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Welcome to York St John University

Choosing Postgraduate study is a potentially life-changing way to expand your knowledge, broaden your horizons and enhance your employability. You might be considering taking a subject you have already studied further, you may want to study another subject entirely or perhaps you want to formalise your learning in relation to your chosen career. Whichever path you take, by participating in Postgraduate study you will build the expertise, networks and practical experience to realise your personal ambitions, whatever that means to you.

We are here to support you in your application as well as throughout the course of your studies, be that on a Masters or over the course of studying for a PhD and beyond into employment. Our thriving community of academics, researchers and Postgraduate students is rapidly expanding, but still feels like a close and mutually supportive community. If you're ready for the next chapter of your journey and you'd like to be part of our story, we would love to be part of yours.

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95%
SATISFACTION

As rated by our Research students, compared to an 82% national average (Higher Education Academy Postgraduate Research Survey 2017)

Making you stand out

One of the best ways to stand out in the increasingly competitive job market is to complete a Postgraduate qualification. Studying a subject in more depth shows potential employers your ability to interrogate information, your motivation to research and analyse a subject thoroughly and, ultimately, your determination to succeed. Whether you choose a Taught Masters, Masters by Research or a PhD, you will set yourself apart from your peers. Our Postgraduate students may use their studies to make a greater contribution in the workplace, advance their academic ambitions and carry out life-enhancing research.

We pride ourselves on delivering a personal approach to learning through the provision of a supportive environment and small class sizes. This applies across all of our courses, from Foundation level through to PhD study. The success of this ethos is reflected in our high satisfaction ratings. At York St John University we want all of our students to feel valued, to contribute to the distinctive atmosphere on campus and to be the best that they can be. We are an ambitious institution and foster this ambition across our thriving Postgraduate community.

THRIVING

York St John University saw a 17% increase in Postgraduate student applications in 2017



Why York St John University?

When you study at York St John University it's personal. Our close-knit campus means you will be known as an individual by your tutors, taught in small class sizes and have the space to be yourself. We value a learning environment that is generous, curious and rigorous.

*Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education in the United Kingdom data 2017

Our history

York St John University is the oldest Higher Education institution in York and has been at the forefront of teaching and education for over 175 years. It has seen many changes, from its early days as a teacher training college to welcoming over 6,100 students from across the world today. We became known as York St John University and began awarding taught degrees in 2006, with research degree awarding powers granted in 2015. Our city-centre campus, located in the heart of historic York, comprises a blend of old and new buildings and the feeling of community is one of the things our students love the most about studying with us.

Academic experience

Postgraduate study will be a noticeable step up from Undergraduate level in terms of the academic challenge you undertake and the independence of your study. It is also a rewarding, enjoyable experience which will considerably increase both your understanding of the subject and your career potential. Our academics are enthusiastic about sharing their expertise and applying it in the real world, encouraging you to ask questions, challenging your thinking and developing both the study and research skills to facilitate your learning.

Postgraduate study can often be fitted around other commitments, with the ability to fit your working patterns around you, part-time options are available and you will be taught by staff who understand the need for flexibility in your learning. Some courses are taught largely through evening and weekend sessions to help you accommodate the time pressures of Postgraduate study. See individual course pages online for details: www.yorks.ac.uk/postgraduate

Facilities

Our excellent facilities make York St John University a great place to study as a Postgraduate student. With £46 million invested across our campus over the last ten years, including state-of-the-art laboratories and learning spaces in addition to a 57-acre Sports Park. We understand the specific challenges of Postgraduate study and our dedicated Graduate Centre provides a specialised study space for you to focus on your studies in addition to our Learning Centre, which is open 24 hours a day.

The Graduate Centre provides a space to collaborate with research students from all schools and an invaluable chance to learn from each others' experiences. The facilities in the Graduate Centre include flexible workspaces and lockable storage, meeting rooms, kitchen access and a social hub.

Language support is available for international students, whether it be one-to-one assistance, study materials or conversation groups to help perfect your English Language skills. For more information please contact us:

E: languagedevelopment@yorks.ac.uk

Opportunities

We want you to make the most of your time with us and provide plenty of opportunities to present your research, explore your interests and interact with the wider academic community. Research seminars with guest speakers are hosted across our academic schools and cover a wide variety of topics, allowing you to both hear from experts in your own field and learn about new ones. Writing retreats give students and staff a chance to really focus on their projects, share research experiences and dig deep into a piece of research. You will have the opportunity to present research findings to fellow researchers from across the University and beyond at the Postgraduate Research Conference, which showcases our Postgraduate students' work.



 Rob Aitken

Deputy Vice Chancellor for Research & International

"Postgraduate study is your opportunity to immerse yourself in an academic field and to make it your own; to be a creator, and to add to the sum of human knowledge in whatever academic discipline fires your interest. Taught by experts in your chosen field, we will take you to the forefront of the subject, build your skills for independent research, then mentor you as you carve your mark on your discipline of choice. My own research career has taken me on an amazing intellectual and geographic journey, working with some of the finest minds in my area of biology and travelling across the world. But for all researchers, that journey begins with Postgraduate study: come and start your journey of discovery with us."

EARN MORE

On average you will earn £6,000 a year more with a Postgraduate qualification*

Visit us

To find out more about Postgraduate study at York St John University, come and see us for yourself. Events for Postgraduate applicants will be announced at www.yorks.ac.uk/postgraduate



Open Evenings

These events are for anyone who is thinking about applying for Postgraduate study at York St John University and for those who have already applied. Attending an Open Evening is a great opportunity to meet our staff, find out more about what we offer and discuss your options.

Representatives from academic subject areas, Careers & Employability, Student Finance, the Students' Union and Admissions teams will all be on hand to provide the advice you need to take your studies to the next level.

Campus tours

If you are unable to attend an Open Evening, you could come along to one of our campus tours, which normally run at 3.00pm on Wednesdays and 1.00pm on Thursdays. Our campus tours give you the opportunity to discover our beautiful campus, located in the centre of the city of York. The campus tour is led by a current student and lasts up

to an hour. Please note, tours only run if places have been booked in advance, book your place at: www.yorks.ac.uk/campus-tours

Mature Learners Information Sessions

These bi-monthly Mature Learner Information Sessions give you the opportunity to meet other mature learners and find out more about university life. These sessions run in the evening and can be booked online at: www.yorks.ac.uk/mature-learners

Further information

If you have a research or professional interest in a specific area and would like to discuss this in more depth we can also help you to arrange a conversation with the relevant academic expert, to help you consider the best way to pursue this at York St John University. Please contact us on: E: admissions@yorks.ac.uk T: 01904 876598

Getting here

You can find our campus at:
York St John University
Lord Mayor's Walk
York, YO31 7EX

For more information about how to reach us please visit: www.yorks.ac.uk/connect

Parking

As we are a city-centre campus, there is no parking on-site except for visitors with a blue badge. There are several public car parks nearby. Alternatively, York's Park & Ride services allow you to travel to York by car, park for free in a secure car park and complete your journey into the city centre by bus.

