



POSTGRADUATE

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Welcome



For almost 200 years York St John University has been transforming lives through education.

Originally a renowned teacher training college, we are now a well-established university with increasingly influential research and impact across a diverse portfolio of courses. We have an excellent reputation in our city and region as a partner, influencer and change-maker.

We are a different kind of university. Our mission is defined by opportunity, equality and fairness and our vision is to bring out the brilliance in everyone. We value curiosity, generosity and intellectual rigour. We put people first. We offer inspiring learning, impactful research and strong support for your career - support that lasts a lifetime.

With us you are a name, not a number. That means you will 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 - be part of it!

We are 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, purposeful and principled. There has never been a more exciting time to choose postgraduate study at York St John University.

Visit us

POSTGRADUATE OPEN EVENINGS

York St John University is full 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 first-hand.

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. They usually run at 3pm on Wednesdays and 1pm on Thursdays and you will need to let us know you are coming by booking online at:

yorks.ac.uk/campustours

MATURE LEARNERS' INFORMATION SESSIONS

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



Why choose postgraduate study?

STAND OUT FROM THE CROWD

Far fewer people have postgraduate degrees than undergraduate qualifications. This gives you something extra to help you stand out in the graduate job market.

EARN MORE THROUGHOUT YOUR CAREER

Those with a postgraduate qualification will earn an average of £6,000 a year more than those with only an undergraduate degree*. With the government now offering postgraduate loans, these courses are a better investment than ever.

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

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

BUILD YOUR PROFESSIONAL NETWORK

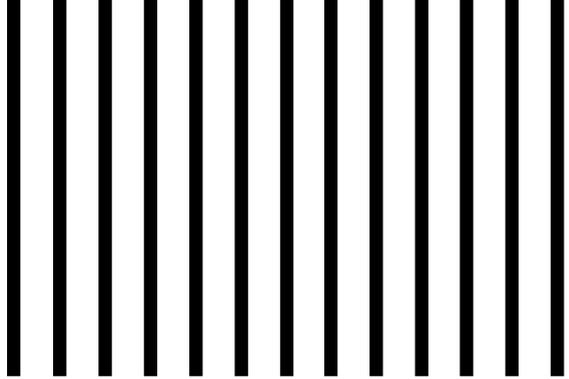
From your lecturers, to visiting speakers, to fellow students, postgraduate study is an opportunity to build connections in your industry or academic discipline.

BE AT THE CUTTING EDGE

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



* Department For Education Graduate Labour Market Report 2017



Why choose York St John University?



STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Our postgraduate community is growing and thriving. The 2018 national Postgraduate Research Experience Survey (PRES) ranked York St John University first in three categories, including overall student satisfaction.

RESEARCH THAT MATTERS

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

BEST PLACE TO LIVE IN BRITAIN

In 2018 *The Sunday Times* named York the best place to live in Britain, and in 2019 named it the best place to live in the North. Our campus is at the heart of this friendly, historic city.

FLEXIBLE LEARNING

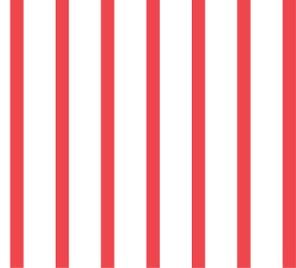
We believe that education is for everybody. That's why we work hard to make our postgraduate courses accessible to you, whatever your circumstances.

PART OF THE COMMUNITY

From delivering theatre workshops in prisons to working with local sports teams, we give back to the city and the region we are proud to call home.

WITH US IT'S PERSONAL

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

Students from all over the world and all walks of life study on our postgraduate courses, and starting a new 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 now 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.

FLEXIBLE STUDY

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

Even as a full time student, a lot of our postgraduate teaching takes place on evenings, and 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.



Supporting you

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

Student Advisors attend regular training to keep up-to-date with issues relating to university life. If they can't answer your query they will know someone who can – referring 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 are here to help. They deliver workshops and short courses as well as one-to-one support to help you adapt to postgraduate level study. We also have a Student Success and Engagement Team who support 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 accepted is key to being successful at university. The Wellbeing Team are psychological professionals who provide free, confidential counselling, welfare advice and mental health support to all students. They host daily drop-ins and provide 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 of no faith through our Chaplaincy.

