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Staffordshire



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POSTGRADUATE GUIDE

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I am delighted that you are considering postgraduate study at University of Staffordshire.

For more than 100 years, we have been transforming lives through education. As a community that lifts all, we are a powerful force for change.

Through our industry connections, next-level teaching, personalised support and real-world research expertise, we can help you achieve your ambitions.

With courses designed for every stage of your professional journey, you'll discover a future full of possibilities.



Professor Martin Jones
Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive

Welcome

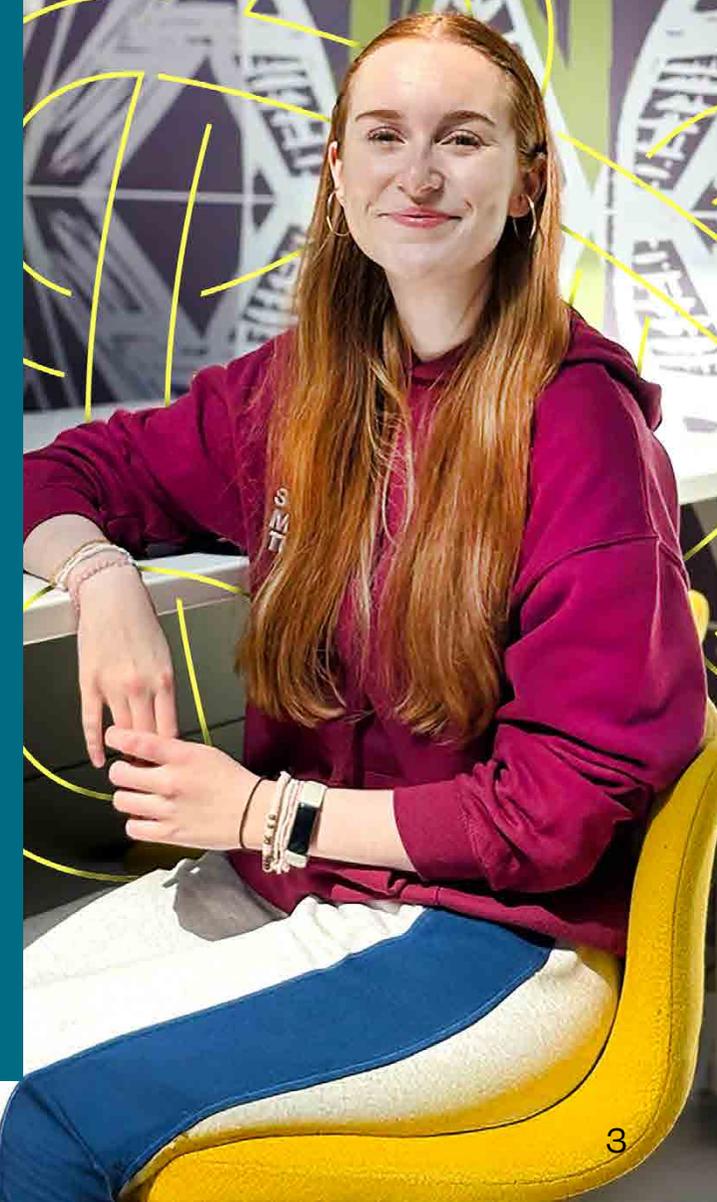
“ Welcome to the next step in your adventure!

Postgraduate study is much more than just the projects you'll undertake. It's about personal development, opportunities to network and build on your skills. The courses prioritise YOU, with an intense focus on your field of research, and amazing academic mentors to guide you.

My project supervisor was incredibly supportive, while also giving me the space to make decisions, lead and think independently. A major help for me has been our team of careers advisors, who can talk you through everything you need to know about life after university.

Studying for a Masters has shown me that my goals are no longer a faraway concept – they're now. I'm making my childhood dream – of creating art professionally – a reality. Now it's your turn. ”

Megan Walby
Current Postgraduate Student –
Masters by Negotiated Study



Why choose postgraduate study

Whether you're a final year undergraduate student, a recent graduate or a seasoned professional, postgraduate study can open doors and support you on your journey:

- Deepen your knowledge and specialise in what you love
- Find your gateway to a career, retrain or earn a promotion at work
- Access cutting-edge facilities and industry partnerships
- Delve deeper into your passion
- Access employability support and industry placements
- Gain formal recognition for your skills
- Build your professional networks and study accredited courses
- Find flexible study options to fit around your busy lifestyle



Satisfied students

86%

of our postgraduate students are satisfied with their studies

Learn from our expert academics and practitioners

88%

of our students are satisfied with their teaching

(Source: PTES 2025)

3RD IN THE UK FOR CAREER PROSPECTS

Whatuni Student Choice Awards 2025

2ND FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION

The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2026

TOP 5 FOR FIRST GEN STUDENTS

The Mail University guide 2026

68% OF RESEARCH IS "INTERNATIONALLY EXCELLENT" OR "WORLD LEADING"

Research Excellence Framework 2021

1ST IN THE UK FOR GAMES EDUCATION

Rookies Games Design and Development 2023, 2025

TIGA Best Games Institution 2024, 2025

“ Graduation is not the end. It is the beginning of a future where we dare to create, to lead and to make a difference. And because of everything we have learned here, we are ready. ”



Mingyang Cai

MSc Software Engineering graduate



Why choose us

“ It’s been transformative. This is due to the belief the staff have in us. Their ability to encourage, challenge and empower students is nothing short of magical. ”



Rory Laudanski

BSc (Hons) Psychology and Counselling graduate, now studying for an MSc in Psychotherapeutic Counselling

Real-world and immersive learning

You’ll put your skills into action using our immersive spaces and cutting-edge facilities. It means you can practise in a safe environment and feel career-ready. You could be doing anything from treating patients on our simulated hospital wards, or working with collaborative robots, through to measuring human responses using our driving simulator, or mapping movements onto CGI models.



Courses designed with industry

We are **3rd in the UK for career prospects** (Whatuni Student Choice Awards 2025), with professionally accredited courses that meet the needs of employers. You can unleash your entrepreneurial skills as you take on live projects, explore industry collaborations and build your professional networks. You can also gain vital experience through placements and consultancy work.



An inclusive community

You’ll be joining a welcoming and inclusive community where you’ll feel like you belong. Our services are built around you and your individual needs – from financial advice and childcare support through to mental health and wellbeing. You can also choose from more than 70 student clubs and societies, and take part in competitive sport leagues.



World-class research

You’ll become part of our global alumni community – a driving force for positive change. Whether pioneering advances in forensic science, championing sustainability or improving evidence-based care, you could be tackling society’s challenges and making a real impact through research. That’s why 67% of our research is “world-leading” or “internationally excellent”.



Alumni discount

If you’re one of our graduates you can qualify for a **25% discount on postgraduate fees***. There has never been a better time to study with us and boost your career prospects.

*Some courses, such as PGCEs, are excluded from the offer.

25%

Alumni Discount*

Turn possibility into reality. Take a postgraduate course with us and qualify for a **25% alumni discount***.

Previous and current students can apply in

60 seconds at:

staffs.ac.uk/admissions/postgraduate

*Subject to eligibility. Find out more online.



Open Events & important dates

Ready to take the next step in your professional journey? Our Postgraduate Open Events are your chance to explore world-leading research, discover transformative Masters programmes and connect with experts who are shaping the future.

Find out about our next Open Event

We hold both on-campus and virtual Open Events. Upcoming dates include:

London campus

Saturday 14 March 2026 (10.30am to 3.00pm)

Stoke-on-Trent campus

Saturday 21 March 2026 (10.00am to 3.00pm)

Thursday 30 April 2026 (4.30pm to 6.30pm)

Saturday 6 June 2026 (10.00am to 3.00pm)

For further information, visit our [dedicated web page](#).

You can also book your place here



What to expect on the day

It's your chance to ask questions, meet our team and chat to current students. At the drop-in sessions, you can also explore financial support, flexible study options, postgraduate taught courses and research opportunities.



