, political, cultural and ethical context of business. Our team of academic and practitioner experts will help you get to grips with the fundamentals of this influential field. You’ll put human resource management into the context of multinational corporations while addressing the challenges of creating sustainable and ethically informed HR solutions.

Our MSc International Management programme encourages you to ask fundamental questions about the ethics of business, so that you can become a responsible international manager capable of contributing sustainable and ethically informed solutions to society’s grand challenges. Our experts will prepare you for worldwide career opportunities, helping you explore core business functions and the role of managers in international organisations. They’ll use internationally recognised research to give you a critical understanding of the social, political and ethical context of business in a globalised world where sustainable business practices are increasingly important.

### Postgraduate research
The Management, Employment and Organisation section of Cardiff Business School is home to three research groups and centres: Cardiff Organisation Research Group, the Centre for Local and Regional Government Research, and the Employment Research Unit.

We undertake research in three broad areas: organisation studies, employment relations and public sector management. Our researchers have a strong publishing, advisory and consulting profile, providing advice and reports for a wide range of corporate, social business, government and other stakeholders.

Prepare for your research career in academia, as a business practitioner or public policy decision maker on our doctoral programmes. As a PhD student, you’re fully integrated into our research and academic community and become part of a dynamic and diverse research environment.

You’ll be provided with the tools, support and opportunities to contribute to the advancement of knowledge and generate impact and value in your chosen academic field.

### Taught programmes
- Business Management (MSc)
- Human Resource Management (MSc)
- International Human Resource Management (MSc)
- International Management (MSc)

### Research programmes
- Business Studies (PhD)
You’ll be part of a diverse learning community with a clear mission: to make a positive impact on Wales and the world.

You’ll study at a business school ranked joint 1st in the UK for research environment and 6th for research excellence (REF 2014).

We’re internationally accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International).
Our marketing and strategy programmes are delivered by Cardiff Business School: the world’s first public value business school and one of only a small number across the globe to be accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International).

**Postgraduate taught**

We offer three specialist master’s programmes in the field of marketing and strategy, each of which has been designed to improve your knowledge and understanding of the subject area while enhancing your employability. All three of the programmes are studied full-time over the course of one year.

Designed for students from any disciplinary background, our MSc Marketing will help you prepare for a career as a marketing professional. Working with our academic and practitioner experts, you’ll explore the principles and practices of marketing and how they can be deployed in multiple sectors. You’ll learn from real-life case studies and a programme of business speakers and company visits. These experiences will help you identify ways in which organisations can deliver value through marketing.

The MSc Strategic Marketing is accredited by the Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM) and focuses on putting theory into practice. As part of your Marketing Project, you’ll work as part of a team and spend two months analysing an organisation’s business challenges. Together you’ll design marketing solutions before presenting your proposals to the organisation’s management board. To complement this live project, our team of academic experts and business partners will prepare you for entrepreneurship and helping you explore the economic environment in which organisations operate, acquire financial backing, manage innovations and market their products and services.

**Postgraduate research**

Cardiff Business School’s Marketing and Strategy section is one of the UK’s leading centres of research in this specialist field.

We have a reputation for developing innovative research in emerging areas, and for publishing articles and books in areas including consumer behaviour, marketing strategy, strategic management and sustainable marketing. We translate our research into practical tools that managers and public policy makers use to make better decisions, provide thought leadership to the academic community and inspire research-led teaching. Our research also contributes to societal understanding of the changing business environment at local, national and international levels.

We are widely known for producing impactful research, and by the methodology of a study published in the Australasian Journal of Marketing (Souter et al., 2015), we were ranked number one amongst universities in the UK, USA, Australia, Canada and New Zealand for the research impact of our faculty.

For more than 20 years, we have hosted major conferences including those for the Academy of Marketing, Academy of Marketing Science as well as the first UK hosting of the Greening of Industry Network.

By choosing us for your doctoral study, you’ll be fully integrated into our research and academic community and become part of our dynamic and diverse research environment. You’ll be provided with the tools, support and opportunities to contribute to the advancement of knowledge and generate impact and value in your chosen academic field.

**Taught programmes**

- Business Strategy and Entrepreneurship (MSc)
- Marketing (MSc)
- Strategic Marketing (MSc)

**Research programmes**

- Business Studies (PhD)
100% of our research was rated as ‘outstanding’ or ‘very considerable’ for its impact in terms of its reach and significance (REF 2014).

100% of our submitted research was rated at least of international standard, with 90% classed as internationally excellent or world-leading (REF 2014).

We have well-established relationships with many employers in related fields, who regularly offer projects and recruit our students.
Mathematics and Statistics

The School of Mathematics offers a vibrant and supportive environment for postgraduates, spanning pure and applied mathematics, data science and analytics, financial risk, statistics and operational research. The skills that you'll learn as part of your postgraduate degree are highly transferable for use within industry, business and the public sector.

Postgraduate taught

Our selection of postgraduate taught programmes offer you the chance to benefit from intensive teaching while building on the skills and knowledge gained during your first degree. As a postgraduate student you will collaborate with scholars working on world-leading research. Our leading academics offer a multidisciplinary approach and you’ll benefit from direct contact with potential employers, as well as the opportunity to work alongside industry on relevant projects and dissertations.

Our data focused postgraduate degrees will be delivered at our Data Science Academy; an interdisciplinary education hub for data-intensive science set up to educate the next generation of experts in the field.

