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Postgraduate study

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Welcome

It's always the right time to invest in your education

For almost 200 years, York St John University has been transforming lives through education. Originally a renowned teacher training college, we have developed into a well established university with increasingly influential research and impact across a diverse mix of courses. Our reputation is that of a collaborative and supportive partner, influencer and driver of change. Follow your passion and make a difference by joining our community.

We're a different kind of university. Our mission is defined by opportunity, equality and fairness. We want to bring out the brilliance in everyone. Your success with us will be your own and we'll help guide you towards your goals. We encourage curiosity, generosity and intellectual tenacity. We offer inspiring learning, impactful research and strong support for your career – support that lasts a lifetime.

Access to education is one of our main missions. Where possible, we offer financial assistance to make sure that great value education is available to as many people as possible.

At York St John, we'll get to know you as an individual. You'll be taught in small groups and have access to the right expertise and resources to help you at every stage of your studies. Our enthusiastic academics are building a global reputation for the work they do and the difference they make.

We're a partner of choice for an ever-expanding range of industry leading businesses and organisations. This helps us to ensure our postgraduate degrees are career focused, practical and purposeful. There has never been a more exciting time to choose postgraduate study at York St John University.



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Visit us

Postgraduate Open Evenings

York St John University is a community of people who love what they do and are passionate about education. We can't wait to meet you and show you why. These Open Evenings are designed especially for postgraduate applicants and are a great opportunity to speak with our staff and students.

Check online to find out when our next Postgraduate Open Evening will be:
yorks.ac.uk/postgraduate

Campus Tours

Campus Tours, led by a Student Ambassador, take place throughout the year. These last about an hour and are an opportunity to see our beautiful campus and get a feel for the University. You'll need to let us know you are coming by booking online at:
yorks.ac.uk/campus-tours

Mature Learners' Information Sessions

These are informal evening sessions for those with questions about returning to learning after a break from education. Find out more at: yorks.ac.uk/maturestudents



Why choose postgraduate study?

Stand out from the crowd

A postgraduate degree gives you something extra to help you stand out in the job market.

Be pioneering

Universities are places of discovery, debate and new ideas. We're the people looking to the future and innovating to change the world for the better. By joining our postgraduate community, you too can be part of this.

Your career

Those with a postgraduate qualification will earn an average of £5,000 a year more than those with an undergraduate degree. In addition, at 76.4% the proportion of postgraduates employed in highly skilled roles in 2023 exceeded that of graduates, at 60.4%.* With the government offering postgraduate loans, these courses are a great investment for your future.

Share your passion

Postgraduate study is more specialised and more guided by your own interests than an undergraduate degree. Delve deeper into what you feel passionate about and find your own niche. Contribute to the University's influential research programmes and be part of something bigger.



Learn new skills

Taking your learning to the next level gives you all kinds of new opportunities. Gain more experience in public speaking by presenting your work at our Postgraduate Research Conference. Teach undergraduate students as part of your PhD. Develop project management skills by organising events.

Build your professional network

From your lecturers and visiting speakers, to fellow students, postgraduate study is an opportunity to build connections in your industry or academic discipline.



Why choose York St John University?

Student experience

Our postgraduate community is growing and thriving. The 2024 national Postgraduate Research Experience Survey (PRES) ranked York St John 5th for both satisfaction with the quality of supervision and the research skills programme. We also scored highly for student satisfaction.

Research that matters

Our research tackles real problems and has a positive impact on people's lives. Find out more at yorksja.ac.uk/research

A great city to study in

York has been named the most popular city in the UK (YouGov 2024).

Flexible learning

We believe that education is for everybody. That's why we work hard to make our postgraduate courses accessible to you, whatever your circumstances.

Part of the community

York St John University is proud to be an important part of York. From delivering theatre workshops in prisons to working with local sports teams, we give back to the city and region we are proud to call home.

You can be you

We recognise that every learning journey is different. We get to know you as an individual and support you in achieving your personal goals.

Postgraduate student life

Students' Union

A wide range of people from all over the world study on our postgraduate courses. Starting a course is a chance to meet a new group of people. All of the Students' Union (SU) societies and sports clubs are open to postgraduate students, so you can stay part of your team (if you've studied with us before) or try something new.

The team at the SU includes a full time Postgraduate and Mature Student Officer who is dedicated to representing our postgraduate community. They focus on issues which may affect you, liaising with the presidents and appropriate staff to ensure the postgraduate student voice is always heard and considered.