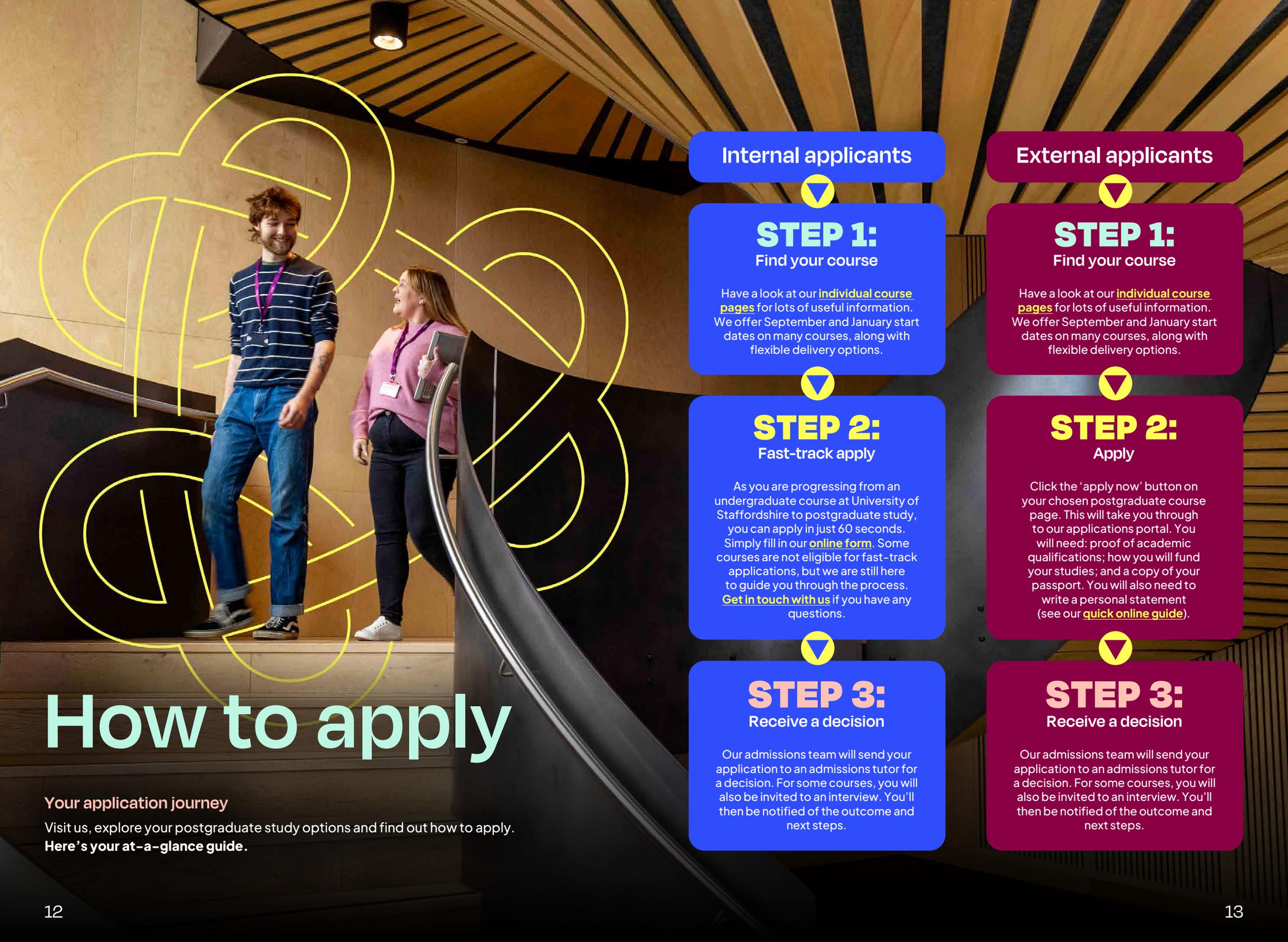
Progression week

If you're one of our undergraduate student here, we have a week of events, starting on **16 March 2026**, covering a series of online webinars and an on-campus event designed to help current students, alumni and professionals explore postgraduate study, funding, careers and application routes.



Explore our webinars

Explore our Postgraduate **Webinar Series**, where experts across our academic community share insights into postgraduate study, from course deep-dives and application guidance to fees, funding, and student life.



How to apply

Your application journey

Visit us, explore your postgraduate study options and find out how to apply.
Here's your at-a-glance guide.

Internal applicants



STEP 1:

Find your course

Have a look at our [individual course pages](#) for lots of useful information. We offer September and January start dates on many courses, along with flexible delivery options.



STEP 2:

Fast-track apply

As you are progressing from an undergraduate course at University of Staffordshire to postgraduate study, you can apply in just 60 seconds. Simply fill in our [online form](#). Some courses are not eligible for fast-track applications, but we are still here to guide you through the process. [Get in touch with us](#) if you have any questions.



STEP 3:

Receive a decision

Our admissions team will send your application to an admissions tutor for a decision. For some courses, you will also be invited to an interview. You'll then be notified of the outcome and next steps.

External applicants



STEP 1:

Find your course

Have a look at our [individual course pages](#) for lots of useful information. We offer September and January start dates on many courses, along with flexible delivery options.



STEP 2:

Apply

Click the 'apply now' button on your chosen postgraduate course page. This will take you through to our applications portal. You will need: proof of academic qualifications; how you will fund your studies; and a copy of your passport. You will also need to write a personal statement (see our [quick online guide](#)).



STEP 3:

Receive a decision

Our admissions team will send your application to an admissions tutor for a decision. For some courses, you will also be invited to an interview. You'll then be notified of the outcome and next steps.

Gateway to the professions

Postgraduate study can boost your career prospects and give you a competitive edge. As many of our courses are accredited by professional bodies, they can provide an essential step towards becoming qualified or eligible for registration.

Work with industry and the professions

You can draw on our huge network of connections, including companies such as JCB, Bentley, Cisco, Rockstar Games and Sony Entertainment. We also offer placement opportunities locally, nationally and internationally.

Unitemps

Our recruitment agency Unitemps gives you access to jobs across a range of sectors, from software engineering to marketing.

Career and personal development

Achieve your professional goals with our all-year round careers support. This includes:

- One-to-one career coaching
- Help with interview techniques, CV writing and job applications
- Access to the careers portal, where you can look for jobs and book onto careers events

Create your own business

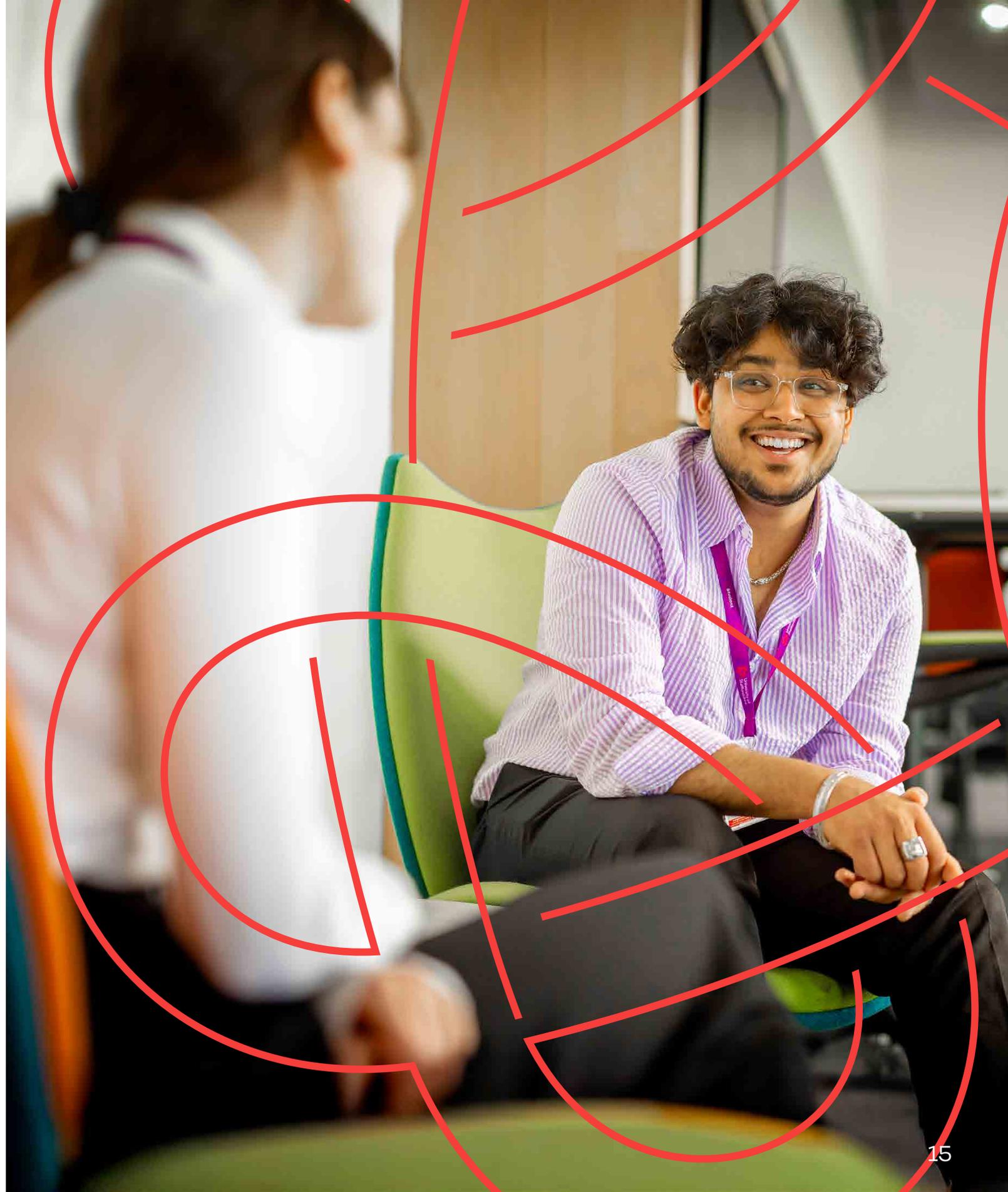
Turn your big idea into reality through our Be-Inspired programme. Learn about market and customer research, sales and pricing strategies, business branding and other essentials to help get your business off the ground.

