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Centre of African Studies/Online MSc International Development

Virtual Information Session 2024 | 10.00 BST Session Start

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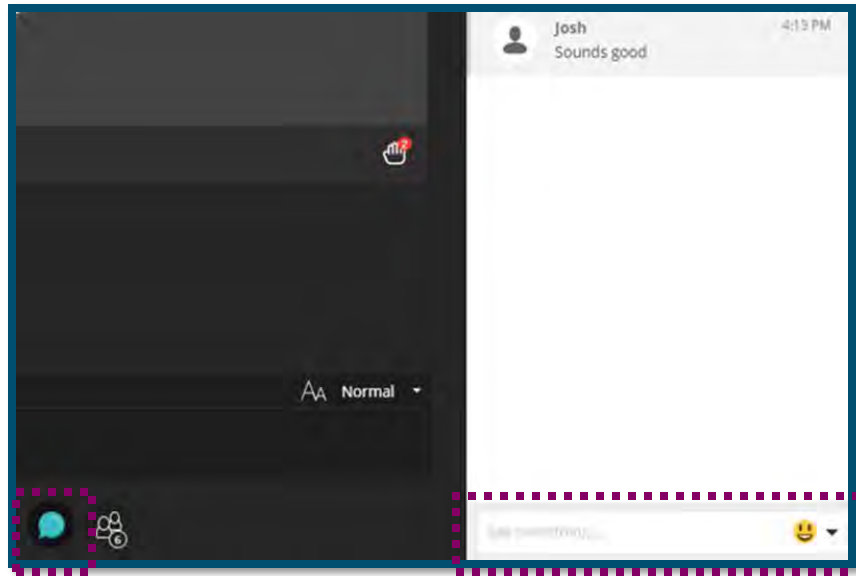


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Agenda

1. About International Development at Edinburgh
2. Programme structure
3. Entry Requirements
4. Workload
5. Course structure
6. Career progression
7. Who are our students?
8. The online learning environment and community
9. Q&A



Studying International Development at the University of Edinburgh

- Flexible and cutting edge programme in one of the oldest and most international universities
- A very multidisciplinary approach to development studies
- Affiliated with the University's Global Development Academy



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The programme at UoE stands out for me - the teaching staff originate from and represent a wide geographic and contextual background of North-South, developed and developing world settings. It is this first-hand ability to critically evaluate, discuss and contrast different aspects of International Development that has impressed me in my ongoing study work up to this point. It has definitely broadened my mind, challenged my own underlying assumptions for the work I am doing.

Stefan, MSc Graduate



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Core Courses

- Global Development Challenges (MSc/PGDip/PGCert)
- Politics and Theories of International Development (MSc/PGDip/PGCert)
- Analysing Development (MSc/PGDip/PGCert)
- Researching International Development (MSc/PGDip)
- Dissertation (MSc)



Elective Courses

- Activist Social Research
- Dynamics of African Development
- Health Systems Analysis
- Organisational Management for Social Justice
- Theories and Politics of Social Justice
- Community Engagement: Co-constructing Knowledge with Communities
- Displacement and Development
- Ecosystem Values and Management
- Evaluation of Global Health & Development Programmes
- Global Health Governance
- International law, human rights and corporate accountability
- Key Skills in Development Practice
- Learning for Democracy
- Innovations in Sustainable Food Systems
- Maternal and Child Health in a Global Context



Entry Requirements

- A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent
- Evidence of English language competence
- CV/Resume
- References

The Main Library
The Centre for Research Collections, 5th Floor Study Areas.



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Entry Requirements

- Ready to commit time and energy for a new exciting challenge
- Range of academic and professional backgrounds
- We take a holistic view at applications; so difficult to say if you meet the entry requirements only from one document.

