



UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH
Business School

Applying for a Masters Programme

Wednesday 19 November 2025
09:30 – 10:30



Coming up

- What can you study with us?
- What do we look for in an applicant?
- How to apply and admissions requirements
- Tips for writing your personal statement
- Funding your studies
- Career development and opportunities



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Student Recruitment Manager



This session also features a Q&A with a current student.



What can I study

At the University of Edinburgh Business School we offer **14 taught Masters** programmes and an **MBA programme** with **3 modes of study**. Additionally, we offer **doctoral programmes** and an **MSc by Research**.

Management Portfolio

MSc Human Resource Management

MSc International Human Resource Management

MSc Entrepreneurship and Innovation

MSc Global Strategy and Sustainability

MSc Management

MSc AI for Business

Data and Analytics Portfolio

MSc Business Analytics

MSc Data & Decision Analytics (Part-time, Online)

Finance Portfolio

MSc Accounting and Financial Management

MSc Finance, Technology and Policy

MSc Banking Innovation and Risk Analytics

MSc Climate Change Finance and Investment

MSc Finance and Investment

Marketing Portfolio

MSc Marketing

MBA

Full-time MBA

Full-time MBA with International Exchange

Online MBA



MSc Student Profile

Always refer to www.business-school.ed.ac.uk for the most up-to-date academic entry requirements.

MSc Management / MSc Human Resource Management / MSc International Human Resource Management / MSc Entrepreneurship and Innovation/MSc AI for Business

- ❖ Any degree background

MSc Global Strategy and Sustainability

- ❖ A degree in business and commerce, management, finance, accounting, economics, history, international politics, international relations, science, engineering, or law

MSc Marketing

- ❖ An undergraduate degree in a business or management related subject
- ❖ Those with a very good Honours degree in other disciplinary areas will be considered

MSc Business Analytics

- ❖ A degree in any disciplinary area related to management science, operational research, statistics, econometrics, mathematics, physics, computer science, engineering, or business and management which incorporates a distinct quantitative element

MSc Data and Decision Analytics (Online)

- ❖ A degree in any disciplinary area related to management science, operational research, statistics, econometrics, mathematics, physics, computer science, engineering, or business and management which incorporates a distinct quantitative element is required

MBA Student Profile

Full-time or Online MBA

- A degree in any discipline
- A minimum of three year's managerial work experience
- For successful applicants, the average is 7-10 years' work experience
- GMAT may be required

Our full-time MBA is ranked among the world's **top 100** rankings for **MBA 2025**



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Admissions requirements

- Strong performance throughout Bachelor degree
- High grades in relevant subjects
- GMAT score is not required, although can be considered

Requirements and equivalencies

- ❖ UK: 2:1 Honours degree
- ❖ China: 85%; Band A
- ❖ India: GPA 8.0
- ❖ Indonesia: 3.2 GPA
- ❖ Germany: 2,5
- ❖ Nigeria: Upper second class degree
- ❖ Thailand: 3.0 GPA
- ❖ USA: 3.25 GPA (4 point scale)
- ❖ <https://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/international/postgraduate-entry>





Document requirements

1. **Degree Certificate**, if graduated
 2. **Official transcript** on headed paper or a with University stamp and signature, as well as grading scale
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1. **Personal Statement**
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1. **English language certificate** (e.g. TOEFL, IELTS) even if out of date
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1. **Reference (Online MSc DDA and MBA)**: academic reference if still studying or graduated within last two years; otherwise, professional reference



Note: Documents must be provided in the original language as well as with an official English translation.



Application review

MSc Admission Decision	MBA Admission Decision
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•60% academic performance•40% non-academic qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•60% non-academic qualities•40% academic performance

Your personal statement

Length: 3,500 characters (approximately 500 words) formal English

Content:

1. What skills, qualities, and experiences have prepared you to undertake this programme?
2. What value do you think you can add to the learning community as part of an internationally diverse group?
3. What impact do you hope to make in your future career, and how will this programme contribute to your aspirations?



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Your personal statement

Do

- ✓ Tailor your personal statement to each programme of study
- ✓ Include any other relevant experience, for example paid or voluntary work experience
- ✓ Let us know about professional qualifications
- ✓ Tell us why you're suitable for the programme

Don't

- × Use the same personal statement for multiple universities
- × Write much more than the expected 500 words



Application deadlines – 26/27

➤ Masters Programmes

Round	Application deadline	Decision by
1	15 October 2025	4 December 20245
2	10 December 2025	19 February 2026
3	11 February 2026	23 April 2026
4	22 April 2026	4 June 2026
5	10 June 2026	23 July 2026

- ❖ **Online MBA:** Application deadline is 21 February 2025 for 5 March 2026 entry
- ❖ **MSc Data and Decision Analytics:** Application deadline is 31 August 2026 for entry in September 2026