“ I was able to get hands-on experience using tools and software I wouldn't have had access to outside of uni. My placement gave me the opportunity to utilise my skills in real time. ”



Aneesa Rauf

MSc Digital Marketing Management graduate



Alumni spotlight



When Allyson Frazier began her MSc in Computer Game Design, she dreamed of setting up her own studio with friends. Now she has turned her dream into reality as the founder, creative director and lead game designer for Creative AF Games.

As well as designing imaginative and thought-provoking games, she hopes to educate aspiring developers through offering courses and mentorships.

Allyson Frazier
MSc Computer Game Design

Founder, creative director and lead game designer for Creative AF Games

Allyson joined University of Staffordshire after working in art teaching and as a UX strategist. She started reading game design books and making mechanics for a game idea. With the Masters, she was soon applying the theory side to real projects.

"It helped me realise I do have the skills to prototype my ideas," she said. "I feel far more capable and equipped to not only design interesting games, but also to prioritise the right features and what would be best to support the intended gameplay experience."



Alex Rabishaw was so keen to study in the "capital of ceramics" that she moved from the US to the UK. Her MA in Ceramics gave her the freedom to explore ideas and develop her artistic practice.

Her class also visited Steelite, where they presented their ideas to the pottery company's design team. Alex now works as the Communications Assistant for the British Ceramics Biennial – a Stoke-on-Trent-based festival which attracts artists and visitors from around the world.

Alex Rabishaw
MA Ceramics

Communications Assistant at British Ceramics Biennial

"I got very into 3D printing with clay during my course, and we were also taught how to use 3D design software to digitally design shapes before bringing them to life in clay."

A former professional footballer who retrained for a new career is now running his own business supporting athletes with their mental health.

Sam Winnall took an MSc in Sport and Exercise Psychology after retiring due to a combination of injuries and the mental toll of the game. The ex-striker used to play for several clubs, including Barnsley, Sheffield Wednesday and Derby County.



The scope of psychology is growing in every aspect of sport at the moment and I felt as if this was something that I could really excel in. So, once transitioning out of the game, it felt a natural progression to go down the psychological and mental health route. From previously being an athlete to now being a retired athlete, there was so much that I learned that I wish I would have understood while I was playing.



Sam Winnall

MSc in Sport and Exercise Psychology

Athlete Counsellor

Research in action

Learn from academics who are leading experts in their field. They include staff with international research profiles, whose work is having a real impact on society and people's lives. Here, we spotlight some of their recent research.

Gambling under spotlight

Researchers are investigating the barriers that prevent people from seeking help for problem gambling. The study is examining why they delay accessing support, even when they are in crisis, and how experiences differ across genders and cultures.

Figures show around **40% of adults in Britain engage in some form of gambling each year.**

Those suffering severe gambling harms have an increased risk of suicide. Our social work experts are looking to identify gaps in the current research landscape and help shape interventions and public health campaigns. They are also working closely with people who have lived experience of gambling problems.

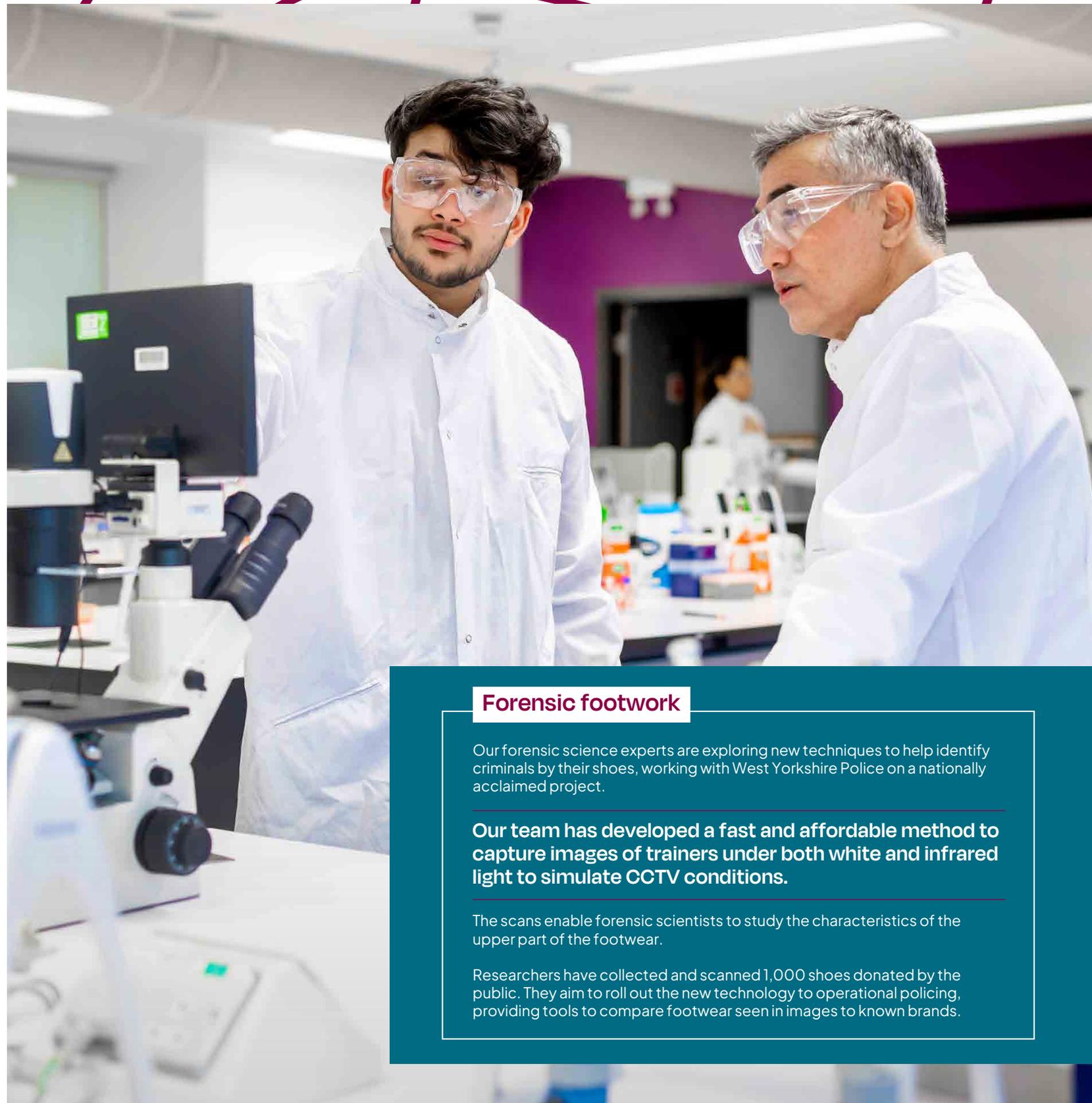
Motivation and exercise

The hardest part of consistently exercising is finding the motivation to do it. But researchers have found that using the wrong type of motivation for workouts can affect mental health.

