



# MSc International Development

## School of Social and Political Science

The School of Social and Political Science at the University of Edinburgh is inviting students to apply for its world-leading MSc programme in International Development. This programme engages critically with international development thinking and practice, and more broadly with processes of social, political and economic transformation around the world.

### Who this programme is for

This programme is designed to suit the needs of both recent graduates of various disciplines, and professionals with some work experience who want to change careers, upgrade their academic qualifications, or take a year out to reflect critically on their work.

You will complete a total of six courses over two semesters stretching from September to April.

Three courses are compulsory and three are optional. Options may be chosen from across the University, drawing on the expertise of faculty members within political and social science and beyond.

We also run a compulsory non-credit course that aims to sharpen research and analytical skills needed for postgraduate students in international development to embark on their summer dissertation research projects.

From May to August, students will complete either a work-based project or a standard research dissertation.

### What is unique about this programme?

#### The Work-based project

We realise the importance of offering practical experiences to complement our critical and historical approaches in the classroom. An integral part of the programme - and one of our advantages compared to other masters programmes in international development - are work-based projects.

These consist of eight weeks of on-location research with a host organisation in

- Africa, South and South East Asia,
- the Middle East,
- Latin America and the UK.

Our extensive network of partners includes

- NGOs,
- charities,
- social enterprise,
- think-tanks and government bodies.

#### Research dissertation

Alternatively, you may wish to explore an academic issue or theme in greater depth by choosing to complete a research dissertation based on fieldwork and/or print and library sources.

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### Application deadlines

Due to high demand, the school operates a number of selection deadlines.

We will make a small number of offers to the most outstanding candidates on an ongoing basis.

However, we will hold the majority of applications until the next published selection deadline when we will offer a proportion of the places available to applicants.

Applicants are selected through a competitive process. Please ensure that you have submitted all supporting documentation and paid the application fee before the deadline for the round you wish to be considered in.

### Upcoming deadlines:

Round 2: Application deadline 13th January 2023 and places awarded by 28th February 2023

Round 3: Application deadline 9th June 2023 and places awarded by 13th July 2023