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Engineering Programme Guide

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2+2 Bachelor of Engineering

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The School of Engineering at The University of Edinburgh has an agreement with several overseas universities which allows you to study engineering. At undergraduate level you can study for two years at your home institutions and then transfer to The University of Edinburgh to complete a further two years of study. On successful completion of the 4th year at Edinburgh, you will graduate with a Bachelor of Engineering degree awarded by The University of Edinburgh. You may also be eligible for the award of a bachelor degree from your home university.

This is known as a “2+2” agreement.



Welcome from the Director of Learning and Teaching

We are delighted that you are considering joining us at the School of Engineering to pursue one of our undergraduate degrees. Engineering has a long tradition at Edinburgh, having been taught in one form or another since 1673, with the Regius Chair of Engineering being founded in 1868.

The School has a notable record in innovation, with successful start-ups across a wide range of industrial sectors, with each programme closely linked to relevant industrial organisations.

All our degrees are accredited by the relevant UK professional institutes, including the Institution of Engineering and Technology, the Institution of Chemical Engineers, the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, the Institution of Civil Engineers and the Institution of Structural Engineers. These institutions ensure that our teaching is of the highest quality and our engineers are trained for the demands of the worldwide marketplace.

Today's Global Grand Challenges agenda puts Engineering at the forefront of 21st century academic activity. By graduating with a University of Edinburgh degree you will be equipped with the knowledge and skills not just for today's needs but also the needs of the future.

We encourage applications from highly qualified and highly motivated students from all corners of the world to apply to our programmes

Prof Dave Laurenson
Director of Learning and Teaching



Where is Edinburgh and what is it like?

Scotland

Scotland, together with England, Wales and Northern Ireland, makes up the United Kingdom. It is 600 kilometres north of London (approximately 1 hour by plane or 4.5 hours by train). There are easy flight connections to the rest of the world via London, Frankfurt, Istanbul, Paris or Amsterdam.

Scotland enjoys mild winters and warm summers, and has some of the most unspoiled scenery in Europe. With only 10% of the UK population and 33% of the land, there are plenty of wide-open spaces to explore.

City of Edinburgh

Edinburgh is the capital of Scotland, and has a population of over 500,000. However, it attracts over 2 million tourists every year, thanks to its historic centre and beautiful location. It is situated on the river Forth in the east of Scotland, and it is easy to visit the beaches and mountains for which Scotland is famous. Edinburgh is regularly voted one of the top places to live in the UK.

Accommodation

The University guarantees a place in university accommodation for all students for the first year of study, provided you do not normally reside in Edinburgh and that you apply by the deadline. There are many choices of university accommodation, from self-catered flats to fully catered residences. All of the accommodation is either a short walk or bus ride from the city centre and the university. You will spend most of your two years studying on the Science and Engineering campus, which is about 10 minutes by bus from the city centre, however there is plenty of student accommodation nearby.



Why Edinburgh?

Reputation of the University

The University of Edinburgh, situated in the capital city of Scotland, is one of the six “ancient” universities in the UK, and was founded in 1583. The University of Edinburgh is consistently ranked as one of the world’s top 50 universities. In 2025, it was ranked 34th in the world in the QS World University Rankings. It is also one of the largest universities in the UK, with nearly 50,000 students. For most of its history, the University of Edinburgh has had a reputation for attracting students from all over the world, and currently has over 20,000 international students from over 140 countries. The University of Edinburgh offers over 300 degree programmes, from Arts and Humanities, Science and Engineering, to Law and Medicine. It also has over 60% of all Scotland’s top researchers.

Reputation of the School of Engineering

The School of Engineering is part of the College of Science and Engineering within the University, which is one of the largest science and engineering groupings in the UK. The College has over 12,000 students, over 3,500 academic and support staff, and is situated on its own campus just outside the city centre. The Edinburgh Research Partnership in Engineering, our joint submission with Heriot-Watt University, was ranked 1st in Scotland and 3rd in the UK, based on the quality and breadth of our combined research by Times Higher Education. Furthermore 96% of our research activity was ranked as world-leading and internationally excellent.

Prospects after you graduate

A degree from The University of Edinburgh is recognised throughout the world and is highly valued by employers.



Read what our alumni have to say about their university experience and career.

What can I study?

Before choosing one of our degrees, you should find out if the programme you are currently studying fits in with ours. If you are in doubt, please ask your International Office.