The sport and exercise psychologists looked at the experiences of 650 frequent exercisers.

People whose mindset involved self-pressure or trying to avoid feelings of guilt showed higher symptoms of anxiety, depression and stress.

Those with lower symptoms reported using more positive forms of motivation, such as exercising because they loved the activity. The researchers have explored a psychological approach called rational emotive behaviour therapy (REBT), which aims to challenge deeply held beliefs and develop healthy alternatives.



Forensic footwork

Our forensic science experts are exploring new techniques to help identify criminals by their shoes, working with West Yorkshire Police on a nationally acclaimed project.

Our team has developed a fast and affordable method to capture images of trainers under both white and infrared light to simulate CCTV conditions.

The scans enable forensic scientists to study the characteristics of the upper part of the footwear.

Researchers have collected and scanned 1,000 shoes donated by the public. They aim to roll out the new technology to operational policing, providing tools to compare footwear seen in images to known brands.

Q&A



with PhD Computer Science student **Murouj Aljamaeen**

Why did you decide on postgraduate study at University of Staffordshire?

“ Technology is the primary driver of global innovation, particularly in critical sectors like healthcare. My PhD research allows me to contribute to that frontier, equipping me with the knowledge to not just follow technological change, but to help shape it. The University's strong reputation for inclusivity and its structured support system for international students were the deciding factors. ”

What has your research involved?

“ My research has included working with advanced computing infrastructure and clinical datasets, applying machine learning methods to real healthcare challenges. I have collaborated with academics across AI, data analytics and digital health, which has enriched the interdisciplinary impact of my work. ”

What's the postgraduate community like here?

“ There's a strong culture of helping each other through the academic journey. The University complements this with a wealth of development opportunities – from research workshops to professional masterclasses. ”

What advice would you give to someone thinking about postgraduate study at University of Staffordshire?

“ Don't just be a student, be a participant. The University's role is to provide the stage – your role is to make the most of your performance. It is this combination of your curiosity and the University's opportunities that truly defines the Staffordshire experience. ”





Types of study explained

Postgraduate taught

- Involves more structured study, with a mixture of lectures, seminars and assignments
- You may get to explore a research project in depth through a dissertation
- Assessment could also involve essays, exams and group projects
- Examples include Masters programmes

Postgraduate research

- Independent study and research exploring a specialist area, with little or no taught elements
- You'll be supervised by academic staff and will produce a thesis or portfolio
- Examples include an MRes (Master of Research) and a professional doctorate
- An MPhil or PhD is entirely based on research in your field

Flexible options

We offer full-time and part-time study options for many postgraduate courses. Some are delivered purely on campus and some through blended learning (a mixture of face-to-face and online).

You can also study via distance learning, which is 100% online and means you learn at a time and place that suits you.

“ The distance and financial cost of having to travel to university wouldn't have worked for me, so being able to do it from home was a huge pull. The online library is a brilliant resource – most of my dissertation was put together using resources from there. What's really interesting about distance learning is you also get to know people. There's a platform you can use to get to know each other. ”



Robert Trigg
MA International Relations graduate

Financial support, travel and student wellbeing

Financing your studies

STEP 1:

Check your course fees

For information on tuition fees for specific courses, see our [individual course pages](#).



STEP 2:

Check if you qualify for government support

- A [Masters loan](#) of up to £12,858 to help with your course fees, study expenses or living costs
- A [doctoral loan](#) of up to £30,301 if taking a doctoral course, such as a PhD or professional doctorate
- [Disabled Students' Allowance](#)

Check childcare support

Our [Woodlands Day Nursery](#) on the Stoke-on-Trent campus has 100 places. You may be eligible for a [childcare grant](#) or Government-funded [childcare hours](#).



STEP 3:

Check our bursaries and scholarships

Find details of our bursaries and scholarships and [eligibility criteria here](#).



Cost of living

Staffordshire is one of the most affordable places to live and study in the UK. There's also extra support available to help with the cost of living, including:

- Student Success Support Fund for short-term help if you're facing severe hardship
- Free cereal and toast at Students' Union venues
- Amazing deals on food through the Too Good To Go app
- A Students' Union food hub offering supermarket vouchers if you are struggling



Commuting to campus

It's easy to reach us as we are centrally located. Our Stoke-on-Trent campus is next to a mainline train station. At Stafford, we operate a free shuttle bus service to the town's station. Our London campus is just minutes away from the centre of the capital and can be accessed via Stratford and Stratford International stations and London Underground lines.



Wellbeing and academic support

Our comprehensive support system includes tailored help for wellbeing and mental health. You can get personalised support from our library, which is 'digital first' so most books and journals can be accessed from anywhere.



Postgraduate taught courses

Changing direction at postgraduate level

Planning to change career or fancy studying something new? We offer lots of flexible options at postgraduate level. You may be in the final year of your undergraduate degree and have realised you want to pursue a different career path. With a Masters, you can change direction.

Some postgraduate programmes – including conversion courses – are open to graduates in any subject. They are a great way to gain the specialist skills and knowledge you need for your chosen profession. Check the individual course pages on our website for specific entry requirements.

Conversion courses

Discover our career-focused Masters courses which don't require a particular undergraduate subject (although you may need relevant experience):

Teacher training

PGCE Primary Early Years

PGCE Primary (General)

PGCE Post-Compulsory Education and Training

Nursing

MSc Nursing Practice (Adult)

MSc Nursing Practice (Mental Health)

Psychology

MSc Psychology

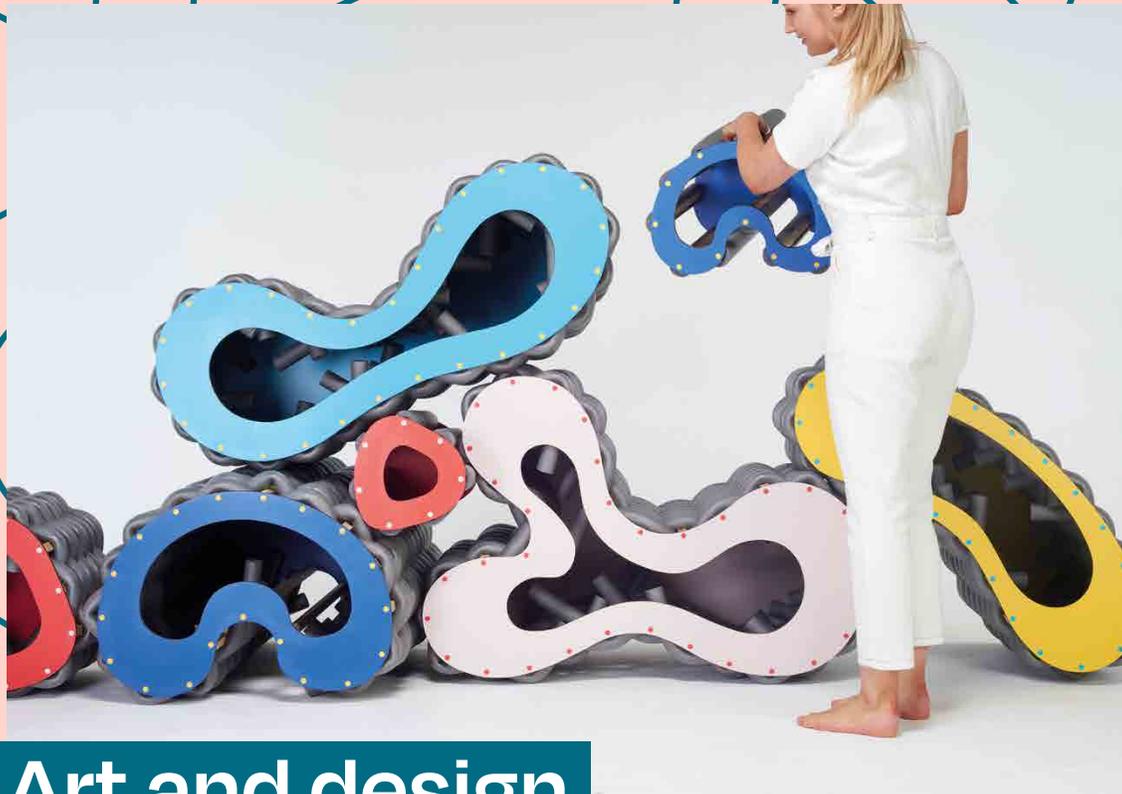
Social work

MA Social Work

Law

Law (conversion) and Legal Practice MA (Stoke)

Law (conversion) and Legal Practice MA (London)



Art and design

Stoke-on-Trent is the world capital of ceramics and is the perfect place to learn your craft as an artist or designer.