The Meadows

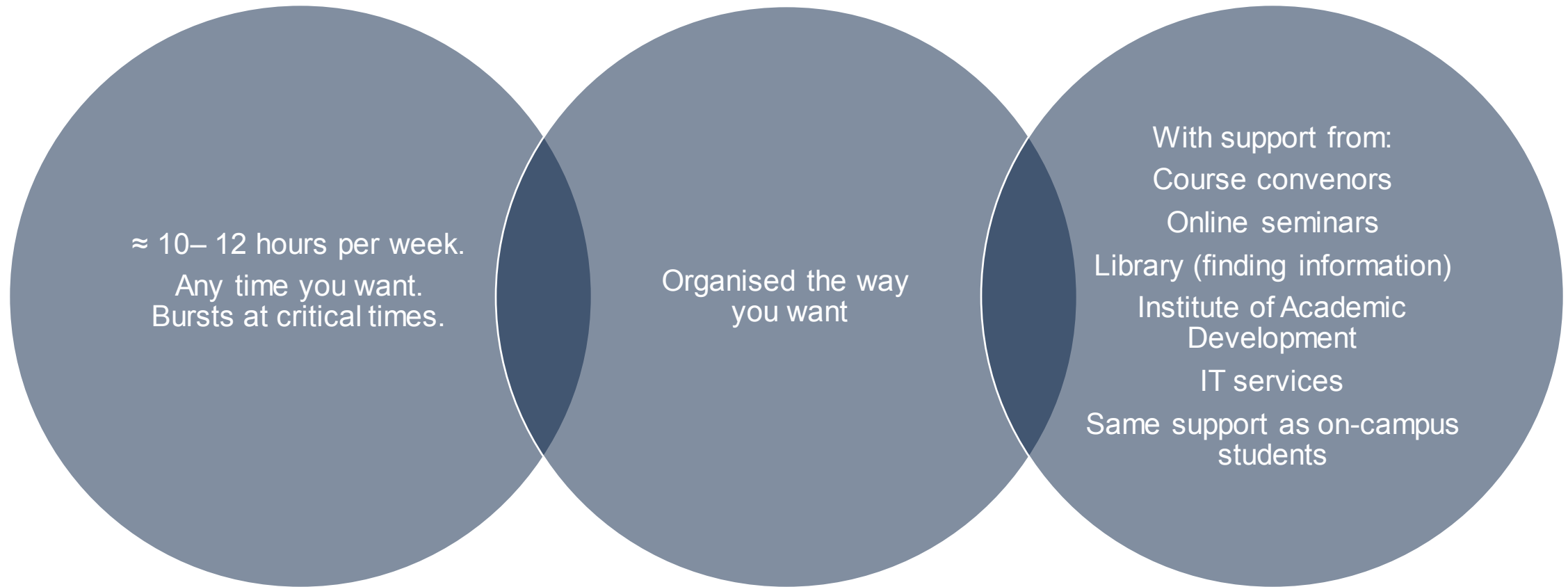
Public park beside the University of Edinburgh



