GRADUATE STUDY AT KENT 2017

Information for students
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**WORLD-LEADING RESEARCH**

Kent’s excellent performance in the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014 confirmed our position as one of the UK’s leading research universities: 97% of our research was judged to be of international quality.
WELCOME FROM THE DEAN

This is an exciting time to be a postgraduate student at the University of Kent. Our programmes are informed by a commitment to research excellence and, as a leading UK university, Kent provides a dynamic and challenging academic environment. Whether you choose to study in Canterbury, Medway, Tonbridge, Brussels, Paris, Athens or Rome, you will benefit from a supportive and friendly atmosphere while you study alongside world-class researchers.

The University of Kent is known as the UK's European university and, following the recent referendum, we are reinforcing our commitment to remain a European university that is outward facing and international. We are especially proud of our diverse student body and our European and international staff. We believe that not only does the University benefit from intellectual and cultural diversity, but that this is also beneficial to the wider society.

A strong intellectual and social community of postgraduate students is fundamental to Kent’s identity as a research institution. Kent received excellent results in the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014: we were judged to have world-leading research in all subjects submitted. This means you benefit from working alongside internationally renowned academics, who will support your studies at an advanced level and engage with you in the discovery of new knowledge.

The University has made significant investment in postgraduate education and we provide over £9 million of financial support to our postgraduate students, both from the UK and around the world. This includes subject-specific and Research Council awards, as well as location-specific, sport and music scholarships. We would strongly encourage you to refer to our website for further details at www.kent.ac.uk/pgfunding

The recent Higher Education Review by the UK’s Quality Assurance Agency recognised the vibrant and interdisciplinary academic community at Kent, created by the range of formal and informal opportunities provided for postgraduate research students.

The Graduate School supports a number of initiatives, enabling students to promote their research interests, such as the annual Postgraduate Festival, the Postgraduate Research Café and the Postgraduate Experience Awards. The Graduate School also produces The GradPost, a quarterly newsletter written and edited by our own students. A programme of social events specifically for postgraduate students is organised by the Kent Graduate Student Association (KGSA).

The Graduate School co-ordinates the University’s Researcher Development Programme for research students, which offers a broad range of development opportunities provided by expert internal and external trainers (see p4 for details).

We also offer the Global Skills Award programme to taught Master’s students, which provides a unique opportunity to enhance your understanding of global issues and improve your employability skills and future prospects (see p4 for details).

People choose to study at postgraduate level for many reasons: to enhance their employment prospects, to achieve a professional qualification, to facilitate a career change or to simply further their interest in a particular subject area. Whatever your motivation, Kent provides you with the opportunities and support you require to achieve your future goals.

I hope that your experience of postgraduate study at Kent is both positive and rewarding. Congratulations on your choice of university and I look forward to welcoming you to Kent in the near future.

Professor Diane Houston
Dean of the Graduate School

www.kent.ac.uk
SHORTLISTED FOR UNIVERSITY

by the Times Higher Education (THE) and by The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2016.

20TH

The University is ranked 20th in the Times Higher Education (THE) ‘Table of Tables’ 2016.

23RD


96%

Over 96% of our postgraduate students who graduated in 2015 were in work or further study within six months.
37% of our academic staff are from outside the UK and we have students representing 148 nationalities.

97% of research at Kent was found to be of international quality in the Research Excellence Framework 2014 (an independent national survey of UK universities).

4TH Kent gained the 4th highest score for overall student satisfaction in the National Student Survey 2016.
THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Kent’s Graduate School supports the strategic development of postgraduate education and research at the University. It provides the foundation for a vibrant intellectual community, supporting postgraduates across all our campuses and European centres.

The Graduate School works in partnership with the academic schools and centres in order to support and develop the following:

- a strong framework of specialist support across the University;
- internationally distinctive, exciting and innovative programmes of study that combine academic excellence with an exceptional student experience and appropriate learning resources;
- further funding and study opportunities through the cultivation of external links with Research Councils, research institutes and other organisations, both nationally and internationally;
- high-quality postgraduate facilities and resources;
- a supportive environment for the intellectual interests of our postgraduate students;
- student-led initiatives, such as social events, conferences and workshops;
- our excellent Researcher Development Programme;
- our unique Global Skills Award programme for taught Master’s students.

Championing your interests

We have established systems and an academic framework, which have the interests of the postgraduate student community at their heart. Each academic school has a Director of Graduate Studies, charged with managing the quality and development of postgraduate studies.

The University has a Graduate School Board, which is responsible for overseeing, developing and enhancing postgraduate policies for both taught and research students. The views of our students are critical to the successful development of the postgraduate student experience at Kent. Each faculty includes a number of postgraduate student members who are responsible for representing your views to the University. The members include the Kent Graduate Student Association President and postgraduate student representatives from each faculty. These representatives are elected by postgraduate students at Kent.

Academic, social and networking opportunities

The 2015 Higher Education Review by the UK’s Quality Assurance Agency recognised Kent’s vibrant and interdisciplinary academic community, created by the range of formal and informal opportunities provided for postgraduate research students.

The Graduate School promotes many opportunities for postgraduate students to meet and socialise. The annual Postgraduate Festival provides our students with the chance to present their work to a wider audience, network with their peers from across the University and attend academic talks. The final of Kent’s Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) competition takes place at the Festival. The Postgraduate Research Café has been created to provide an opportunity for students to showcase their research in an informal setting.

The Graduate School is especially keen to support student-driven initiatives, such as workshops and conferences. Students are able to bid for funding to co-ordinate their own events and projects to enhance their skills base and the postgraduate experience at Kent through our Postgraduate Experience Awards. Take a look at what’s on offer at www.kent.ac.uk/graduateschool

The GradPost

The GradPost is Kent’s postgraduate newsletter, written and edited by our postgraduate students. The GradPost contains articles submitted by students from all our campuses and centres, and the content is developed over the course of each academic year. The Graduate School encourages students to write articles and become members of the GradPost editorial team, which is an excellent opportunity to meet new people, explore interests and develop further skills. To see the latest edition, visit www.kent.ac.uk/gradpost

Researcher development

The Graduate School co-ordinates the Researcher Development Programme for postgraduate research students, which includes workshops focused on research, specialist and transferable skills. Transferable skills are generic skills covering areas such as leadership, negotiation, time management and communication. Students with highly developed generic skills, combined with their subject-specific expertise, are in high demand by employers who are looking for candidates who can operate effectively at a senior level.

At Kent, research students are provided with transferable skills training, in line with requirements laid down by the Research Councils UK. The training addresses the four areas of the Researcher Development Framework: knowledge and intellectual abilities; personal effectiveness; research governance and organisation; and engagement, influence and impact. The Graduate School offers a number of workshops within each area and all new PhD researchers complete a skills review to self-evaluate their competencies in order to plan their personal development needs during their period of research and beyond.

Global Skills Award programme

The Graduate School also delivers the Global Skills Award programme, which is designed to broaden your understanding of global issues and current affairs as well as develop personal skills to enhance your employability. All students registered for a taught Master’s degree are eligible to apply for a place, which is free of charge.

Once accepted on to the programme, you take part in a personal assessment, which helps you to reflect on your past experience and future development. A lecture series, chaired by the Dean of the Graduate School, allows you to participate in discussions on issues of global importance, such as the economy, the environment, the media, world politics and developments in science. In addition, a series of skills training workshops offers you the chance to develop your career opportunities and acquire the skills you will need to succeed in the workplace, such as teamwork, networking and leadership.

The programme also provides you with the opportunity to meet and network with other students from a wide variety of backgrounds and disciplines. It is delivered on both the Canterbury campus and at our Brussels centre.

Advanced training

Kent offers a wide range of advanced training workshops, delivered by world-class researchers drawn from a range of disciplines. These workshops are not discipline-specific, but instead explore topics that are of interest to researchers in the social, natural and medicinal sciences, as well as the arts and humanities.

A LEADING UK UNIVERSITY

Kent is a leading university and is ranked 23rd in the UK in The Guardian University Guide 2017.
Kent’s postgraduate students benefit from a diverse graduate community. Our campuses at Canterbury and Medway, and our part-time centre in Tonbridge, provide a stimulating environment in which to learn and conduct research. In addition, our four European locations (Brussels, Paris, Athens and Rome) are postgraduate-only centres, where study and research are underpinned by the specialist facilities and resources available at each site.

The subject range studied by our postgraduate students makes for interesting interdisciplinary networking opportunities, such as conferences, workshops and social events organised by the Graduate School and the students’ union.

The Graduate School
The Graduate School is located on the top floor of the University’s new Cornwallis East building and consists of a dedicated training room, large communal space and terrace, as well as staff offices and its own reception area.

Woolf College
Named after the writer Virginia Woolf, Kent’s dedicated postgraduate college has a strong community feel and provides an instant support network during your studies. The Master of the College works closely with the Dean of the Graduate School and the Kent Graduate Student Association President to ensure a cohesive approach to the provision of support and activities for postgraduate students.

All postgraduate students become members of Woolf College and they are actively encouraged to participate and contribute to the postgraduate community at the University.