In recent years, students on our internationally renowned Ceramics MA have collaborated with the likes of Portmeirion and the V&A Wedgwood Collection. Whether creating tableware, sculptures or installations, you'll embrace different aspects of clay.

We also offer an MA in Contemporary Arts Practice, where you'll be encouraged to take your art into the real world. Or you can design your own Masters through Arts and Creative Technologies (By Negotiated Study). Whichever course you study, you'll be guided by academics with lots of industry experience.

Facilities

We have workshops for metals, wood, plastics, ceramics and resin. It's where you can learn how to throw, slipcast and glaze your pottery. We are also one of the few universities in the UK to have a ceramic 3D printer. You'll have access to laser cutters and other specialist technologies too.

Our courses

Course title	Award
Arts and Creative Technologies (By Negotiated Study)	MA/ MSc
Ceramics	MA
Contemporary Arts Practice	MA

“The academics have so much knowledge and experience. They're engaging, supportive and responsive. They understand how practice evolves and how to apply for opportunities in the art sector. They are connected and have accomplished practices and diverse research areas.”

Lorna Lakin
MA Contemporary Arts Practice student

[Find out more by visiting our course pages](#)



Biosciences

Join our award-winning biomedical science team and champion the fight against disease.

Our MSc in Advanced Biomedical Science is aimed at meeting the growing need for leaders who can drive innovation, enhance diagnostic and therapeutic strategies, and improve health outcomes. You'll also develop expertise in designing and conducting research that advances scientific knowledge.

Our Molecular Biology MSc is an opportunity for professionals in health, science or related fields who want to learn more about this specialist area and its impact on biomedicine. You'll explore how genomics is leading to personalised medicine for patients. The course, which includes a workplace project and can fit around your current job, involves two residential weekends on campus.

Facilities

You'll be using our biosciences labs, where you can explore techniques such as DNA and RNA extraction, and measure the effects of different procedures. We also have an Analytical Methods Laboratory for chemical analysis, along with an electron microscope and a specialist cell culture environment.

Our courses

Course title	Award
Advanced Biomedical Science	MSc
Molecular Biology	MSc

[Find out more about our Biomedical Science courses](#)

[Find out more about our Molecular Biology courses](#)



Business School

We use real challenges to test the skills of future business leaders and strategic thinkers.

If you take our unique MSc designed by entrepreneurs for entrepreneurs, you'll have the chance to turn your start-up idea into a scalable business. The course has been designed in partnership with the Peter Coates Foundation.

We also offer a suite of MBAs, where you could be exploring everything from how to expand a company overseas through to how to tackle trade issues or manage risk. And through our brand new MSc in International Tourism, Hospitality and Events Management, you'll learn how to create immersive experiences and develop your leadership skills across the visitor economy.

Facilities

Brainstorm ideas in our Playful Business Hub. You can take part in team-building activities and business games, including creating your own Playmobil.pro characters as you explore your strategic thinking. You could also be using simulation software to make key business decisions, while gaining insights from guest lectures delivered by industry experts who share real-world experience and current business practices.

Our courses

Course title	Award
Business Administration	MBA
Business Administration (London campus)	MBA
Business Administration (Professional Practice)	MBA
Business Administration DBA	MBA
Business Administration (Top-up)	MBA
Digital Marketing Management	MSc
Entrepreneurship	MSc
Executive MBA*	EMBA
International Business Management	MSc
International Finance and Accounting	MSc
International Tourism, Hospitality and Events Management	MSc

*Subject to validation

Accreditations
The Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM)



100% STUDENT SATISFACTION FOR MSC ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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[Find out more by visiting our course pages](#)



Computing

Whether you want to be a software developer, cyber security expert or transform services using AI, we're your gateway to industry.

Our Masters degrees will build on your specialist computing knowledge. We offer flexible options, including September and January start dates and a choice between our Stoke-on-Trent or London campuses for some courses.

You'll have the chance to network, complete a placement year and draw on our links with leading companies like Google, Amazon and Cisco. Our courses are designed to meet the emerging needs of industry. You could go on to a variety of roles, such as being a systems analyst, programmer, IT consultant or web application developer.

Facilities

Our networking labs feature Cisco and Cisco Meraki switches, routers, firewalls, wireless LAN controllers and network traffic generators. We also have a Data Analytics Centre, usability lab and software development environments for desktop, mobile and enterprise applications. Each of our cyber labs has a dedicated and isolated network. Students can also access tools used in criminal investigations, such as EnCase and XRY.

Our courses

Course title	Award
AI and Autonomous Systems	Msc
Artificial Intelligence*	MSc
Business Computing	MSc
Cloud and Network Computing	MSc
Cloud and Network Computing (London campus)	Msc
Computer Science	MSc
Computer Science (London campus)	MSc
Cyber Security	MSc
Cyber Security (London campus)	Msc
Software Engineering	EMBA

*Subject to validation

Accreditations
BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT



[Find out more by visiting our course pages](#)



Criminology and Social Justice

Draw on the real-world expertise of our nationally renowned team of criminologists and sociologists.

Our Criminology and Criminal Justice MSc is designed for people working, or aspiring to work, for organisations such as police forces, prisons and probation services. You'll explore perspectives on crime and social control, along with how the justice system works.

On our Sociology and Social Justice MA, you'll debate the most important sociological problems in the world today. You'll also have the opportunity to do a research project in your workplace or volunteer with an organisation. The course could lead to a variety of careers, including work in social welfare, teaching, the voluntary sector and with non-governmental organisations (NGOs).

Facilities

You can practise your skills using our simulation facilities, which include courtrooms, a custody suite and prison cell. It can help you understand offender management techniques and other aspects of the criminal justice system. Whether learning online or on-campus, you'll have access to a wide range of library resources and support from subject librarians.

Our courses

Course title	Award
Criminology and Criminal Justice	MSc
Evidence-Based Practice (Criminology)	MRes
Sociology and Social Justice	MA

Find out more by visiting our [Criminology and Criminal Justice courses](#)

Find out more by visiting our [Sociology and Social Justice courses](#)



Education, children and teaching

We can support you at every stage of your professional journey – from qualifying as a teacher through to education leadership.

With our range of PGCEs, you can focus on primary education, train as a secondary teacher in a specialist subject, or teach in post-16 education.

As a PGCE student, you'll spend time on placements with our partners, learning how to plan and deliver engaging lessons. On campus, you'll get personalised support and will have access to the latest evidence-based research.

We also offer an Education MA, studied part-time and 100% online. If you already have 60 relevant postgraduate credits, such as a PGCE, you can take the 'advanced standing' version which exempts you from a third of the course. The MA includes research, networking and the chance to develop your professional practice.

Facilities

Our Woodlands Day Nursery and Forest School – and 10-hectare nature reserve – will enable you to explore early years education and outdoor learning in action. If you want to train to become a science teacher, you can use our specialist labs. In art and design, we have workshops for metals, wood, plastics, ceramics and resin, where you can throw, slipcast and glaze pottery.

Our courses

Course title	Award
Education	MA
Higher and Professional Education	PgCert
Post-Compulsory Education and Training	PGCE
Primary with Early Years Specialism	PGCE
Primary (General)	PGCE
Primary with PE Specialism	PGCE
Secondary Art and Design	PGCE
Secondary Biology	PGCE
Secondary Chemistry	PGCE
Secondary Design and Technology	PGCE
Secondary English	PGCE
Secondary English with Drama	PGCE
Secondary Mathematics	PGCE
Secondary Physical Education	PGCE
Secondary Physics	PGCE

Find out more by visiting our [course pages](#)



Engineering

Engineering underpins everything from transport, communications and energy systems to smart technologies transforming our day-to-day lives.

