GRADUATE STUDY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KENT

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The University of Kent

- Founded in 1965 with 500 students and 150 members of staff.
- Campuses in Canterbury and Medway.
- Opportunities to study and work abroad.
- Partnerships with over 100 universities across Europe.

92% of Kent graduate students who graduated in 2017 were in work or further study within six months (DLHE).


97% of research at Kent was found to be of international quality, in the most recent research rankings (REF 2014).

3rd
Kent was ranked 3rd in the Postgraduate category of the 2018 Whatuni Student Choice Awards.
Graduate and Researcher College

With passion and focus you can achieve anything

- We ensure your academic experience is of the highest quality.

- We champion your interests across the University and ensure postgraduate programmes are innovative and distinctive.

- We listen to your views on current practices and welcome new ideas for change.

- We foster a vibrant and interdisciplinary academic community.
Postgraduate Festival
Our annual festival celebrates research and brings together students from across our postgraduate community.

Event highlights:
- Research poster competition
- 3MT Kent Final
- Student research talks
- Breakout sessions
- Research showcase

Graduate Space
We provide a dedicated training room in addition to PG social/study spaces across our campuses and centres.

GradPost
We support the publication of the quarterly GradPost newsletter written by postgraduates for postgraduates.

Popular articles:
- Advice column
- Gandalf’s Corner
- Creative pieces
- PG Quiz
- KGSA Update
- Kent Union Update
Taught Master’s degrees

- PG Taught programmes, by coursework and dissertation, leading to:
  - PCert
  - PDip
  - MA
  - MSc
  - MBA
  - LLM

- Master’s degrees mostly 12 months in duration.
- Typically two terms of taught courses and a third period in which a dissertation is written.

- Government backed PGT loan scheme.
- Professional, academic, research preparation.
- Preparedness for employment.
POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT EXPERIENCE SURVEY 2019

84% are satisfied with their overall experience.

89% agree that they are encouraged to make contributions in taught sessions.

90% agree that staff are enthusiastic about what they are teaching.

87% are satisfied with the learning resources available.

Out of 1122 student responses

#PGVOICE
Global Skills Award Programme (GSA)

- Designed to enhance global awareness and employability.
- The programme runs alongside your Master’s.
- Lecture series on national and global issues.
- Programme of employability workshops.
- Reward ceremony and GSA Programme Certificate.

Example of workshops/lectures:
- Careers management
- Cross cultural communication
- Leadership and negotiation skills
- The wisdom of psychopaths
- Exploring global cultures
- Can flexible working help reduce gender equality
The University of Kent has a multi-million pound scholarship fund.

To view all available PG scholarships:

www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships/postgraduate
**Kent Alumni Master’s Scholarships September 2021**

- The University of Kent is proud to offer a new suite of scholarships opportunities for current final year undergraduates continuing to Master’s study.
- Scholarships require applications for the award, including a personal statement, CV.
- Most Kent Master’s Scholarships are fee waivers or discounts.

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<td>• Minimum First Class Honours Degree.</td>
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<td>• Applications must include a statement, CV and academic reference.</td>
<td>24 awards available</td>
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<td>“Tomorrow’s World” Civic Mission Scholarship</td>
<td>£3000</td>
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<td>• Applications must include a statement demonstrating how their Master’s will enable them to contribute to communities in Kent and Medway during their further studies.</td>
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<td>• Minimum First Class Honours Degree.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Kent Alumni Tuition Fee Discount</td>
<td>£1500 Full Time £750 per year Part Time</td>
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<td>• For students who have achieved at least a 2.1 in their undergraduate programme.</td>
<td>60 awards available</td>
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Master’s Scholarships 2021

• Examples of other scholarships that are available for 2021 include:

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<td>International Scholarship for Taught Master’s Students</td>
<td>£3000</td>
<td>Round 1: 31 March 2021 Round 2: 31 May 2021</td>
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<td>Commonwealth Shared Scholarship</td>
<td>Fees, maintenance allowance and expenses</td>
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<td>Research Council ESRC SeNSS 1+3 awards (Master’s + PhD application)</td>
<td>Fees + a maintenance allowance for up to 4 years</td>
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<td>Kent Business School Excellence Scholarship</td>
<td>Up to £5000</td>
<td>Course entry September 2021: deadline is 31 July 2021 Course entry January 2022: deadline is 30 November 2022</td>
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• Deadlines for applications vary, see individual advertisements linked in the above table for criteria and deadlines.
Postgraduate Master’s Loans