Students’ union
Kent Union, your students’ union, is integral to the University of Kent and, in recognition of the growth of the postgraduate community, is expanding to ensure that it meets the needs of its postgraduate members. We have a large number of postgraduate course representatives and a well-established Graduate Student Association, and, as part of our welcome and induction activities, we organise a programme of events specifically for postgraduate students. For more information on these events, please follow Kent Union on Facebook (www.facebook.com/unionkent) and look out for an events guide in your welcome email.

Kent Graduate Student Association
Kent Union engages postgraduate students in its democratic processes and aims to increase postgraduate involvement in elections. The Kent Graduate Student Association (KGSA) is an exciting development and is just one forum through which postgraduate students have a voice. The KGSA represents postgraduate students across all locations at the University. The Association focuses on student issues covering welfare and education (both taught and research), and it provides extra-curricular opportunities for postgraduate students to meet and socialise on a regular basis. The KGSA meets every three weeks and postgraduate students are invited to attend these meetings. Elections for KGSA officers are held in the autumn term. Serving as an elected officer is a rewarding opportunity, allowing you to represent the views of your fellow postgraduates, meet new people and play an active role in improving the postgraduate experience at Kent.

Further information
For more information, visit www.kent.ac.uk/graduateschool

“As the KGSA President, I’ve been able to play an active role in the postgraduate community at Kent. From arranging Welcome Week events and helping students move in, to organising a trip to Edinburgh and campaigning on postgraduate issues, there is a lot to do for the community. It’s a very rewarding role, which has helped me gain many different skills.”

Vid Calovski
Kent Graduate Student Association (KGSA) President
“The aspect of my studies that I’ve enjoyed the most has been the people on my course. My fellow students are fantastic and I have learned so much from them. We are an incredibly diverse, multicultural group, coming from many different backgrounds. It’s been a pleasure to get to know everyone and work together. The communication between us is great and it feels like we are all one team.”

Marian Chaney  
MSc Human Resource Management

“I’m hoping to follow an academic career in the future, so I’m trying to gain as many skills as I can during my PhD. The Centre for Medieval and Early Modern Studies has been very encouraging in helping me to gain the right experience, whether it’s networking at events, presenting at conferences, writing journal articles or teaching. All these things will not only make me more attractive to potential employers, they will also help me to become a better researcher.”

Stuart Morrison  
PhD Medieval and Early Modern Studies

“I’m enjoying the fact that I’m gaining so much knowledge, in particular from my supervisor, who is so passionate about her subject. As a PhD student, I also have the opportunity to attend training courses to expand my grasp of the subject area, and the Graduate School offers a lot of support and organises a wide range of events and workshops.”

Reeya Oogarah  
PhD Chemistry
“The chance to study ancient Rome from within its walls was a major attraction. I knew the books and short visits could only give me a fleeting glimpse of the city, but being able to walk the streets for several months would offer me a deeper understanding and a new perspective on the topography of Rome. For me, no other programme could compare, either in terms of opportunity or in the calibre of its teaching talent.”

Catherine Hoggarth
MA Ancient History
(Rome)

“We are a diverse bunch – about 50% of us are international students. This gives you a different perspective on what you are studying. Every day begins with a conference; you start the day as if you are a journalist. It makes for some lively discussions.”

Kishan Koria
MA Multimedia Journalism

“Everyone comes from a different walk of life. You have people from Asia, Europe, North America, South America, Africa, it’s such a great conglomeration. We all learn from each other – it’s really helpful in seminars when we have a large group of people from different backgrounds, and they bring their ideas to the classroom. It helps you to widen your perspective of the world.”

Bailey Bollinger-Douqué
LLM International Law with International Relations
(Brussels)
Kent's performance in the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014 confirms our position as a leading UK research university. All of our academic schools engage in research of international standing.

Kent has some of the best academic staff in the country, including research leaders who are renowned for their innovative thinking. With programmes of study that are informed by research, our students are able to develop skills and knowledge relevant to contemporary issues. Our research activities and collaborations with outside organisations create knowledge that is highly influential and makes a significant impact on societal and scientific issues.

Research standing
Kent is placed firmly among the UK’s most research-intensive universities. In the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014, the University was ranked 17th* in the UK for research intensity. Of the research submitted, 97% was judged to be of international quality.

Our standing is an indicator of the world-leading research activity that takes place across the institution and is underpinned by our ability to attract external funding, which now consistently exceeds £13 million per annum. This also reflects our sustained investment in staff, buildings, laboratories and equipment.

Our academic staff are engaged in collaborative research projects with universities and industry worldwide, and a high percentage of Kent’s research is funded by the European Union. This confirms the University’s academic, economic and cultural stature, and the direct positive implications of our research activities. Good research delivers a highly skilled workforce, improves business performance, creates opportunities for new business activities and enterprise, and improves public services.

We maintain our national and international activities while working with regional and local agents to synchronise our research agenda with the interests and needs of the region.

Research achievements
Kent has an excellent record of research success. Recent research achievements, which have impacted on the economy, government policy and the daily lives of those affected, include:

- conducting clinical trials of robotic legs to help patients walk again after being paralysed for reasons from trauma to disease
- revelations that internet addiction is leading to an increase in ‘phubbing’ – people snubbing their social companions to concentrate on their smartphone
- research showing that use of psychoactive drugs – as simple as caffeine – can encourage sedentary people to exercise, and enable people to keep to their exercise regimes
- highlighting the potential for the emergence of a new form of Ebolavirus that causes severe disease in humans
- research suggesting that people are momentarily happier when drinking alcohol – but that over longer periods, drinking more does not make them more satisfied with life
- pioneering work as part of a ‘Superidentity’ project to assess links between different parts of identity from the physical to the virtual
- research showing that women who perceive their sexual partners are imposing perfectionist standards on them may suffer sexual dysfunction as a result
- the development of two education programming tools, Blue J and Greenfoot, which are now included in the UK’s top selling low-cost computer, the Raspberry Pi
- revelations that people buying fake ‘luxury brand’ goods experience a range of psychological motivations – including the ‘thrill of the hunt’.

In addition, Kent has been awarded a Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education twice in the past nine years. The prizes are awarded for exceptional contributions by institutions in the higher and further education sectors.

Strong research publishing record
Our academic staff regularly publish their research output. We are committed to Open Access Publishing so that everyone benefits from our research. The Kent Academic Repository is an online database of the publications of our staff. It provides a useful resource for both staff and students who are able to see what research is being conducted and enables cross-disciplinary work. Details of these publications can be accessed by visiting the online Kent Academic Repository at www.kent.ac.uk/research/publications

Research support
Research Services at Kent supports the University’s research community by promoting funding opportunities, assisting with the development of an application, negotiating research contracts and administering awards. Research Services supports all academics and, in particular, early career researchers through setting up a network specifically for them, running workshops on how to put together a grant application and enabling contact between academics in different sections of the University to facilitate collaborative initiatives.

Doctoral training
The University offers an excellent range of training opportunities to research students through its Researcher Development Programme and the numerous seminars, lectures and workshops held in individual academic schools. The 2015 Higher Education Review by the UK’s Quality Assurance Agency recognised Kent’s vibrant and interdisciplinary academic community, created by the range of formal and informal opportunities provided for postgraduate research students.
Kent is part of the Eastern Academic Research Consortium (Eastern ARC), a collaboration between Kent and the universities of East Anglia and Essex. The Eastern ARC stimulates cross-institutional working and creates an environment in which collaborative doctoral research can flourish. By acting collaboratively, the consortium responds creatively and effectively to key drivers that are changing the landscape of research and research training in UK higher education.

The University is also part of the South East Doctoral Training Centre (SEDTC), funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), in partnership with the universities of Reading, Royal Holloway and Surrey. These partner institutions make major contributions to social science research regionally, nationally and internationally, and this collaboration places our social scientists at the centre of inter-institutional research and training activities.

Kent is a member of the South East Network for Social Sciences (SeNSS), a ten-member, multi-institutional collaboration. The consortium unites an academic community of over 100 social science units (departments, centres and institutes) to provide breadth and depth across social science disciplines and significant expertise in both quantitative and qualitative research methods.

The University is a partner within the Consortium for the Humanities and the Arts South-East England (CHASE), a collaboration with the Courtauld Institute of Art, Goldsmiths, University of London, the Open University and the universities of East Anglia, Essex and Sussex, which was awarded £17 million from the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) under its Doctoral Training Partnerships Scheme. As one of only 11 new AHRC Doctoral Training Partnerships in the UK, this collaboration represents an exciting new era for arts and humanities doctoral research at Kent, and it will provide funding for over 375 PhD students across the Consortium over the five-year period of the award. SOAS and Birkbeck College (both part of the University of London) joined the Consortium as Associate Members in 2014.

Kent is also part of the Environment East Doctoral Training Partnership (EnvEast DTP), a collaboration between the universities of Kent, East Anglia, Essex and ten other core partners. The partnership draws together relevant expertise from a complementary set of research organisations to train scientists capable of making outstanding contributions to their discipline and able to apply their knowledge to the challenges facing the UK economy, the quality of life for its citizens and the state of the global environment. EnvEast has received funding from the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) to support 60 PhD students over five years.