With such a huge demand for skilled engineers, many of our graduates go on to secure jobs with leading companies. Our Masters degrees are designed with industry input, include placement opportunities and flexible start dates, and will prepare you for the careers of tomorrow.

Take Automotive Engineering and explore vehicle design, aerodynamics and advanced engine design. Or specialise in fields such as Robotics and Smart Technologies, where you'll develop expert knowledge on network-enabled devices and AI. You'll be immersed in hands-on projects, professional skills development and research opportunities alongside our world-leading academics.

Facilities



Our Smart Zone – featuring augmented and blended reality – is where you can 3D print and manufacture prototypes, and use robotics, sensors, laser cutting and milling tools. We have labs dedicated to renewable energy, reverse engineering, CAD modelling and other specialist areas. There's also a flight simulator with a professional PFC console and radio stack system.

Our courses

Course title	Award
Aeronautical Engineering	MSc
Artificial Intelligence and Autonomous Systems	MSc
Automotive Engineering	MSc
Electrical Engineering and Renewable Energy Systems	MSc
Engineering and Technology Management	MSc
Mechanical Engineering and Sustainable Energy Technologies	MSc
Robotics and Smart Technologies	MSc

Accreditations

The Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET)



Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE)



100% STUDENT SATISFACTION FOR MSC AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING FT

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[Find out more by visiting our course pages](#)



Forensic science

Explore the science behind solving crimes and get to grips with the rapidly evolving field of digital forensics.

You'll learn lots of real-world skills and will be taught by experts who are internationally renowned researchers. We also have an exciting forensic partnership with Staffordshire Police. Using our immersive facilities, you'll document crime scenes, analyse evidence in the lab and explore scientific research. On the investigative side, you could be extracting data, exploring technologies such as drone imaging and injury mapping, interviewing witnesses and presenting evidence in our simulated courtroom.

Our students go on to a variety of careers, such as becoming toxicologists, analytical chemists, crime scene investigators and forensic computer analysts.

Facilities



Our crime scene simulation facilities include living spaces, an office, shop and outdoor forensic area. You could be investigating vehicle collisions, assaults and murders. There are also specialist facilities for analysing biological, chemical or digital evidence, where you can learn about fire accelerants, blood spatter, drugs, entomology and fibres.

Our courses

Course title	Award
Digital Forensic Investigation	MSc
Forensic Science	MSc

“ My postgraduate degree mirrored real industry work, which meant I graduated with the skills employers want and the confidence to step straight into my career. ”

Hannah Vincent
MSc Forensic Science

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Games

Join the UK's number 1 university for games (TIGA Games Industry Awards 2025) and develop your career in the multi-billion-pound industry.

Our postgraduate courses will build your specialist skills. They cover the spectrum of games development - from concept to design, art, programming and production.

We'll help you to create a standout portfolio to impress employers. You'll also have a prime opportunity to grow your network and build on our connections with top international games studios.

Whether crafting epic characters, designing quests or using cutting-edge technology, you can shape your professional ambitions. You'll be part of the largest games department in the UK, with world-leading research and multiple awards for our innovative work.

Facilities

Bring your gaming and design ideas to life in our top-spec labs. You can create and test VR and AR solutions, explore the latest software engines, and use Wacom Intuos Pro mediums, Cintiq tablets, and professional editing suites. You can map human movements in our Motion Capture Studio, which has a 24-camera set-up.

Our courses

Course title	Award
Computer Games Design	MSc
Concept Art	MA
Games Art	MA
Games Computing	MSc
Professional Games Development	MSc

Accreditations

We have partnerships with TIGA and a wide range of influential developers



“ One of my mentors had mentioned the university and after reviewing the program, I thought it had the best curriculum by far compared to other schools. It seemed like a great mix between theory and applying theory to many projects I could use to build my portfolio. ”

Alllyson Frazier
Computer Games Design MSc

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Health and social care

Develop your career with our professional courses in health and care. We offer the essential postgraduate degree for nurses, midwives, paramedics and pharmacists who want to become advanced practitioners. On our Advanced Clinical Practice MSc, accredited by NHS England, you'll study part-time through blended learning.

It's part of a suite of health-related programmes, designed to support you at every career stage. Our academic team includes nationally acclaimed health experts and world-class researchers.

You can also train to become a social worker on our MA regulated by Social Work England, which includes practice-based learning to prepare you for your future profession. Or take our MSc in Human Factors for Patient Safety and you'll explore how ergonomics can transform working practices.

Facilities

At our Centre for Health Innovation, we have sector-leading simulation facilities, including a giant VR-powered immersive space. It means you can develop your clinical practice using our hospital wards, emergency department and operating theatre. At our Stoke-on-Trent campus, Social Work students use simulated living spaces to practise working with clients in a safe environment.

Our courses

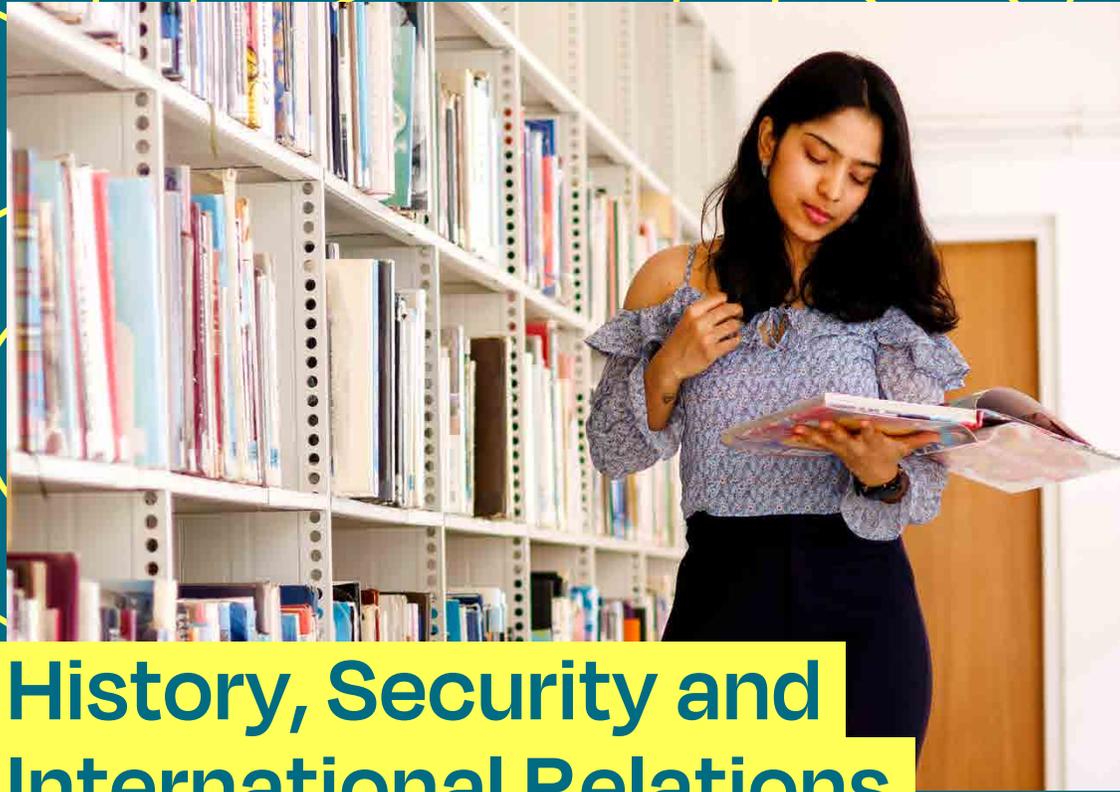
Course title	Award
Advanced Clinical Practice	MSc
Evidence-Based Practice (Clinical Research)	MRes
Evidence-Based Practice (Health and Care Studies)	MRes
Human Factors for Patient Safety	MSc / PgCert
Medical Education	PgCert
Public Health	MPH
Simulation-Based Education	MSc
Social Work	MA

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[Find out more by visiting our Health and Social Care courses](#)

[Find out more by visiting our Social Work course page](#)



History, Security and International Relations

Investigate major issues affecting the world today with our international studies-related degrees – all delivered through online learning.