By train

York is situated on the East Coast Main Line, Edinburgh is just 2.5 hours to the north and London is 2 hours south. Nearby cities like Leeds, Manchester, Newcastle and Sheffield are all easily accessible by train.

By air

Manchester is the most convenient international airport for York. On arrival at Manchester Airport, make your way to the railway station, which is part of the airport complex. The trains to York depart every hour. The journey to York takes about 2 hours. York is also easily accessible from both Leeds Bradford and Doncaster Sheffield airports, which have many connections to countries within the European Union. Both of these airports are readily accessible by both rail and bus services.

OPPORTUNITY

35.1% of our students
come from the lowest
socio-economic
backgrounds

Supporting you

We will help you to feel at home from the moment you start your course and will give you all the help and assistance you need to achieve your goals.

Mature students

We welcome mature students and value their experience and skills. Do not be put off if it is a long time since you have done any formal learning, as we will provide support to help you to brush up your study skills.

Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL)

An alternative route onto your chosen course may be to have your work experience recognised through accreditation of your learning at your place of employment.

APEL recognises the value of learning which takes place outside of formal educational institutions. It helps adult

learners to identify informally acquired skills and knowledge and to reflect upon their learning processes, enabling them to make the transition from informal to formal learning.

Who to talk to

We have dedicated support for mature learners and encourage students returning to learning to contact us if they have any questions, no matter how big or small they may seem.

T: 01904 876970

E: maturestudents@yorks.ac.uk or admissions@yorks.ac.uk

Student Information Desk

The Student Information Desk is the first stop for any questions you may have about your student experience. Here you can find information, advice and guidance. If they cannot answer your enquiry directly they will refer you on to an expert adviser in one of our specialist support teams, another member of York St John University staff or, if appropriate, to an external agency.
T: 01904 876477 E: SID@yorks.ac.uk

Student Success & Engagement Team

This team is dedicated to ensuring you receive the support you need when you need it. They support groups including care leavers, student carers and international students. The team provides pre-arrival support, welcome and orientation activities, inter-cultural and celebration events through our Global Campus programme, weekend trips and welfare support.
T: 01904 876477 E: SID@yorks.ac.uk

Study Development

Study Development support is available to all students and is delivered through workshops, short writing courses and through individual and small group tutorials. We can help you to identify ways to improve the quality of your academic work and offer advice and tuition on study and writing strategies. York St John University students also have the fantastic opportunity to learn writing skills from a published author, as we host a Fellow from the Royal Literary Society to work one-on-one with our students.
E: studydevelopment@yorks.ac.uk

Chaplaincy and spiritual care

We offer holistic spiritual care to students from all beliefs and of no faith. The University provides a prayer room for use by all faiths, a peace garden, a quiet place and a chapel. The Chaplaincy Service offers a non-judgemental, confidential 'listening ear' service to all. Faith Advisers from many world faiths also provide support and advice to our students. There are opportunities for students to engage with local faith communities.
T: 01904 876606 E: chaplaincy@yorks.ac.uk

Gender Identity

We support trans people, including those who identify as non-binary and gender queer. Our Trans Inclusive Framework sets out policies and procedures, providing a guide to staff, students and applicants.
T: 01904 876408 E: trans@yorks.ac.uk www.yorks.ac.uk/gender-identity

Disability Advice Team

We offer a range of services to students with disabilities or long-term health conditions, realising that each student's requirements are different. Therefore, we ask that if you do need our advice or support you get in touch with us as soon as possible so that we can discuss the types of arrangements which are in place at York St John University.

We would advise you to visit us if you can before accepting an offer as there may be some very specific arrangements which we may need to discuss.

T: 01904 876540 E: disabilityadvice@yorks.ac.uk

Dyslexia and Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLD)

York St John University can offer screening to students who have concerns about SpLD but have not been diagnosed. All students can access study development support for help to enhance their academic skills. If you are diagnosed with an SpLD there is a wide range of support and guidance here to help you. This includes individual and small group sessions with specialist tutors, mentoring and training on the use of assistive technology software packages.

Funding to pay for support

Many UK full-time and part-time students who require the sorts of services mentioned above are eligible to apply for Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs) from their funding provider, such as Student Finance England. DSAs are non-means-tested grants which can pay for specialist support, technical equipment and specialist one-to-one study skills tuition. Please contact the Disability Advice Team for more information.

Student Funding Advice Team

Student Funding Advisers are available to provide you with impartial advice on a wide range of money issues. They can provide advice on government funding and information on the different scholarships and bursaries offered by York St John University.

