POSTGRADUATE INFORMATION EVENT

Thursday 5 December 2019, 5 – 7pm
Darwin College Conference Suite, Canterbury campus
TOP 500
Kent is ranked in the top 500 of world universities by Shanghai Ranking’s 2018 Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU).

40%
of our academic staff are from overseas and we have students representing 159 nationalities.

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

GOLD
in the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF). The University of Kent’s Statement of Findings can be found at www.kent.ac.uk/tef-statement

97%
of Kent postgraduate students who responded to the most recent national survey of graduate destinations were in work or further study within six months (DLHE 2017).

WINNER
Kent has won the Times Higher Education (THE) Outstanding Support for Students Award two years running (2017 and 2018).
The University was ranked 5th for overall student satisfaction in the 2018 Postgraduate Research Experience Survey.
Welcome to the University and our postgraduate information event. If you have any queries during the event, please speak to our academic or support staff who will be able to help you. We hope you enjoy your visit.

Explore your ideas
This is an exciting time to be a postgraduate student at Kent. Our programmes are informed by a commitment to research excellence and we provide a dynamic and challenging academic environment. Whether you study in the UK or at one of our centres in Europe, you benefit from a supportive and friendly atmosphere where you’ll work alongside world-class researchers.

Career-focused study
A postgraduate qualification from Kent opens up career opportunities by providing specialist knowledge and an impressive portfolio of skills that are essential within the competitive world of employment. You enhance your subject-specific knowledge, are supported at every stage by inspirational teaching and supervision, use first-class facilities, and have the opportunity to attend a diverse schedule of seminars, workshops and events.

World-leading research
Kent’s excellent performance in the most recent Research Excellence Framework (REF) confirmed our position as a leading UK research university.

We were ranked in the top 20 for research output and research intensity in the Times Higher Education, outperforming 11 of the 24 Russell Group universities.

A global outlook
We are proud to be outward-facing and international, attracting staff and students from over 150 countries. Our academic schools are engaged in collaborative research with universities worldwide and several of our programmes offer the opportunity to undertake part, or sometimes all, of your study abroad.

Strong academic community
As a postgraduate student at Kent you are part of a thriving intellectual community that includes staff and students from all our locations. Kent’s postgraduate students come from a wide variety of backgrounds and range in age from 21 to their 70s. We welcome everyone and have a large number of mature students studying either for a career change or to indulge a long-held passion for a subject.
CHOOSING WHAT AND HOW TO STUDY

Whether you are starting to consider a postgraduate programme or know exactly what, as well as where and how, you want to study, we offer you lots of choice whether for professional development or personal interest.

Types of study

Taught programmes

A Master’s is the usual level of study, but some programmes also have options for postgraduate certificates, diplomas and stand-alone modules. In addition, some programmes offer distance and blended learning.

Taught programmes are available at all Kent’s locations, including Tonbridge which offers short taster courses in a variety of subjects. Many of our taught degrees include accreditation from relevant professional bodies.

Research programmes

Research Master’s are available in most subjects to prepare you for professional work or a PhD. PhDs are available at Canterbury, Medway, Brussels and Paris.

You’ll belong to a dynamic intellectual community of students who are encouraged to take an active role in academic life, supervised by world-class researchers and encouraged to participate in conferences and publish papers. You can search our programmes or use the Find a Supervisor tool to find an expert for your particular field.

Ways to study

Many of our students are combining study with a career or caring commitments, so we offer part-time options on the majority of our programmes. Some courses are available through distance learning, including an external PhD for those studying overseas.

Places to study

Kent has seven exceptional study locations: Canterbury, Medway and Tonbridge are close to London with easy access by road and high-speed train. There are fast travel links to mainland Europe, including Paris and Brussels, by air, Eurostar or ferry. We are the only university to have specialist postgraduate centres in Brussels, Paris, Rome and Athens.

Access all areas

All our students can use the facilities and resources at any of our centres to study or hold conferences and other events. This adds a unique dimension to your experience.
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*We are only able to accept applicants into the first year of the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery undergraduate programme.*
Presentations
Postgraduate study at Kent
Professor Paul Allain
Dean of the Graduate School
• 5.15 – 5.40pm
• 6.15 – 6.40pm (repeat)

Kent Scholarships
Stephen McLaughlin
Scholarships Unit
• 5.45 – 6.05pm

The presentations will take place in Darwin Lecture Theatre 1, adjacent to Darwin College Foyer.

Graduate community
Come and have a chat with the Kent Graduate Student Association to find out more about everything that goes on throughout the year.

Are you graduating from Kent this year?
Kent’s Graduate Secondary Teaching Scheme enables you to undertake postgraduate study while working towards a teaching qualification at one of the University’s sponsor schools. Come and see us at stand 10 and find out more.