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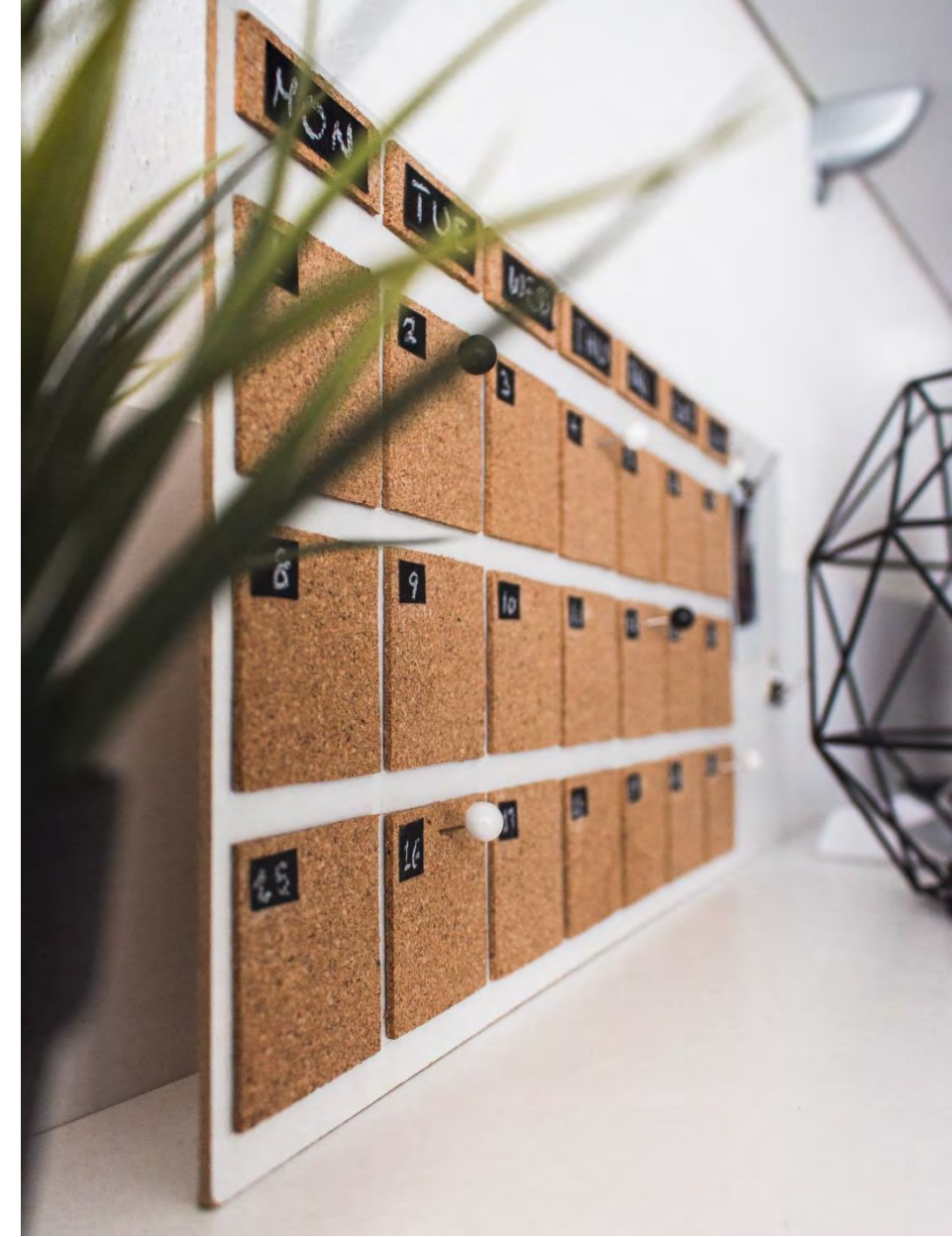
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Workload per course (although this may be different for some students)



Workload 2

- Semester 1: 10 weeks from mid-September, final essay due around 2 weeks after the end of semester
- Semester 2: 10 weeks from mid-January, final essay due around 2 weeks after the end of semester
- MSc dissertation due mid-August of your last year