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



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 are 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 pub for every day of the year, independent cinemas and festivals every month, we know you will love living in 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 is also easy to get to bustling and exciting cities including Leeds, Manchester and Newcastle, and you can be in London in just under two hours by train. Pick up a copy of our York Guide to find out more about the city.



LIVING IN YORK

The majority of our postgraduate students choose to live in privately rented accommodation in the city. With so many students living in York, there are plenty of options available. YorProperty 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.yorproperty.co.uk

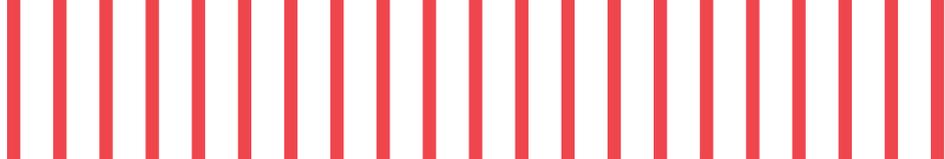
Our university accommodation includes studio apartments and shared flats or houses, all of which are within 20 minutes walk of campus. Whilst most of this accommodation is rented by undergraduate students, you can also apply for a place when you join us as a postgraduate student.

yorks.ac.uk/accommodation

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 is easy to get to York, with frequent train and bus links across the region. If you are in full time study you are 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.





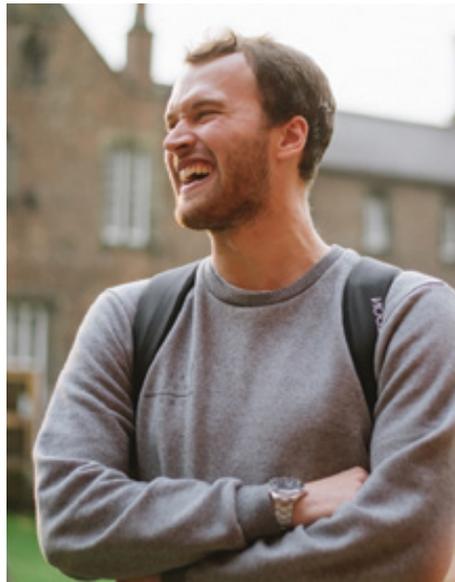
Continuing your York St John University journey

If you have recently studied with us, continuing your studies 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 now offering postgraduate loans (paid back in the same way as other student loans), there is 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 is also a very rewarding and valuable experience, and if you are ready to face this challenge then your academic tutors and our support teams are here to help you make that transition.

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR OUR FINAL YEAR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS. FIND OUT MORE ON PAGE 22.



“ 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 Applied Linguistics: 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.

GABRIELLA FLOCKTON

Applied Linguistics: TESOL MA

Returning to learning

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

While plenty of applicants come to us straight from their undergraduate study, many have spent some years 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 are a learning community which celebrates debate and collaboration. Our mature learners add to this conversation by

bringing different ideas, perspectives and skills to those just starting their careers. Our students and staff come from all over the world and all walks of life, and this makes York St John University an exciting place to learn, grow and challenge your ideas.

We are proud to be in the Top 10 UK universities for giving equal access to students from all backgrounds*. We encourage those who may never have expected to come to university to give higher education a go. Do not worry if you have not studied for a long time or feel your study skills need some improvement – extensive support is available to help you build confidence and feel prepared to take on the new challenge of postgraduate study.



*(Higher Education Policy Institute (HEPI) analysis 2018).



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York St John 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 KIPPAX, CREATIVE WRITING MA

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Taught postgraduate courses

We offer taught postgraduate courses across a wide range of subjects, so you can either establish a niche in your current discipline or explore something new.

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 continuing your study.

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



My main research focus is on the complexities of healthy and unhealthy relationships. I had the opportunity to develop and eventually tour with a play which formed part of a university-wide initiative related to this topic. The project has now reached over 25,000 young people.

Through drama we are enabling young people to develop skills around staying safe online and in the real world. It is a fantastic feeling to know that your theatre practice is making a difference in people's lives.

LISA THORNTON
Applied Theatre MA



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, have 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.

Our small but ambitious research community spans a huge range of specialisms. By joining this growing community you will be introduced to all kinds of new opportunities.

Find out more at yorks.j.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 is 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 are a constant source of encouragement, pushing me to try out my ideas as my degree progresses.

TOM JACKSON
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.

