Your Guide to HERIOT-WATT UNIVERSITY
Congratulations! I am delighted you have received your offer to study with us here at Heriot-Watt University.

Our aim is to connect you to people and career opportunities across the world through our international campus locations and our 135,000 alumni in 190 countries. I am proud that we place great emphasis on your personal success, wellbeing and positive mindedness, and offer the support of our dedicated academic and professional services staff. We also have outstanding facilities for you to enjoy, evidenced in being ranked 3rd in the UK for investment in student facilities by The Complete University Guide 2020.

For nearly 200 years our education and innovative research has had a profound social impact on a world stage. A pioneer in bringing education to working people, Heriot-Watt founded the world’s first Mechanics Institute. Today that ethos underpins the industry informed education that gives our undergraduate students the drive to hit the ground running and be FutureMade in their career of choice.

To give you a flavour of what you can expect here at Heriot-Watt, this personal guide will provide you with further details on what makes us different, our history, student life in Edinburgh, and some of the experiences you can look forward to as a student joining us in 2020.

I hope this inspires you and encourages you to make Heriot-Watt part of your future.

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Since our foundation in 1821, Heriot-Watt University has been an outward-looking pioneer of education, in pursuit of knowledge to the benefit of society and the world. Here you will have the opportunity to thrive, both personally and academically during your time with us.

Here are some of the key highlights in our story so far.

1821
Edinburgh School of Arts, the world's first Mechanics Institute, founded by Leonard Horner and Robert Bryson in Niddry Street.

1854
Formation of the Watt Club – the UK's oldest higher education institution alumni association.

1990
Edinburgh Business School launches first online MBA.

2005
The Dubai Campus was founded. The University was the first to set up in the new Dubai International Academic City.

To read up on our history and heritage, visit
www.hw.ac.uk/about/history.htm
1869
Pioneering campaigner Mary Burton led a successful campaign to admit women.

1874
Mary Burton becomes the first woman on the School’s Board of Directors and a Life Governor of Heriot-Watt College.

1966
The Royal Charter gives Heriot-Watt its University status, granted by Queen Elizabeth II.

2014
Heriot-Watt University opens its fifth campus in Putrajaya, Malaysia, only 25 km from Kuala Lumpur.

2018
Edinburgh Business School opens Panmure House, the former home of father of economics, Adam Smith.

2021
The University will celebrate its 200th anniversary.
3RD SAFEST CITY IN THE WORLD
As ranked by YouGov poll

2ND BEST CITY IN THE UK FOR STUDENTS
QS Best Student Cities

39% OF STUDENTS AT EDINBURGH’S UNIVERSITIES ARE INTERNATIONAL

One of the world’s most beautiful cities with an exceptional quality of life, Edinburgh is Scotland’s capital and a great place to live and study. It’s a unique city with a dynamic outlook, renowned worldwide for its rich learning tradition, impressive architecture and exciting nightlife.

A FESTIVAL CITY
Edinburgh is the world’s leading festival city with the Edinburgh Festivals attracting 4.5 million visitors each year. Over 25,000 performers take part in 3,000 events across a variety of festivals, including the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, Edinburgh’s Hogmanay, Edinburgh International Science Festival, Edinburgh International Festival and the Edinburgh International Film Festival.

YOU’LL NEVER BE BORED
There’s a huge range of tourist attractions, from Edinburgh Castle to Edinburgh Zoo. Take to the outdoors to climb Arthur’s Seat or visit Portobello beach or stay indoors to tour the fantastic museums and galleries. Explore the hundreds of restaurants, cafés, pubs and clubs, some rooted in history and others chic and contemporary. Go to hear music at a stadium gig or watch a national sporting event.

SCOTLAND VOTED MOST WELCOMING COUNTRY
Rough Guides Reader Awards 2017
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Edinburgh's Christmas

Edinburgh Festival Fringe

Edinburgh Castle
Choosing the right university can be a daunting process. Let our credentials help you make an informed decision.

Graduate salaries 1st in Scotland and 17th in the UK six months after graduation

33rd in the UK and 6th in Scotland out of 132 institutions

95% of our graduates are in employment or further study within six months of graduation

3rd in the UK TOP in Scotland for amount spent on student facilities

RICH HERITAGE
We are proud that since our foundation in 1821 we have been outward-looking pioneers of education, in pursuit of knowledge to the benefit of society and the world.

GO GLOBAL
With five campuses across the world – Edinburgh, Scottish Borders, Orkney, Dubai and Malaysia - become part of a global community with opportunities to study abroad.