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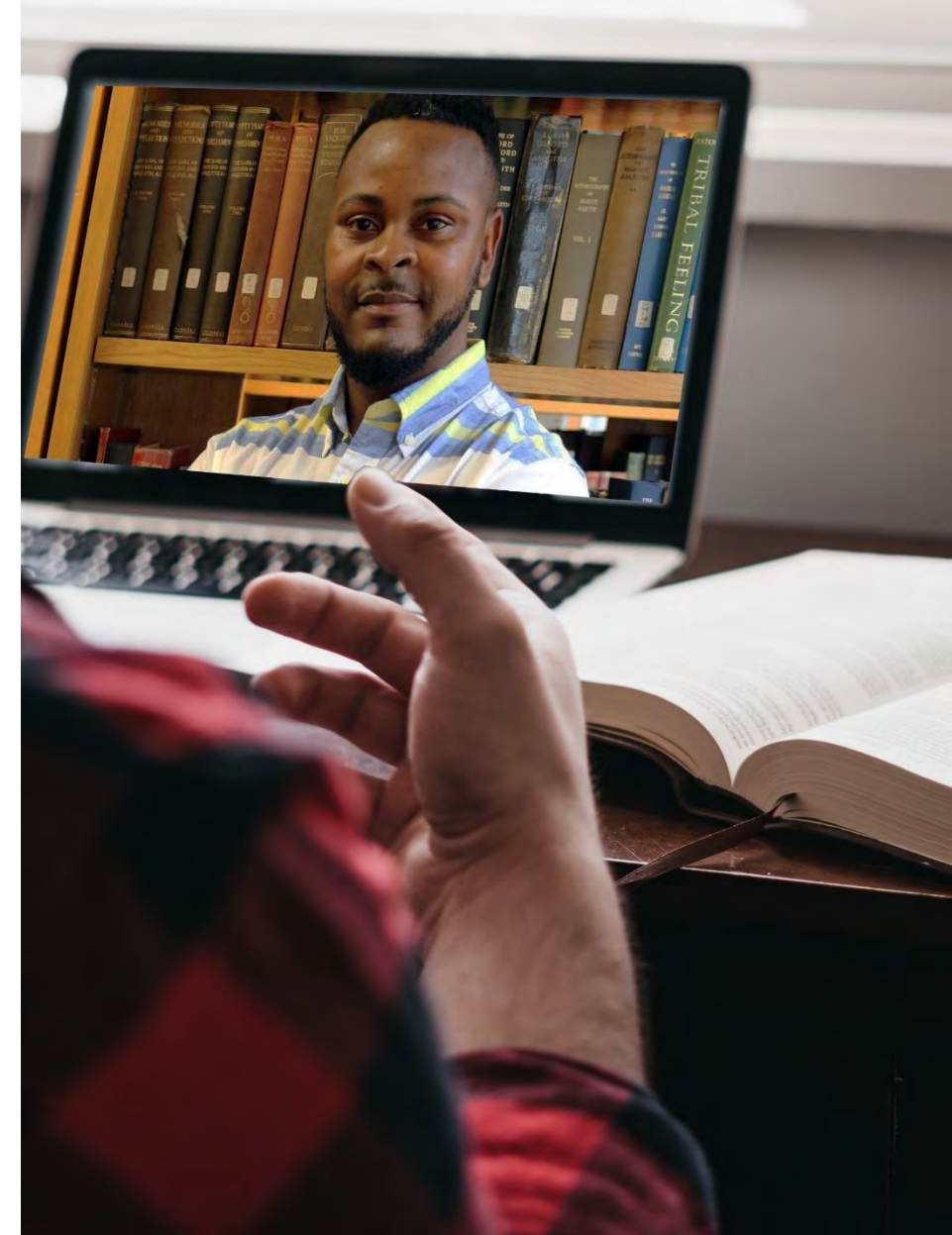
Dissertation

- You will start to think about the dissertation over the summer the year before the last
- In February/March of the last year you will be allocated a supervisor
- You will work towards the dissertation with your supervisor until mid August
- Option to do standard research dissertation (15,000 words) or placement-based placement (12,000 words + 3,000 words reflective journal)



Course structure

- Course assessment:
 - Participation in online forum (10%)
 - Portfolio of online activities (20%)
 - End-of-course essays (70%)
- Detailed feedback on essays and posts
- Access to online academic support



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The Online Learning Environment

In your web browser,
designed and
supported by a team
of experts in online
learning.