The University also participates in six prestigious Marie Skłodowska-Curie Innovative Training Networks (ITNs), funded by the EU’s Horizon 2020 programme, training 17 PhD students, mostly in the sciences.

**Further information**

[www.kent.ac.uk/research](http://www.kent.ac.uk/research)  
[www.kent.ac.uk/pgfunding](http://www.kent.ac.uk/pgfunding)

For a sense of the teaching style at Kent, take a look at our new ‘Think Kent’ lectures. Similar in style to ‘TED Talks’, these ten to 15-minute videos feature leading Kent academics talking about their research and the international impact of their work.

Whether you want to discover the truth of the 1914 Christmas Truce, learn more about the Rosetta comet mission, uncover the extent of the CIA’s rendition flight programme, or hear more about new cancer treatments, see [www.youtube.com/UniversityofKent](http://www.youtube.com/UniversityofKent)
RESEARCH EXCELLENCE (CONT)

Research centres and groups

Faculty of Humanities
Aesthetics Research Centre
Centre for American Studies
Centre for Architecture and Sustainable Environment
Centre for Art History and Visual Cultures
Centre for Cognition, Kinesthetics and Performance
Centre for Colonial and Postcolonial Studies
Centre for Creative Writing
Centre for Early Christianity and its Reception
Centre for Film and Media Research
Centre for Gender, Sexuality and Writing
Centre for Heritage
Centre for Language and Linguistics
Centre for Late Antique Archaeology
Centre for Medieval and Early Modern Studies
Centre for Modern European Literature
Centre for Modern Poetry
Centre for Reasoning
Centre for Research in European Architecture
Centre for Studies in the Long Eighteenth Century
Centre for the History of Colonialisms
Centre for the History of Medicine, Ethics and Medical Humanities
Centre for the History of the Sciences
Centre for the Political Economies of International Commerce
Centre for the Study of War, Propaganda and Society
Centre for Victorian Literature and Culture
European Theatre Research Network
Sound-Image-Space Research Centre

Faculty of Sciences
Applied Optics Group
Biomolecular Medicine Group
Centre for Actuarial Science, Risk and Investment
Centre for Astrophysics and Planetary Science
Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies of Reproduction
Chemistry and Drug Delivery Group
Clinical and Professional Practice (Pharmacy) Group
Communications Research Group
Computational Intelligence Group
Computing Education Group
Endurance Research Group
Forensic Imaging Group
Functional Materials Group
Future Computing Group
Industrial Biotechnology Centre
Instrumentation, Control and Embedded Systems Group
Intelligent Interactions Group
Interdisciplinary Research Centre in Cyber Security
Kent Centre for Finance
Kent Fungal Group
Mathematics Group
Mechanics and Dynamics of Cells and Proteins Group (MaDiCaP)
Molecular Microbiology Group
Programming Languages and Systems Group
Protein Science Group
Resistance Pathogenicity and Infectious Diseases Group (RaPiD)
Security Research Group
Sports Therapy, Physical Activity and Health Research Group
Statistics Group

Faculty of Social Sciences
Anglo-Chinese Business and Management Centre
Centre for Biocultural Diversity
Centre for Child Protection
Centre for Cognitive Neuroscience and Cognitive Systems
Centre for Critical International Law
Centre for Critical Thought
Centre for Employment, Competitiveness and Growth
Centre for Ethnographic Research
Centre for European Agri-Environmental Studies
Centre for European and Comparative Law
Centre for Health Services Studies
Centre for Integrated Care Research
Centre for Logistics and Heuristic Optimisation
Centre for Parenting Culture Studies
Centre for Philanthropy
Centre for Quantitative Finance
Centre for Social Science and Risk
Centre for the Study of Group Processes
Centre for the Study of Higher Education
Centre for the Study of Social and Political Movements
Centre of Research and Education in Forensic Psychology
Conflict Analysis Research Centre
Durrell Institute of Conservation and Ecology
Global Europe Centre
Kent Centre for Law, Gender and Sexuality
Kent Interdisciplinary Centre for Spatial Studies
Macroeconomics, Growth and History Centre
Personal Social Services Research Unit
Q-Step Centre
Skeletal Biology Research Centre
Tizard Centre

The above is only a selection of the numerous research groups and centres across the University; some are cross-disciplinary while others are linked to external project groups. For further information about research centres and groups, visit www.kent.ac.uk/departments/academic
ACADEMIC RESOURCES AND SUPPORT SERVICES

At Kent, we have a supportive study environment, which promotes a strong intellectual, interdisciplinary and social community. Our academic resources and support services are here to help you achieve your full potential. Our facilities are available to all our postgraduate students, no matter where you are based.

Library services
In addition to our rich and relevant library collections, which include specialist archives, you have access to a vast range of digital resources. Our helpful staff support you through all the stages of your coursework and research.

To help you find and access academic material online, you use search and study tools including LibrarySearch, Reading Lists and Moodle (our Virtual Learning Environment). They are a gateway to our extensive range of e-journals, e-books, reference works, theses, newspapers and much more.

Our libraries offer hundreds of study spaces in silent or quiet zones, PCs, Wi-Fi, printing and photocopying. There are café areas for taking breaks or studying with friends. Our laptop loan service means you don’t always have to carry your laptop with you.

Students in Canterbury, Medway and Tonbridge can make use of other local resources, including the Canterbury Cathedral Library and Archives, and are also within easy reach of premier research collections in London. Students in Brussels, Paris, Athens and Rome also have access to additional libraries in these cities.

Further information
www.kent.ac.uk/library

IT services and facilities
To help you work and study online or on campus, your Kent IT account provides access to:
- student PCs on campus, which have specialist subject software
- Wi-Fi across campus
- a Kent email account for life
- IT, study and research skills training – improve your skills online, drop in to support sessions or book onto free workshops or training courses.

When working off campus, you can access networked facilities remotely. For example, you can send work to student printers to be ‘released’ by you later. You can access your files and folders on the Kent network.

Further information
www.kent.ac.uk/itservices

Student Learning Advisory Service
The Student Learning Advisory Service (SLAS) is a free resource for students from all subjects and all levels of study. SLAS provides information, advice and guidance for students interested in strengthening their study skills, or who wish to discuss a specific study problem. This is provided in addition to the subject-based support available within schools.

Further information
www.kent.ac.uk/learning

Student Support and Wellbeing
Student Support Team
Our core services include support for students with: specific learning difficulties including dyslexia and dyspraxia; physical or sensory impairments and medical conditions; and Autism Spectrum conditions. We also help with applications for funding allowances, such as the Disabled Students’ Allowance. We have a team of tutors who can provide individual and specialist support and Educational Support Assistants who can help with note-taking and other learning support requirements.

Wellbeing Team
The Wellbeing Team is staffed by both Wellbeing Advisers, who support students with mental health concerns, and counsellors, who offer individual counselling sessions. We offer a confidential service and invite you to attend an assessment, which gives you the opportunity to explore the support you need to succeed in your studies. In addition to individual support, we also run workshops and courses.

Further information
www.kent.ac.uk/studentsupport

Language support
The University offers Pre-sessional English courses for students who need to improve their English and study skills before joining a postgraduate programme. There are a number of courses of different lengths, depending on your current level of English and the level you need to reach in order to study on your pathway or degree course.

In addition, the Centre for English and World Languages (CEWL) offers a range of modules and programmes in English and other world languages. The In-sessional English Skills programme provides free English language support for all Kent students who are non-native speakers of English. Students studying at our European locations can take advantage of the many opportunities for language learning locally.

Further information
www.kent.ac.uk/international-pathways/pre-sessional
www.kent.ac.uk/cewl

Students’ unions
As a student at Kent, you automatically become a member of Kent Union, your ‘home’ students’ union. Students at Medway can also join Greenwich and Kent Students’ Unions Together (GK Unions), a partnership between the University of Greenwich’s Student Union and Kent Union, which supports you during your time at the Medway campus.

Kent Union and GK Unions provide a range of social, recreational, pastoral and representative services specifically for postgraduate students.

As a member of the students’ union, you can access activities, clubs, volunteering opportunities and register with Jobshop, which advertises thousands of part-time and vacation vacancies each year. You can also seek advice on issues such as housing, finance and immigration via the Kent Union and GK Unions advice centres.

Further information
www.kentunion.co.uk
www.gkunions.co.uk

International Recruitment
The International Recruitment team provides help and support for international students from all around the world, both during the application process and throughout their studies. We have links with the University’s various cultural and international societies, and we meet many of our prospective, current and former students during visits abroad.

Further information
www.kent.ac.uk/internationalstudent

DID YOU KNOW?
As a postgraduate student, you not only have the support of the Graduate School but also access to an award-winning careers service, a medical service, wellbeing support and other student support services.
Kent has an excellent postgraduate employment record: over 96% of our postgraduate students who graduated in 2015 found a job or further study opportunity within six months. We equip you with essential skills to give you a competitive advantage when it comes to finding a job. During your studies at Kent, you acquire a high level of academic knowledge and develop transferable skills that can be applied to all aspects of employment. We also provide a comprehensive package of skills development training programmes, careers advice, and volunteering and paid work opportunities to help enhance your career prospects.

