

# 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 16<sup>th</sup> in the world, 5<sup>th</sup> in Europe and 5<sup>th</sup> 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)



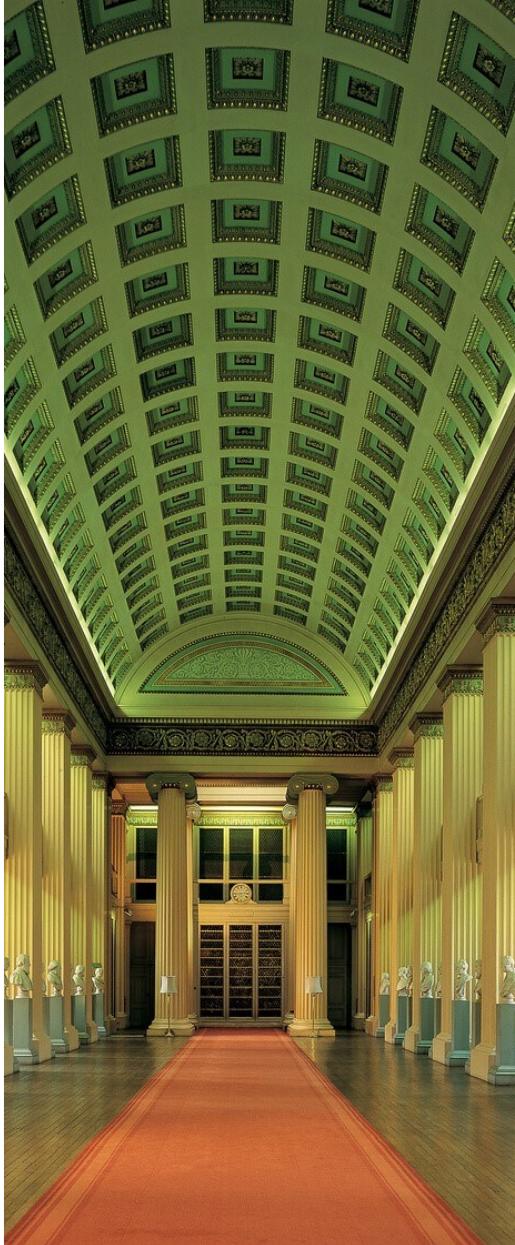
# Our research community

- 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



# 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.



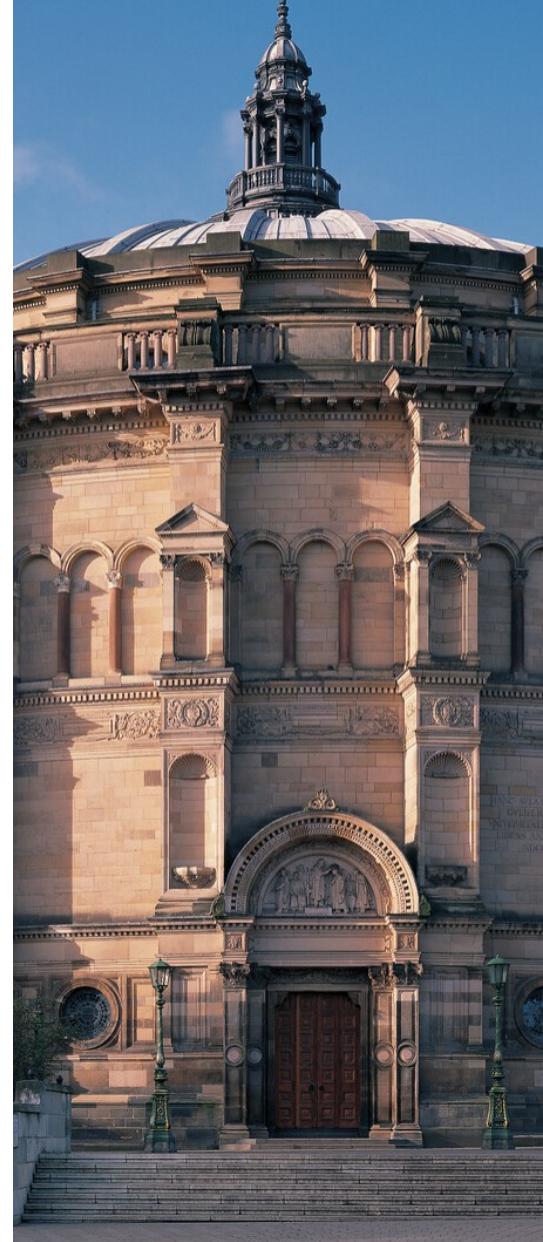
# Studying for a PhD at Edinburgh continued