Course Content 

Course Information

Assessment

Week 1: Introduction - Working in Development



Week 1 - Introduction and Readings



Week 1 - Lecture Materials and Recordings



Week 1 - Additional Resources



Week 1 

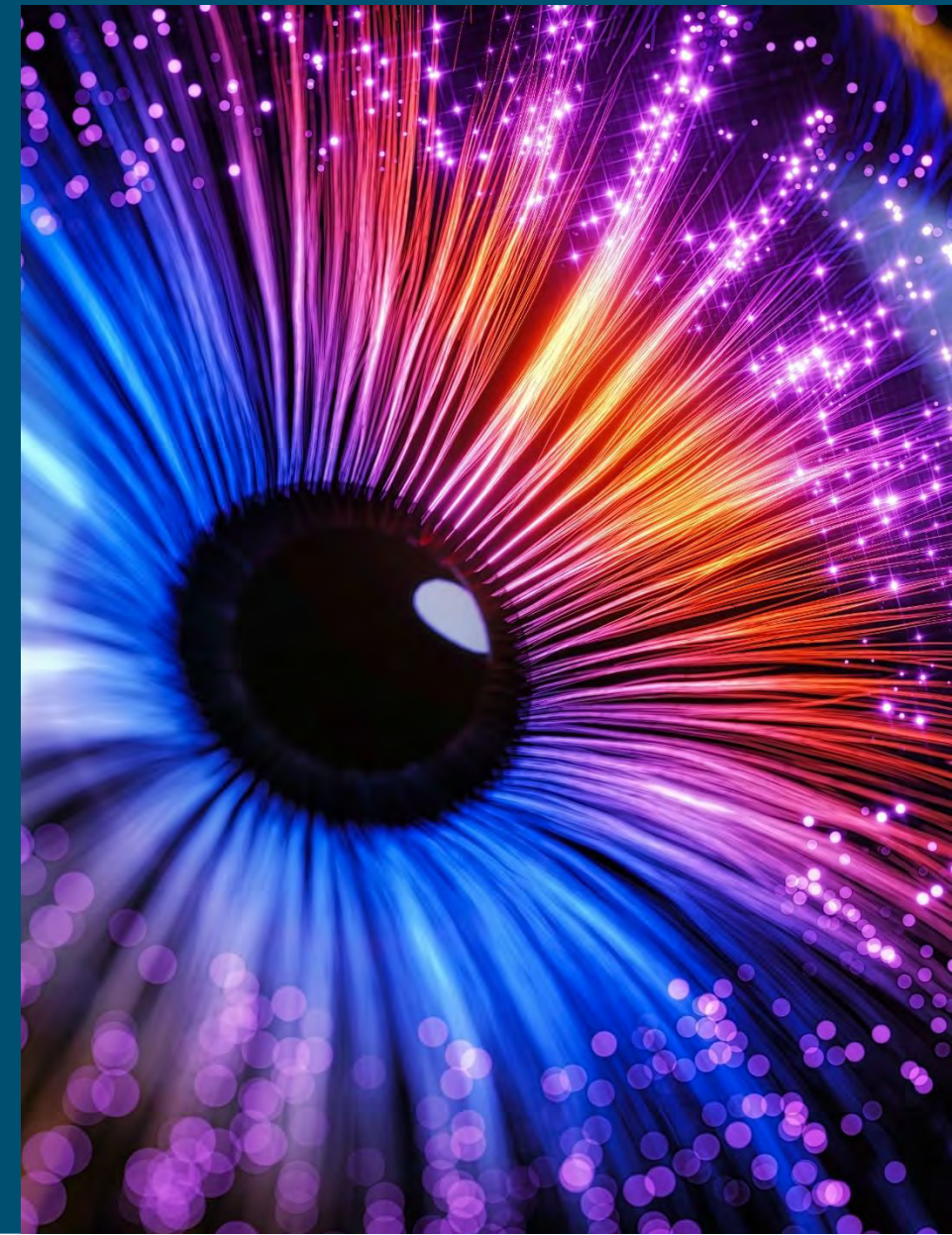


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Career Progression

- A recognised degree from a world-class university (22nd in QS World University Rankings 2024) that can lead to:
 - Further education (MSc, PhD)
 - Career development (promotion)
 - Career re-orientation (new job, typically in international organisations, government, or not-for-profit)



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Who are our students?

- Our students come from all over the world - UK, USA, Canada, Austria, Ireland, Switzerland, Singapore, Indonesia, South Korea, Qatar, Mauritius, Kenya, Malawi, Ghana, Ecuador, etc.
- The majority of current students are aged 30-45, but some are well into their 60s, and other in their early 20s.
- A lot of our students are practising professionals, some in a related field – e.g. international development, international policy/organisations, NGOs, healthcare, etc.