T: 01904 876939 E: fundingadvice@yorks.ac.uk

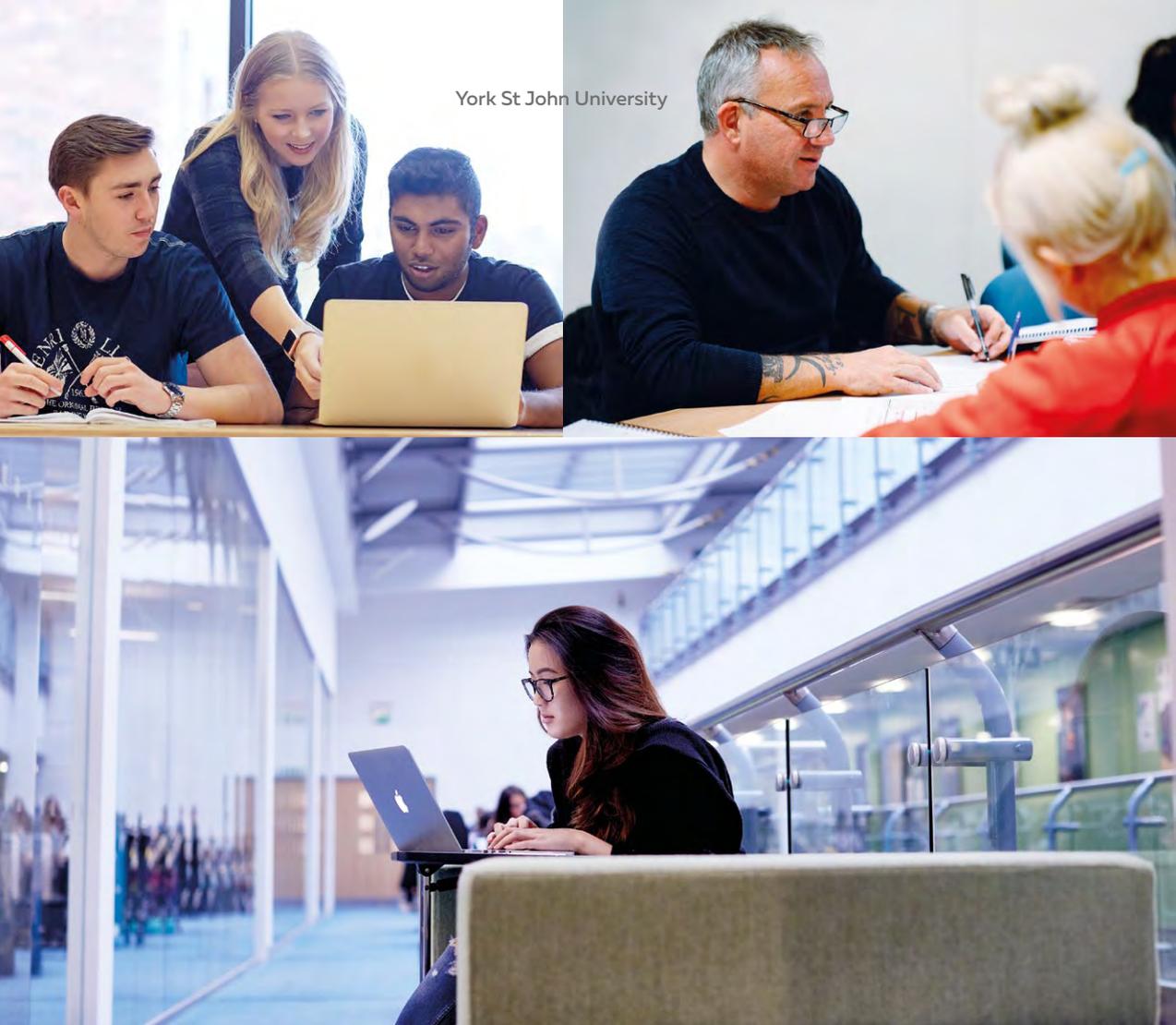
Wellbeing Team

The Wellbeing Team are psychological professionals and provide a free and confidential service to all students through counselling, mental health support, welfare advice and the provision of self-help materials and workshops. They hold a daily wellbeing drop-in so that students can access psychological support quickly. Wellbeing activities and campaigns run throughout the year, encouraging students to find happier, healthier and more fulfilling ways to make the most of their student experience. All York St John University students can sign up to our Wellbeing Zone, an online resource helping to improve wellbeing.

T: 01904 876477 E: wellbeing@yorks.ac.uk

Health Centre

We recognise the importance of accessible, quality health care for all students and our on-campus Health Centre provides a wide range of primary health services including GP surgeries and nurse-led clinics. We also run health promotion campaigns throughout the year to support a healthier, happier you.



Fees, funding and scholarships

Postgraduate study is a great investment and is proven to add value to your education, meaning you will learn more, earn more and achieve more. There are numerous ways in which you can get assistance in financing Postgraduate study, from scholarships and loans through to research grants.



Fees

The fees for Postgraduate courses differ depending on whether you are undertaking a Taught or Research programme, the level of study and if you are a home, EU or international student. Information about the fees for our courses can be found at: www.yorks.ac.uk/PGfees

Postgraduate loans

The government is now offering Postgraduate loans of up to £10,280 to UK and EU students to help you pay for your course. The loan is paid directly to you and you can use it to pay for your course fees and living costs. These loans are repayable through the Student Loan Company, or an equivalent provider. As with an Undergraduate loan you will not have to start paying it back until you are earning over £21,000 a year. Find out more at: www.gov.uk/postgraduateloan

Funding for PGCE students

The government offers bursaries for UK and EU students enrolled on Initial Teacher Training courses. The amount you are entitled to will depend on the classification of degree you receive and the subject your PGCE focuses on. For more information see: getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-and-salary

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 which of them your Taught or Research degree may be eligible for. More information about these sources of funding can be found at: www.yorks.ac.uk/researchfunding
E: admissions@yorks.ac.uk T: 01904 876598

Part-time work

Many Postgraduate students partially fund their studies through paid part-time work. York St John University is located in the heart of the city, which is a distinct advantage for students looking for part-time employment. Whether you want to enhance your CV or simply boost your income, there are many opportunities on campus as well as in York's thriving retail, hospitality and entertainment industries throughout the year. The Careers & Employability Team provide a dedicated jobs website for our students to keep up-to-date with local opportunities. www.yorks.ac.uk/careers

Alumni discount

All York St John University alumni are eligible to receive a 10% discount on their Postgraduate fees whenever they return to study with us.

Postgraduate scholarships for continuing students

For students graduating from Undergraduate Degrees at York St John University in 2018 and continuing directly onto Postgraduate study*, the following reductions apply:

- 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

ALUMNI

All York St John University alumni are entitled to a 10% reduction in fees, whenever you return to study with us

EXCELLENCE

30% of our research was found to be world-leading or internationally excellent in the latest Research Excellence Framework (2014)

Be at the forefront

At York St John University, we use the advancement of knowledge to make a positive difference in the world. Our practical ethos means you will work alongside Academic experts who understand how to align your research interests with real-world impact.

Their experience of working with partners in all sectors - from schools and hospitals, to large and small businesses, to theatres and charities - means that they can help you to bring your research interests to life and apply your learning to areas where it matters the most.

You will be part of a learning community that is using research to contribute to the richness of the cultural economy and the development of the wider economy, both in the close community and far beyond.

Riverside walk, York

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NEW RESEARCH



Research Degrees

Alongside our Taught Masters courses, we also offer Masters by Research and PhD level study. Each Research Degree is unique and involves working closely with an academic supervisor to conduct detailed research into a specific topic. If you achieved at least a 2:1 in your Undergraduate Degree and enjoyed working on a research project, a Research Degree may be right for you. To become a research student you need to find a new topic, or new approach to a topic, which you are passionate about and an academic member of staff who shares this interest who can supervise you.



 Cath Heinemeyer

Performance & Media Production PhD

"As an arts practitioner, I never pictured myself doing a PhD. Yet when I became aware of a funded opportunity to undertake practice-based research into storytelling with adolescents at York St John University, I felt this was a path I needed to explore. Four years later I am overwhelmingly glad I did so. There is no other way, as an adult, one could ever have such support to develop in your profession and thinking. My supervisors had a wealth of both academic and artistic expertise. There is a taken-for-granted understanding at York St John that these kinds of knowledge are mutually nourishing, perhaps because it has evolved with emphasis on training teachers and professionals.

York St John University's relationships with other local organisations has been vital to my experience. My PhD was co-hosted by York Theatre Royal, giving me the opportunity to develop as a performer and practitioner. It also ensured that my evolving theoretical understanding was grounded in the day-to-day realities of practice with young people.