Research degrees

1. FIND YOUR SPECIALISM

You will 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 we can support and look for the right supervisor on our website.

www.yorks.ac.uk/researchsupervision

2. APPLY ONLINE

Unlike with undergraduate degrees, we accept applications directly through our own website rather than through the UCAS system. You will 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 will receive your decision from the Admissions Team 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.

For more information about the admissions process contact:

E: admissions@yorks.ac.uk T: 01904 876598

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 our 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 will also need to find a new topic (or 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 your research supervisor on our website.

yorks.ac.uk/researchsupervision

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

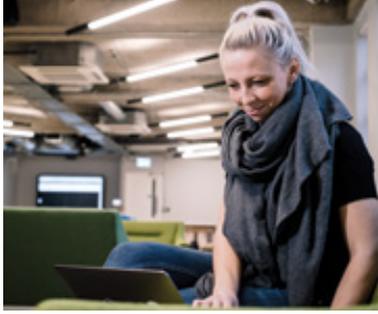
yorks.ac.uk/postgraduate

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

E: Admissions@yorks.ac.uk

T: 01904 876 598





London Calling

The Glasshouse, our new London Campus, is at the heart of the capital's business enterprise and creative centre.

With excellent transport links and within moments of the world-famous Barbican Centre, our new campus is based at the very heart of London's creative, technology and business creation ecosystems. The campus is home to a suite of contemporary courses designed to nurture the creative and business pioneers of the future.

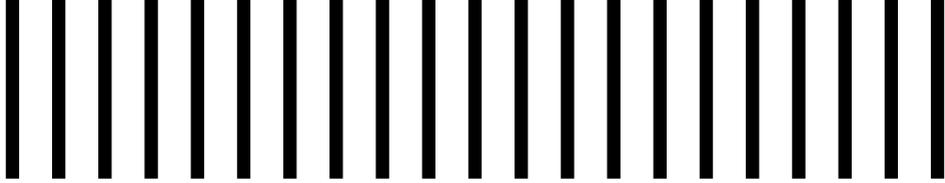
A base in London means we can work with even more of the biggest brands in the world, accessing opportunities and experts that inspire. Our campus is based within a few minutes of major offices for Google, Amazon,

Alexander McQueen, Virgin Active and over 100 other leading companies.

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

ysulondon.ac.uk





Paying for your course

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

FEES

The fees for postgraduate courses differ depending on your subject and whether you are undertaking a taught or research programme.

E: fundingadvice@yorks.ac.uk

POSTGRADUATE LOANS

The Government is now offering postgraduate loans to UK and EU students to help you pay for your course. These loans are repayable through the Student Loan Company 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

ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS

If you are a 2019 or 2020 graduate and plan to start your postgraduate degree in 2020 you will be eligible for the following fee reductions*:

- 50% reduction in course fees if you achieve a 1st
- 35% reduction if you achieve a 2:1
- 20% reduction if you achieve a 2:2

If you choose to return to study with us at a later date you will receive a 10% reduction in course fees. This cannot be applied on top of the scholarships listed above.

*This applies to all York and London-based MA, MBA and MSc programmes, except for Physiotherapy (Pre-registration) MSc and Occupational Therapy (Pre-registration) MSc. PGCE courses are also not included in the scholarships.

FUNDING FOR PGCE STUDENTS

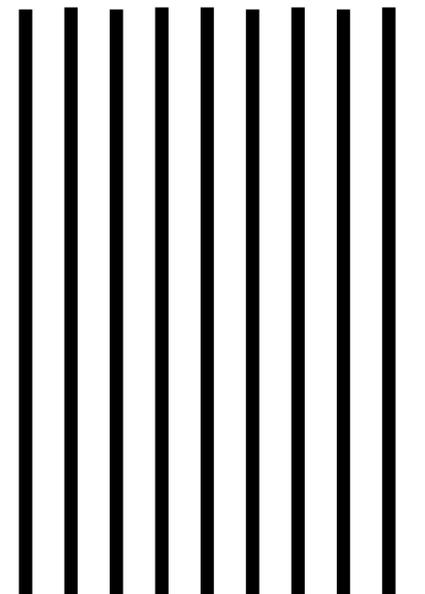
The Government offer bursaries for UK and EU students enrolled on Initial Teacher Education courses. The amount you are entitled to will depend on the classification of undergraduate degree you received and the subject your PGCE focuses on.

www.getintoteaching.education.gov.uk

OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING

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

yorks.ac.uk/researchfunding



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