Your MSc will conclude with a major research project to feature on your CV. The research project will put your skills to the test, working with one of our expert research staff on genuine mathematical or statistical problems. You’ll develop specialist mathematical knowledge which will set you apart from the rest of your peers and prepare you for entry into the workforce or a related research career.

Postgraduate research

We offer a wide range of research opportunities in an exciting, challenging and rewarding environment. The School of Mathematics benefits from substantial research funding from the EPSRC, as well as other public and private bodies.

In your first year you will follow an agreed programme of study to introduce you to research skills and methods and advance your knowledge in your chosen field. This includes a broad choice of postgraduate programmes provided through the national collaborative networks: MAGIC for pure/applied mathematics, NATCOR for operational research and APTS for statistics.

We host regular seminars in all of our subject areas with renowned speakers, and also run the Cardiff Mathematics Colloquia and the annual Welsh Mathematics Colloquium, all of which provide insight into cutting-edge research.

The principle areas in which we offer supervision towards a PhD or MPhil research degree are pure mathematics, applied mathematics, operational research, and probability and statistics.

Taught programmes

- Data Analytics for Government (MSc) (full-time only)
- Data Science and Analytics (MSc)
- Mathematics (MSc) (full-time only)
- Operational Research and Applied Statistics (MSc)
- Operational Research, Applied Statistics and Financial Risk (MSc)

Research programmes

- Mathematics (PhD, MPhil)
We're one of the largest providers of medical research and teaching in the UK, with a long-standing record of world-class research and educational innovation.

We ranked 8th in the UK for overall quality of research in Clinical Medicine in the most recent UK government assessment of research excellence (REF 2014), with 80% of our research in this field deemed outstanding for its impact in terms of reach and significance.

The majority of our programmes are interprofessional, allowing students to gain a greater understanding of the role of other professionals within their teams, directly or indirectly benefiting patient care.
Our School of Medicine provides a wide range of master’s level postgraduate programmes to suit all learning styles. We also offer distance programmes and standalone modules that allow you to gain a recognised qualification without disrupting your employment.

**Postgraduate taught**
Our postgraduate taught programmes are highly vocational, flexible, and focused on enhancing the skills and careers of healthcare professionals. We have longstanding expertise in developing and supporting online learning, and many of our distance learning programmes are designed to encourage mutual participation and collaboration, with an interprofessional approach to enhancing online group work and discussions.

Our programmes are structured to enable you to evaluate topics in relation to your practice areas of interest and professional base, helping you turn theory into practice in ways that benefit you and your patients. They aim to provide our professional learners with enhanced academic skills and an understanding of the evidence base that can inform working practices.

**Postgraduate research**
Our underlying aim is to ensure the optimum translation of fundamental knowledge to patient benefit. We aim to provide postgraduate students with the necessary knowledge, skills and attitudes required to progress in a career in academia, health, industry and related sectors.

Research within the School of Medicine is conducted within four interdisciplinary research divisions: Cancer and Genetics, Infection and Immunity, Population Medicine, and Psychological Medicine and Clinical Neurosciences. The four research divisions focus on chronic disease and applied health research, and are aligned with the interests of the NHS and reflect national healthcare needs and priorities.

**Taught programmes**
- Advanced Surgical Practice (MSc)
- Ageing Health and Disease (MSc)
- Bioinformatics (MSc)
- Bioinformatics and Genetic Epidemiology (MSc)
- Clinical Dermatology (MSc)
- Critical Care (MSc)
- Diabetes (MSc, PgDip)
- Genetic and Genomic Counselling (MSc)
- Medical Education (e-learning) (MSc, PgDip, PgCert)
- Medical Education (MSc, PgDip)
- Medical Toxicology (MSc, PgDip, PgCert)
- Neonatal Medicine (MSc, PgDip)
- Occupational Health (Policy and Practice) (MSc)
- Pain Management (MSc)
- Pain Management (Primary and Community Care) (MSc, PgDip, PgCert)
- Palliative Medicine for Health Care Professionals (MSc)
- Practical Dermatology (MSc, PgDip)
- Psychiatry (MSc)
- Public Health (MPH)
- Therapeutics (MSc, PgDip, PgCert)
- Wound Healing and Tissue Repair (MSc)

**Research programmes**
- Medicine (PhD, MPhil, MD)
84% of our research was rated as world-leading or internationally excellent (REF 2014, joint submission with the School of Welsh).

We’re ranked 7th in the UK for the quality of our research (REF 2014, joint submission with the School of Welsh).

100% of our postgraduate taught students were in employment and/or further study six months after graduation (Destination of Leavers from Higher Education survey, HESA 2020).
With an international reputation for excellence in research and teaching, our School of Modern Languages offers you the opportunity to pursue your interests in languages and cultures in an exciting, interdisciplinary environment.

**Postgraduate taught**
We attract a wide range of both international and UK students each year who thrive on our diverse postgraduate taught programmes. While our highly successful **MA in Translation Studies** offers you core training in the theory and practice of translation, our **MA in Global Cultures** is designed to develop your research analysis of 21st-century cultural industries and the creative economy.

**Postgraduate research**
We have an exceptionally strong research culture, with a renowned reputation for both the quality of the research we produce and the growing number of research grants and investment which we attract.

Our full and part-time PhD and MPhil opportunities are grouped together under the banner of Languages and Translation Studies. We offer a multidisciplinary research environment organised around a number of research themes:
- Transnational Cultural and Visual Studies
- History and Heritage
- Global Language-Based Area Studies.

