



Pathways to the Professions

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Opening the door to careers in Law,
Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and
Architecture

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Programme

- Welcome and Introduction to Pathways to the Professions / Reach
- Choosing a Course, and the Application Process
- Finance & Funding
- Subject Discussion Groups
- Opportunity for informal discussion



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Where are we?



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UoE Strategic Plan

Strategic theme: Equality and Widening Participation

“To create and maintain a diverse community of students and staff, thereby enriching the learning, working and social experience for all and demonstrating our commitment to social justice.”

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Project Overview

- Pathways and Reach give information, support and advice to state school students re Law, Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and Architecture working with the subject areas, schools, families and the professional bodies
- Pathways targets state schools in Edinburgh and the Lothians (46) – open to all students with eligibility criteria for certain events. Reach works with target schools in the Scottish Borders and Forth Valley

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Schools Programme

S4-S6 Information and advice on course and extra curricular requirements/career exploration for students, their families and advisers

S4 Course choice event

S4/S5 Parents' information sessions

S5 'So You Want to be a Lawyer/Doctor/Vet/Architect' Careers Days

Priority invitations to public lectures / workshops

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Schools Programme

- S5** Kickstart Summer Programmes in Science or the Humanities and Social Sciences (Midlothian, East Lothian, West Lothian and Reach)

- S6** 1:1 pre UCAS guidance (phone / email)

- S6** LEAPS interview and invitations to LEAPS Summer School (if LEAPS eligible)

- S6** Personal Statement workshops

Ongoing information by phone, email, Facebook, Twitter, texts, online, askastudent@ed.ac.uk

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Student voices

"I never really knew much about what becoming a Lawyer would involve"

"I chose Edinburgh not just for the prestige of medicine but because through Pathways I already felt part of the university"

"without [the project] I would be more in the dark and unsure of where to go for help"

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Pathways to the Professions

*Opening the door to careers in Law, Medicine,
Veterinary Medicine and Architecture*

10th Anniversary Film

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Choosing a course and the application process

