

Postgraduate Virtual **Open Days**

Studying for a PhD or LLM by Research at Edinburgh Law School

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Why Edinburgh?

- We are ranked 16th in the world, 5th in Europe and 5th in the UK for Law (Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2025 by subject: law)
- We're a research-intensive university, a founding member of the UK's Russell Group of leading research universities in the UK and a member of the League of European Research Universities.
- Ranked 3rd in the UK for law for the quality and breadth of our research by Research Professional, based on the 2021 Research Excellence Framework (REF2021)



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Our research community

- Become part of a diverse student community
- A PGR community of over 100 researchers
- Research strengths in a wide range of areas:
 - Centre for Legal History
 - Edinburgh Centre for Commercial Law
 - Edinburgh Centre for Constitutional Law
 - Edinburgh Centre for International and Global Law
 - Edinburgh Centre for Legal Theory
 - Edinburgh Centre for Private Law
 - Edinburgh Foundation for Women in Law
 - Empirical Legal Research Network
 - Europa Institute
 - Global Justice Academy
 - Mason Institute
 - The Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research
 - SCRIPT Centre

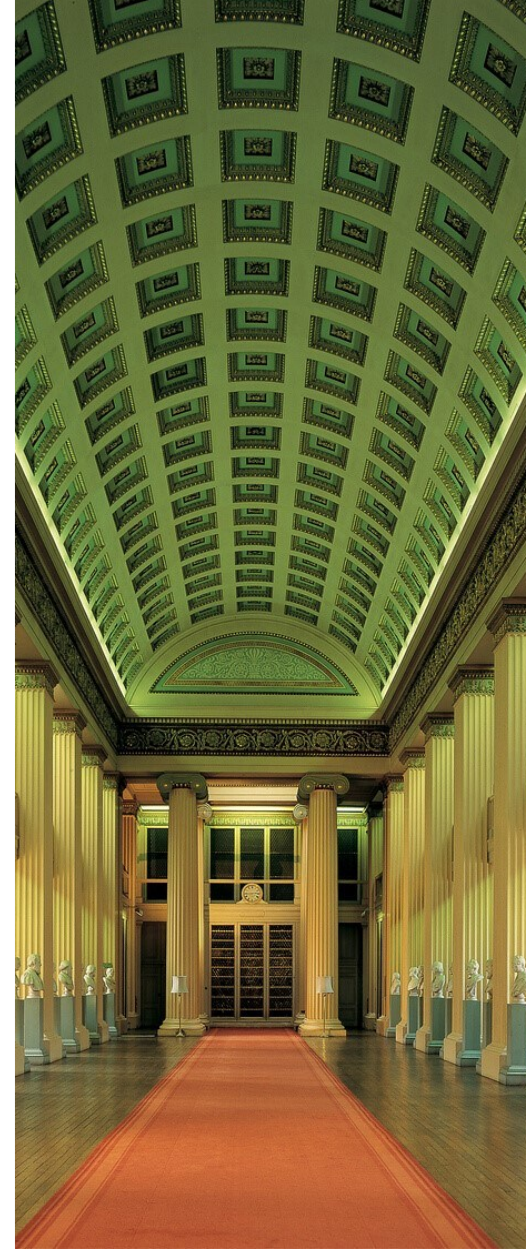


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Studying for a PhD at Edinburgh

- Join a community of around 100 PhD students
- Demonstration, by thesis and oral examination, of original research making a significant contribution to knowledge
- Supervision by a team of experts in your chosen field of study
- Three-year research training programme
- Opportunities to undertake individual advanced training that is necessary for a particular research project
- Become part of a community of established researchers and benefit from a rich and diverse intellectual environment.



Studying for a PhD at Edinburgh continued

- The first year:
 - Training in scholarship skills
 - Supervisory meetings (at least every six weeks – for duration of degree)
 - 1st year presentation
 - 1st year panel
- The second year:
 - Poster/3MT
- The third year:
 - Give a 3rd year research seminar