Within these research themes, the following research strands feature:
- translation, adaption and multimediality (radio, film, television, new media)
- translation in/and performance
- post-colonial and transnational literatures, cultures and identities
- peripheral and minority cultures and identities
- the study of socialist and post-socialist Europe
- NGOs, trade unions and movements
- foreign, development and security policy
- ideology critique
- critical theory
- Lacanian cultural (especially film) analysis
- popular cultures, especially crime fictions and film
- comics and graphic fiction
- visual culture and photography
- memory studies and museum studies
- multilingualism and language learning.

Our academic staff are dedicated to producing world-class research in language, culture and beyond.

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**Taught programmes**
- Translation Studies (MA)
- Global Cultures (MA)

**Research programmes**
- Languages and Translation Studies (PhD, MPhil)
Cardiff is home to Welsh National Opera, BBC National Orchestra of Wales, National Museum Wales, a major BBC production centre, and numerous other cultural organisations.

We’re ranked joint 7th overall for Music in the UK (Times / Sunday Times Good University Guide 2020).

We’re also positioned 2nd among UK university music departments for the quality of our research environment (REF 2014).
We provide a stimulating, friendly and supportive environment where students and staff work together in studying, creating and making music.

We offer postgraduate training in performance, composition and music studies within a lively and imaginative liberal arts setting. Our 250-seat concert hall hosts our annual concert series, as well as regular workshops and masterclasses. Our students work and study in a research community, learning from academic staff with expertise in composition, performance, musicology, ethnomusicology, and popular music. We place an emphasis on flexibility and student choice and have designed our programme to allow you to personalise your course of study.

Postgraduate taught
Our MA Music programme will allow you to explore new musical skills, increase your employability, consolidate areas of expertise, and inform your work through greater understanding of related fields. You will be encouraged to take part in research events, including seminars and conferences. Our regular series of workshops and masterclasses allow you to work directly with distinguished composers and performers.

Postgraduate research
We are home to an active and engaged research community. Our postgraduates are encouraged to play an integral role in our research culture, including participating in research events, projects, and seminars.

A series of workshops and masterclasses allow postgraduate composers and performers to work directly with distinguished artists and practitioners.

Our research-active staff offer supervision in all areas across musicology, composition, and performance. You may specialise in any of these areas for PhD, presenting work in one of three different formats: a thesis, a portfolio of compositions with commentary, or a performance recital with supporting thesis.

Taught programmes
- Music (MA)

Research programmes
- Music (PhD, MPhil)
We are ranked **1st in the UK** for Occupational Therapy by the Complete University Guide 2021.

We ranked joint **1st in the UK** for research environment and 4th overall based on the quality of our research (REF 2014, joint submission including Allied Health Professions, Dentistry, Nursing and Pharmacy).

We have close links with the **Royal College of Occupational Therapists** and other key professional bodies and organisations.
Occupational Therapy

Studying Occupational Therapy as a postgraduate at Cardiff University means you will become part of our friendly and supportive School of Healthcare Sciences. You will be taught by a highly experienced, inter-professional team with extensive knowledge and expertise in the fields of occupational therapy education, research, management, and practice.

**Postgraduate taught**

We offer two postgraduate programmes which both benefit from our close links with the Royal College of Occupational Therapists, the Health and Care Professions Council, local health boards and trusts, social service departments and voluntary organisations.

Our **MSc Occupational Therapy** is for qualified occupational therapists who wish to deepen their knowledge base and advance their careers. Teaching focuses on the acquisition of high-quality clinical reasoning skills and the development of innovative ideas based on evidence-based practice.

You will benefit from a range of occupational therapy and inter-professional modules and you will be able to tailor your learning to suit your needs and professional development. The programme is available on a full-time or part-time basis enabling you to study at a pace that is right for you.

Our **PgDip Occupational Therapy** (pre-registration) programme is specially designed for those already holding a degree. It provides a unique opportunity to study at an accelerated pace and enables you to register as an occupational therapist within two years.

You will receive close academic support from a personal tutor and benefit from varied practice placements facilitated by experienced occupational therapy educators.

Upon successful completion, you will be eligible to apply for registration with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) as well as professional membership of the Royal College of Occupational Therapists (RCOT). Furthermore, our programme is approved by the World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT), which means that your qualification will be recognised in around 60 countries worldwide, enhancing your opportunities for international employment.

**Postgraduate research**

Undertaking postgraduate research will enable you to make a valuable contribution to knowledge and practice within your professional field. By pursuing research at one of the leading healthcare research departments in the UK, you lay the foundations for a career in which you can make a real difference to healthcare in the wider world.

Our postgraduate research students are at the hub of our research community. As well as access to scholars working on world-leading research, we provide a comprehensive programme of support at all stages of your study.

**Taught programmes**
- Occupational Therapy (MSc)
- Occupational Therapy (Pre-registration) (PgDip)

**Research programmes**
- Healthcare Sciences (PhD/MPhil)
Many of our modules and programmes are accredited by the General Optical Council (GOC) or the College of Optometrists.

Our School is housed in a dedicated £22 million optometry facility with an in-built eye clinic.

We ranked joint 1st in the UK for research environment and 4th overall based on the quality of our research (REF 2014, joint submission including Allied Health Professions, Dentistry, Nursing and Pharmacy).
We offer flexible postgraduate optometry programmes and modules which are designed for the modern eye-care professional and offer research opportunities that span a diverse range of basic science and clinical disciplines.

Postgraduate taught
We offer a wide portfolio of over thirty modules providing specialist training in a range of areas in optometry, including glaucoma, independent prescribing, acute eye care, paediatrics, medical retina, clinical teaching and leadership among others.