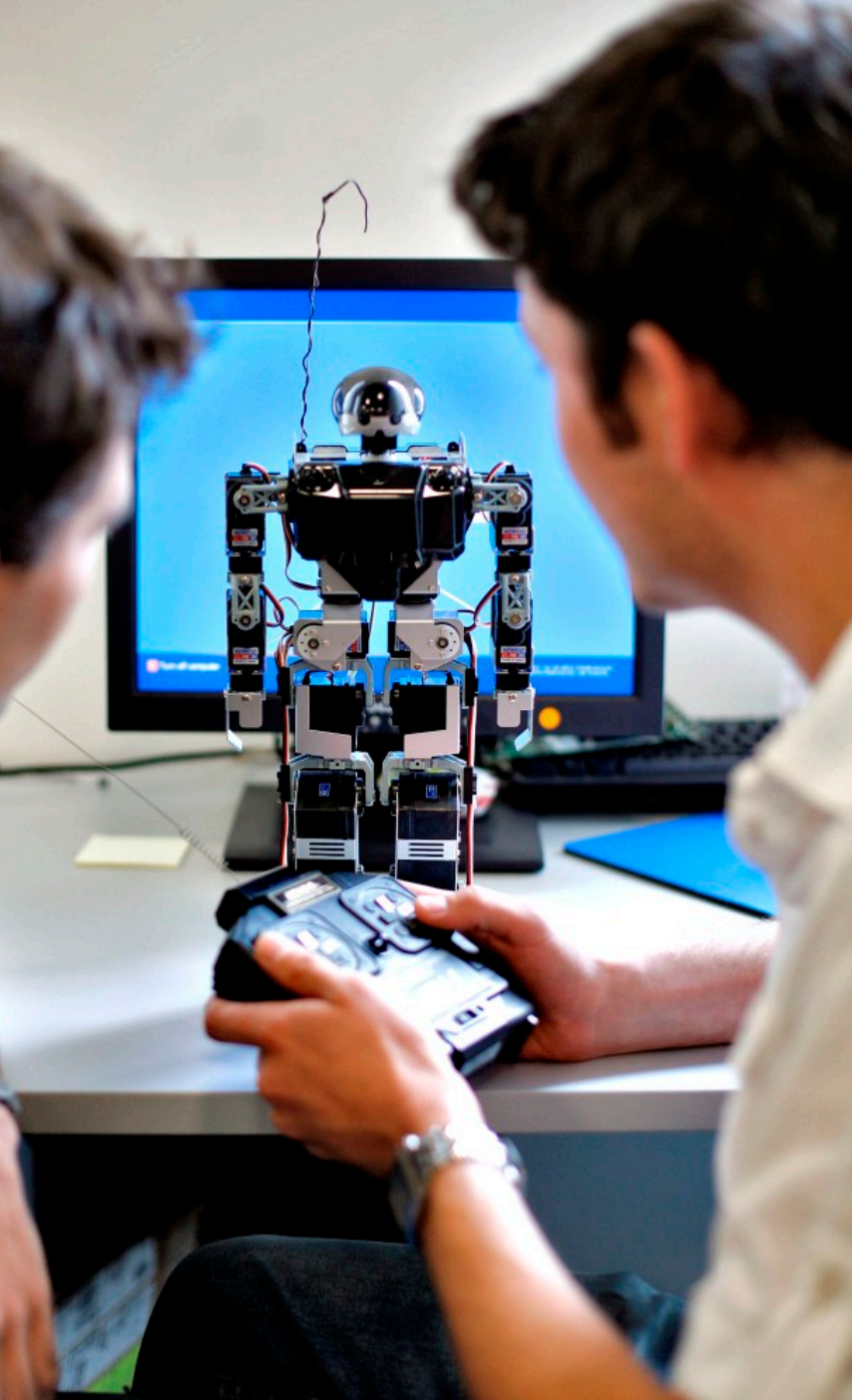


How to choose

- Research course content carefully (compare institutions)
- Teaching and assessment methods
- Quality of teaching and research
- Consider future career paths

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Which University?

- Accommodation
- Student support & welfare
- Scholarships or bursaries available?
- Academic, social and sports facilities

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The UCAS System

- Application system for degree (and HNC/D) courses at any UK University or Higher Education college
- Can apply electronically via *ucasapply* system (paper applications not normally accepted)
- One application for up to **FIVE** courses (four max. for Dentistry, Medicine & Vet Medicine)
- Application to be completed by 15 January of the year of entry, except for:

Dentistry, Medicine & Vet Medicine applications or applications to **Oxford or Cambridge**, where the deadline is 15 October the year before entry.

Choosing your Medical School

28 in UK, 5 in Scotland:

Edinburgh; Glasgow; Aberdeen; Dundee;
St Andrews

- all excellent
- vary in size
- vary in applications

5 years at Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen
& Dundee.

St Andrews 3 years + 3 at
Manchester/another Scottish Medical
School

All interview with exception of Edinburgh (in
most cases)

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Medicine Admissions

Academic Criteria – Scottish Medical Schools:

- Minimum entry requirement of AAAAB (AAABB at Dundee; AAAAA at Glasgow)
- Essential Highers: Chemistry (and, in most cases, TWO from Biology, Maths & Physics)
- At least 3 subjects, with at least 2 Advanced Highers normally expected in S6 (some specifically recommend Chemistry and Biology)
- Selectors are likely to also take into account Standard Grade / Int 2 results, as well as predictions for S6
- UKCAT Score



UKCAT

The UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT) is used in the selection process by a consortium of 26 UK university Medical and Dental Schools including all 5 Scottish Medical Schools.

Registration opened:	1 May 2013
Testing begins:	1 Jul 2013
Bursary deadline:	20 Sep 2012
Registration deadline:	20 Sep 2012
Last test date:	4 Oct 2012

Register at www.ukcat.ac.uk
Sitting test costs £65 before 31 August
(£80 after this date)



Choosing your Law School

10 LLB providers in Scotland:

Aberdeen; Abertay; Dundee; Edinburgh; Glasgow; Glasgow Caledonian; Napier; Robert Gordon; Stirling; Strathclyde

- 5 recently accredited courses
- vary in size, applications and entry requirements

26 week Diploma courses in Scotland:

Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Strathclyde and the Robert Gordon University after LLB degree for those wishing to practise law