Chemical Engineering

- Chemical Engineering

Civil and Environmental Engineering

- Civil Engineering
- Structural and Fire Safety Engineering

Electronics and Electrical Engineering

- Electronics and Electrical Engineering

Mechanical Engineering

- Mechanical Engineering
- Electrical and Mechanical Engineering

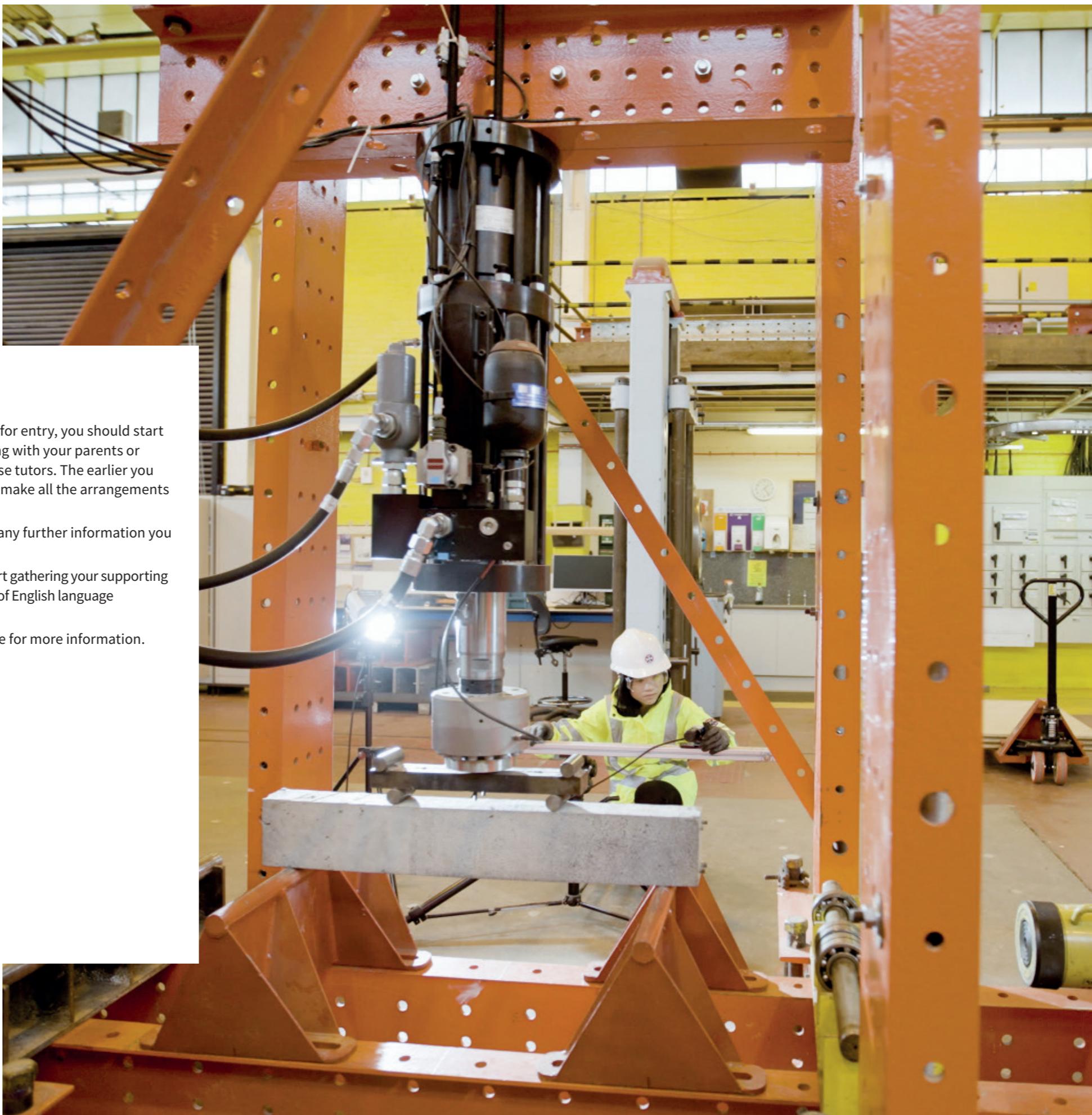
Further information can be found on our website:



Want to know more about it's like to study at Edinburgh?
Chat to our students about their experience.