Postgraduate research
Our research degrees are focused on student-led, frontier translational research spanning a diverse range of basic science and clinical disciplines. Our researchers work in multidisciplinary teams, allowing you to work collaboratively and share knowledge and skills with people from different scientific backgrounds.

Our research covers four themes: structural biophysics, visual neuroscience, retinal degeneration and ageing, and human vision and clinical translation.

Taught programmes
• Clinical Optometry (MSc, PgDip, PgCert)
• Eye Care Governance (PgCert)
• Therapeutic Prescribing for Optometrists (PgCert)

Research programmes
• Vision Sciences (PhD, MPhil)
In the most recent Research Excellence Framework (REF 2014), we were ranked the **joint top School of Pharmacy** in the country.

We’re **recognised internationally** for our high-quality teaching and cutting-edge research.

Our **state-of-the-art facilities** include six recently rebuilt consultation rooms for pharmacy practice-related activities.
Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

We are one of the top UK schools of pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences. We are proud to be globally recognised for our research excellence in advancing knowledge, delivering significant new discoveries benefiting society, and graduating highly valued, innovative, and enterprising people fit for practice and employment.

We are internationally renowned for the quality of our teaching and learning, and many of our dedicated staff are conducting internationally recognised, world-leading research aimed at improving human health. Our impactful and innovative research projects include microneedle technology, cancer drug discovery, novel antimicrobial development and transformation of residential care using health technology.

Our dedicated researchers are leading the field in creating new, effective methods for delivering drugs and investigating how they can be used to better treat some of the most debilitating and life-threatening medical conditions. It’s this same team of researchers, as well as external expert practitioners, who teach and inspire the pharmacists, researchers and clinicians of the future and help you to advance your career.

Postgraduate taught
We offer a diverse range of full or part-time postgraduate taught programmes for pharmacists, biomedical scientists, healthcare practitioners and graduates of life sciences. Our postgraduate programmes are designed for anyone either working or looking towards a career in clinical pharmacy, pharmaceutical sciences sectors, clinical research or academia.

Our specialist taught programmes include cancer biology and therapeutics, clinical research, clinical pharmacy and pharmacist independent prescribing.

Postgraduate research
Our research degree focuses on the discovery, development and usage of medicines across a spectrum of disease areas, giving you the freedom to investigate a cutting-edge topic in depth amongst leading researchers with first-class facilities. We have a strong reputation for the quality of the research that we conduct and attract large research grants from a variety of sources.

We have a diverse research portfolio and our discipline areas for PhD and MPhil degrees include drug delivery and microbiology, medicinal chemistry, pharmacology and physiology, pharmacy, and pharmacy practice and clinical pharmacy.

Our researchers work across multidisciplinary teams, allowing you to work collaboratively and share knowledge and skills from different scientific and healthcare backgrounds.

Taught programmes
• Cancer Biology and Therapeutics (MSc)
• Clinical Pharmacy (MSc, PgDip, PgCert)
• Clinical Research (MSc)
• Pharmacist Independent Prescribing (Level 7)

Research programmes
• Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (PhD, MPhil)
We’re a friendly and lively community concentrating on philosophical aspects of contemporary issues.

We’re home to a branch of the Royal Institute of Philosophy, which holds regular philosophy events in the city centre and the prestigious Cardiff Annual Lecture at the University.

We’re ranked 4th for the impact our research in philosophy has on society (REF 2014).
As a postgraduate student in the School of English, Communication and Philosophy, you'll be taught by leading researchers in philosophy and will learn how to address difficult questions creatively, critically and collegially.

Philosophy at Cardiff is distinctive for its focus on topics at the forefront of epistemology, moral philosophy, and philosophy of mind and cognition.

Postgraduate taught
Our MA Philosophy programme will develop your knowledge of philosophical issues and techniques, your independent and collaborative research skills, and your ability to communicate complex and controversial ideas in a professional manner.

Covering analytic, continental, and empirical varieties of philosophy, the degree will provide you with an understanding of the breadth of the discipline, and the full range of our internationally recognised research strengths.

The programme will equip you with the skills to draw together and explore issues in epistemology, moral philosophy, and philosophy of mind, and to examine the interactions between them.

You will benefit from small group teaching with an emphasis on peer-to-peer discussion, led by philosophers who are internationally recognised for their work in the debates you will be discussing with them.

Postgraduate research
As a philosophy research student, you’ll pursue innovative research with experts working at the cutting-edge of their fields. Combining analytic, continental, and empirical approaches, we have particular strengths in ethics, epistemology, philosophy of mind and psychology, and contemporary issues where these intersect.

You’ll participate in regular visiting speaker seminars, work-in-progress seminars, reading groups, skills training workshops, and an annual postgraduate conference. Talks delivered by visiting speakers from around the UK and by our own academics introduce emerging philosophical inquiries and arguments in terms accessible to everyone. We also regularly host research workshops, major academic conferences, and externally funded research projects.

Taught programmes
- Philosophy (MA)

Research programmes
- Philosophy (PhD, MPhil)
99% of our submitted research was rated as internationally excellent or world-leading, and we were ranked 6th in the UK for the quality and impact of our research (REF 2014).

Our staff are actively involved in major international collaborations, including the LIGO Scientific Collaboration which made the first direct detection of gravitational waves.

