

Employer Sponsorship Template for

online masters programmes at

The University of Edinburgh

**How to use this template**

This document provides a template that you can use to email your employer to ask them to consider funding your studies. You can tailor it to suit the degree you are interested in studying, and your professional requirements and objectives.

**Proposal Summary**

[*In this section, provide a brief summary into your work experience at the organisation, why are you applying for this sponsorship, and what skills you will learn over the course of your masters.]*

I have been an employee at **[Organisation Name]** for **[X years]**, working in **[department’s name]** where I **[briefly mention your scope of work]**. During my time here, I have **[****mention achievements here]**. However, I believe that advancing my education will further benefit both myself and the organisation. I am confident that this opportunity will enhance my knowledge, contributing to the organisation's growth. I would be immensely grateful if you would consider funding my studies.

**How this degree will benefit the employer/organisation**

*[In this section, provide a brief overview of how the* *masters degree will benefit the organisation. Talk about how the chosen modules / assignments will contribute to the key success of your organisation. You can also mention how the skills you’ll learn during this degree will benefit the growth of your organisation.]*

Our organisation will greatly benefit from me pursuing a masters degree in [**Programme Name**] at the University of Edinburgh. The programme is designed to deliver a [**global perspective/complement my work**] and the abilities I gain will directly contribute to our organisation’s success. For example, the modules in [**specific modules/courses**] will enable me to hone my skills in [**specific skills**]. I intend to leverage these skills to continue my professional development and make a significant impact within our organisation by [**talk about how you will apply these skills to drive growth and success for your organisation**]. The online masters programme is flexible and will allow me to study at my own pace alongside working, ensuring minimum impact on my work commitments. Additionally, during my programme, I will get to interact with and learn from professionals around the world, thereby building global networks.

**How this degree will benefit the employee**

*[In this section, you can talk about how the degree can benefit you in your career development, what skills you will learn and how do you aim to apply these skills in your career.]*

Gaining expertise in **[specific skills]** through **[Programme Name]** at the University of Edinburgh will help advance my career. These skills will enable me to lead projects and take on more diverse roles that **[highlight what specific things this degree will let you do at work]**. The online masters in **[Programme Name]** will help me grow professionally and personally, equipping me with skills like **[specific skills]** which will help me overcome any challenges that might come my way.

**Here’s what former students have said about studying online while working**

*[You may wish to paste some of these student graduate quotes into your email. There are also links to videos of these graduates talking about their studies.]*

"There are so many things that can be applied practically - if I learn something in class one week, the likelihood that the next week I'm actually going to be able to practically implement what I've learnt online is very high." *- Ra’ana Hussain, an online Paediatric Emergency Medicine graduate.* ([watch full video](https://media.ed.ac.uk/media/Student%20reflects%20on%20the%20practical%20application%20of%20online%20learning/1_uvqwlr3g))

“Flexibility is one of the most underrated aspects of learning online as I was working full-time throughout the programme. My studies helped me upskill in certain areas and made my supervisors at work trust me with more tasks in those areas.” - *Murotiwamambo Mudziviri, an online MSc Data Science, Technology, and Innovation graduate.* ([watch full video](https://media.ed.ac.uk/media/Upskilling%20in%20career%20-%20Online%20Student%20Interview/1_xx307a8m))

“I was very good at identifying problems but the answers were very hard to find. This masters allowed me to do research on that and find the right answers that fitted into the context of my own country. I’ve become more of a resource to the policymakers than a problem pointer – which I 100% credit to the online masters." - *Moses Sebana, an online MSc Global Health and Infectious Diseases graduate*. ([watch full video](https://media.ed.ac.uk/media/1_ayxrbtzj))

**Additional information**

*[In this section, you can provide your employer with additional information like the modules, the duration and cost of your programme.]*