Benefits of a postgraduate education
Students choose to study at postgraduate level for many reasons: to enhance their employment prospects, to achieve a professional qualification, to facilitate a career change or to simply further their interest in a particular subject area.

Career development
In the ever-competitive global job market, a postgraduate qualification can enhance your career and earning prospects, and set you apart from students who hold an undergraduate degree. A postgraduate degree often leads to employers entrusting you with greater responsibilities at an early stage as they recognise the wider portfolio of skills that you have to offer. In turn, this is likely to lead to greater financial recognition and accelerated career progression.

Returning to study from a career
In some careers, a relevant postgraduate qualification is a prerequisite. If you are interested in changing to a new career, postgraduate study can also equip you with the knowledge and skills you need to move into a different profession.

A postgraduate course often provides the chance to further a particular interest you explored at undergraduate level or in your workplace. This can open up opportunities for promotion within your present company, if you are already employed, or prepare you for a new career.

Pathway to an academic career
While many research degree graduates choose to pursue careers outside higher education, a PhD is a clear pathway to a career in academia for those with a passion for research in their specialist subject. A research degree provides you with the skills and training essential for a successful career as an academic.

Assessing your strengths
Having successfully completed your studies at undergraduate level, you may still be unsure how to pursue your future career. A postgraduate qualification provides you with an opportunity to evaluate and further develop your strengths. This allows you to assess your personal development with a view to selecting the best career path for your talents.

Graduate destinations
Our postgraduates have gone on to work for major world-leading companies and organisations, such as Renault, Accenture, the Government Statistical Service, Cancer Research UK, Guardian News and Media, the European Commission, Deutsche Bank and Lucasfilm.

A global outlook
Around 37% of academic and research staff at the University are from outside the UK and our students represent 148 nationalities. This diverse academic community, combined with our focus on internationalisation, helps you to gain a range of perspectives to successfully compete in a global workplace.

Skills development
Employers are looking for highly advanced skills in postgraduate students that will enable them to operate effectively at a senior level. At Kent, we help you to develop these skills through your academic studies and also through participation in the University’s range of skills development programmes.
The Graduate School co-ordinates the Researcher Development Programme for postgraduate research students, covering a broad selection of topics, including research management, teamworking, problem-solving, communication and leadership skills.

Taught postgraduate students can apply for a place on the Global Skills Award programme. Delivered by the Graduate School, the programme is specifically designed to consolidate your awareness of current global issues and improve your employment prospects.

In addition to enhancing your subject knowledge and expertise, postgraduate study at Kent enables you to:
- engage with complex issues and questions
- think critically and independently about your field of study
- plan a structured and effective programme of research
- develop learning, research and organisational skills
- develop associated skills – creativity, collaborative teamworking, problem-solving, communication and goal-setting
- communicate your knowledge and insights to peers, academic supervisors and people with lay knowledge.

Careers and Employability Service
Your postgraduate degree at Kent opens up a wide range of options to you upon graduation. The University’s award-winning Careers and Employability Service has an extensive website, which helps you to analyse your employability skills, make career choices and develop your application and interview skills. It includes advice on how to make use of your degree subject in your career and an online database of graduate vacancies. The Service has also produced booklets for both taught and research postgraduates, which cover career options, the transferable skills gained through your studies, finding job opportunities and making successful applications.

Personal careers guidance is available at any stage of your studies for information and advice on your options after you graduate.

Kent Extra
Kent Extra is an excellent way to get more from your time at university. It provides opportunities to enhance your knowledge, learn new skills and improve your CV. You can do this in many ways, for example, by attending one of our summer schools; by volunteering; or by taking a Study Plus course in an area that interests you. For details, see www.kent.ac.uk/kentextra

Student enterprise
Building on our students’ growing enterprise culture and activities, we can help you develop enterprise skills and business ideas. Based at the Canterbury Innovation Centre, HIVE is the University’s dedicated hub for student entrepreneurship, start-up support and incubation.

Employability Points Scheme
Our Employability Points Scheme recognises engagement in extra-curricular activities. The points lead to rewards, ranging from vouchers and corporate activities to work experience, placements, training and internships. All rewards are carefully selected for their ability to encourage students to reflect on their experience and continue their personal development. So, not only do students enhance their skills through the activities, but the rewards themselves improve and increase their long-term employability opportunities.

Volunteering
The University recognises that employers are looking for more than just a good degree; they are seeking evidence of key employability skills, such as leadership, teamwork, reliability and initiative. All of these skills and more can be gained through volunteering.

Both Kent Union and GK Unions run the Kent Student Certificate for Volunteering (KSCV), a formal recognition scheme for volunteers, which is endorsed by the University. When you undertake any form of volunteering while at the University, you can work towards various levels of the award. The KSCV helps to build a skills record, which is designed to encourage you to think about the skills you have developed as a result of volunteering and can be used to support CVs and job applications.

Volunteering on campus can involve running societies or sports clubs, or supporting your peers academically through course representation and mentoring. Off campus, you can get involved in supporting the numerous local charities, schools or voluntary organisations.

All volunteers are supported by Kent Union and GK Unions volunteering staff.

Paid work at university
Paid work through temporary or part-time jobs helps to cover your living costs and gives you the opportunity to gain practical experience and work-related skills while you are studying. The University and the students' unions employ around 2,000 students each year in a range of posts, from mentoring, teaching and research to clerical and administrative jobs in both academic schools and through our professional service offices.

Jobshop
The students’ union at Kent runs Jobshop, an employment agency that advertises hundreds of vacancies throughout the local region in areas such as translation, mentoring, website development, retail and charity fundraising. This service is available to students studying at both Canterbury and Medway, and you can register online as soon as you become a student at Kent.

International study placements
Kent’s international links provide a range of opportunities for postgraduate students to undertake part of their studies or research abroad. International mobility within postgraduate programmes offers an experience that can enhance academic, personal and professional development. For details of the options available, see www.kent.ac.uk/goabroad

International graduate work in the UK
If you are an international student from outside the EU on a Tier 4 student visa, you are allowed to work part-time in the UK for up to a maximum of 20 hours per week during term-time and full-time during vacation periods. Term dates are available here: www.kent.ac.uk/academic/University-term-dates/ Menutermdates.html

When you come to the end of your studies, you might consider the possibility of staying on in the UK to work. For the most up-to-date information on the options available to you, please visit: www.kentunion.co.uk/welfare/advice-centre/ international-students-and-visas or www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Working/ Working-after-studies

Further information
Careers and employability
www.kent.ac.uk/ces
www.kent.ac.uk/employability
www.kent.ac.uk/employabilitypoints

Jobshop and volunteering
www.kentunion.co.uk
www.gkunions.co.uk
www.kent.ac.uk/ambassadors
As the UK’s European university, we are proud to be outward facing and international. We are an inclusive and diverse institution and recognise that we, and the wider society, benefit greatly from this diversity. Our partnerships within Europe provide the foundation for our international approach to research and teaching. We have locations in Brussels, Paris, Athens and Rome in addition to our UK campuses, and have over 100 European partners, including the highest ranking institutions in several countries.

European programmes
Kent has a wide and growing range of programmes with a particular European focus in areas such as European culture and languages, drama, politics, law, economics, business and migration. Some of our postgraduate programmes offer dual UK and European qualifications (International Double Degrees and jointly supervised PhD/cotutelle awards).

European research and projects
Many academics are involved in research projects in collaboration with other European universities, and a high percentage of Kent’s research is funded by the EU. Kent leads or is involved in a large number of projects funded through the EU Interreg initiative within the European Regional Development Fund, as well as research and development projects within the EU’s Framework Programme, such as Horizon 2020.

European exchanges and credit systems
Kent is a key player in the Erasmus student exchange programme and was one of the first universities to receive the E-quality label for its exchange programme. Kent uses the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) throughout all its degrees and was the first UK university to introduce the European Diploma Supplement.

Further information
www.kent.ac.uk/european
www.kent.ac.uk/global

Centres in Brussels, Paris, Athens and Rome
These specialist centres, and the programmes we offer, exploit the specific historical, social, political and artistic resources available in these exceptional sites. Kent offers programmes in international studies in Brussels, the political heart of Europe; programmes in the humanities in Paris, the cultural hub of the Western world; heritage management in Athens, the cradle of Western civilisation; and the study of the ancient world in Rome, the centre of classical antiquity.

Teaching in these locations allows students and staff alike to expand their knowledge, and their social and professional networks, through direct contact and exposure to source materials and expert knowledge; from internships in EU NGOs to easy access to the world-class museums in Paris; and from hands-on experience in archaeological sites in Athens to the first-hand study of the artwork and ancient monuments and artefacts of Rome.

Our campuses and centres are open to all of our students and can be used by all postgraduate students to host conferences and academic activities.