The School of Physics and Astronomy is the home of the EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Compound Semiconductor Manufacturing, and the Institute of Compound Semiconductors, part of the University’s new Innovation Campus.
Studying with us offers you the opportunity to gain a fundamental understanding of the way the Universe works, as well as providing you with advanced and specialist skills and enhancing your career prospects.

Postgraduate taught
We offer six research-led MSc programmes in physics and astrophysics, which reflect our research expertise and have been designed to meet the growing demand for advanced study in these areas. As a postgraduate student, you will have access to a dedicated suite of world-class laboratory facilities within the School of Physics and Astronomy, and will be made to feel part of our research community.

The teaching on our MSc courses is student centred and you will benefit from excellent support from our MSc Tutors. We foster a collegiate working environment between the staff and students on our postgraduate courses, giving you plenty of opportunity for interaction and collaboration. The outstanding record of our research activities complements the teaching on our postgraduate programmes, as our students have the opportunity to learn from academic staff at the forefront of their respective fields.

Postgraduate research
Research in the School of Physics and Astronomy involves worldwide collaborations and the use of leading-edge national and international facilities. You’ll be working alongside staff who are actively involved in major international collaborations, the development of new instruments for ground- and space-based telescopes, the LIGO Scientific Collaboration and the Institute for Compound Semiconductors. Our Brain Imaging Group partners work in collaboration with the world-leading Cardiff University Brain Research Imaging Centre (CUBRIC).

We provide supervision and research projects in areas including astronomy (observational and theoretical), astronomy instrumentation, condensed matter and photonics, gravity exploration, and brain imaging. Undertaking a postgraduate research degree will allow you to become part of the research life of the department, forming an integral part of one of our research groups and participating in the School’s many outreach activities.

Taught programmes
- Astrophysics (MSc)
- Compound Semiconductor Physics (MSc)
- Data Intensive Astrophysics (MSc)
- Data Intensive Physics (MSc)
- Gravitational Wave Physics (MSc)
- Physics (MSc)

Research programmes
- EPSRC CDT in Compound Semiconductor Manufacturing (PhD)
- Physics and Astronomy (PhD, MPhil)
We are rated **3rd in the UK** for Physiotherapy by the Complete University Guide 2021.

We have a team of **internationally renowned** researchers including: Professor Robert van Deursen, Professor Nicola Phillips OBE and Professor Valerie Sparkes.

We ranked joint **1st in the UK** for research environment and 4th overall based on the quality of our research (REF 2014, joint submission including Allied Health Professions, Dentistry, Nursing and Pharmacy).
Physiotherapy

The School of Healthcare Sciences is a leading provider of physiotherapy postgraduate education. We offer two specialist master’s programmes which are designed for qualified physiotherapists. As a postgraduate student with us, you will learn in an immersive and supportive environment and develop the required skills to become an expert in your practice and to advance in your career.

Postgraduate taught

Whether you’re a newly-qualified physiotherapist or have many years of professional experience, our MSc Physiotherapy offers you the chance to take your learning to the next level. The programme focuses on the development of critical thinking and critical reading skills in order to challenge, evaluate and improve your own professional practice.

You will learn alongside a globally diverse group who are studying at various points in their career, allowing you to share knowledge and gain an understanding of physiotherapy practice across the world.

If you are an experienced practitioner looking for a specialist qualification in sports physiotherapy, our MSc Sports and Exercise Physiotherapy will enable you to develop your knowledge of sports science and injuries, as well as your critical thinking skills.

Our expansive programme has been designed in collaboration with the Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Sports and Exercise Medicine (ACPSEM) and international organisations such as the International Federation of Sports Physiotherapists (IFSP). You can look forward to working with our highly experienced team, who have worked within an impressive range of contexts, such as major multi-sport games and professional sports at international level.

Postgraduate research

Undertaking a postgraduate research degree will enable you to make a valuable contribution to knowledge and practice within your professional field. By pursuing research based around your own interests at one of the leading healthcare research departments in the UK, you lay the foundations for a career in which you can make a real difference to healthcare in the wider world.

Our postgraduate research students are at the hub of our research community. As well as access to scholars working on world-leading research, we’ll provide you with a comprehensive system of support.

Taught programmes

- Physiotherapy (MSc)
- Sport and Exercise Physiotherapy (MSc)

Research programmes

- Healthcare Sciences (PhD/MPhil)
In the latest Research Excellence Framework, **81% of our research** was rated as world-leading or internationally excellent (REF 2014).

We are one of the largest Politics and International Relations departments in the UK. We have close links with the main institutions of Welsh governance, the Welsh Centre for International Affairs and the United Nations Association (Wales).

Our **internationally renowned team** offers expertise in political theory, public policy and electoral politics, cyber security, feminism, cold war history, environmental politics, security, intelligence studies and postcolonial politics.
Politics and International Relations

A vibrant student body combined with highly qualified academic staff provides the perfect environment for you to explore the dynamic and fast-paced field of politics and international relations.

Postgraduate taught
We pride ourselves on world-class research and an international reputation for excellence. Following an expansion in 2017, our teaching team is one of the largest in the UK. All of our programmes are taught by academics who are internationally recognised for their expertise in the field.

We have an exciting programme of postgraduate programmes which offer opportunities for the advanced study of international relations, politics and public policy, and Welsh Government.

Our teaching is mainly conducted through seminars, which enables in-depth academic debate and discussion in small, relatively informal, groups. Each programme is assessed through a combination of module-based assessments, including essays, briefings, presentations or exams at the end of the autumn and spring semesters, and then a supervised research dissertation written during the summer, on a topic of your choice.