The small scale of the University means that I have shared my time with a supportive community of Postgraduate researchers from a wide variety of disciplines. Interdisciplinary thinking is an integral part of the atmosphere at York St John University.

After my PhD, the University decided to support my ongoing research with a Postdoctoral position here in the Theatre Department. I am still very much an arts practitioner, but one with research and enquiry woven into all I do and with expanded networks to work within."

Our research community

In addition to carrying out and writing up research, students will attend seminars and conferences and engage in skills training appropriate to their individual needs. Many PhD candidates gain experience of teaching whilst studying.

We are a small, friendly and supportive research community. In the Postgraduate Research Experience Survey 2017, 95% of York St John University respondents were satisfied with their overall experience of their research degree programme, compared to the national average of 82%.

As a York St John University Research Student you will be supported through:

- Expense accounts of up to £900 per annum for full-time fee-paying research students (£450 for part-time fee-paying) to support your research
- Access to the highly-rated Research Skills Development Programme and Writing Retreats
- Use of our multidisciplinary Graduate Centre, so you can collaborate and meet people across disciplinary boundaries
- Free attendance at and the chance to present at the annual Research Reflections and Postgraduate Research Conferences

Masters by Research (MSc or MA)

A Masters by Research is studied over a single year full-time or two years part-time and you will be expected to produce a 30,000 word thesis. This may be a good option if you would like to study for a research degree but do not want to commit to the three to four years of research required for a PhD.

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

A PhD is designed to transform you into an independent researcher, qualified for a relevant academic or research post in your subject. PhD students carry out three to four years of full-time research, resulting in a thesis of up to 100,000 words. Some practice-led PhDs include a professional practice component. Part-time study is also an option.

Applying for a Research Degree

To find an appropriate supervisor for your Research Degree, consult the list of potential supervision areas online at: www.yorksj.ac.uk/researchsupervision





 Matthew Harper

Applied Theatre MA
 "As the Theatre Tutor for Converge; an educational programme run for adults with lived experience of mental ill health, my ambition is to continue to grow and strengthen my practice. I am currently completing my MA in Applied Theatre with the hope of becoming a practising lecturer, marrying up my freelance work with teaching others."

Industry partners

We are constantly reviewing what we do to keep our course content contemporary and relevant to industry, using best practice to ensure that the content is connected to the outside world. We are renowned for our sense of community and spirit of collaboration, both on campus and across the city.

We have significant experience of building partnerships that enable our research expertise to be applied to important social challenges. Just two examples include our Business School's recent work with West Yorkshire Police to develop analytical tools to improve preventative policing and the work of the University's International Centre for Community Music with SoundLincs and Lincolnshire County Council to explore the role of music in helping children in foster care. Through collaborations like this you'll be able to apply your research interests to address issues that matter.

All of our staff across the University are committed to ensuring that you develop the skills you need to succeed. This includes both subject-specific skills within your chosen course and the broader skills which can boost your career, such as project management, leadership and presentation skills.

Encouraging entrepreneurship

Our contacts in real-world businesses offer advice, networking opportunities and experience to help get your own businesses started. We offer business workshops, advice on funding and can provide information about affordable workspaces and business networks located within the city. At York St John University we have an impressive track record of helping students get started with their own businesses, either individually or in groups. This has included supporting start-ups in the fields of creative digital media, advertising and marketing, visual and performing arts and product and industrial design.

Converge

Converge is another example of the opportunities we provide to connect with the community and use your academic development to make a difference. It offers high-quality educational and creative opportunities to those who use NHS and non-statutory mental health services. There are opportunities for both Undergraduate and Postgraduate students to get involved in teaching on courses in subject areas including theatre, music, art and creative writing. This allows you to experiment with your own ideas and creativity whilst gaining valuable experience in the community.

Volunteering

Volunteering could be the perfect opportunity to develop your skills whilst simultaneously giving something back to the community. We have links with a number of local, national and international organisations which offer project-based volunteering opportunities.

Industry and community partnerships

We are proud of our relationships with local and national businesses and organisations. These partners regularly work with us to refresh our curricula so that they are up-to-date, and often help us with the delivery and assessment of our modules.

DIVERSE

Our student population consists of almost 500 international students, from over 100 different nationalities