European students
We attract a high percentage of our students from outside the UK and many of these students come from other European countries. International students make up over 27% of our overall student population; around 11% of our students come from within Europe, representing 37 different European countries.

Where the world meets Europe
With 148 nationalities represented in our student body and 37% of our research and teaching staff from outside the UK, we celebrate intellectual and cultural diversity with a commitment to educate our students to be the global citizens of tomorrow.

Canterbury, the location of our main campus, is the closest UK city to the European continent. Proximity to airports, the Channel ports and particularly the Eurostar terminals at Ashford and Ebbsfleet means quick and easy access to Paris, Brussels and Lille, and from there onwards to all major European cities.

Our collaborations can boast links with, among others, the Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris, Philipps-Universitat Marburg, Ruprecht-Karls-Universitat Heidelberg, Universiteit Gent, Uppsala Universitet, and the universities of Amsterdam, Bologna, Copenhagen, Helsinki and Vienna. Our strong connections within Europe enhance our international approach to all our academic activities.

Further information
www.kent.ac.uk/international
www.kent.ac.uk/our_partners_universities

For a list of our international partner universities, see www.kent.ac.uk/internationalmaps
Canterbury is a beautiful and cosmopolitan city with a rich heritage and vibrant culture. It is home to the world-famous Canterbury Cathedral, which forms part of a World Heritage Site and is one of the venues for our graduation ceremonies.

Campus life
Founded in 1965, the Canterbury campus is Kent's original site and is built on 300 acres of parkland overlooking the city centre. Modern buildings are surrounded by open green spaces, courtyards, gardens and woodland, with stunning views of Canterbury and the Stour Valley.

The campus is self-contained, which means that you are within walking distance of all the excellent facilities on offer: lecture theatres and seminar rooms, academic staff offices, the Graduate School, the Sports Centre and Pavilion, the Gulbenkian Theatre and Cinema, the Colyer-Fergusson Building for music performance, the Templeman Library, IT Services, the campus shop and bookshop, a medical centre and pharmacy, bistros, bars, the students' union, The Venue nightclub, the Student Media Centre, free-access computer areas, bus stops and launderettes. Canterbury city centre is only 25 minutes’ walk from the campus and there is a frequent and direct bus service.

A free shuttle bus runs between the Canterbury and Medway campuses during term-time, so you can also sample everything Medway has to offer.

Location
From its origins, and the establishment of the Church in Canterbury in 597, the city has long been a seat of learning and a location for the exchange and dissemination of knowledge.

Canterbury was the starting point for the Via Francigena, the major pilgrimage route to Rome in the Middle Ages. This route passed through England, France, Switzerland and Italy via abbeys and monasteries – the centres of learning in medieval times. Through this route, the information superhighway of its time, knowledge was exchanged, and ideas and culture were communicated to the known world.

Canterbury itself was a pilgrimage site and the destination of the well-known Pilgrims’ Way, which linked Canterbury to London via Rochester.

As the closest UK city to continental Europe, Canterbury offers easy access to three of the most influential cities in Europe: London, Paris and Brussels. High-speed trains run regularly between Canterbury West and London St Pancras and take approximately 56 minutes. We are in close proximity to airports, the Channel ports and the Eurostar Terminals at Ashford and Ebbsfleet, from where you can be in Paris or Brussels in approximately two hours, and Lille in just over an hour.

Accommodation
The majority of new postgraduate students are offered accommodation in Woolf College. The en-suite rooms are arranged in flats with six or eight students per flat and a large shared kitchen.

The College has its own courtyard areas and laundrette. Each room has free internet connection and a link to the University’s computer network system, and is rented for 51 weeks to cater for the academic demands of postgraduate study and in line with students’ registration periods. Postgraduate students who, for academic purposes, will be resident in Canterbury for fewer than 51 weeks should contact our Accommodation Office.

Alternatively, students may prefer to live off campus in Canterbury in privately rented accommodation. For more information, see www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation

Social life
Gulbenkian arts centre
The Gulbenkian is the University’s arts centre, housing a theatre, cinema and café stage for live music. An exciting and diverse programme showcases theatre and dance from leading UK and international companies, plus great stand-up, live music, spoken word and University of Kent student productions. The cinema shows the best in film: British, foreign language, indie, cult, blockbusters, the big new releases and favourite classics. For more details, see www.thegulbenkian.co.uk

Music
Students on both the Canterbury and Medway campuses can take part in a wide range of extra-curricular music-making.

At Canterbury, the award-winning Colyer-Fergusson Building is the venue for concerts and rehearsals, and there are also opportunities each year to perform in the spectacular surroundings of Canterbury Cathedral. If you sing or play an instrument, you can join the Chorus, Symphony Orchestra, Concert and Big Bands, Chamber Choir and the many other bands and ensembles that are formed each year. There are also musical events and activities organised by the various student music societies. Students at an advanced vocal or instrumental level can apply for a music performance scholarship. For further information, see www.kent.ac.uk/music
Kent Union
Kent Union, the students’ union at Canterbury, is run ‘by the students, for the students’. It provides a wide variety of facilities, services and activities, represents students’ interests, and offers help, support and advice when needed. Facilities include the Student Advice Centre, Jobshop, Oaks Nursery, Student Media Centre, Essentials (campus shop), the Venue nightclub, Woody’s bar and the Library Café. The union also runs a wide range of sports clubs and societies, and co-ordinates a volunteering scheme (see p13).

Eating out
The campus has many great places to eat, including Dolche Vita and K-Bar in Keynes College, the Gulbenkian café, Origins in Darwin College, Mungo’s in Eliot College, Bag It in Rutherford Dining Hall, Hut 8 in Turing College, Create café in the Marlowe Building and Woody’s in Park Wood. For more details, see www.kent.ac.uk/catering

Clubs and bars
The Venue is a student nightclub run by Kent Union. It plays host to a range of acts and offers a variety of music genres, club nights and live entertainment, including local, student and mainstream bands.

Some colleges have their own bar: Mungo’s, Origins and K-Bar. Woody’s is a more traditional sports bar in the heart of Park Wood, while the Gulbenkian has a relaxed café-bar in the theatre-cinema complex.

Student activities
The Student Activities Centre provides opportunities for you to participate in a diverse range of activities and groups, led by students and supported by Kent Union and elected student officers. These include societies, sports clubs, student media and volunteering. A state-of-the-art Student Media Centre, located above The Venue, opened in April 2014 and houses our radio station, student newspaper and KTV – our own TV station. For more information, see www.kentunion.co.uk/activities

Kent Sport
Kent Sport members enjoy first-class facilities, including a substantial fitness suite linked to the Kent Sport Physiotherapy Clinic, a fitness and dance studio, as well as indoor netball, badminton, basketball and squash courts. At the Pavilion, there are indoor and outdoor tennis courts, cricket pitches and all-weather floodlit football, rugby and hockey pitches, together with great social space at the Pavilion Café Bar; overlooking the outdoor sports facilities. Sports facility developments are ongoing, including the provision of a cycle hub for 2016/17. We provide sports and fitness courses, leagues and tournaments, fitness assessments and tailored exercise programmes. You can also join a range of sports societies and teams. Kent also offers sports scholarships to students who have demonstrated significant sporting potential (see p22). For further information, see www.kent.ac.uk/sports

MEDWAY
Our Medway campus is in a great location, close to the River Medway with part of the campus based at The Historic Dockyard, Chatham, and within easy reach of London by high-speed train. Housing award-winning buildings and brand new facilities, the campus has a strong sense of community and offers an exciting social life for students. This year also sees the opening of the newly developed Student Hub (see p18).

Campus life
Medway students enjoy a modern study environment with exceptional facilities. The flagship Medway Building has won several awards for design excellence. The Gillingham Building houses fully equipped teaching rooms and academic schools, and the Rochester Building includes the No1 Bistro, plus large rooms for seminars and executive meetings.

We have also invested in a multimillion-pound refurbishment of key academic facilities at The Historic Dockyard as part of the expansion of the School of Music and Fine Art. In 2015, The Historic Dockyard also became home to Kent Business School at Medway. Originally built in 1723, the Sail and Colour Loft was adapted to create a 21st-century teaching and learning environment to house the Medway arm of the School. The development also includes a new lecture theatre in the Royal Dockyard church and a bar and bistro in the Galvanising Shop.

All our professionally focused programmes are supported by modern facilities. Music students have access to professional rehearsal rooms, tracking, overdubbing and post-production studios equipped with industry-standard software. Fine Art students have access to a gallery, a darkroom, a kiln room, plaster-casting, metalwork, wood and machine workshops, as well as print and digital facilities. Journalism students benefit from a multimedia newsroom complete with editorial resources, including audio and video editing, cameras and autocues, and broadcast studios fully equipped for live and recorded programme-making. Sport and Exercise Sciences students use the extensive sports facilities at Medway Park (see p18).

A free shuttle bus runs between the Medway and Canterbury campuses during term-time, so you can also sample everything Canterbury has to offer.