Postgraduate research
Our research activity has achieved considerable success in national and global rankings, delivering unique, cutting-edge and interdisciplinary projects on a variety of fascinating topics.

We have an exceptionally strong research culture with a world-class reputation for research quality, attracting a growing number of grants. We pride ourselves on creating an engaging environment for postgraduate study, with enthusiastic supervision by highly motivated academic staff and excellent facilities.

We offer full and part-time PhD and MPhil opportunities, and supervision is available across a wide range of research topics, broadly categorised into the following themes: Comparative politics, policy and governance, European politics and area studies, international relations and globalisation, political theory, and Wales.

We are home to the Wales Governance Centre, the leading centre for the study of Welsh politics, law and political economy. The Centre’s research engages with some of the most important issues in Wales today - Brexit, devolution, justice and jurisdiction and fiscal analysis.

The department is also home to the International Studies Research Unit, which brings together scholars, practitioners, policy makers and civil society actors interested in research on global and international issues. The Unit organises regular research in progress seminars and hosts visiting speakers, in the past including representatives from the UN, NATO, the European External Action Service and ambassadors to the UK from the USA, Russia, or Lithuania.

Taught programmes
- International Relations (MSc Econ)
- Politics and Public Policy (MSc Econ)
- Welsh Government and Politics (MSc Econ)
- Social Science Research Methods (International Relations) (MSc, PgDip)
- Social Science Research Methods (Politics) (MSc, PgDip)

Research programmes
- Politics and International Relations (PhD, MPhil)
The School of Psychology is ranked 4th in the UK and 44th in the world (Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2020).

Our research quality was ranked 2nd in the UK for Psychology, Psychiatry and Neuroscience in the latest Research Excellence Framework (REF 2014).

Home to the Cardiff University Brain Research Imaging Centre (CUBRIC) and the Cardiff University Centre for Human Developmental Sciences (CUCHDS).
With acknowledged excellence in research and teaching, our programmes incorporate a diverse and carefully designed set of taught modules together with independent research and professional practice activities.

Postgraduate taught

On our brand new MSc Psychology BPS accredited conversion programme, you will be provided with the skills necessary to become a psychologist without requiring prior experience of psychology. You will study psychology from a scientific standpoint with an emphasis on its social, cognitive, clinical and biological aspects. The course also features a 12-week professional placement in which you can experience life as a professional psychologist.

The MSc in Children’s Psychological Disorders will equip you with a thorough understanding of the psychological factors that cause emotional and behavioural problems in children. The programme is delivered at our Centre for Human Development Science (CUCHDS), a dedicated research and teaching centre for developmental psychology, with access to a range of specially designed laboratory spaces including a sensory room.

On our MSc Neuroimaging: Methods and Applications programme, you will discover the scientific principles that underpin neuroimaging techniques and learn about the exciting advances being made to further understand cognition and clinical disorders. The programme is located in our £44m CUBRIC building, which houses multiple brain imaging facilities.

Finally, our part-time PgDip/ PgCert Cognitive and Behavioural Therapies training programmes are designed for those currently working in mental health and are the only CBT programmes in Wales accredited by the British Association of Behavioural and Cognitive Psychotherapy (BABCP).

Postgraduate research

We provide a dynamic and stimulating research environment with an excellent research infrastructure that offers a range of opportunities. The expertise within the School allows us to provide training across the breadth of psychology from cells to society, using a range of research methodologies.

We support our researchers with dedicated infrastructure, including: the Tower Building, Neuroscience laboratories, Cardiff University Brain Imaging Centre (CUBRIC), Cardiff University Centre for Human Development Science (CUCHDS), the Centre for Climate Change and Social Transformations (CAST), and our Human Factors Excellence (HUFEX) research centre.

We have ongoing collaborations with several centres within Cardiff University, including the Neuroscience and Mental Health Institute, Cardiff Dementia Research Institute, and the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research.

Taught programmes

- Psychology (MSc)
- Neuroimaging: Methods and Applications (MSc)
- Children’s Psychological Disorders (MSc)
- Cognitive and Behavioural Therapies (PgDip, PgCert)
- Social Science Research Methods (Psychology) (MSc, PgDip)

Research programmes

- Clinical Psychology (DClinPsy)
- Educational Psychology (DEdPsy)
- Psychology (PhD)
We are the number 1 ranked provider of Diagnostic Radiotherapy and Imaging in the UK (Complete University Guide 2021, Medical Technology subject league tables).

We ranked joint 1st in the UK for research environment and 4th overall based on the quality of our research (REF 2014, joint submission including Allied Health Professions, Dentistry, Nursing and Pharmacy).

You will work alongside experts in imaging, radiotherapy, oncology and other health-related disciplines.
Studying radiography as a postgraduate student with us means that you will become part of our friendly and supportive School of Healthcare Sciences.

**Postgraduate taught**

You will be taught by a highly experienced, inter-professional team who are well-respected in the field of radiography. We offer two postgraduate programmes in radiography that are accredited by the Society and College of Radiographers (SCoR).

Our **MSc Radiography** has been designed to provide radiographers with advanced theoretical knowledge to enhance their clinical skills. The course focuses on independent learning in a research-led environment, with emphasis on the acquisition of high-quality clinical reasoning skills, and the development of innovative ideas. This flexible programme can be studied on a full-time or part-time basis to suit your lifestyle requirements. It will equip you to meet the ever-changing needs of this fast-developing sector and a high volume of course content is delivered by experienced radiologists and clinical specialists.

