Entry requirements
Applicants should hold a good degree or equivalent in education or work and life experience – a wide range of first qualifications are acceptable.

English language requirements
If your first language is not English, or your first degree was not taught in English, we will need evidence of your English language ability. The minimum requirement for English language is IELTS 6.5 or equivalent. We also offer a range of English language courses to help you meet the English language requirement prior to starting your MSc programme. https://www.hw.ac.uk/study/entry/english-language-requirements.htm

Fees and funding
Course fees can be viewed in our online prospectus. https://www.hw.ac.uk/about/profile/order-a-prospectus.htm

How to apply
To apply for the Renewable Energy Development programme, simply complete an application online at: https://www.hw.ac.uk/study/apply/uk/postgraduate.htm

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The Orkney Islands lie off the northern tip of Scotland, where the Atlantic Ocean meets the North Sea. Fertile land surrounds a wealth of history. The islands contain a rich history, from 5,000 year old Neolithic monuments to a Norse culture that flourished for over 400 years from AD 800 to 1200. Orkney is a great place to live and study, in a lively, diverse and very inspiring place to study. It is definitely worthwhile investigating the opportunities available. But help in finding posts will be given, although Internships cannot be guaranteed.

Stacy Johnston
Stacy, from Orkney in Scotland, graduated with an MSc in Renewable Energy Development in 2015. She now works as an Affordable Warmth Officer for THAW (Tackling Household Affordable Warmth).

How has studying the RED programme helped you in your current role?
I was actually unaware that Orkney had a serious fuel poverty problem until I undertook one of the modules which focused on investigating and hypothetically creating a district heating initiative in Stromness. From this project, our team discovered that fuel poverty levels in Orkney were overwhelmingly high and since then I have wanted to help tackle this. The RED programme helped me to advance both my technological and analytic skills. In just one year, I attained a wealth of knowledge about renewable energy technology and processes, as well as the associated economic, social and environmental impacts. I came from a Public Relations background with very little mathematical or technical experience but have proved that most countries have ambitious targets for renewable energy generation. Our graduates typically hold a wide variety of key positions within the renewables sector. It provides you access to a ‘living laboratory’ with the added benefit of field trips, experts, and an engaged maritime community all on the doorstep.

What did you like about studying at our Orkney campus?
ICIT is a very tranquil place to study, situated in a close-knit community with stunning views over the town of Stromness, Scapa Flow and the island of Hoy. In addition, it is an advantageous place to learn because you are in a small class of around 20, so really bond with both your fellow students and the lecturers. The staff at ICIT are also exceptionally supportive in relation to individual learning.

Do you have any advice for students thinking of studying in Orkney?
It is definitely worthwhile investigating the opportunities in Orkney and at ICIT as it is a fun, friendly and inspiring place to study.