Start planning now

- If you are interested in applying for entry, you should start planning now. Discuss everything with your parents or supporters, as well as your course tutors. The earlier you start planning, the easier it is to make all the arrangements in time.
- Review our degrees and ask for any further information you need.
- Work on your application and start gathering your supporting documents (transcript, evidence of English language proficiency, etc).
- Contact your International Office for more information.





How much will it cost?

Fees

Tuition fees for the 2+2 programme starting in 2026/27 are £34,800/year and they are fixed for the duration of your studies.

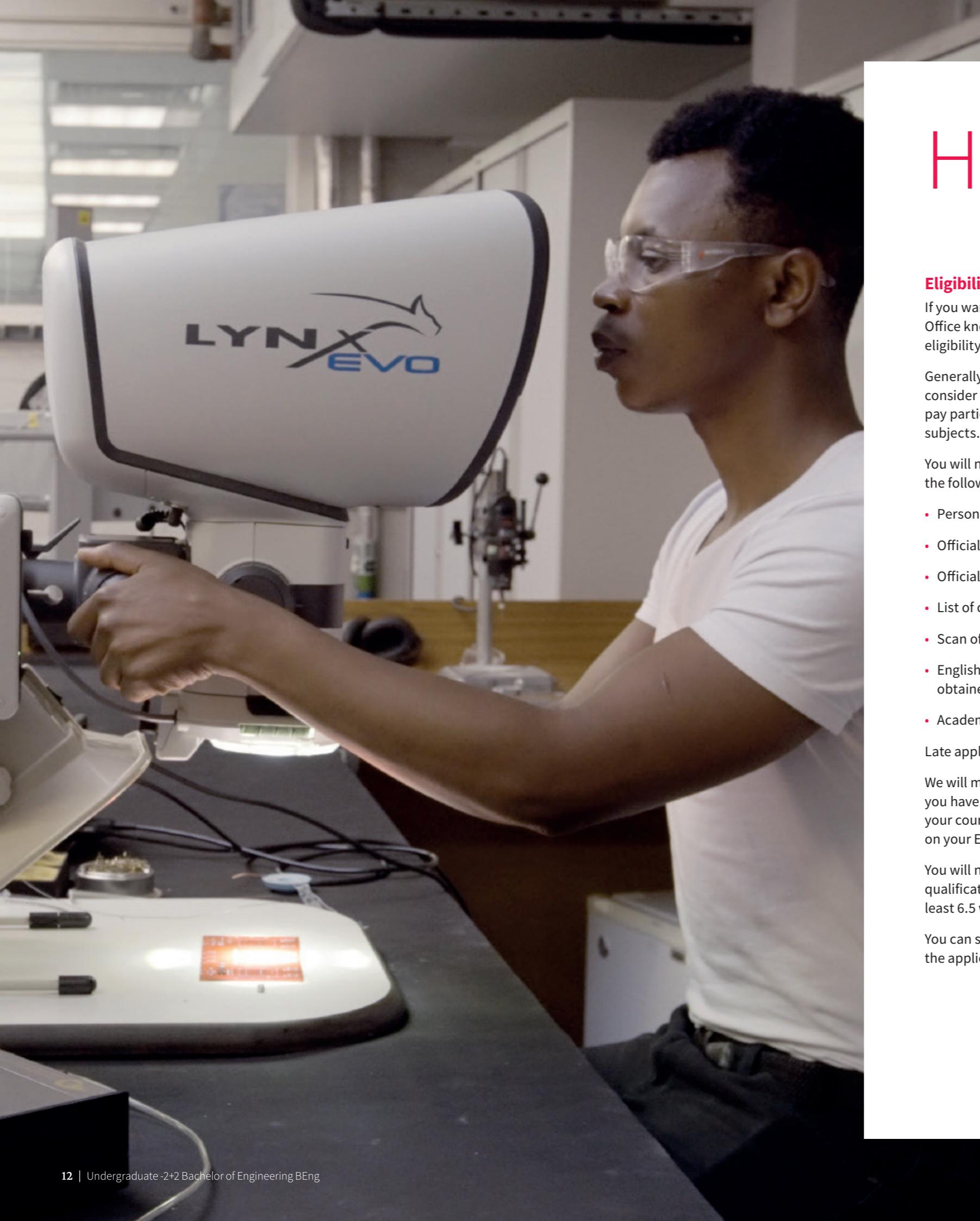
Living expenses

Information on the cost of living in Edinburgh for a typical academic year can be found on our university website: <https://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/undergraduate/fees-finance/living-costs>

Of course, these calculations will vary according to your lifestyle.