Our **PgCert Radiographic Reporting** programme is for those with a current qualification and registration as a diagnostic radiographer, therapeutic radiographer, or other healthcare professionals with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) registration or equivalent. This part-time course aims to develop your skills in radiographic reporting and core practices associated with radiography.

You will have the opportunity to choose modules that best suit your needs, so that your learning is relevant to you and your practice. Our optional modules focus on areas from Abdomen Radiographic Reporting to Appendicular and Axial Radiographic Reporting. This course is supported and delivered by experienced researchers, academics and clinical experts.

**Postgraduate research**

Undertaking postgraduate research in radiography will enable you to make a valuable contribution to knowledge and practice within your professional field. By pursuing research based around your own interests at one of the leading healthcare research departments in the UK, you will lay the foundations for a career in which you can make a real difference to healthcare in the wider world.

Our postgraduate research students are at the hub of our research community. As well as access to scholars working on world-leading research, we’ll provide you with a comprehensive system of support. Our research programme is structured to give you the opportunity to undertake original and independent research that can help inform, influence and improve radiography across the globe.

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**Taught programmes**

- Radiography (MSc)
- Radiographic Reporting (PgCert)

**Research programmes**

- Healthcare Sciences (PhD)
We were ranked **10th in the UK for research quality** in the most recent Research Excellence Framework (REF 2014).

We work in partnership with South Wales Baptist College.

**Three prestigious Jameel Scholarships** are available to students studying our MA Islam in Contemporary Britain programme, comprising full UK/EU tuition fees, £15,000 stipend plus £1,000 towards research costs.
Religious and Theological Studies

Joining us for postgraduate study in the School of History, Archaeology and Religion means that you’ll become part of our vibrant and supportive academic community. We have a number of options for studying religion and theology at postgraduate level, allowing you to benefit from our internationally respected expertise in this realm.

Postgraduate taught

Our **MA/ PgDip Islam in Contemporary Britain** offers the skills to pursue high calibre research on Muslims in Britain, within the flagship Centre for the Study of Islam in the UK. You’ll gain an in-depth understanding of the theoretical and conceptual vocabulary surrounding British Islam, and benefit from ample opportunity to engage in placements and volunteer with local Muslim organisations.

Postgraduate research

PhD and MPhil research degrees are open for anyone wishing to further specialise in religious and theological studies, or pursue a career in academia. You’ll be supervised by our experienced academics and will benefit from taking part in regular subject-specific research and skills seminars.

We specialise in many research areas, including Buddhism and its literature in India and the West, contemporary Christian theology, contemporary Islam in the West, early Christian literature, history and culture, Hindu traditions, history of biblical exegesis, history of Buddhism, Islam in the UK, modern Jewish History, mythology studies and religion in the movies, religion (particularly Islam) in the media, method and theory in the study of religion, narrative traditions of South Asia, pastoral and practical theology, patristics and late antiquity, Sikh traditions, and sociology of religion.

Taught programmes

- Islam in Contemporary Britain (MA, PgDip)

Research programmes

- Religious and Theological Studies (PhD, MPhil)
In the last Research Excellence Framework, we were ranked 3rd in the UK for research quality in Sociology and 5th for Education. Over a third of our submitted publications were judged to be world-leading (REF 2014).

We have one of the highest levels of research grant capture in the UK, securing over £65.5m since 2015.

We enjoy excellent links with local and national government, major private and public sector organisations and the third sector.
Postgraduate study in the School of Social Sciences is informed by the latest scholarship and taught by researchers of international excellence.

Postgraduate taught
The School of Social Sciences offers postgraduate programmes that will allow you to pursue focused studies relevant for developing your academic interests and expertise, engaging in informed democratic public debate and activism, as well as entering a range of professions and vocations across the public and private sectors.

We also offer professional programmes that will help you advance in your career whilst gaining a recognised qualification. Some of our programmes can be studied part-time, allowing you the flexibility to study alongside your current employment.

We are an interdisciplinary teaching and research community and internationally recognised centre of excellence. You will be taught by leading scholars who are recognised for their substantive, theoretical and methodological expertise both nationally and internationally.

Postgraduate research
As a research student, you’ll join a vibrant academic and research environment, with supervision by leading experts in their field. We are recognised nationally and internationally as a leading centre for theoretically informed, empirical research, and our research environment includes a wide range of active research groupings, seminar series, and informal study groups.

We provide two different opportunities for doctoral study: Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) and Professional Doctorate. Broadly, the PhD is aimed at preparing candidates for a research-based career, while the Professional Doctorate looks to address the career needs of practising professionals, particularly those in, or aspiring to reach, senior positions.

Interdisciplinary research training is a particularly strong feature of our postgraduate research programmes. We are committed to theoretically informed research with a clear policy focus. We offer research opportunities for postgraduate study in sociology, social policy, criminology, science and technology studies, social work and education.

Taught programmes
• Childhood and Youth (MSc)
• Education (MSc)
• Education, Policy and Society (MSc)
• Post-Compulsory Education and Training (PCET) (PGCE)
• Science Communication (MSc)
• Social and Public Policy (MSc)
• Social Science (MSc)
• Social Science Research Methods (Criminology) (MSc, PgDip)
• Social Science Research Methods (Educational Studies) (MSc, PgDip)
• Social Science Research Methods (Science and Technology Studies) (MSc)
• Social Science Research Methods (Social Policy) (MSc, PgDip)
• Social Science Research Methods (Social Work) (MSc, PgDip)
• Social Science Research Methods (Sociology) (MSc, PgDip)
• Social Work (MA)

Research programmes
• Doctor of Education (EdD)
• Doctor of Health Studies (DHS)
• Doctor of Social and Public Policy (SPPD)
• Doctor of Social Work (DSW)
• Social Sciences (PhD, MPhil)
Ranked **first in Wales** and **second in the UK** for Celtic Studies in the 2021 Complete University Guide league tables.