OUR WORLDWIDE NETWORK
Lifetime membership for all graduates to the Watt Club, the UK’s oldest graduate club, formed in 1854 with 135,000 alumni in over 190 countries.
As a student at Heriot-Watt, you automatically become a member of the Student Union. A unique diverse global community with your needs at the core of everything we do.

We know there is more to life at university than earning your degree, so we exist to empower and inspire and work tirelessly to enhance the student experience. We celebrate our differences but support each other as one community.

We are home to some of the UK’s best and most diverse societies, with over 70 to choose from. Whether you want to swing a sword with our Medieval Society, raise money for a cause close to your heart or learn something new with one of our many cultural and academic societies, we'll help you find your calling.

To find out more, add us on Facebook or Twitter @HWUnion or visit www.hwunion.com

MYHWU

Your central hub for university life, myHWU offers everything you need as a student, easily accessible from your smartphone or tablet from the App Store or Google Play.
Living on campus can add a new dimension to your Heriot-Watt University experience. It is a great way to establish lifelong friendships, as well as providing you with a safe and comfortable home during your studies. We offer around 2,000 residential places on our Edinburgh Campus, 450 of which are in new student residence developments, all within easy reach of the teaching buildings, sports and leisure facilities and Student Union.

**ACCOMMODATION GUARANTEE**
All new entrants are guaranteed an offer of accommodation, either on or off campus provided they will be at Heriot-Watt University for the full academic year and apply by our deadlines.

**TOP QUALITY FACILITIES**
- A range of accommodation types to suit your requirements
- Majority of study bedrooms have en-suite bathrooms
- Fast 100 MBPS speed broadband with Wi-Fi throughout
- A range of catering venues depending on the time of day and type of food required
- Dedicated wardens for your support
- 24 hour safeguarding service on campus
- Regular bus service between campus and city centre.

For virtual tours and more information on how and when to apply, visit [www.hw.ac.uk/accommodation-ed](http://www.hw.ac.uk/accommodation-ed)
Multi-million pound investment has developed excellent student accommodation on both the Edinburgh and Scottish Borders Campuses.
A green, peaceful and stimulating environment for studying, relaxing and socialising, our Edinburgh Campus is a friendly place, where over 10,500 staff and students are based and it is easy to get to know people. All our amenities are highly accessible and in easy reach of the city centre, with regular bus links running to and from the University day and night.

LIBRARY AND LEARNING AREAS
You can expect high quality, technology-enabled study spaces on our Edinburgh Campus. With a recent £9 million investment in refurbishing the Library and Learning Commons areas, students are ensured easy access to online and printed textbooks and journals.

STUDENT WELLBEING
Your time at Heriot-Watt will be fun, exciting and fulfilling but there may be times when you may need some help and advice. We have a range of support services with a friendly, approachable team who are there for you whenever you need them.

• Practical advice and support on issues including university life, money, accommodation and safety
• On-campus health centre offering medical, nursing, dental and ancillary health care
• Disability support for those you have a disability or special need
• Spiritual wellbeing at the Chaplaincy centre and prayer rooms for Muslim worship
• Heriot-Watt is committed to promoting equality in all its activities and providing an environment free from discrimination and unfair treatment.

ORIAM
Oriam is Scotland’s £33m Sports Performance Centre, located on campus. With exceptional sporting facilities and a range of student membership options, it is the perfect place to work on your health and fitness.
YOUR HERIOT-WATT BUCKET LIST

- Get the study life balance right by joining one of our 70+ Student Union societies. From chess to banking, yoga to magic, we’ve got it all!

- Want to make a difference for your fellow students? Why not put yourself forward in the Student Elections or sign up to be a School Officer.

- Explore our beautiful Edinburgh Campus, with 380 acres of green parkland, rich in nature, wildlife, history and art.

- Carry your studies to new places and experience new cultures with Go Global, Heriot-Watt’s global student programme.

- Our Sports Union is the perfect place to join a sports club, receive coaching, compete or just take part for fun.

- Train alongside Scotland’s national rugby and football squads at Oriam, Scotland’s Sports Performance Centre – the £33m purpose-built sports facility on campus.

- Diversify your cultural awareness and make friends from new places! One third of our on-campus students in Scotland are international.

- Volunteering not only helps the community but your own personal development. Make a difference locally, nationally or globally with a host of volunteering opportunities.
WHY GO GLOBAL?
Go Global is a great opportunity to meet people from different cultures, discover new interests, and develop life skills. Here are some of the options open to you to study abroad:

Inter-Campus Transfers
Take advantage of our international locations and either transfer your studies to our campuses in Dubai or Malaysia, or take part in a Study Trip.