Learning options

We know that postgraduate students often have jobs, families or other commitments to juggle alongside their studies. Part time options are available for the majority of our courses. An MA or MSc course will usually take 2 years to complete if you choose this route.

Even as a full time student, you may only be on campus a few times a week. This leaves you free to fit in the independent study needed for your course whenever works best for you. Some of our postgraduate courses run exclusively on weekends and evenings, making them ideal to study alongside full time work. More details on this can be found on our website.



Paying for your course

A postgraduate degree is a great investment, allowing you to pursue in-depth study of a subject you're passionate about and gain valuable, employable skills.

Fees

The fees for postgraduate courses differ depending on your subject and whether you choose a taught or research course.

Find out more about fees by looking at the course pages on our website, or by contacting our Funding Advice team.

fundingadvice@yorks.ac.uk

Postgraduate loans

The Government offers postgraduate loans to UK students to help you pay for your course. These loans are repayable through the Student Loans Company or the equivalent for your region and will not need to be repaid until you are earning over £21,000 per year.

Find out more about postgraduate loans at:

www.gov.uk/postgraduateloan

*These scholarships do not apply to our Physiotherapy (Pre-registration) MSc, Occupational Therapy (Pre-registration) MSc, Paramedic Science (Pre-Registration) MSc, Professional Doctorate in Counselling Psychology, or any of our PGCE courses. They also do not apply to courses delivered in partnership with other providers.

Alumni scholarships

If you graduated or will graduate from York St John University between 2019 and 2025 and plan to start your postgraduate degree in 2025, you'll be eligible for the following course fees reductions*:

- 40% reduction for a 1st
- 30% reduction for a 2:1
- 20% reduction for a 2:2

All alumni are eligible for a 10% reduction in course fees.

Funding for Postgraduate Certificate of Education (PGCE) students

The Government offer bursaries for UK students enrolled on Initial Teacher Education courses.

The amount you're entitled to will depend on the classification of undergraduate degree you received and the subject your PGCE focuses on.

www.getintoteaching.education.gov.uk

Other sources of funding

Whatever you're studying, there are likely to be research councils, charities or societies you can apply to for funding. We can support you, if necessary, in finding funding bodies. These grants are competitive, but it's worth finding out if you may be eligible for any of them. Find out more about these sources of funding at:

yorks.ac.uk/researchfunding

Supporting you

You can come to our expert teams any time you need advice, guidance, or just to find someone to talk to.

Student Advisers attend regular training to keep up to date with issues relating to university life. If they can't answer your query, they'll know someone who can and will refer you on to one of our specialist teams, another department in the University or an external agency.



Academic support

Moving from undergraduate to postgraduate study means taking a step up in your academic work. If you think you may need to refine your writing, presenting or reporting skills, then our Study Development team is here to help. The team delivers workshops and short courses, as well as 1 to 1 support, to help you adapt to postgraduate level study. We also have a Student Success and Engagement team which supports groups with specific needs, such as student carers, mature students and international students.

Pre-arrival support, peer support groups and skills development opportunities are all accessible through this team.



Health and wellbeing

Being healthy, happy and free to be yourself are key to being successful at university. The Wellbeing team members are psychological professionals who provide free, confidential counselling, welfare advice and mental health support to all students. The team hosts daily drop-ins and provides the Wellbeing Zone, our online resource which you can sign up to and use to access self-help materials and additional support. We also offer spiritual support to students from all beliefs and those of no faith through our Chaplaincy.

Our Health Centre on campus provides primary health services including GP surgeries and nurse led clinics to support a healthier, happier you.

www.yorkstudenthealthcentre.co.uk

Disability advice

We offer a range of services to students with disabilities or long term health conditions. Every student's requirements will be different, so if you need advice please get in touch as soon as possible. We also offer screening for specific learning difficulties and can help arrange an educational psychologist's assessment. If you're diagnosed with a specific learning difficulty, there is a wide range of support available including specialist tutors, mentoring and assistive technology software.

York

With the oldest shopping street in Europe, all the coffee shops you could ever want, a variety of beautiful and historic pubs, independent cinemas and festivals every month, we know you'll love York as much as we do.

York is perfectly placed within North Yorkshire, close to national parks, areas of outstanding natural beauty and dramatic coastline. It's also easy to get to cities including Leeds, Manchester and Newcastle, and you can be in London in just under 2 hours by train.