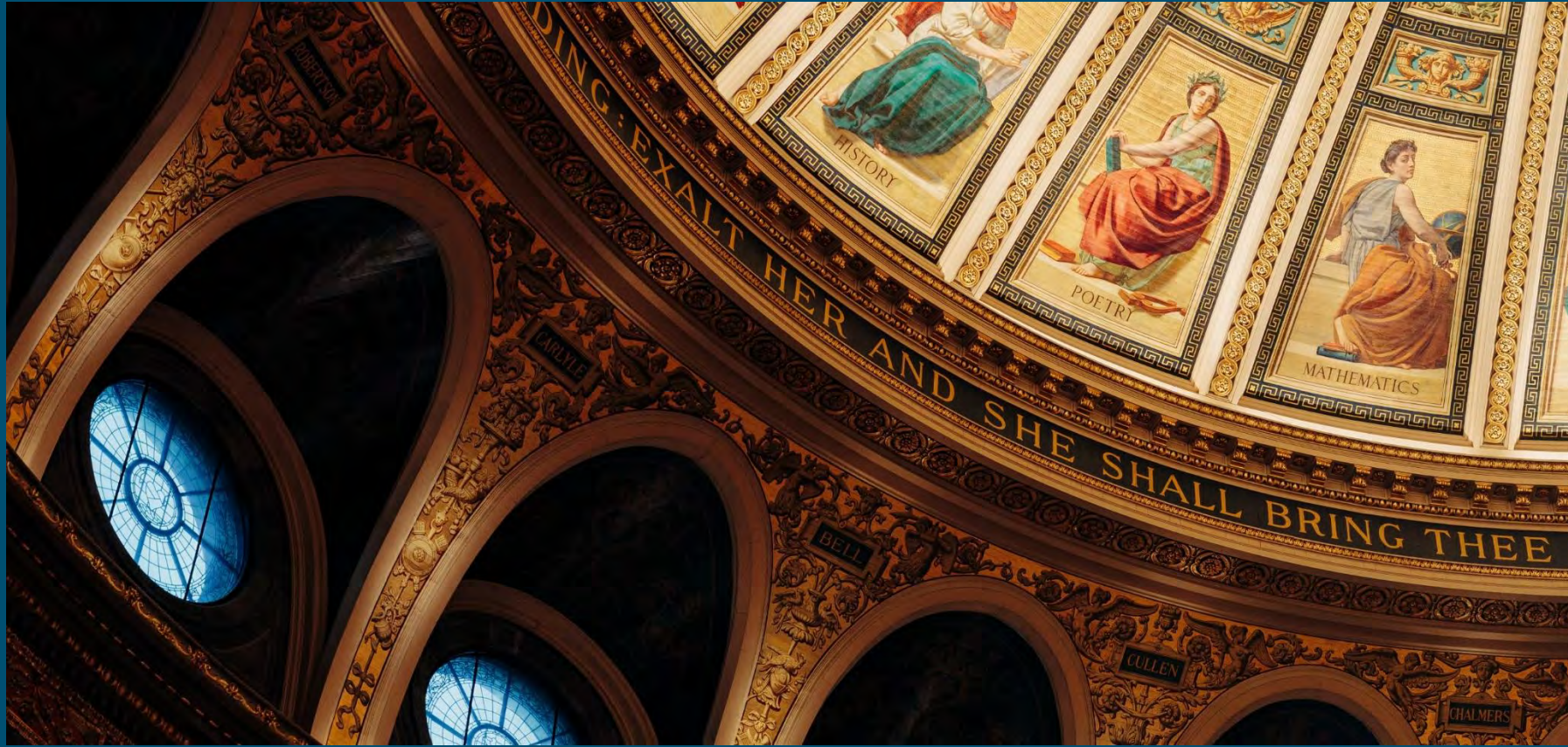


You will be part of our community!

- Online students are regular students:
 - Access to library, online learning resources and the Institute of Academic Advancement
 - Access to University-wide support services
- Be part of our vibrant community:
 - Online *Centre of African Studies* and International Development activities
 - Online forums accessible to all students
 - Come and visit us, anytime you want!



Graduation in the beautiful McEwan Hall



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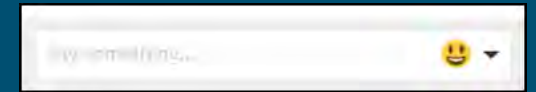
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Questions?

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Next steps

<https://virtualvisits.ed.ac.uk/pg>



<https://edin.ac/student-chat-pg>



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Contact details for follow-up questions

We apologise if we did not get through all of your questions in the time allotted for this session. If you have further questions that have not been answered, please email:
futurestudents@ed.ac.uk



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It is Day One of our Postgraduate Virtual Open Days! We are looking forward to welcoming you during the day.

Joining the event

To access the event, use your 'ticket' link below. The sessions are listed in chronological order and the times shown are in Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). The link to join a session will appear 15 minutes before it starts.

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Thank you