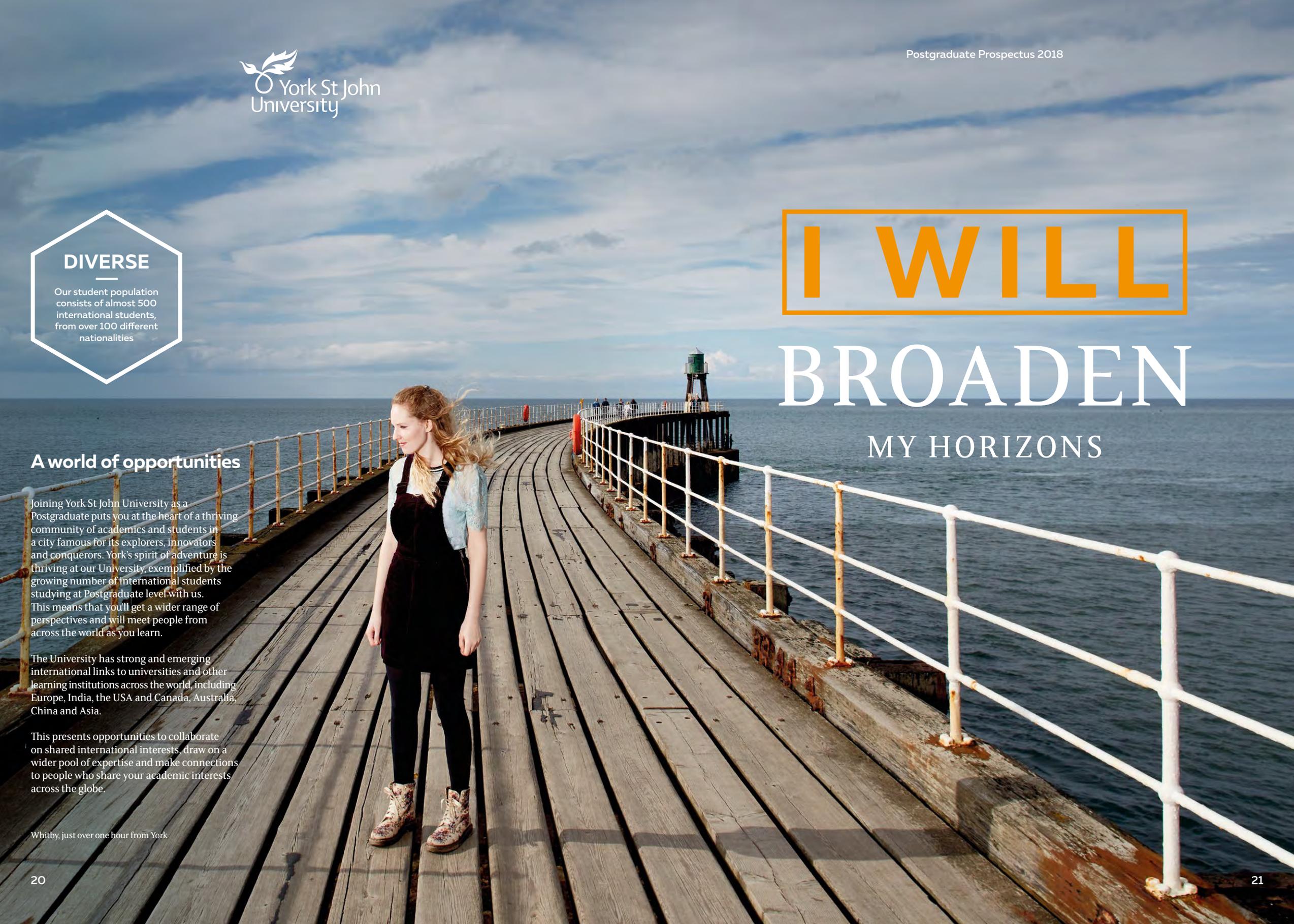
A world of opportunities

Joining York St John University as a Postgraduate puts you at the heart of a thriving community of academics and students in a city famous for its explorers, innovators and conquerors. York's spirit of adventure is thriving at our University, exemplified by the growing number of international students studying at Postgraduate level with us. This means that you'll get a wider range of perspectives and will meet people from across the world as you learn.

The University has strong and emerging international links to universities and other learning institutions across the world, including Europe, India, the USA and Canada, Australia, China and Asia.

This presents opportunities to collaborate on shared international interests, draw on a wider pool of expertise and make connections to people who share your academic interests across the globe.

Whitby, just over one hour from York



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Postgraduate life

We understand that choosing to study at Postgraduate level can be a big commitment when you have other responsibilities to balance in life as well. At York St John University we offer increasingly flexible ways to learn and study within a community that is always welcoming and ready to support you.

Flexible ways to learn and work

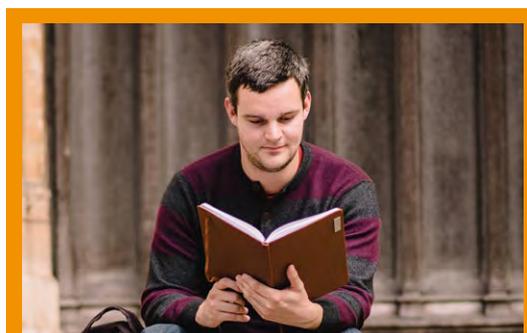
The University has invested in many ways of making studying more flexible, which is especially valued by our Postgraduate students. By choosing to study with us you'll benefit from 24/7 access to our Learning Centre, which is home to a range of study resources, quiet spaces and computer facilities, in addition to access to laptop loan lockers throughout campus - so you can borrow a computer at any time you need one. You will also have use of our dedicated Graduate Centre, which offers a study space exclusive to those undertaking Postgraduate study.

These are also a wealth of online resources available for you to access, both on campus and remotely from wherever you may be working. Additionally course materials are shared on e:Vision and Moodle platforms, so are easily accessible whenever and wherever you need them. Our teams of support and academic staff are conscious of the commitments placed on those undertaking Postgraduate study, therefore they are on hand to help with your questions and queries whenever you need their support.

Students' Union

York St John Students' Union (SU) is housed in a modern building on the centre of campus and has state-of-the-art facilities, which provides a fantastic social space to meet other students and to relax in comfort. The SU is here to support students of all levels of study, ensuring the University listens and responds to your feedback, there are opportunities throughout the academic year to engage in discussion and have your say. This includes a dedicated Postgraduate Officer who liaises with our academic schools to ensure Postgraduate student voices are heard.

All of the SU societies and sports clubs are open to Postgraduate students, so you can get involved with the wider student community by joining a team or taking up a new hobby. There are also numerous campus-wide annual events which Postgraduate students engage in, such as the Aesthetica Short Film Festival, in addition to Global Campus initiatives which encourage international and home students to engage in cross-cultural activities.



Stephen Mitchell

Mature student, studying Psychology

"I found that joining the Musical Production Society really helped me to relax as well as having a great time and meeting people who have interests in common. I would recommend trying to join a society that fits around your commitments as it helps with embracing the university experience."





Life in York

York is a vibrant, modern city which has a deep and rich heritage at its heart. There are cultural festivals taking place throughout the year which many of our students take part in, including the renowned Aesthetica Short Film Festival, the Great Yorkshire Fringe comedy festival and York Literature Festival.



York - where old meets new

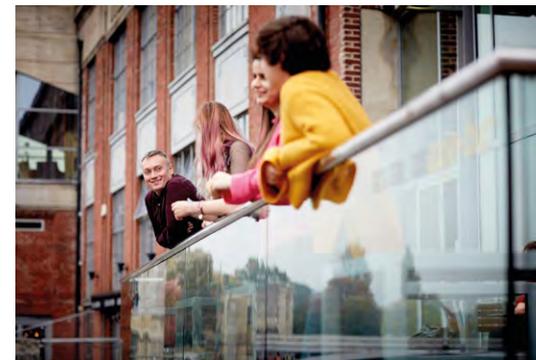
This a city buzzing with culture and nightlife, with festivals throughout the year, a great arts scene and plenty of museums and galleries. With a huge variety of pubs, clubs, bars and independent restaurants you are sure to have a great time living and studying in York.

York has been named as the city with the best community spirit in Britain. The poll, which asked questions such as 'Does your local pub landlord know your name and your usual order?' and 'Would you feel safe leaving your house key with someone in your local neighbourhood?' showed that Yorkshire really is one of the friendliest places in the whole country.



The city is exceptionally well placed for getting out and about, both in the region of Yorkshire and across the country. Big cities such as Leeds, Manchester and Newcastle are only a short train journey away, and London and Edinburgh can both be reached within two and a half hours by rail.

Many of our students choose to commute to York from nearby towns and cities while they study with us. This is an easy city to commute to, with an extensive bus and rail network and commuting students are still very much connected to campus life. For more information about travelling to York see page 9.



The beautiful Yorkshire Dales and North York Moors, popular with walkers, cyclists and outdoor enthusiasts of all kinds, are right on our doorstep. Or if the seaside is more your scene, fish and chips in Whitby, nature reserves in Bridlington and beaches in Filey and Scarborough are all close enough for a day trip.