Highly competitive entry to Diploma – performance in first 2 years of LLB



Entry Requirements

Law at **Edinburgh**

- Typical Offer likely to be AAAA (MINIMUM BBBB to enter the selection process)
- English Higher essential
- Maths OR Science at Standard Grade 3 or better
- AHs expected

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Choosing your Architecture Course

5 Higher Education providers in
Scotland offer degrees in Architecture:

University of Dundee; University of
Edinburgh / Edinburgh College of Art
(joint providers); Robert Gordon
University; University of Strathclyde;
Glasgow School of Art

- vary in size, applications and entry requirements
- some request interviews / portfolios

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Entry Requirements

Architecture at **Edinburgh**

- Typical Offer likely to be AAAA (MINIMUM BBBB to enter the selection process)
- English at Standard Grade, plus Maths Standard Grade 1 OR both Maths and Physics Standard Grade 2
- Evidence of artistic ability required (Art & Design or equivalent at least at Standard Grade - no portfolio requested)

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Choosing your Vet Medicine School

7 in UK, 2 in Scotland:
Edinburgh; Glasgow; Bristol; Cambridge;
Liverpool; Nottingham; Royal Veterinary
College, London

- all excellent
- varying entry requirements
- English universities often primarily consider performance in 3 Advanced Highers
- All normally interview

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Entry Requirements

Vet Medicine at **Edinburgh**:

- Minimum AAAAB at one sitting in S5 including Chemistry and TWO from Biology, Physics & Maths (Physics at least to Standard Grade level)
- AH essential-Chemistry plus one other science at BB – Biology preferred)
- Career exploration and evidence of commitment essential

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What are Admissions Staff Looking For?

Non- Academic Criteria:

- personal qualities
- career exploration
- Extra curricular achievements

Looking for applicants who are

- Informed; Motivated; Organised; Interested in others; and have Good communication skills; Team working & leadership abilities

All are highly competitive

- AAAAA provides no guarantees
- Always have a Plan B.

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Med/Vet Med 5th choice course/career options:

Biological Sciences:

Genetics, Immunology; Medical Biology; Microbiology & Infection; Neuroscience; Pharmacology; Physiology; Reproductive Biology; Zoology

Chemistry:

Biochemistry; Medicinal and Biological Chemistry

Biomedical Sciences:

Aimed at students planning careers in healthcare and healthcare-related professions (may include clinical work)

5th choice must be SAFE and REALISTIC!

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How to find out more

- ✓ Publications: Prospectuses, UCAS guide, Course leaflets, Independent guides
- ✓ Internet
- ✓ Careers library
- ✓ Higher Education Conventions
- ✓ Open Days

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Student Finance: The Basics





SAAS Who?

- SAAS: Student Award Agency for Scotland
- An agency of the Scottish Government
- Provides financial support to all eligible students doing a course of higher education in the UK
- This will focus on studying in SCOTLAND

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SAAS Eligibility

‘Ordinarily resident’

You can check your eligibility on the SAAS website (www.saas.gov.uk)

Residence Conditions:

“Ordinarily resident has been defined in the courts as 'habitual and normal residence in one place'. It basically means that you, your parents or your husband, wife or civil partner live in a country year after year by choice throughout a set period, apart from temporary or occasional absences such as holidays or business trips. Living here totally or mainly for the purpose of receiving full-time education does not count as being ordinarily resident.”

SAAS website, 25th April 2012

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SAAS Tuition Fees

If eligible AND studying in Scotland:

1. Cover Tuition Fees

- SAAS pay tuition fees directly to college/university
- You do not pay these back
- You need to apply to SAAS for them to do this
- Yearly application

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SAAS Living Costs

If eligible AND studying in Scotland:

2. Provide support for Living Costs

Dependant upon:

- household income
- where you live during term-time

Bursary

- You DO NOT pay back the bursary

Loans

- minimum non-income assessed loan
- income assessed loan
- You DO pay back loans

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Living costs 2013

Students normally resident in Scotland

Young students			
Household income	Bursary	Loan	Total

£0 to £16,999	£1,750	£5,500	£7,250
£17,000 to £23,999	£1,000	£5,500	£6,500
£24,000 to £33,999	£500	£5,500	£6,000
£34,000 and above	£0	£4,500	£4,500