You can discover more about the changing global order and how Russia and China are challenging Western dominance. We also look at the role of policy and decision-making bodies like NATO.

Specialise in security and intelligence and you could be exploring issues such as famine, human rights violations and space security. Or learn about law enforcement responses to organised crime – from terrorism to illegal arms trading.

You can also look at international challenges through the prism of history, including diplomacy, cultural developments and military encounters.

Online study resources

These courses are taught online, which means you can fit studying around work commitments. Alongside interactive lectures, tasks and discussions with other students, there are regular networking opportunities. You can also access e-books, postal loans of physical books, and online support from subject librarians. You'll be part of a lively online student community.

Our courses

Course title	Award
International History	MA
International Relations	MA
International Security	MA
Transnational Organised Crime	MA

Find out more by visiting our course pages



Law

Gain the professional skills and knowledge you need to go on to become a solicitor with our comprehensive preparation course. You'll benefit from personalised support on the programme so you are ready to take the Solicitors' Qualifying Exam (SQE) once you complete the Masters.

If you hold an undergraduate degree in a non-law subject and are considering a career in the legal profession, our Law and Legal Practice conversion course is ideal.

Our MA in International Law is also open to non-law graduates and covers interdisciplinary topics such as migration, cross-border regulation and the work of organisations like the International Criminal Court. The course is taught by leading academics, including independent UN experts and human rights lawyers.

Facilities

Our simulation facilities include digitally-enabled courtrooms where you can practise your skills and present legal arguments. You could also be involved in other real-world scenarios such as interviewing clients, drafting advice, setting out a legal case and practising your advocacy skills.

Our courses

Course title	Award
International Law	LLM
Law and Legal Practice	MA
Law and Legal Practice (London campus)	MA
Legal Practice (SQE Preparation)	LLM
Legal Practice (SQE Preparation)	LLM

Find out more by visiting our course pages



Nursing

Help to improve patients' lives by training to be a nurse with our highly experienced team.

You can specialise in supporting adults or patients with mental health conditions. Our Nursing Practice courses are open to graduates with a degree in any discipline and experience in a healthcare setting. As they are recognised by the Nursing and Midwifery Council, you'll be able to register as an adult or mental health nurse on graduation.

You'll complete 2,300 hours of practice-based learning, drawing on our strong network of placement providers. There are opportunities for elective placements abroad too. You'll be taught by research-active experts with extensive clinical experience.

Online study resources

You'll practise your clinical skills by treating manikin patients on our simulated hospital wards. It means you can learn in a safe environment before performing procedures on real patients. If you specialise in mental health, you could be using our immersive spaces as simulated therapy rooms, GP practices or other real-world settings.

Our courses

Course title	Award
Nursing Practice (Adult)	MSc
Nursing Practice (Mental Health)	MSc

Accreditations
Regulated by the Nursing and Midwifery Council



“For me, moving up your banding within nursing, they're looking for people that have studied at that extra academic level. It's given me the exposure to a wider range of facilities. I've met so many different other professionals.”

Charlotte Carpenter
MSc Mental Health Nursing student

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Policing and investigation

Whether dealing with a cyber-attack on national infrastructure or investigating murders or organised crime, you'll need to make critical decisions.

Our professional courses will equip you with the skills that matter. You'll be taught by staff with extensive experience, including former senior officers with international research profiles. If you're a police officer, aspiring private investigator or work in another law enforcement role, our MSc in Investigation Practice could be for you. We also offer a Leadership of Policing course, covering emerging challenges in crimefighting and policing practice.

Or study Disaster Management and play a vital role in helping organisations prepare and respond to a wide range of emergencies - from terrorism to earthquakes.

Facilities

These courses are taught online, which means you can fit studying around work commitments. Alongside interactive lectures, tasks and discussions with other students, there are regular networking opportunities. You can also access e-books, postal loans of physical books, and online support from subject librarians. You'll be part of a lively online student community.

Our courses

Course title	Award
Disaster Management	MSc
Evidence-Based Practice (Policing)	MRes
Investigation Practice	MSc
Leadership of Policing	MSc

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Psychology

Join our thriving postgraduate community dedicated to training the psychologists of the future and making an impact through research.

Our MSc in Health Psychology was the first of its kind to be accredited by the British Psychological Society. Two decades on, we're still winning BPS praise for our "exemplary" practice. We also offer well-regarded accredited courses specialising in CBT and counselling.

Our approach is rooted in applied psychology, which means you'll learn the theory side and how it relates to the real world. Several courses include placements and opportunities to present your research at events.

You will be supported by research-active academics and award-winning technicians.

Facilities

Our specialist laboratories include VR and simulation equipment. You can use eye tracking technology, measure stress responses with pain-inducing stimuli, and record other physiological measurements. We also have cognitive cubicles for psychology-based tests and observation and counselling suites.

Our courses

Course title	Award
Cognitive Behavioural Therapy	PgDip
Clinical Psychology	PhD
Evidence-Based Practice (Psychology)	MRes
Health Psychology	MSc
Health Psychology	PhD
Psychology	MSc
Psychotherapeutic Counselling	MSc / PgDip

Accreditations
British Association
for Counselling and
Psychotherapy (BACP)



**British Psychological
Society (BPS)**



[Find out more by visiting our course pages](#)



Sport and exercise

Whether your passion lies in helping athletes perform under pressure or with sport coaching, we'll help you develop your career. You'll be learning from internationally renowned experts, who ensure teaching is informed by the latest research.

On our MSc in Sport and Exercise Psychology, you'll explore the links between physical activity and mental health, along with group dynamics and leadership. Accredited by the British Psychological Society, the course counts as the first stage of training to become a sport psychologist.

Our flexible Sport Coaching MSc will appeal to active and aspiring coaches, including PE teachers, who may be working at grassroots level, with talented young players or Olympic hopefuls.

Online study resources

Both courses are delivered through online learning, so you can fit studying around work commitments. Alongside video lectures, interactive tasks and discussions with other students, there are regular networking opportunities. We also have links with professional sports teams and offer potential for research collaborations.

Our courses

Course title	Award
Sport and Exercise Psychology	MSc
Sport Coaching	MSc

Accreditations
British Psychological
Society (BPS)



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FOR MSc SPORT AND EXERCISE
PSYCHOLOGY FT/PT**

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Our campuses



Stoke-on-Trent campus

Facilities:

Stoke-on-Trent is the world capital of ceramics and our main campus is an ecosystem of creativity, enterprise and innovation. The Catalyst combines cutting-edge technology with flexible study and collaborative spaces. In games, you could be creating CGI images or using our VR, AR and mixed reality lab to test your ideas. We also have 12 simulation suites, where you can practise your skills documenting crime scenes and extracting evidence from digital devices, interviewing clients, presenting court cases and exploring other hands-on scenarios.

Life on campus:

Stay active at our Sir Stanley Matthews Sports Centre, which includes a 70-plus station gym. You can relax over coffee and lunch at our campus cafes, bistro and burrito bar. The campus is also within walking distance of the city centre's shops, restaurants and culture spots.

Our courses:

Subject areas include: business, computing, creative industries, criminal and social justice, education, engineering, forensic science, games, nursing, policing and psychology.

London campus

Facilities:

We are based at tech and innovation hub Here East, giving you unparalleled access to industry collaborations and professional connections. Our ultra-modern environment mirrors the look and practices of the real business world, with collaboration zones and flexible study areas.

Life on campus:

You can play games at our retro Reload café, relax at The Den, and head for nights out at the neighbouring Canalside bars and restaurants.

Our courses:

Subject areas include: computing, business and law.



Stafford campus

Facilities:

At our Centre for Health Innovation, you can treat patients on our simulated wards, operating theatre and A&E. You can also act out scenarios in our VR-powered immersive space.

Life on campus:

You can eat, socialise and relax at Dudley's. The restaurant and coffee bar also offers a hot drink loyalty scheme. There are social spaces in the atrium and on the first floor of the centre as well.

Our courses:

Our health-related courses here include advanced clinical practice.

Postgraduate research



Join our community of hundreds of researchers. You could be investigating solutions to real-world problems locally, nationally or globally.

Our research impact

68%

Of our research was rated as “world-leading” or “internationally excellent”

Research Excellence Framework 2021



87%

Of research impact is “outstanding” or “Very considerable”

Research Excellence Framework 2021

Our research areas

Business, enterprise and management

Work on projects in areas such as management, marketing, tourism and economics.