Location
The Medway towns of Chatham, Gillingham, Rainham, Rochester and Strood stand at the mouth of the River Medway where it flows into the Thames Estuary. Kent’s Medway campus is part of Chatham Maritime, where The Historic Dockyard has been redeveloped and refurbished. Nearby is a multiplex cinema, the Dockside retail outlet, wine bars, restaurants and the Strand Leisure Park.

Medway has a rich and fascinating history. Rochester Castle was one of the first large stone keeps built by William the Conqueror after the Norman Conquest, while Rochester Cathedral – where Kent holds its Medway graduation ceremonies – was founded over 1,400 years ago. Medway also has a distinguished naval history – the first ship built at The Historic Dockyard, Chatham took part in the defeat of the Armada. One of Medway’s most famous inhabitants was Charles Dickens, who lived in Chatham as a child, and in Rochester for 14 years until his death.

The campus is close to central London: trains from Ebbsfleet International take approximately 20 minutes and trains from Chatham take under an hour. If you want to explore Paris or Brussels, the Eurostar train from Ebbsfleet International can take you there in about two hours. The town centres of Chatham and Rochester are a short bus-ride away.

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Accommodation
We can offer all eligible postgraduate students the opportunity to live as part of the student community in purpose-built self-catered, en-suite accommodation at Liberty Quays. Located right by the River Medway, each flat has single en-suite rooms for six to eight students who share a fully equipped kitchen. The accommodation has its own social facilities and launderette, and each room has internet access. Just a ten-minute walk from campus, Liberty Quays also has its own Tesco Express store and fast-food outlets, as well as Cargo bar and bistro. For more details, see www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation/medway/apply.

Social life
There is a great sense of community on campus and plenty of opportunities to make friends. Most social activities are run by the Medway students’ union, GK Unions. The range of societies and clubs on offer include an international society, debating society, gaming society, Raise and Give (RaG) society, and many cultural and religious societies. Annual events include the end-of-year summer ball, featuring celebrity DJs. See www.gkunions.co.uk for more details.

There are several cafés and restaurants on campus. In addition, the universities of Kent and Greenwich have recently converted a listed building on campus into a student hub, featuring The Deep End, a modern café/bar, as well as entertainment and social activity space. The hub is also home to GK Unions, the Advice Centre and the activities team.

Nearby is a multi-screen cinema showing the most popular movies. The local town of Chatham provides a range of music-making, including choirs, Big Band and Samba Band. You also have the opportunity to get involved in musical events and activities organised by the various student music societies on both campuses. Students at an advanced vocal or instrumental level can apply for a music performance scholarship. For further information, see www.kent.ac.uk/music.

Sport
The University has a wide range of sports societies – everything from table tennis to women’s football. Being close to the river means that many students also take part in activities such as rowing, canoeing and sailing.

The nearby multimillion-pound sports centre, Medway Park (partly funded by the University), offers special rates to our students. Facilities include a swimming pool, fitness suite and an athletics track, as well as several sports halls. All facilities are built to high standards and the Park was an approved pre-Games training camp for 13 Olympic and eight Paralympic sports for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Also in the Medway area, you can enjoy an ice rink, dry ski slope, karting circuit, golf course with driving range, athletics track and indoor bowls.

TONTBRIDGE

The University of Kent’s study centre has its own facilities just five minutes’ walk from the railway station at Tonbridge. The centre provides flexible, high-quality teaching in a friendly and supportive environment to students of all ages and from a variety of backgrounds. It offers short courses for interest, including a selection of postgraduate-level taster courses. In addition, the centre focuses on supporting the continuing professional development needs of the business community in the region. In addition to the library and e-resources onsite, our Tonbridge students have access to the resources on Kent’s campuses at Canterbury and Medway.

BRUSSELS

The thriving Alumni Network communicates on many levels to keep alumni in touch with each other, the University, current students and developments in the field of international affairs. Alumni have also agreed to share their experiences in their respective fields and to help where possible with internships and employment.

With its interdisciplinary focus and the combination of academics and practitioners, the University’s Brussels School of International Studies (BSIS) offers you a unique and unparalleled opportunity for education and professional advancement in the ‘capital of Europe’. Its programmes and short courses cover the spectrum of international studies and you are therefore able to design a course to suit your individual strengths and needs.

Student life
The opportunities for networking in Brussels are first class and you regularly attend and contribute to the policy discussions and debates across the city. This is complemented by practitioners who either teach on courses in their field of expertise or who are invited to deliver specific lectures on a weekly basis.

Recent speakers have included Lord Hannay of Chiswick (former UK Ambassador to the UN), Gareth Evans (President Emeritus of the International Crisis Group) and General Sir Mike Jackson (former Head of the British Army).

Our career development programme offers you the opportunity to take part in regular coaching sessions and workshops to help you secure internships and jobs. Taught Master’s students can also apply for a place on the Global Skills Award programme (see p4 for details).

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All students are encouraged to participate in a variety of student fora. Current topics include international justice, migration studies, strategic affairs and the environment. You also have the opportunity to submit articles to the Journal of International Studies.

Each year, students take leadership roles in organising the annual conference, which regularly
attracts participants from many countries, including Russia, Austria, the UK, the Netherlands, Italy and Belgium.

Although all teaching is in English, you may wish to develop your language skills, which can be essential for building a career in international affairs. There are many private agencies and schools offering language courses, as well as students who offer lessons in exchange for the chance to improve their English. For more formal language classes, students can choose to study at our partner institution, the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), whose campus is next to ours. For more information, visit www.vub.ac.be

Location
The Brussels centre is a 15-minute drive from the city centre and there are also metro, bus and tram links. It is easy to reach other European cities: destinations such as London, Paris, Amsterdam and Cologne are all around two hours away by high-speed train and Brussels has a major international airport.

Accommodation
Although the University does not offer campus accommodation in Brussels, there is a wealth of affordable private rental options available and students usually find a place to live shortly after arrival. Studio apartments with all charges included (water, electricity, gas, tenant charges) can be found for around €550-750 per month, and a one-bedroom all-included for around €650-850 per month. Most students choose to share an apartment and this will cost approximately €350-450 per month, including utilities. Notices of available apartments, many of which are being vacated by outgoing BSIS students, are also sent through the list-serve, an automatic electronic mailing list; or online via the secure Facebook group, which is set up each year for incoming students; or via our housing blog, which includes a long list of options with trusted landlords. For details, see www.kent.ac.uk/brussels

Social life
Brussels is a cultural city with many music and film festivals and exhibitions, plus a great number of cafés, bars and restaurants. You can sample the world-class chocolates and take advantage of the excellent shopping – from large gallery shopping centres to colourful local markets.

At BSIS, an annual formal High Table Dinner is held to mark the end of the teaching year to which a guest (usually a politician, diplomat or senior member of an international organisation) is invited. A committee of students chooses the venue and plans the event, which is often based around a particular international theme.

Sport
Students have use of the VUB sporting facilities, which include football and rugby pitches, a 25-metre swimming pool, an athletics track, sports halls for squash, tennis, badminton, martial arts, basketball and indoor football. There is also a variety of exercise classes on offer and a sports bar. Kent students are able to join Health City, a state-of-the-art fitness facility located in the VUB sports complex, which offers a huge range of aerobic and resistance training equipment.

Further information
www.kent.ac.uk/brussels

PARIS
As one of the most culturally and intellectually significant cities in the world, Paris is a unique and exciting place to live and study. It was named the top city in the world for students for the fourth year running in the 2016 QS Best Student City rankings.

Programmes and associated activities delivered at Kent’s Paris School of Arts and Culture are designed to increase cultural knowledge, to heighten social and historical awareness and to broaden intellectual and imaginative horizons. Through taught modules and independent research, you are encouraged to fulfil your analytical, creative and communicative potential, and to develop essential transferable skills. All the courses available in Paris are designed so as to best take advantage of the city and its rich cultural infrastructure.

Although all teaching is in English, you may wish to develop your language skills, which can be essential for your future career and personal plans. Free French language classes are available throughout the autumn and spring terms.

Student life
The Paris School of Arts and Culture is based at the Columbia Global Center (known as Reid Hall) in the historic heart of Montparnasse, where Picasso and Modigliani had their studios, and near cafés that were frequented by Gertrude Stein and Ernest Hemingway.

Reid Hall was once the home to the American Girls’ Club of Paris, where young female artists took up residence at the site, starting in the late 19th century. It has been an important educational institution since that time. Eminent scholars such as Roland Barthes, Jacques Derrida and Simone de Beauvoir have all lectured at Reid Hall.

Reid Hall is a beautiful and convivial space where you have many opportunities to meet students and staff not only from Kent but also from other universities established there, including Columbia University, Barnard College and Dartmouth College.

Paris is internationally recognised as a major centre of European culture and the city’s historic status is evident in its exceptional architecture, libraries, museums and art galleries. There are weekly excursions and film screenings, which complement and enhance the theoretical aspects of your programme.

Paris is also an international centre of contemporary creativity, attracting musicians, writers, artists and filmmakers from all over the world. The resulting
contemporary arts scene is energised by a vibrant mix of intercultural styles and influences.