Independent students			
Household income	Bursary	Loan	Total

£0 to £16,999	£750	£6,500	£7,250
£17,000 to £23,999	£0	£6,500	£6,500
£24,000 to £33,999	£0	£6,000	£6,000
£34,000 and above	£0	£4,500	£4,500

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SAAS Payments

- Bursary entitlements & loans are paid in monthly instalments
- Receive a Loan Payment Schedule a month before course starts
- Payments run over the course start & end dates (not over the summer)
- 1st instalment on the first day of your course (double instalment)
- Then usually paid on 7th of every month

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Loan Repayment

- SLC (Student Loan Company) manage the **loan** once applied for through SAAS
- Start repaying **April** after you graduate or leave the course
- Repay 9% of your annual income over £16,365
- Automatically comes off your pay
- Interest linked to inflation
- “Good” debt
- Repayments stop if your earnings drop below the limit



Repayment Examples

Annual salary = £20,000

Income above £16,365 = £3,635

So, 9% of £3,635

Split over 12 months = £27.76 per month – from a monthly after-tax salary of around £1300

Annual salary = £30,000

£102.26 per month from a monthly after-tax salary of around £1,900

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The logo for SAAS (Student Awards and Assistance Scheme) is displayed in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters on a dark blue rectangular background. The background is split into two horizontal sections by a thin white line.

SAAS

How do you apply?

- Apply online via SAAS
- www.saas.gov.uk
- Apply from the April of year of entry
- **Can** apply with a conditional offer
- Apply before 30th June to ensure funding is in place before you start!
- Apply **every year**

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Other sources of support

- University Bursaries & sponsorship
- Supplementary grants
- Discretionary Loans & Funds
- Savings
- Overdraft/credit card
- Part-time job
- Working (perhaps full-time) during summer breaks

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2013 Bursaries

Overview

Bursaries are non-repayable awards based on criteria such as income, background and personal circumstances, and in some cases geographical area.



Access Bursaries for UK students

For UK undergraduate students.

[Access Bursaries](#)



Edinburgh RUK Bursaries

For domiciled students from England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

[Edinburgh RUK Bursaries](#)



Scotland Accommodation Bursaries

For Scotland domiciled students who are living away from home.

[Scotland Accommodation Bursaries](#)



Lloyds Scholars Programme

Awards at Edinburgh from the Lloyds Banking Group.

[Lloyds Scholars Programme](#)



Edinburgh UNITE Accommodation Bursaries

For students staying in accommodation at Portsburgh Court.

[Edinburgh UNITE Accommodation Bursaries](#)



Bursary Video

Hear from some of our students on the benefits of receiving a University Bursary.

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The Leverhulme Trade Charities Trust Undergraduate Bursaries

The Leverhulme Trade Charities Undergraduate Bursaries are designed to provide support for eligible UK students i.e. those connected with Commercial Travellers, Grocers or Chemists in financial need undertaking full-time Undergraduate first degree courses at institutions in the United Kingdom, leading to recognised degrees.

The maximum value of any bursary is £3,000 per annum.

Downloadable application forms are available from the Trust's website as well as further details on the strict eligibility criteria of these awards.

Completed applications are required to be submitted by the student's institution who are also required to administer any payments authorised by the Trust. Application deadlines are 1st November and 1st March each year.

The Leverhulme Trade Charities Trust

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Educational Grants Advisory Service

The Leverhulme Trade Charities Trust

The Gen Foundation Scholarships

The Studley College Trust

The Thomas Wall Trust

The UK eInformation Group

The Vegetarian Charity

Women's Careers Foundation



Accommodation Bursaries

- Scottish students living away from home (who are eligible for a guarantee of University accommodation)
- Granted to those receiving a Young Students' Bursary (YSB) or Independent Students' Bursary (ISB)

For students entering in 2013

Government Bursary	Level of Government Bursary	Scotland Accommodation Bursary
Young Students' Bursary	£1,750	£2,000
	£1,000	£1,000
	£500	£500
Independent Students' Bursary	£750	£2,000

- Send copy of Award Notice to Scholarships Office
- Paid directly to Accommodation Services if in University accommodation OR to your bank account if in private accommodation

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Question time: **Subject Discussion Groups**