York is also a great place for families. It is considered a very safe city to live in, with good schools in the area (many of which work with our Education students) and plenty of events and attractions to keep children entertained all year round.

*(Data from the Complete University Guide)



A home from home

If you need to find somewhere to live while you study, the Accommodation Team can give you advice on what is available and help you find the right place for you.

Private accommodation

Most of our Postgraduate students choose to rent privately if they are moving to the city to study. With such a high student population York has lots of great accommodation to offer students. The Accommodation Team will be here to help you find your perfect home and deal with any problems which might arise throughout your tenancy. Private accommodation in the city can cost between £75 and £90 per week.

York St John University supports YorProperty and encourages students to search for properties through the scheme. YorProperty is the City of York Councils' Voluntary Landlord Accreditation Scheme for the City's private rented sector.

They work with reputable landlords in the area so that you can feel confident that your home will be of a high standard.

To find out more and to look for available accommodation visit: www.yorproperty.co.uk

University accommodation

We offer accommodation in a variety of styles on a number of sites across the city, all within 20 minutes' walk of campus. Most of this University-owned accommodation is rented by Undergraduate students, but as a Postgraduate applicant you will have the opportunity to apply for places in these sites. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that you will be placed in accommodation with other Postgraduate students. University self-catered accommodation is available on the basis of a 44, 46 or 48-week tenancy and costs range between £125 and £155 per week. Car parking at York St John University is very limited as we are a city-centre campus and car parking for students in accommodation is only available on health grounds.

For more details about our accommodation sites and for up-to-date pricing information please see: www.yorks.ac.uk/accommodation

Code of Practice

York St John University has signed up to the Universities UK (UUK) Accommodation Code of Practice, which provides good practice guides for university halls of residence. For further information visit: www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/acop

Quick facts about our University accommodation

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All of our University-owned accommodation is within 20 minutes' walk of the University campus

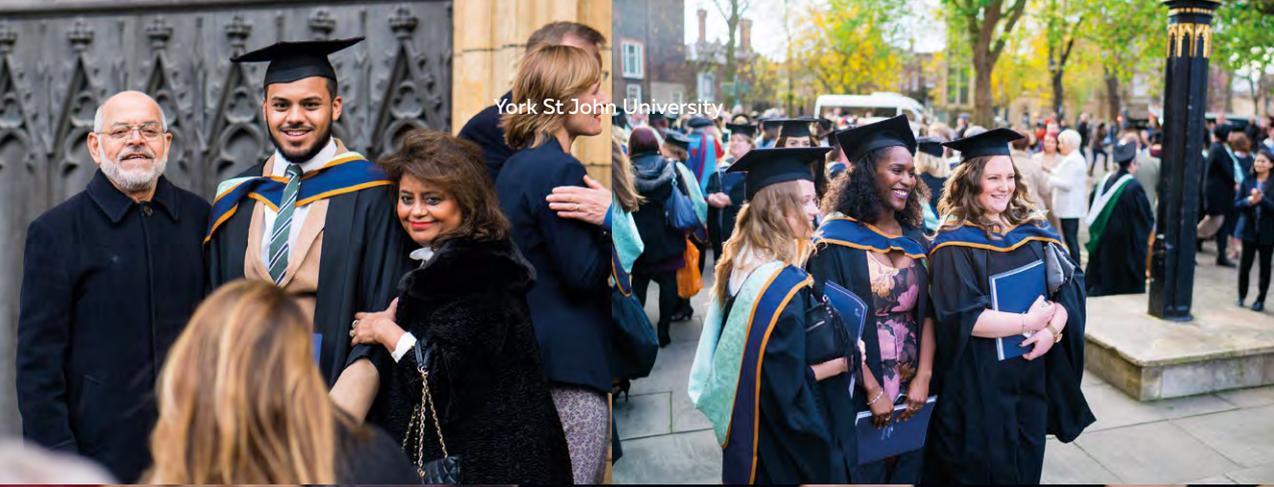
All accommodation is self-catered

All properties have WiFi access

Over 800 of our rooms are en-suite

All main accommodation sites are semi-covered by CCTV





York St John University



Become part of our community

Graduating in the beautiful York Minster, the largest Gothic cathedral in Northern Europe, is a spectacular way to celebrate the completion of your studies. But it doesn't end there, our alumni community is here for you beyond your time studying with us.



Alumni

After completing your studies, graduating in the magnificent York Minster is a fitting way to celebrate your time at York St John University, in what is surely one of the best graduation venues in the world. We want you to look back proudly on your time with us and feel that it was genuinely transformative for you in the most positive sense.

We know today, more than ever, networks and partnerships matter, which is why we are there to support you after you have left our campus, remembering that you will always be part of the 'YSJ Family'. That family spirit means that even after you graduate the University continues to offer you careers advice and support and runs a number of initiatives to help you pursue a career you are passionate about, or develop your own business ideas. York St John University's growing worldwide family of alumni are our most important group of ambassadors and supporters. Our network of more than 28,000 former students forms a global community sharing our values across more than 100 different countries.

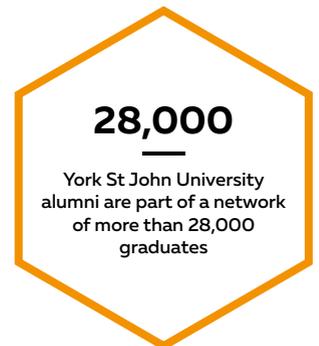


The Alumni Team is here to help our former students make the most of their relationship with the University and to help support their continued connection with other alumni. Through the Alumni Office all former students can stay up-to-date with the latest developments at York St John University, access a range of exclusive benefits and services, discover unique and valuable opportunities, as well as finding ways to utilise their skills and experiences to support our current students.



For all York St John University Alumni, a 10% fee reduction is applied if you choose to return and study with us a later date.

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28,000

York St John University alumni are part of a network of more than 28,000 graduates



TAUGHT COURSES

RESEARCH

Research Degrees are available in all nine schools, see pages 16 - 17 for details

School of Art, Design & Computer Science

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SCHOOL OF ART, DESIGN & COMPUTER SCIENCE

INVESTMENT

We are investing in a brand-new Creative Centre on campus, which will be a hub for creativity and new ideas

Art

Fine Art MA

Illustration MA*

Photography MA*

Computer Science

Cyber Security MSc*

Software Engineering MSc*

Design

3D Design & Technology MSc*

Interior Architecture & Design MA*

Virtual & Augmented Reality MA*

Visual Brand Communication MA*

*Subject to final approval





Art, Design & Computer Science

In the School of Art, Design & Computer Science we specialise in nurturing the next generation of artists, designers, inventors and programmers. We aim to provide a context where creative and critical thinking is valued, where originality is rewarded and where employability is prized.