All students are encouraged to participate in a variety of workshops, conferences and open lectures. The Paris School of Arts and Culture, in collaboration with its partner institutions, hosts an annual seminar series entitled Politics of Translation – Translation of Cultures. Last year’s distinguished speakers included the novelist Will Self, Professors Nick Harrison and Michael Moriarty, and performance poet Patience Agbabi. The School also collaborates closely with the British Embassy in France and the British Council in order to organise scholarly lectures, intercultural activities and events. In addition, we have visiting authors who come to be interviewed, hold masterclasses and meet with the students throughout the term. You also have the opportunity to be involved in the student-produced literary magazine, The Menteur (www.thementeur.com).

Location

Paris School of Arts and Culture is easily accessible by metro, tram or bus, as it is in the centre of Paris, and is around 20 minutes away from the Gare du Nord train station. Paris is ideally located to reach other major mainland European cities as well as the UK, Brussels and London are only about two hours away by train and the city is served by two main airports, offering international and domestic connections.

Accommodation

Although Kent does not offer University accommodation in Paris, we are able to provide advice to help you find suitable accommodation. Options may include staying in a hall of residence or with a host, but most of our students opt to rent flats, or rooms in shared flats. There are also organisations in Paris to help students find short-term accommodation, as well as private accommodation agencies. For more information, please visit our website. You may also contact the Paris School of Arts and Culture by email: paris@kent.ac.uk

Social life

Students are able to make full use of the city’s extraordinary social and cultural resources, enjoying all the opportunities that come with living and working in Paris.

For students with a passion for literature, art, history, film and music, Paris offers an unrivalled choice of libraries, galleries, museums, cinemas, theatres, clubs and concert halls. Reid Hall is only a few minutes’ walk from the Luxembourg Gardens – an expansive, classically designed park, much frequented by students from the Sorbonne and other Latin-Quarter institutions.

Paris, its region and the whole of France have an excellent transport system, offering you the opportunity for trips to Zola’s house in Médiàn, Rodin’s house and studios in Meudon, Monet’s house and gardens in Giverny or, further afield, to the châteaux of the Loire, to Lyons, Marseilles or the Picasso museum in Antibes on the Côte d’Azur. Trips to Italy, Spain and other neighbouring countries are easily organised.

Academic and support staff who are with you during your time in Paris will provide advice and guidance on how you can get involved in the life of the city and how such activities can both complement your studies and make your stay in Paris a life-enhancing experience.

Further information

www.kent.ac.uk/paris

ATHENS

Kent offers its MA in Heritage Management in Athens, one of the oldest cities in the world and home to many world-famous historical sites and ancient artefacts.

The Master’s degree is a collaboration between the University of Kent and Athens University of Economics and Business (AUeB), and teaches the skills required for the management of heritage sites across the world. Teaching is in English and there is a range of scholarships available.

Student life

Classes take place in the well-equipped seminar rooms of the municipality of Eleusina building, courtesy of the Initiative for Heritage Conservancy (IHC), or occasionally onsite at Eleusis and other locations. The library holdings and computer facilities of the IHC are all at your disposal, and you also have access to the library of the AUeB in central Athens, as well as the electronic libraries of AUeB and Kent. You also have the opportunity to contribute to the online blog about our heritage work: https://inherity.wordpress.com

Location

The programme is ideally located in the Athenian suburb of Eleusina, the birthplace of Aeschylus and, as the location of the Eleusinian mysteries, one of the most important archaeological religious sites in the world. The centre of Athens is only 30km away, and as such you have close access to many other major historical sites, including the Parthenon, Ancient Corinth, Nemea and Thebes.

Eleusis is a fairly large town with many amenities, such as a sports centre, shops, restaurants, cafés, libraries, a museum, a summer cinema, music schools and foreign language schools. It has a good bus connection to the bustling city of Athens, with an incredible array of restaurants, museums and culture, and an exciting nightlife.

Accommodation

A list of suitable accommodation in Eleusina or central Athens is provided to all students. We also offer advice on arranging your own rented accommodation and can liaise with landlords on your behalf. Please contact the local administrator for more information at heritage@aueb.gr
Social life
In collaboration with the IHC, there is a number of extra-curricular activities available in Eleusina at a discounted fee, including courses for non-Greek speakers in music, painting and dance, and we also run a heritage photography club. Eleusina is also excellent for outdoor pursuits, with local societies for sailing, mountaineering and basketball. There is an annual arts festival, where you can experience Greek music and theatre.

Student life
In Rome, Kent students are based at the campus of the American University of Rome (AUR), which has a long tradition of pairing intellectual rigour with the unique opportunity to use its location as a classroom.

Situated in the picturesque district of Monteverde, with a wide range of shops and amenities close by, the campus is within walking distance of Rome’s historic centre and the city’s extensive array of Roman sites, monuments, museums and galleries.

Study facilities at the AUR include computer workstations, free Wi-Fi and full audio-visual equipment in all classrooms. Lecture rooms are housed in a former monastery while the gardens and terraces act as lively social spaces. There is a library located in Evans Hall, a stately two-storey building housing over 15,000 volumes, as well as providing access to important online databases and the vast network of Rome’s other libraries.

Students have full access to all support facilities, including an English-speaking GP on site, a counsellor and support from staff in the Student Life Office.

Location
Rome is arguably the most historically and archaeologically significant city in Europe, if not the world. You not only study the ancient sites, such as the Colosseum, the Pantheon and the Roman Forum, but also see the development of the city over time. There is the Rome of mythology, the Rome of the Republic, the Rome of the emperors, but also of later eras: of medieval pilgrimage, of the Renaissance, of the Risorgimento (unification of Italy), of Italy’s liberation from Fascism, and of the more recent past. More importantly, it is an exciting and cosmopolitan city today.

Accommodation
Accommodation in Rome can be arranged with the AUR, and consists of furnished apartments with shared bedrooms in traditional, well-established neighbourhoods surrounding the campus.

Social life
There is a range of student societies, cultural events and sports clubs available to suit almost every interest.

Further information
www.kent.ac.uk/rome

Further information
www.kent.ac.uk/athens
www.heritage.aueb.gr
Postgraduate study is a significant investment in your future, one that will reap a lifetime of benefits, both personally and professionally. At Kent, we are aware that this investment can be costly and so we have devised a range of packages, from alumni discounts to scholarships and work appointments, to ensure you have the necessary financial support.

We have funds in excess of £9 million to support our postgraduate community, from Research Councils UK awards to philanthropic gifts.

We have full awards to support doctoral research candidates, tuition fee awards for those pursuing taught Master’s programmes, loyalty discounts for our alumni, location-specific awards, scholarships for overseas students as well as awards that recognise excellence in sport and music.

We provided awards to over 600 students in the 2015/16 academic year and expect to provide additional awards for 2016/17. You are encouraged to look through our website for funds suitable for you and your circumstances. Below we provide a brief synopsis of our most prestigious awards.

Research Council funding
Kent has a record of attracting funding from the Research Councils UK:
- Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC)
- Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)
- Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC)
- Medical Research Council (MRC)
- Natural Environment Research Council (NERC)
- Science & Technology Facilities Council (STFC).

In general, Research Councils UK awards provide full tuition fees with a maintenance grant. Awards from these councils are highly competitive. You must apply via the University and we encourage early application; the University normally has internal deadlines that you must meet in order for applications to be submitted to the Research Councils for their deadlines.

Graduate Teaching Assistantship
The University and many of our academic schools offer scholarships under the Graduate Teaching Assistantship (GTAs) scheme, whereby postgraduate research students receive financial support in return for teaching. The amount of the GTA award varies; however, many GTAs are ‘full’ awards that cover tuition fees at the home/EU rate, plus a combined salary and a maintenance stipend, which together equal or better the Research Councils UK award. All postgraduate research applicants are eligible to apply for GTAs, subject to visa and residence requirements.

Vice-Chancellor’s Research Scholarships
Kent has established 100 doctoral scholarships to be awarded annually. These scholarships will be offered in the form of GTAs (see below, left). Successful candidates will demonstrate academic excellence and outstanding research potential.

School scholarships
Many schools at Kent also offer one or two University postgraduate research scholarships. These awards vary in amount; for example, they may cover or contribute to tuition fees and/or provide a stipend. All postgraduate research students are eligible to apply for postgraduate research scholarships.

Additional scholarships
Kent offers one of the best scholarship programmes in the country to support many specific activities. For example, our scholarships programme includes:
- International Scholarships for Taught Master’s Students – £5,000 per year of study
- University Music Performance Scholarships – between £1,000 and £2,000 a year
- University sports scholarships – between £300 and £5,000 a year
- Christine and Ian Bolt Scholarships to undertake a period of sustained research in the USA – up to £10,000
- Medway Community Scholarships – £1,000.

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In addition to these, we have numerous other awards to support specific programmes and objectives, provided by generous philanthropic gifts. These are too numerous to list but are updated regularly at www.kent.ac.uk/pgfunding

**Loyalty awards**

The University of Kent values its alumni and their dependents, and is pleased to offer a choice of special schemes to assist with the cost of postgraduate study:

- The Graduate School Scholarship provides an award of up to £1,000 towards the first year’s fees for those moving directly from undergraduate to postgraduate study.
- The Loyalty Discount offers a 10% reduction on the cost of the first year’s fees to alumni and close family members.