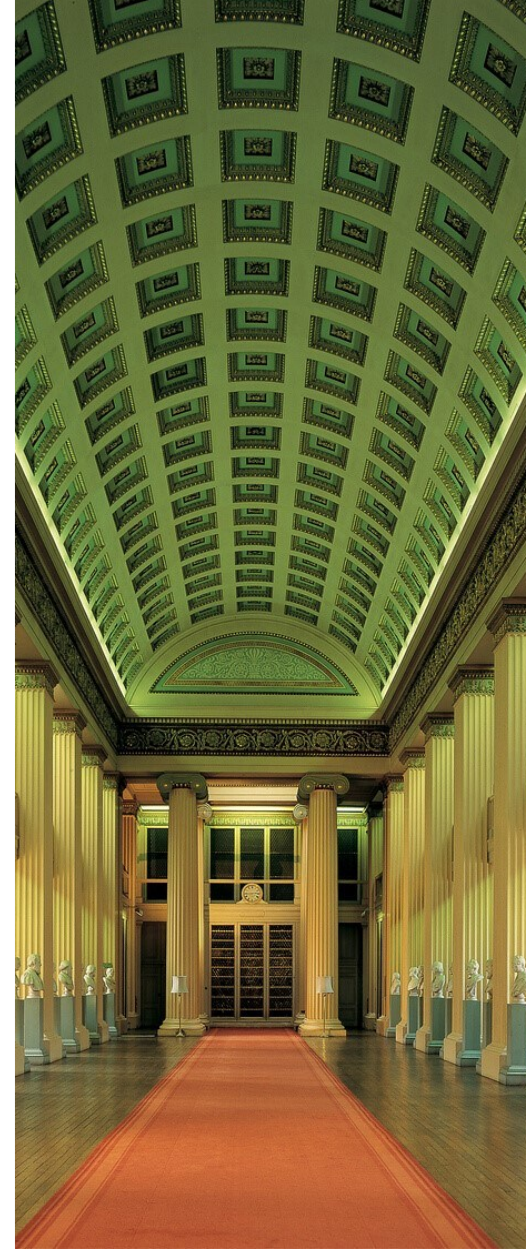
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- Entitlements:
 - Laptop loan scheme
 - Printing allowance
 - Research budget (£1000, over 2nd/3rd/4th year)
 - Participation in trainings:
 - In-house: research skills, methods, writing/publication, writing retreats viva prep
 - IAD: academic skills, time management/ effective research, presentational skills
 - ELE: language and writing courses for non-native speakers



LLM by Research

- Scholarship skills training seminars
- 30 000 word dissertation
- Work independently but under specialist academic supervision
- Stepping stone to Doctoral study
- Opportunity to develop and get feedback on a PhD proposal
- All training opportunities



Edinburgh Law School – Old College

The refurbishment of Old College has transformed the Law School into a 21st century home for the School, whilst celebrating, and preserving the heritage and history of Old College.



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The Law Library

The new Law Library features this spectacular Senate Room with double height flooring, a study mezzanine level, quiet study space, computer desks and an archive room built around the original octagonal design of the building.



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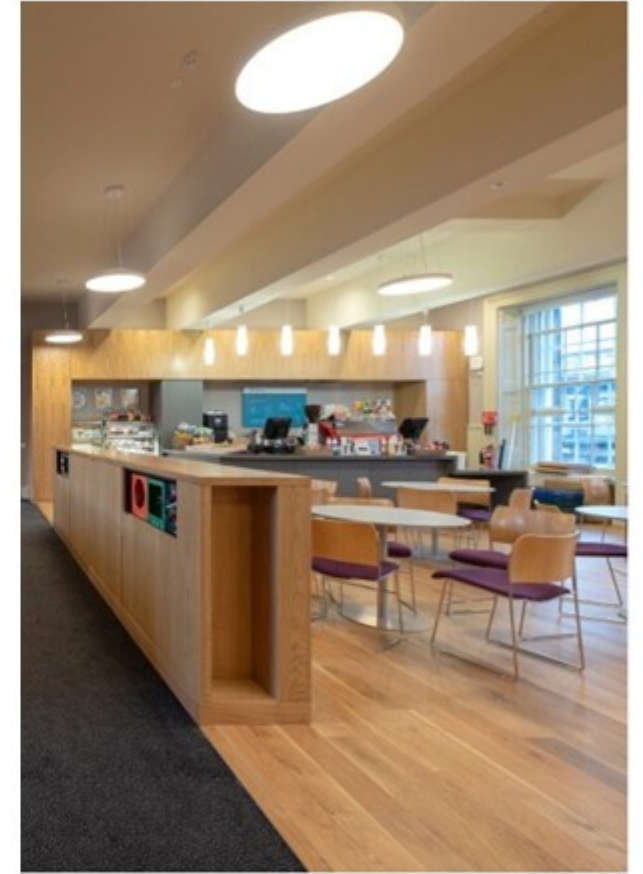
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Teaching spaces

The facilities have been upgraded to the highest specifications to cater for modern and flexible teaching requirements.

Social and study spaces

At the centre of the building on the first floor, a social hub and cafe connects the entire length of the north side of the School.



Sources of support during your studies

- Supervisors/Director PGR
- Postgraduate Research Community
- Research and Knowledge Exchange Office
- Careers service
- Student Disability Service
- The Advice Place
- Student Counselling Service





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Thank you Any questions?

You can find a lot of useful information about the programme and how to apply on the Edinburgh Law School website.

Visit: www.law.ed.ac.uk

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