All of our programmes are highly relevant to a wide range of futures in both industry and academia. The School prides itself on providing students with a wealth of opportunity both within and aligned to the curriculum and we genuinely value our students, our staff and our communities.

Much of the research generated by staff in the School has ethical, pedagogic or social aims at its heart. Whether this means investigating cyber security, working with schools, participating in city-wide festivals or establishing drawing projects in prisons, we are committed to a sustainable future. Staff specialisms include fine art, illustration, photography, visual communication, 3D design and interiors, making, virtual reality and augmented reality, cyber security, software engineering and specialist pedagogy.

Your Postgraduate experience

The School of Art, Design & Computer Science has a thriving interdisciplinary environment with a broad range of specialisms in digital and visual practice, in making and in computing. As a Postgraduate student you can expect an experience that is both tailored to your specialist interests whilst offering multiple opportunities to work across these disciplines.

Art

Our Postgraduate Degree programmes invite artists to develop their practice through a sustained engagement with materials and making. At York St John University we recognise that material handling and the development of knowledge are the driving force of art practice. Our studio-based curriculum therefore focuses on material intelligence and aesthetic

decision-making. This work is supported by critical studies in which you will explore philosophical frameworks which directly address concepts of making and aesthetic experience.

Computer Science

Our programmes offer a flexible means of gaining highly desirable qualifications which can significantly enhance your employability in the emerging digital economy. Software Engineering students will gain significant technical skills preparing them for software engineering roles in various aspects of industry. Significantly, the Software Engineering Degree is being designed in such a way that it can be undertaken by someone who has not previously studied in this field, making it accessible to graduates from other related fields, such as media.

Cyber Security students will gain specialist technical skills preparing them for security roles in industry. The modules

may be of particular interest to existing professionals, such as police officers who may wish to work towards an academic qualification which enhances their promotional opportunities.

Design

Regardless of which programme you might study, our Design courses enable you to develop your creative thinking in a stimulating interdisciplinary environment using our modern facilities and workshops. A diverse range of academic tutors and industry practitioners will supervise the whole delivery process, providing key links to industry networks for future employability. The programme structure allows you to focus on your own specialism by undertaking a range of core and specialist projects interwoven in both the design and business sectors. These skills will cultivate your attitude towards becoming a more rounded versatile designer and prepare you for a wider range of creative career choices.



 Dr Justin McKeown

Director of Computer Science

"Within our Cyber Security programme we are as interested in developing your mind as we are in developing your technical skills. We seek to produce graduates with solid technical abilities, combined with higher order reasoning and problem-solving abilities. We also have offer the opportunity to engage in questions regarding the ethics of cyber security and how this is implemented through policy and actions in cyberspace.

Our School is a very friendly environment, we embrace diversity and encourage independent thinking. Tutors and students form a community of people with diverse interests in the fields of computer science, software engineering and cyber security."

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Education and Professional Development

Education Professional Doctorate

Education MA*

Education: Early Childhood MA

Education: Mentoring MA

Education: Post-compulsory Education MA

Education: Research-engaged Setting MA*

Initial Teacher Education

Lower Primary PGCE

Upper Primary PGCE

Primary (QTS) School Direct PGCE

Secondary (QTS) School Direct PGCE
(various subjects available)

Secondary Religious Education PGCE

*Subject to final approval

OFSTED

The University's Initial Teacher Education Partnership was graded as 'good' overall with 'outstanding' leadership and management (OFSTED 2017)



Education

The School of Education is a vibrant and academically diverse partnership of students and experienced professionals, academics and active researchers who, in various ways, engage with schools and wider social and educationally-focused organisations. Our innovative school partnerships were recently commended by Ofsted as being committed to creating 'teachers of the future' - newly qualified teachers who are 'classroom ready'.

Building on this firm foundation, our Postgraduate work is research-based and community-focused with a strong emphasis on educational values and social justice. We are fully committed to offering a Postgraduate experience that is academically challenging, fundamentally inclusive and which seeks to recognise difference and diversity, realising the ambitions of all of our learners through high expectations and strong levels of support.

Our pledge is to provide high-quality education that is valuable both in terms of personal growth and enhanced employability. Through effective scholarship and continuing professional development we aim to produce successful, multi-skilled and research-informed professionals. Above all, through our passion and commitment to learning, teaching and research, we hope to make your Postgraduate journey a rich, valuable and thoroughly enjoyable one.

York St John University has been teaching Education for over 175 years and in that time has developed a range of

specific areas of expertise. Our courses reflect our long-held commitment to social justice and speak to our dedication to raising standards and local school improvement.

Your Postgraduate experience

As a Postgraduate student in the School of Education you can expect to leave thinking differently about the nature and purpose of education. Our expert team of researchers will introduce you to new concepts and ideas that will challenge you to engage critically with education at local, national and global levels. Our Postgraduate offerings include the Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE), Masters suite and doctoral level (EdD and PhD) programmes, which together provide opportunities to become part of our vibrant and growing research community.

As a Masters student you will be guided through various methods of conducting and evaluating educational research and supported in completing your own original research dissertation.

For Postgraduate Initial Teacher Education (ITE) our Primary and Secondary PGCE programmes provide a progression route for students from Undergraduate study where, in particular, the PGCE Secondary route provides an opportunity to continue to develop subject specialisms. Both PGCE Primary and PGCE Secondary programmes are predominantly school-based and have been developed in partnership with our local schools and alliances. Our extensive partnerships with local and regional schools have supported employment opportunities meaning that we have strong employment rates on completion of the PGCE.

As with our Masters programmes, in the spirit of research-informed teaching, students are encouraged to complete a research project as part of the PGCE. This focus on research has been developed to support the growing trend in schools for engagement in active research and a focus on evidence-informed research to support school improvement.

Finally, as a Postgraduate student you can expect to meet other like-minded learners from a diverse range of backgrounds, to develop friendships, build professional support networks and to learn from each other along the way.

Research

The School's vibrant research culture is reflected through the richness and diversity of work within our current portfolio.

Our Postgraduate courses are taught by experienced researchers and practitioners, many of whom are involved in national and international projects. Examples include working with marginalised groups and individuals in education, such as those capturing life transitions among autistic learners, the plight of young asylum seekers or children with a parent in prison. Additionally, our innovative work with Manchester Metropolitan University, Winchester University and Vic University in Spain looks at ways in which education and schooling might offer space for the exercise of democratic agency and participation on the part of staff, students and communities.

Colleagues within the School also engage in critical education policy research and are key founding members of the European Network on Neoliberal Education Policy in conjunction with University College London, Roehampton University, Vic University in Spain, and the University of Naples in Italy. Within our local network, the School has recently secured a three-year independent evaluation of the Middlesbrough School Improvement Strategy as a means to raise academic standards.