Crime, justice and society

Explore real challenges facing forensic science, criminology, prisons and offender management, policing, law, international studies and counter-terrorism.

Culture, heritage and society

Help to enrich communities and improve lives through projects focusing on areas such as regeneration of cities and social justice.

Engineering, technology and environment

Pursue your passion for innovation in fields such as sustainable engineering and renewable energy, air quality, robotics, computing and artificial intelligence.

Health, wellbeing and education

Help tackle inequalities and improve life chances alongside experts in nursing, midwifery, allied health professions, social work, education, psychology, biomedical science, and sport and exercise.

Spotlight on student research

Julie Davies

Young people with cleft lip or palate can face challenges relating to appearance, confidence and their experience of healthcare. Yet their voices are rarely heard in the development of cleft services.

Julie Davies, a professional doctorate researcher in Health Psychology, has been addressing this gap through an innovative participatory action research project. She has been working with 16 to 25-year-olds as co-researchers, encouraging them to express themselves through images.

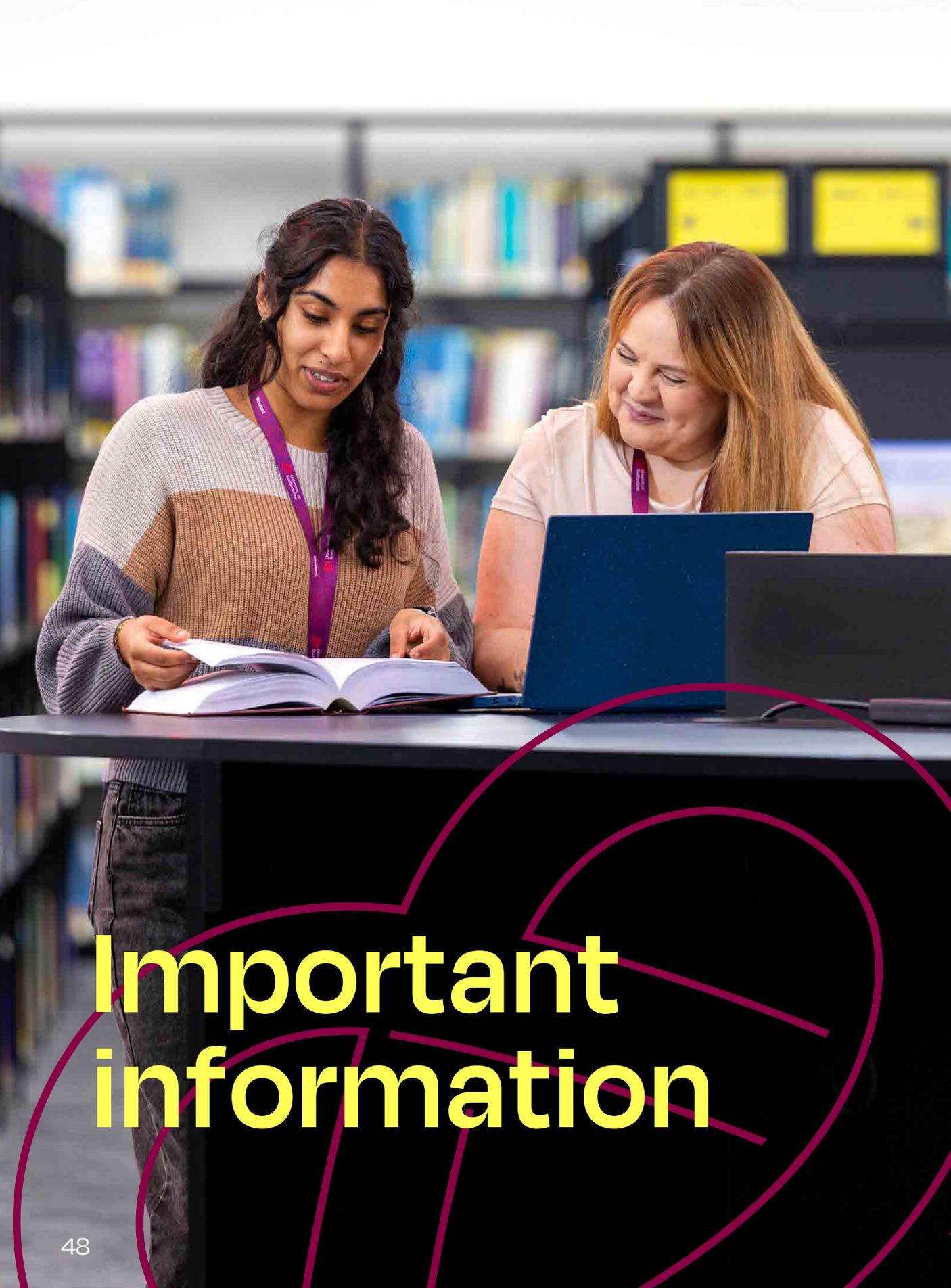
Collaborating with a professional photographer, they have gained new skills in visual storytelling and have also produced two powerful videos. These resources are designed to inform clinicians about the cleft journey and empower other young people to feel more confident about their appearance.

Gina Halliwell

As more children use digital devices, it's becoming vital to help them recognise, manage and recover from exposure to online risks. Gina Halliwell has been helping to build digital resilience through a novel approach.

As part of her Psychology PhD research, she's been getting primary pupils to work together to develop a lesson for other schoolchildren. Data from her study suggests this is having a positive impact.

Gina, who trained and worked as a primary school teacher, has also surveyed children about their perceptions of online safety. For the latest part of her research, she is working with pupils and teachers on an intervention programme.



Important information

At University of Staffordshire, we produce our guides well ahead of the academic years to which they relate. If exceptional circumstances beyond our control mean we cannot provide particular educational services, or we have to change the way we provide them, all reasonable steps will be taken to minimise the impact on the student learning experience. However, the University will have no liability for any loss or damage suffered by any prospective student or student as a result.

Very occasionally, we need to make changes to our courses, including their content and the way in which they are delivered. In some instances, courses can be discontinued or combined with other courses.

Reasons for withdrawing courses can include the unexpected absence or departure of a key member of staff, insufficient student numbers to ensure an appropriate quality of education, and courses not receiving the necessary accreditation or approval. Changes to course information may be required owing to operational or academic reasons.

As a prospective student of University of Staffordshire, it's your responsibility to ensure you have fully reviewed up-to-date course information before you apply, and that your chosen course fully meets your requirements.

You should also check the course still meets your requirements before accepting an offer to study with us. The most up-to-date course information can be found on our website (www.staffs.ac.uk), or by calling us on **01782 294000**.

If we discontinue a course or programme and you're not happy with the alternative

offered, or if a programme is changed and you're not happy with the changes, you'll be given the opportunity to withdraw from the programme.

If you're offered a place at University of Staffordshire, your offer will be subject to the University's Terms and Conditions of Offer. Those Terms and Conditions will be attached to your offer letter, and it is important you read them to understand your responsibilities as well as ours. If you become a student at University of Staffordshire, you will enter a contract with us and be bound by our rules and regulations. These, too, may vary from time to time, with any change or variation being made clear to you ahead of the change taking effect.

Subject To Validation

We're always striving to deliver the most current and relevant degrees, both by creating new courses and regularly reviewing our current offering. Each time we make changes, the course goes through a rigorous approval process to ensure it is the perfect fit for our students, employers and other relevant stakeholders.

A number of our courses are marked as 'subject to validation', which means some of the details of the course haven't been finalised yet. As soon as the new course is validated, up-to-date information will be provided on the online course pages at www.staffs.ac.uk

If you have been offered a place and there is a significant change to the course, or for any reason the course doesn't run – we will contact you immediately, explain why and fully support you in finding the best suitable alternative.

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Whatuni Student Choice Awards 2025

2ND FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION

The Times and The Sunday Times Good
University Guide 2026

TOP 5 FOR FIRST GEN STUDENTS

The Mail University guide 2026

1ST IN THE UK FOR GAMES EDUCATION

Rookies Games Design and Development
2023, 2025

TIGA Best Games Institution 2024, 2025

68% OF RESEARCH IS "INTERNATIONALLY EXCELLENT" OR "WORLD LEADING"

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