In addition, the University has a generous scholarship open to graduates returning to Kent to undertake a research degree. The Alumni Postgraduate Research Scholarship covers tuition fees at the home/EU rate and provides a maintenance grant at the same rate as the Research Councils UK. Successful applicants are selected on the basis of academic excellence, achievements to date in their chosen field, their communication skills and their contribution to the life of the University community.

**Postgraduate Loan Scheme**

Postgraduate loans of up to £10,000 are available for Home and EU* students taking a postgraduate taught Master’s programme, who are domiciled in England and are under 60 at the time of course registration. For further information, see www.kent.ac.uk/pgfunding

**Tuition fees**

**UK-based programmes**

The basic tuition fees for UK-based programmes for 2017/18 are listed below (unless otherwise stated). For non-standard fees, see www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/fees

### UK/EU* students

- Standard taught: £6,500
- Standard research: £4,121

### International students

- Standard laboratory taught programmes: £16,720
- Standard non-laboratory taught programmes: £14,670
- Standard laboratory research programmes: £16,480
- Standard non-laboratory research programmes: £13,810

The fees quoted are for full-time study and represent the cost of one year of study only. Fees are correct for 2017/18; fees will increase year on year by no more than RPI +3% in each academic year of study except where regulated. Where fees are regulated (such as by the Department of Business, Innovation & Skills or the Research Councils UK), they will be increased by an amount up to the permitted increase.

**Programmes based outside the UK**

Please note that programmes delivered outside the UK are subject to different fee structures. Paris-only programmes as well as programmes in Athens and Brussels are charged in euros rather than sterling. Details of the fees can be found on our website: www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/fees

**Fee-paying categories**

UK or EU fee status depends on your nationality and residency. In general, students paying the UK or EU fee should have ‘settled status’ under UK immigration regulations prior to the start of their course, or students holding full EU nationality should have been resident in the European Economic Area for non-educational purposes for three years prior to the start of their course. The UK/EU category also includes EU students with indefinite leave to remain in the UK.

### Payment of tuition fees

You must pay fees in advance at the beginning of each academic year. There are two main ways of paying:

- in full – this qualifies for a 2% discount if cleared funds are received in full by 31 August
- in two instalments – 50% on or before registration, and 50% by 1 December. The instalment plan needs to be set up online at https://epay.kent.ac.uk/epay

For alternative payment methods, please see www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/payment/makingpayments.html

For information on the University’s debt policy, please see www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/student-finance-guide/further_information.html

**Further information**

www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student

**Living costs**

Each student has different circumstances, so to help you estimate your living costs, we provide an online calculator at www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/livingcosts.html

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The University has agreed that for 2017, EU students who satisfy the criteria set out above will be classified as UK/EU (Home) fee paying. At the time of going to press, we are not yet aware of the impact the UK’s withdrawal from the European Union may have on the eligibility of EU students to access certain UK postgraduate funding schemes, such as Research Councils UK awards and Postgraduate Loans for Master’s programmes. Please see www.kent.ac.uk/pgfunding for the most up-to-date information.

1 fee set by the Research Councils UK for 2016/17 entry
We welcome students who want to visit our campuses and postgraduate centres.

Open Days
The University holds a number of organised events, such as general Open Days at our Canterbury and Medway campuses. These events are open to everyone and are designed to give you a flavour of what it is like to be a student at Kent. We also organise events specifically for prospective postgraduate students at Canterbury, Tonbridge, Brussels and Paris. Please see www.kent.ac.uk/opendays or contact the Recruitment and Admissions Office for further details.

In addition, a number of academic schools hold open events to which they invite potential students.

Individual tours
You are welcome to visit the University independently. We produce a leaflet for a self-guided tour and you may also be able to meet up with an academic member of staff. In addition, we are happy to organise individual tours for prospective students living outside the UK. To request a tour, please go to www.kent.ac.uk/informal – to be sure of availability, requests need to be made at least two weeks in advance.

Canterbury
By air
The nearest major airports to the Canterbury campus are London Heathrow (LHR) and London Gatwick (LGW). Both airports also have excellent transport links to central London and onwards. If taking a taxi directly to the campus, Heathrow is a 120-minute journey, Gatwick airport is a 90-minute journey.

By rail
London St Pancras to Canterbury West: journey time approximately 56 minutes.

By bus
London Victoria to Canterbury bus station: journey time approximately 120 minutes. Canterbury bus station to the University, regular service: journey time approximately 15 minutes.

By road
From London, the north and west: M25, (M20), M2, A2. Canterbury central ring road, A290 Whitstable Road, St Thomas Hill, approximately one mile (1.6km) up the A290, University entrance on right (signposted) near top of hill.

Campus map
www.kent.ac.uk/maps/canterbury

Medway
By air
The nearest major airports to the Medway campus are London Heathrow (LHR) and London Gatwick (LGW), both with excellent transport links to central London and onwards. If taking a taxi directly to the campus, Heathrow is a 90-minute journey, Gatwick airport is a 60-minute journey.

By rail
London Victoria to Chatham: journey time approximately 50 minutes. St Pancras to Ebbsfleet International, approximately 20 minutes or to Chatham approximately 45 minutes.

By bus
From Chatham Station to Chatham Maritime: journey time approximately 15 minutes.

By road
From London, the north and west: M25, M2. Follow signs for Gillingham, then The Historic Dockyard and Chatham Maritime via the A299 and the Medway Tunnel. From the east: A2, A289, the Gillingham Northern Link Road, follow signs for the Medway Tunnel.

Campus map
www.kent.ac.uk/maps/medway

Tonbridge
By rail
London Charing Cross or London Cannon Street to Tonbridge: journey time approximately 45 minutes.

By road
From London, the north and west: M25, A21, A26 to Tonbridge, continue past Tonbridge station, left at roundabout on to Avebury Avenue.

Centre map
www.kent.ac.uk/maps/tonbridge
Brussels
By air
The nearest major airports to the Brussels School of International Studies (BSIS) are Brussels Airport (BRU) and Charleroi Brussels South (CRL), both with excellent transport links to central Brussels.

By rail
The Etterbeek train station is 800 metres from the BSIS campus and provides regular connections with Schuman, Brussels North and Brussels Midi stations.

By bus
Take the 34 from Trone or Porte du Namur and alight at Arsenal.

By tram
Take the 7 or 25 and alight at the Arsenal stop, from which our school is situated across the road.

By metro
The Brussels campus is a short walk from the Pétillon Metro station.

Centre map
www.kent.ac.uk/maps/brussels

Paris
By air
The nearest major airports to Reid Hall in Paris are Charles de Gaulle (CDG) and Orly (ORY), both with excellent transport links to central Paris.

By rail
The largest railway station in Paris is Gare du Nord, where you may access Reid Hall by metro. The closest commuter railway station to Reid Hall is Port-Royal, which is on the RER B line and links directly to Charles de Gaulle airport and Gare du Nord station.

By metro
Reid Hall is close to the Vavin metro station. If you are coming from the Gare du Nord, take the line 4 in the direction of Maître de Montreouge. It takes about 30 minutes to get to Reid Hall with no changes.

Centre map
www.kent.ac.uk/maps/paris

Athens
By air
The nearest major airport to Eleusina is Athens International Airport, also known as Eleftherios Venizelos (ATH). To reach Eleusina, you take a combination of Rail or Metro with bus services.

By rail and bus
At the airport, you take the light rail (proastiakos) towards Corinth (Korinthos) or Kato and alight at Magoula. From there, you pick up bus 863 (heading towards Eleusina) outside the Proastiakos Magoula station and alight at Ag Georgios.

By metro and bus
From the airport, you take Athens Metro line 3 to Agia Marina. You then take bus A16 to its terminal stop at Eleusina. There, you board bus 863 to Ag Georgios.

Centre map
www.kent.ac.uk/maps/athens

Rome
By air
The nearest major airport to the campus of the American University of Rome (AUR) is Fiumicino-Leonardo da Vinci International Airport (FCO), which has excellent transport links to Rome city centre.

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By rail
The nearest train station to the AUR campus is Trastevere Station on the Pisa-Livorno-Rome, Rome-Capranica-Viterbo and Rome-Fiumicino lines.

By bus and tram
On leaving Trastevere station, take tram 8 towards Largo Argentina. Get off at Via E Morosini and catch bus 44 (in the direction of Montalcini) or bus 75 (in the direction of Poerio/Marino).

The campus is located between two stops: Via Dandolo/Calandrelli and Via Giacinto Carini; both stops are less than 100 metres from the AUR campus.

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For the University to operate efficiently, it needs to process information about you for administrative, academic and health and safety reasons. Any offer we make to you is subject to your consent to process such information and is a requirement in order for you to be registered as a student. All students must agree to abide by the University rules and regulations at: www.kent.ac.uk/regulations
COME AND VISIT US

The University holds a number of organised events, including Open Days, at our campuses and European centres.

For dates and further information, see our website: www.kent.ac.uk/visit