Commuting as a student

Not every postgraduate student moves away to study. For you, it might make more sense to stay where you are and commute to us. You probably won't be the only one on your course doing this and it shouldn't stop you getting the most out of campus life. It's easy to get to York, with frequent train and bus links across the region. If you're in full time study you're eligible for a student railcard at any age, giving you a third off all rail travel. York's Park & Ride service also means you can avoid city centre traffic if you choose to drive to us.

Living in York

The majority of our postgraduate students choose to live in privately rented accommodation in the city. YorHome is the local council's voluntary landlord accreditation scheme. The University supports this scheme, which helps to make sure that all of our students have access to a high standard of accommodation and are treated fairly by their landlords.

www.york.gov.uk/YorHome

We offer accommodations options for postgraduate students. For the most up to date information on what is available, please visit our website.

yorks.ac.uk/accommodation



Continuing your York St John University journey

If you've recently studied with us, continuing at York St John University means you can get straight into your stride.

The great teaching and academic support you have experienced at undergraduate level will continue, and help you make the most of the opportunities postgraduate study offers. With the government offering postgraduate loans (find out more on page 8), there's nothing stopping you staying with us and taking your university education one step further.

Working at postgraduate level is a step up from undergraduate study, but it's also a very rewarding and valuable experience. Your academic tutors and our support teams are here to help you make the transition.

Scholarships are available for recent graduates and final year undergraduate students. Find out more on page 22.



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When I finished my undergraduate degree at York St John, I was awarded a scholarship to study for a master's. I chose to study the TESOL MA because of its practical implications for my career in teaching English to speakers of other languages, as well the opportunity to continue researching in the field.

I love the variety of things you can get involved with. I helped to set up an outreach project called YEAL, in which students go into local schools to support pupils who have English as an Additional Language. Another amazing opportunity I was able to take advantage of was working as a Research Assistant to one of my lecturers. The University's commitment to making everyone feel welcome and its extensive range of community projects make studying here a great experience.

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Gabriella

TESOL MA



Returning to learning

It's never too late to learn something new, embrace different ideas and reach your full potential.

While plenty of applicants come to us straight from their undergraduate study, many have spent some time in the world of work, gaining valuable skills and knowledge. We see this diversity of experience as a great asset to our University. Those who choose to study later in their career are making a decisive, bold choice to take on a new challenge and change their lives. We share your ambition and will do everything we can to make it happen.

We're a learning community which celebrates debate and collaboration. Our mature learners add to this conversation by bringing different ideas, perspectives and skills. Our students and staff come from all over the world, and this makes York St John University an exciting place to learn, grow and challenge your ideas.



We're proud to be named University of the Year for Social Inclusion by The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2025. Don't worry if you haven't studied for a long time or feel your study skills need some improvement. Extensive support is available to help you further build confidence and feel prepared to take on the new challenge of postgraduate study.

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York St John University is such a welcoming place to study. It's small enough to feel like you can form valuable bonds with other students and tutors, but big enough that you benefit from all the opportunities you would expect.

I'm really pleased to have started studying again after such a long break. I'm using a different skill set to those you might use for family life or running a business, but it's certainly made my world seem wider. Now I'm back in education, I'm not sure I want to leave.

Nicky

Creative Writing MA

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Taught postgraduate courses

We offer taught postgraduate courses across a wide range of subjects. You can further your knowledge in your current discipline or explore something new that you're passionate about.

Taught courses will follow a similar format to your undergraduate degree, but with the opportunity to find your own specialism within your subject and explore this through an extended dissertation or project. Part time options are available for most courses, so you may be able to work alongside studying.



For an up to date list of the taught postgraduate courses available go to yorks.ac.uk/postgraduate

“ York St John University offered me a great balance of academic freedom and support. I was given a level of autonomy to take my PhD where it needed to go. The first publication to come out of it, 'Controllability is key: Goal pursuit during COVID-19 and insights for theories of self-regulation', went online this August and felt like a real accomplishment. I also had the opportunity to co-organise a conference, Greater Yorkshire Memory Meeting, on our York campus. It was an opportunity to meet experts in the field and bring people together with a view to future collaboration. ”

Helgi

Cognitive Psychology PhD



Research degrees

A research degree is your chance to find your specialism and establish yourself as an expert in your field.

If you have an idea for a new project, the passion and dedication to explore it in depth, and want to make a positive impact on the world through your research, we want to work with you.