- Eligible students can borrow up to £11,222 (2020/21 rates).
- The loans will be available for both taught and research Master's programmes, including LLM, MBA, MFA, MRES (but not for PhDs).
- All disciplines and subject areas are eligible.
- You're a UK national or have 'settled status', i.e., there are no restrictions on how long you can stay.
- The following are not included:
  - Programmes where you are resident outside England for more than 50% of your degree.
  - Postgraduate certificates, diplomas and other non-Master's degree options.
- There is no deadline for applying for a Postgraduate Master’s Loan. Applications open in the Summer for September entry.
Research degrees

- PG Research programmes leading to:
  - MA/MSc
  - MPhil
  - MRes
  - PhD

- Period of independent research supervised by a small team of academics (3 - 4 years for PhD).
- Examination by thesis and viva.
- Funding available from the University.
- Preparation for research, academic and non-academic careers.

The REF endorsed Kent’s research community: all our academic schools provide an environment that is conducive to research of international excellence.
POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE SURVEY 2019

83% are satisfied with their overall research experience at Kent.
90% agree their supervisor provides helpful feedback.
88% are satisfied with the overall development of their research skills.
90% have developed their skills in critically analysing and evaluating their research findings.

Out of 853 student responses

#PGVOICE
Researcher Development Programme (RDP)

- Training programme to help you develop research and transferable skills.
- Mapped to the national Researcher Development Framework.

Example of workshops/training:

- Kickstart your PhD (1st year)
- Progressing in your PhD (2nd year)
- Finishing your PhD (3rd years)
- Writing for journals and getting published
- Rapid reading
- Time / stress management
- Approaches to teaching sessions
Postgraduate Doctoral Loans

- Eligible students can borrow up to £26,445 (2020/21 rates).
  - 3 instalments of 33%, 33% and 34% each year.
- All disciplines and subject areas are eligible.
- You're a UK national or have 'settled status', i.e., there are no restrictions on how long you can stay.
- You are aged 59 or under.
- You can study full time or part time (between 3-8 years).
- There is no deadline for applying for a Postgraduate Doctoral Loan. However you have to apply within nine months of the first day of the final academic year of your doctorate.
Research Council Funding

- The UK Research and Innovation Council (UKRI) offers Postgraduate Research Scholarships in a number of disciplines.
- Kent is a member of a number of Research Council Consortia, Universities which come together to offer training and funding to Postgraduate Research Students.
- Funding includes a fee waiver at the Home/EU rate, plus a maintenance stipend of £15,609 per year (2021 rate).
- Funding is available for 3-4 years.
- Scholarship includes access to additional workshops and training available through the consortia, and funding for attendance at conferences or fieldwork relevant to your research.
Research Consortia

**Partnership with the South East Network for Social Sciences (SeNSS)**
Consortium formed of 10 leading UK universities, all of which are engaged in cutting-edge social science research and training.
SeNSS offers a world-class inter-disciplinary PhD research and training environment.

**Consortium for Humanities and Arts in the Southeast (CHASE)**
Formed to promote excellence in research, postgraduate research training and knowledge exchange in the arts and humanities.

**Advanced Research and Innovation in the Environmental Sciences (ARIES) Doctorial Training (funded by Natural Environment Research Council (NERC))**
Collaboration between the Universities of Kent, East Anglia, Essex and nine other core partners. The first cohort of students enrolled in October 2019.

**SoCoBio (funded by BBSRC)**
Collaboration with Southampton, Sussex, Portsmouth and East Malling Research Biosciences PhD studentships for 5 cohorts, starting in October 2020.

**EPSRC DTP grant**
Fully funded PhD studentships in Computing, EDA, SMSAS, SPS.
Where else to look for funding?

- FindaMasters.com
- FindaPhD.com
- Jobs.ac.uk
- Social media
- Speak to your lecturers!
How to apply

www.kent.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/how-to-apply/

How to Apply for a Taught Master’s Programme

• Most taught degrees begin in September although some may start at other times of the year. Please check when your course starts by looking at the programme’s webpage.

• Apply by 31 July 2021 for International students.

• There is no fixed application deadline for applications from home students, though we strongly recommend you apply as soon as possible.

How to Apply for a PhD

• Contact the Director of Graduate Studies in the school where you wish to study.

• If you have a supervisor in mind, you should also contact him or her directly to discuss your research proposal.

• Use our online 'Find a supervisor' tool

• PhD entry 2021/22: September 2021, January 2022, May 2022
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