Our programmes can be undertaken in Welsh or English, are delivered and supervised by **experts in the fields of literature and linguistics** and allow you to study a range of issues and themes connected to Welsh and other languages.

We’re **ranked 7th in the UK** for research quality with **84%** of our submitted research rated as world-leading or internationally excellent (REF 2014, joint submission with the School of Modern Languages).
We’re a vibrant and welcoming community of academics and students committed to the development of language, literature, society, culture and identity in contemporary Wales and internationally.

**Postgraduate taught**

Our MA in Welsh and Celtic Studies is an innovative, flexible programme which offers you the opportunity to engage with a wide-ranging and stimulating subject area, through the medium of Welsh or English (or a combination of both).

The programme enables you to explore the relationship between literature, language, culture and identity while tailoring the content so it meets your individual interests and is matched to our areas of expertise. These include, but are not limited to, Welsh literature through the ages, creative and critical writing, children’s literature, language policy and planning, and translation theory and methodology.

Working with leading experts in these fields will allow you to develop advanced academic skills in your chosen area of study and undertake original research. Examples of ground-breaking master’s research in recent years include linguistic landscape mapping, creative literary criticism, intertextuality and medieval Welsh literature, and digital technologies and minority languages.

You will also benefit from training and opportunities related to employability in order to develop your professional profile and skills.

MA graduates have gone on to employment in sectors such as heritage, translation, language policy and planning, education and the creative industries.

**Postgraduate research**

Join our passionate, challenge-led and diverse research community to explore your interests in a supportive and impact-focused environment. Recognised internationally for research quality and impact, we have a consistent and proud history of affecting positive practical, cultural and legislative change, benefiting communities in Wales and around the world.

Our research interests span the fields of literature, linguistics, politics, legislation and culture and we have a wide range of specialisms within the School, including: medieval literature in Welsh and English, Welsh literature and children’s literature, translation studies, creative and critical writing, the historical development of the Welsh language and dialectology, language variation and change, language planning and policy, bilingualism and second language acquisition and sociology of language.

Our flexible research pathways can be tailored to your personal and professional circumstances. Creative and Critical Writing is only available through Welsh while the remaining pathways can be studied through the medium of Welsh or English.

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**Taught programmes**

- Welsh and Celtic Studies (MA)

**Research programmes**

- Creative and Critical Writing (PhD)
- Language, Policy and Planning (PhD/MPhil)
- Welsh (PhD/MPhil)
You can apply for most of our taught and research postgraduate programmes directly through our website. Once you have identified your area of interest and programme of study, use our step-by-step guide to help navigate through the process.
How to apply

Applying for a taught programme
You can submit an application directly using our online application service, which allows you to save your progress and return at a later time. You will receive an automatic acknowledgement of your application when submitted and be granted access to the online applicant portal, where you can track your application, upload any additional supporting documents and update your contact details.

Your offer
You can track the progress of your application in our online applicant portal. You will also receive an email containing the details of your offer. Most applicants will receive an offer within four weeks, although some may take longer. Your offer could be:

Conditional: You need to submit additional evidence. In most cases this will mean providing copies of your qualification certificates when they become available.

Unconditional: UK students: in most cases, all you will need to do to secure your offer is to accept your offer.

International students: You will need to accept your offer and pay a deposit to secure your place.

Applying for a research programme
It’s important that you conduct some background research to help you identify the research programme that can support your interests and career goals.

OPTION 1: Apply to a pre-defined research project
Our academic schools advertise research projects that have been proposed by supervisors, many of which are funded. To apply for these projects, you usually do not need to submit a research proposal. However, you should discover more about the potential supervisor and project before you apply.

OPTION 2: Apply with your own idea and find a supervisor
Before submitting your application, we recommend that you discuss your proposal with the School and a potential supervisor. They may be able to suggest improvements, direct you to a more suitable supervisor and help you identify funding opportunities.

OPTION 3: Apply to a Doctoral Training Initiative
We are currently leading or participating in a range of funded specific doctoral training initiatives. Each of these has its own application process and deadlines.

Writing your research proposal
A research proposal should outline your proposed area of study and what you hope to achieve through your research. You should contact the academic school that your area of interest is based within so they can provide you with specific requirements.

As a general guide, a research proposal may include:

• Title for the proposed research project
• A concise summary of the research project
• Literature review
• Aims and questions to be addressed
• Significance of research
• Methodology and design
• List of key academic publications
Excellent transport links with other major UK cities – along with our close proximity to two international airports – ensure that Cardiff is a truly accessible destination.

By air
Cardiff International Airport offers regular direct flights to 25 worldwide locations, and connects to a further 150 onward destinations through Qatar Airways. Located just an hour away by car, bus and rail, Bristol International Airport serves a further 80 cities across the globe.

By car
Cardiff is served by the M4 and is easily accessible from all areas of the UK. As the city is so compact, it’s unlikely you’ll need a car to get around.

By train
Cardiff is located on the South Wales Mainline with fast, direct trains to London leaving every half an hour, up to 30 times a day. Frequent rail and coach services also connect Cardiff with major towns and cities across the UK:

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If you feel that any of the information is misleading then please write to:
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