TAKE A TOUR!
Student ambassadors will be available to answer your questions about student life and take you to see accommodation, the Postgraduate Hub, the Library and anywhere else that you might like to visit. Find them in Darwin College Foyer for your personal guided tour.
YOUR STUDENT EXPERIENCE

The postgraduate student experience at Kent goes beyond your academic studies. We have a thriving community, where you benefit from a friendly and supportive environment and a comprehensive programme of transferable skills training. There is also the opportunity to take part in a wide range of academic, social and networking activities. Here’s a few examples of what Kent has to offer.

A dedicated graduate school
The Graduate School supports all postgraduate students at Kent. We ensure your academic experience is of the highest quality and provide stimulating opportunities to improve your skills, extend your horizons and prepare you for employment.

You’ll become a member of Woolf College and will be encouraged to participate and contribute to the social and academic postgraduate community. The College also offers postgraduate accommodation and a common room.

Global Skills Award Programme
If you’re studying a taught Master’s programme, you’ll be invited to apply for a place on our unique Global Skills Award Programme. This series of lectures and talks offers an opportunity to join in discussions on global issues such as the economy, the environment, gender, world politics and developments in science. There are also a series of skills workshops specifically designed to help you acquire the skills you need to succeed in the workplace, including team work, networking and leadership.

“The Global Skills Award (GSA) Programme was a great opportunity to learn and develop my skills and extend them far beyond my Master’s degree. I am confident that, in an increasingly competitive job market, the GSA will help me to stand out from the crowd.”

Postgraduate student
School of Biosciences

Researcher Development Programme
Specifically for postgraduate research students, the programme includes workshops focused on research, specialist and transferable skills, covering areas such as leadership, negotiation, time management and communication.

GradPost
GradPost is a newsletter, written and edited by our postgraduate students. It contains articles submitted by students from all our campuses and centres. You have the opportunity to join the GradPost editorial team, which is an excellent opportunity to meet new people, explore your interests and develop further skills.

Kent Union and the Kent Graduate Student Association (KGSA)
Kent Union and KGSA represent and work for students on many things, from a fantastic calendar of social activities to wellbeing and academic matters.
We understand that funding your postgraduate study is a really important part of your decision making. We’ve listed below some of the options that you might be interested in.

£12m Postgraduate Scholarship Fund
Kent has a dedicated scholarship fund of over £12m to support our taught and research students with their tuition fees and living costs. This includes full awards to support doctoral researchers, tuition fee awards for taught Master’s students, discounts for Kent graduates and scholarships for overseas students, as well as awards that recognise excellence in sport and music. The Graduate Teaching Assistantship Scheme offers financial support to postgraduate research students in return for teaching.

Doctoral training centres and partnerships
- CHASE (AHRC), Consortium for the Humanities and the Arts South-East England
- ARIES (NERC), Natural Environment Research Council
- SeNSS (ESRC), South East Network for Social Sciences
- GCDC, Global Challenges Doctoral Centre

Other research council funding at Kent includes awards from:
- BBSRC, Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council
- EPSRC, Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council.

Other sources of funding
- Postgraduate loans for Master’s and PhD students are available to eligible UK and European students
- Part-time work opportunities are available through the Postgraduate Student Ambassador Scheme, the Kent Union Jobshop and the Graduate Teaching Assistantship Scheme.

WHAT’S AVAILABLE?
Find out more at the scholarships presentation
When: 5.45 – 6.05pm
Where: Darwin College, Lecture Theatre 1 (DLT1)

MORE INFORMATION
Remember to pick up the Funding for Graduate Study leaflet from the Scholarships and Funding stand.
WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY

“I have gained great communication skills as well as academic and language skills. I can definitely say I am much more confident and mature. I am able to express myself well both in academic and professional mediums, as well as in social environments. The skills I have gained will definitely put me one step ahead in life.”

Reyyan Bilen
MA Architecture and Urban Design

“My supervisory team are excellent! They’re really one of the best things about my PhD. They’re always on hand to help if I have any issues and give expert advice from their years of experience in the academic field. We have a very relaxed and collaborative working relationship, so I always feel I can approach my supervisors if I ever have any issues.”

Ben Davies
PhD Management

“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
“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)

“My experience at Kent has increased my employment prospects immensely. Kent has provided me with the opportunity to gain a PhD and teaching experience; two aspects that will greatly elevate my chances of employment within, or outside of, academia.”

Karl Goodwin
PhD Classical & Archaeological Studies

“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
INSPIRING LOCATIONS

Kent has campuses in Canterbury and Medway, a centre for part-time study in Tonbridge and postgraduate centres in Athens, Brussels, Paris and Rome.

Study and research are underpinned by the specialist facilities and resources at each of these locations.

www.kent.ac.uk/locations