Exchange
The Exchange programme gives you the opportunity to study with one of our international exchange partners for part of your degree.

Erasmus+
The Erasmus+ programme enables you to study in Europe as part of your chosen degree.

Opportunities are available for most subjects. For more information and eligibility, visit www.hw.ac.uk/goglobal
Congratulations on your offer, it’s decision time! If you like the idea of becoming part of the Heriot-Watt family, here’s what you need to do next.

OFFER TYPES

Unconditional Firm
You have the qualifications required and definitely want to take up the offer of a place, now you need to formally accept online via UCAS Track.

Conditional Firm
You want to take up the offer of a place but you first need to achieve the required grades in order to get in. Check back with UCAS Track on exam results day to see if you have been accepted.

Conditional Insurance
This is your back-up offer and will usually be a lower entry requirement than your Firm choice. If you achieve the conditions for your Firm offer, your Insurance offer will not hold your place so if you change your mind, you will need to look for a place through Clearing.

Unconditional Insurance
You already have the qualifications required, and are using this place as a back-up if you don’t achieve the grades for your Conditional Firm choice.

REMEMBER TO …
• Keep up to date with progress and reply to your offers via UCAS Track.
• UCAS provides advice on responding to offers after you apply. Read this advice carefully and respond by your personal deadline. These dates can be found at UCAS.com. For candidates who receive offers for both first and second year entry, once your results are known this can be amended.
• On Results day, if you got the results you needed, congratulations! If you did not meet your expected grades for your conditional offer, don’t worry – you may still be eligible to apply through Clearing. Visit www.ucas.com/clearing
• Once you have an Unconditional Firm offer at Heriot-Watt, you can apply for on-campus accommodation from 6 April 2020 at 9am. Visit www.hw.ac.uk/accommodation-ed

TUITION FEES
Tuition fees vary, depending on the programme you choose and where you come from.

For Scottish Residents: Tuition fees are paid for by SAAS (Student Awards Agency Scotland) and you must apply for each year of study.

For Residents of England, Wales and Northern Ireland: Enjoy four years’ study for the price of three!
Tuition fees for entry for students living in England, Wales and Northern Ireland are currently £9,250 per annum, but the University has capped this so that no student will pay more than £27,750 in total for their three or four year Honours Degree. The annual fee applies to the final year of the enhanced first degrees such as MEng/ MChem/MMath/MPhys. (Please note that fee levels are regulated by the UK Government and may be subject to increase).

Further information on tuition fees and funding at [www.hw.ac.uk/fees-ug](http://www.hw.ac.uk/fees-ug)

Further information on scholarships and bursaries at [www.hw.ac.uk/scholarships](http://www.hw.ac.uk/scholarships)

**FIND OUT MORE**

**Chat With a Student**
Got a question about a course or student life at Heriot-Watt? Our new Unibuddy scheme allows you to send a message to one of our friendly student ambassadors, who use their first-hand experience to tell you all you need to know. [www.hw.ac.uk/uk/meet-us/chat-to-a-student.htm](http://www.hw.ac.uk/uk/meet-us/chat-to-a-student.htm)

**Contact Us**
If you are looking for further guidance with your offer, our Admissions Team are happy to hear from you on 0131 451 3376 or email studywithus@hw.ac.uk.
A number of Lothian Bus routes service the Edinburgh Campus to and from the city centre, every 10 minutes during the day and every 15 minutes after 8pm. Fares currently cost £1.80 single/£4.50 day ticket and the journey takes 30 – 40 minutes depending on the time of day.

All national coach services to Edinburgh arrive into the St Andrews Square bus station, in the city centre.

The mainline rail network serves Edinburgh well, with Edinburgh Waverley and Haymarket Stations in the city centre. For rail travel, alight at Haymarket and catch the number 25 bus from Dalry Road.

Edinburgh International Airport is served by scheduled national and international flights. The airport is just three miles from the Edinburgh Campus. There are a number of bus, tram and taxi options to get from the airport to the Edinburgh Campus.

The Edinburgh Campus is easy to access by car from the city centre and all major routes. Situated half a mile from the Calder Junction of the A720 City of Edinburgh Bypass and the A71, you’ll see signs for Heriot-Watt on your approach. There are plenty of student and visitor car parks on site.

Further information about transport links at [www.hw.ac.uk/uk/edinburgh/maps-directions.htm](http://www.hw.ac.uk/uk/edinburgh/maps-directions.htm)
SEE OUR WORLD
Take a virtual tour of our campuses with the new Heriot-Watt VR App

Free download from App Store and Google Play