The Postgraduate Research School is here to help you on your journey. They'll offer guidance and support, as well as work with your research supervisor to give you the best possible learning experience. By joining this growing community, you'll be introduced to all kinds of new opportunities.

Find out more at yorks.ac.uk/research

“ Choosing where to conduct my PhD was a very big decision. I knew from studying my BA and MA here, that York St John was a university that offered a unique student experience. That's why I applied for my PhD Proposal on Contemporary African America literature. ”

The English Literature team questioned my theoretical positions, forced me to confront ideas that I had neglected and encouraged me to engage with concepts outside of my comfort zone. Looking back, their help in the earlier stages had a very positive effect on the direction and focus of my research.

There are research conferences and symposiums throughout the year. These events create a real buzz on campus and are a great platform for postgraduate researchers to discuss their research. During my time at York St John, I have been able to attend and present at multiple research conferences, and my PhD Supervision Team is a constant source of encouragement, pushing me to try out my ideas as my degree progresses. ”

Tom

PhD English Literature candidate



The path to postgraduate study

Taught degrees

1. Find your course

Postgraduate courses are usually more specialised than undergraduate degrees, so it's worth looking around to find the one which best fits your interests.

Visit our website to find out more about postgraduate taught courses.

yorks.ac.uk/pg-taught

Research degrees

1. Find your specialism

You'll need to find a topic which fascinates you enough to study it long-term, and which can be supervised by a member of our academic staff with expertise in the same area. You can find a list of research interests and look for the right supervisor on our website.

yorks.ac.uk/postgraduate-research-school

2. Apply online

Unlike with undergraduate degrees, we accept applications directly through our own website rather than through the UCAS system. You'll find an application link on each of our course pages. Depending on your course, you may be invited to interview, or we may make a decision based on your application alone.

3. Accept your place

You'll receive your decision from us by email. Acceptance emails include a reply slip which you can send back to us either by email or by post to confirm your place.

Entry requirements

Taught postgraduate degrees

Most of our taught postgraduate degrees require you to hold an undergraduate degree in a related area with a classification of 2:2 (or equivalent) or higher. There may be some exceptions to this and some courses have additional criteria you must meet. For detailed entry requirements, please visit the postgraduate course pages on our website.

Research degrees

To apply for a research degree, you must hold at least a 2:1 in your undergraduate degree. You'll also need to find a new topic (or a new approach to a topic) which you are passionate about and a member of our academic staff who shares this interest and can support you. You can find out more about research supervisors on our website. yorks.ac.uk/postgraduate-research-school

You can apply to all of our postgraduate degrees through the course pages on our website.

yorks.ac.uk/postgraduate

For more information about the admissions process contact:

admissions@yorks.ac.uk
01904 876598



York St John University London Campus

Our London campus is a learning environment where you could develop your skills and further your passions.

Set in the Export building at East India Dock, our campus is based in East London close to Canary Wharf. It's part of a vibrant, dynamic and innovative hub of creative, technology, and start up businesses. Our community creates an empowering environment of collaboration and original thinking.

A base in London means we can work with more of the biggest brands in the world, accessing opportunities and experts that will inspire you. Our campus is based within a few minutes of major offices for Google, Amazon, Alexander McQueen, Virgin Active and over 100 other leading companies.

Our master's courses are shaped by our expert staff, directed by the latest research and informed by industry leaders.

We've created a dynamic, contemporary and exciting home for learning in London that will take you to the very heart of current business thinking.

yorks.ac.uk/london-campus



Postgraduate study at York St John University

Embrace new ideas, enhance your career and change your future
with a postgraduate degree from York St John University.

£5,000

Having a postgraduate qualification
can earn you an average of £5,000
a year more than if you only have an
undergraduate degree.
(Graduate Labour Market Statistics, 2023)

No. 1

York has been ranked
as the most popular
city in the UK
(YouGov 2024)

York St John University
was voted **number 1**
in Yorkshire and
the Humber for
Postgraduate study
(What Uni Student Choice
Awards 2024)

People from almost 100

different countries study at York St
John University. When you graduate
you will become part of a global
community who are proud to be part
of the YSJ Family.

Our research tackles real problems and has a positive impact on people's lives.

Join us as a postgraduate student and you will become part of this thriving
research culture.

Stand out from the crowd.

Far fewer people have postgraduate degrees than
undergraduate qualifications.

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