- 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



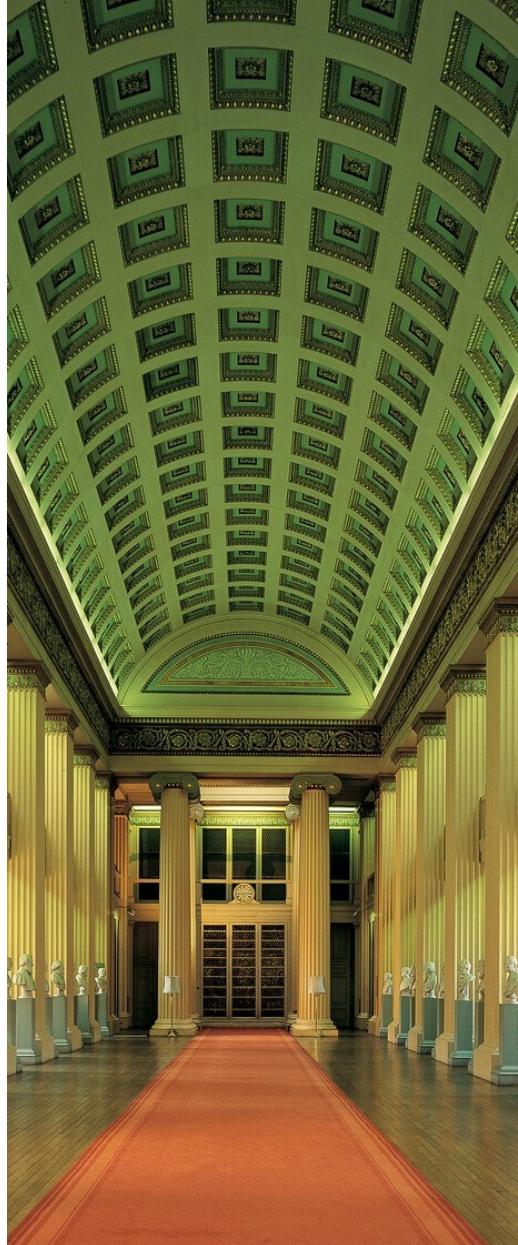
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- Entitlements:
  - Laptop loan scheme
  - Printing allowance
  - Research budget (£1000, over 2nd/3rd/4th year)
  - Participation in trainings:
    - In-house: research skills, methods, writing/publication, writing retreats viva prep
    - IAD: academic 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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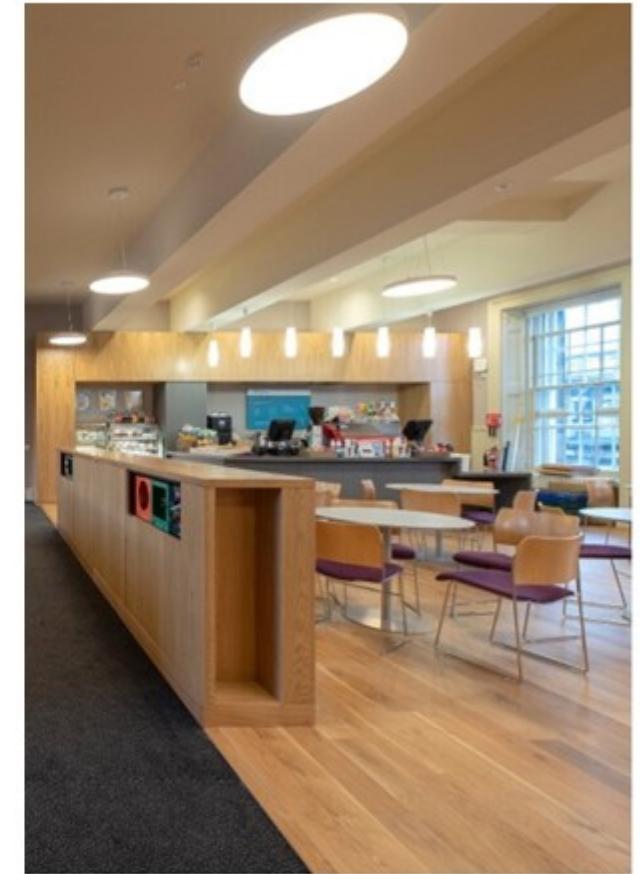
# The Law Library

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.



# 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.



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# 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





# 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](http://www.law.ed.ac.uk)

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