➤ Full-time MBA Programme

Round	Application deadline	Decision by
1	15 October 2025	27 November 2025
2	26 November 2025	22 January 2026
3	28 January 2026	12 March 2026
4	4 March 2026	23 April 2026
5	22 April 2026	11 June 2026
6	10 June 2026	30 July 2026
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- ❖ £60 application fee for most programmes (not MBA or Global Strategy and Sustainability)
- ❖ If application fee is not updated on the application hub straight away, don't worry! It is updated manually so it can take 48hrs at peak times

Funding Your Studies

Tuition Fees 2025/26

MSc Home	£16,100 - £31,600
MSc International	£20,400 - £43,900
MBA	£36,000 - £45,410

Scholarships

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/search-scholarships>

From the Business School, including:

- Dean's Excellence Scholarship
- Sustainability and Social Impact Scholarships
- Positive Action for LGBT+ Scholarship
- The Business School Access Scholarship

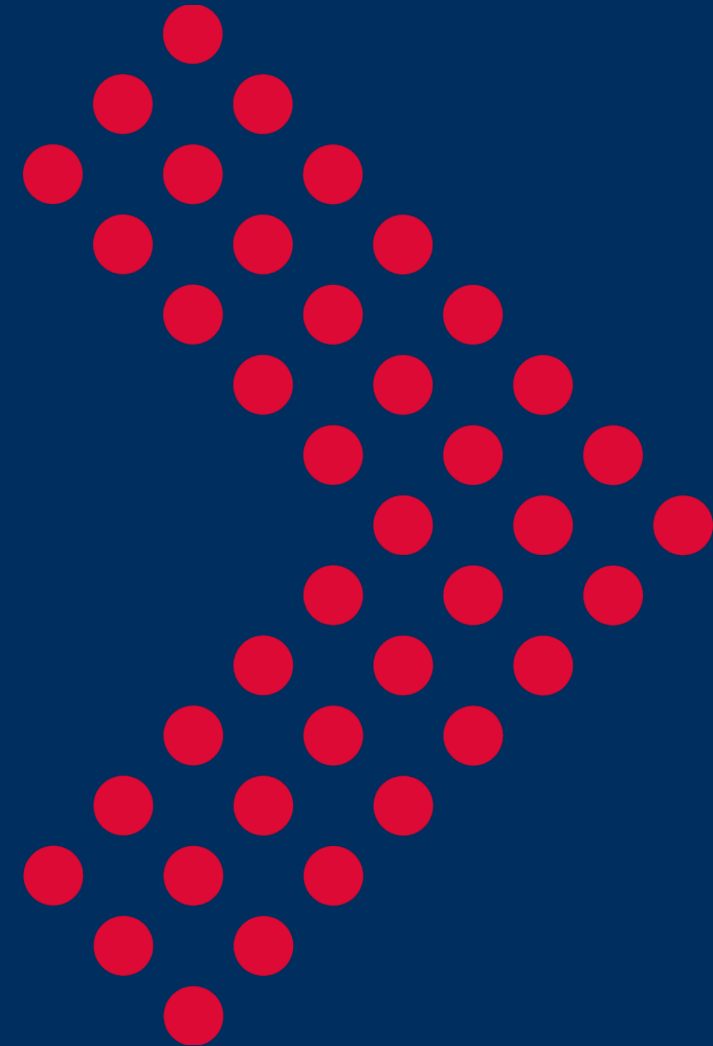
+ More from the University and external organisations



Prepare for your future career

The Student Development Team is here to help you maximise your potential in the global market.

- We support our students through offering tailored Professional & Career Development support in an international setting.
- Professional development is all about identifying and developing those key transferable skills employers look for.
- We do this through **workshops**, **in programme support** and **individual coaching** through our Edinburgh Award.
- Career Development is all about gaining those skills to identify and get the job you want from writing a great **CV**, to building a **job searching** strategy and **interviewing** effectively. We have workshops, events, and 1-2-1 support in this space.
- The Business School is a culturally diverse setting and our employability expertise considers the international settings our students want to progress into.





Industry Engagement

- Guest speakers, workshops, and seminars
- Alumni panels
- Group consultancy projects
- Client Sourced Dissertation
- Employability & Careers Expo
- Industry memberships, e.g., CIPD for HRM/IHRM



Get the support you need

- **Dedicated Student Adviser** who provides enhanced course and programme advice and guidance, wellbeing and mental health support, and professional and academic study skills development
- Additional wellbeing and mental health support through the central **Wellbeing Service**
- Tailored academic guidance through your **Programme Directors** and **Course Organisers**, as well as through the Institute for Academic Development





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