Scholarships

All students who take part in the 2+2 scheme are eligible for a £3,500.00 scholarship per year.



How to apply

Eligibility

If you want to apply you should let your International Office know. They will be able to advise you on your eligibility and the application process.

Generally, we look for a GPA of 80% or above but we consider your academic background holistically and pay particular attention to your scientific and technical subjects.

You will need to submit your application online along with the following supporting documents:

- Personal statement
- Official university transcript in English
- Official university transcript in the original language
- List of courses currently being studied
- Scan of passport photo page
- English language qualification (if you have already obtained this)
- Academic reference/letter of recommendation

Late applications are not normally considered.

We will make a decision on your application based on what you have studied, how well you have performed, how well your course matches to the one you have applied to, and on your English language ability.

You will need to pass an IELTS test (or other equivalent qualification such as TOEFL) with a minimum score of at least 6.5 with a minimum of 5.5 in each component.

You can send us your English language results following the application deadline and by 30th April.

Interviews

If you are selected, we will invite you attend an interview in April/May. This interview will be in English, and will test your knowledge of the engineering discipline you are studying, as well as your language ability.

After your interview

We will inform you of the outcome of your application as soon as possible following your interview and we will make you an informal offer. This could be Conditional (if you still have English language qualifications to achieve for example) or Unconditional (if you have met all our requirements).

Receiving an offer

If you meet all our requirements we will make you an Unconditional Offer and our Admissions Team will send you an official offer letter. This means that we are offering you a definite place to study with us.

You will also have access to your University of Edinburgh MyEd account through which to apply for accommodation and for your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) number. This is what you need in order to apply for a visa to study in the UK.

We will guide you through this process and it's important that you monitor your email inbox as we will use this to communicate with you during this time.



Next steps

Visa

Once you hold an Unconditional Firm offer, you should apply for a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) number. This will enable you to start your visa application. By making a timely application, your visa will allow you to arrive in Edinburgh during the weekend before your transitional classes start.

Further information relating to visa requirements can be found at <https://www.ed.ac.uk/student-administration/immigration>

Transitional course

You will need to arrive in Edinburgh in mid-August to attend a transition course and some engineering-specific classes that will cover any gaps in your knowledge before tackling Year 3 material in September. The cost of the course will be deducted from your scholarship award.

Accommodation during the transitional course

As part of our agreement with your home university, we will organise accommodation for you during your transitional course. We will pay for this on your behalf and deduct the cost from your scholarship award.

Studying

It is important to remember that you will be expected to cope with all the lectures, tutorials and labs as soon as you start studying with us. We will help you with your language studies and any extra tutorials before the start of semester, but following this you are expected to perform in the same way as other students. We have degree exams in December, so it is important to start studying hard as soon as you arrive. We do not make any extra allowances for overseas students in exams; you will be treated in exactly the same way as all other students.

Academic Guidance

Every student will be allocated a Student Advisor through whom personal and academic guidance will be provided. The Institute for Academic Development also offers study skills workshops, self-study learning resources, and advice to help you succeed in your studies.

Find out more on our website: <https://www.ed.ac.uk/institute-academic-development>

Accommodation during semester

For your first year of study with us, you may apply for university student accommodation as soon as you accept your offer and have access to your MyEd portal. You will be guaranteed a place in accommodation, provided that you apply by the published deadline. Detailed information on accommodation options can be found here:

<https://www.accom.ed.ac.uk/>

Fees

You must be prepared to pay the university fees at the start of semester. Full details, including how to pay, are given on the university website: <https://www.ed.ac.uk/tuition-fees/payment>



Further Information

- Information on the 2+2 scheme: <https://edin.ac/3RYSBlo>
- Information for International Students: www.ed.ac.uk/studying/international
- School of Engineering: www.eng.ed.ac.uk
- Tuition Fees: www.ed.ac.uk/tuition-fees/find

Checklist

- If you are thinking of applying, start planning now
- Inform your International office of your interest
- Work out which degree programme you are interested in
- Start preparing for your English language test
- Be prepared for an interview in April/May
- Apply for a visa as soon as you have an Unconditional Firm offer
- Book accommodation for the start of university

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