Areas of further study include notions of cosmopolitanism in education, creativity, metacognition in the Early Years, youth and community and democratic visions of education.



 Charlotte Hall

Education MA

"I started my university journey as a mature student aged 36 and York St John was perfect for me. It has everything you need to aid your studies whilst also being small enough to ensure that your journey is a personal one. As a mature student with an 18-year break in formal education, having never been to university before, I felt some amount of trepidation. However, the staff are amazing, no question is too daft and they are always on hand to offer support when needed. After completing my Undergraduate Degree I decided to continue my studies on the Education MA at York St John University.

The MA has sometimes been a daunting experience, but it was certainly worth all the hard work. It requires time, lots of reading, motivation and a desire to learn. The journey is made much easier by the team of lecturers who support you throughout. They have a wide range of knowledge and many are active researchers, and therefore have a personal understanding of the time pressures which surround your research.

I am currently using the skills learnt throughout this journey in my role as a trustee for a charity supporting adults with learning disabilities, alongside being a shared lives carer. My MA has given me the confidence required for report writing and delivering presentations and has enabled me to develop from a nursery nurse into a trustee for a major charity. The MA has opened doors for me which I had never previously considered."

SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

- Enabling Activity & Participation in Dementia MSc*
- Leadership in Health & Social Care MSc
- Occupational Therapy MSc (pre-registration)
- Physiotherapy MSc (pre-registration)
- Professional Health & Social Care MSc

*Subject to final approval



PARTNERSHIPS

Are essential to our research. We partner with NHS Trusts, Councils, care homes and charitable organisations across the region



Health Sciences

The School of Health Sciences brings together the disciplines of Bioscience, Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy and offers excellent Postgraduate Taught and Research Degree opportunities (MSc by Research, MPhil and PhD) in these fields.

Staff and students in the School undertake research and Postgraduate studies related to evidence-based practice, service evaluation, health coaching, visual impairment, development of health outcome measures and military culture and transition from military to civilian life.

Excellent student-centred research supervision is provided and our research is underpinned by a strong commitment to ethical practice. Completing a Postgraduate Taught or Research Degree in the School of Health Sciences will provide a great sense of personal achievement and, as well as contributing to the development of knowledge in your chosen field, can help you develop a high level of transferable skills invaluable for your career progression.

Our Professional Health & Social Care MSc and Leadership in Health & Social Care MSc enable graduates to demonstrate

a critical awareness of complex issues associated with health and social care and critically evaluate evidence in this area to improve practice.

Your Postgraduate experience

Our School delivers a student experience characterised by engagement and opportunity and is underpinned by excellence in teaching, learning and research. Our research-active academics work collaboratively with students through interactive teaching methods to integrate theory and practice in a dynamic learning environment. Our smaller class sizes enable students to optimise their learning because they receive a high-level of personalised tuition and support. Students are at the centre of everything we do and we place great value on their voice, ideas and feedback.

Research

Two Occupational Therapy assessments have been developed and standardised by staff and students in the School. Current research with Occupational Therapists in three NHS Trusts is exploring the clinical usefulness of the two assessments and the impact of their application in practice. Another study is exploring the value and meaning of a drop-in centre for refugees and asylum seekers.

Physiotherapy staff are undertaking a systematic review of self-management to improve mobility balance and falls in people with multiple sclerosis and are exploring the self-management needs of people who have progressive multiple sclerosis. Another project is examining implicit and explicit motor sequence learning in adults, with and without developmental co-ordination disorder.

One of the projects currently ongoing in Biomedical Science is an examination of the ability of a panel of small molecule

inhibitors to increase the efficacy of an anti-cancer drug. Our aim is to improve the cancer killing effect of E09 through pharmaceutical intervention.

Links with industry

The School of Health Sciences has a wide range of collaborative relationships with external partners. Staff and students have undertaken research and service evaluation projects with organisations including City of York Council, the NHS, independent health care providers, Roche Healthcare care homes and charitable organisations including Age UK, the Alzheimer's Society, Dementia Forward, Healthwatch York, the Stroke Association, York Council for Voluntary Services and York People First. We are also engaged in collaborative research with staff at a number of other universities including The University of Birmingham, Huddersfield University, Keele University and the University of York.



Jenny Harrand

PhD student and lecturer in Occupational Therapy

"The opportunity to explore my area of research interest related to clinical practice has been fully supported by York St John University, by my supervisory team, by colleagues and by students. My supervisory team have also offered excellent guidance and been equally supportive throughout my research journey."



Stephen Britland

Head of the School of Health Sciences

"During my career I have worked in several diverse scientific areas including bioengineering, pharmacology and neuroscience. Most recently I have been working on creating novel biomaterials for enhanced drug delivery for hard-to-treat medical conditions.

Many staff in the School have complimentary research interests and expertise in biosciences, extending our collective reach into diagnostics, toxicology, pathology, pathophysiology and therapeutics. Postgraduate programmes in the School of Health Sciences offer a fantastic stepping stone for science graduates who wish to forge their own career in research and development and to make their own unique contribution to advancing the frontiers of knowledge."



SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES, RELIGION & PHILOSOPHY

American Studies MA

Contemporary Literature MA

Contemporary Religion MA

Creative Writing MA, MFA*

History MA*

International History MA*

Ministry Professional Doctorate

Religion Professional Doctorate

*Subject to final approval

Castle Howard, 25 minutes from York

ACCESS

York is home to some of the country's most precious archives, which our students have access to for research projects



Humanities, Religion & Philosophy

The School of Humanities, Religion & Philosophy is here to help you to reflect on the past, evaluate the present and imagine the future. Whether you are exploring a new idea, engaging with a text, conducting fieldwork or debating an issue, you are an active practitioner of your subject from the moment you start your programme. Our taught Postgraduate programmes and our Postgraduate research supervision enables you to take your academic interest and your career to the next level.

Whichever subject you choose, our thoughts and our words matter - the humanities give shape and bring richness to our lives. All of our academic staff are experts in their fields and know how to make their subjects exciting and accessible. We have the privilege of guiding you into new ways of thinking, enabling you to see the world differently and to see your place in it more clearly. You will engage with the defining issues of our day, exploring the lived realities and complex cultures that have shaped the way people make meaning in their lives. You will discover more about what it is to be a human being. That is quite an adventure!

Your Postgraduate experience

We offer varied and exciting programmes taught by experienced, research-active academics. You can expect to be challenged academically as you engage with your subject and develop advanced analytic and critical thinking skills, as

well as deepening your knowledge and understanding of the subject matter. We offer learning support services to assist students throughout their studies and opportunities to find out how the skills and qualities you are developing equip you for the world of work or further academic study. We pride ourselves on offering excellent pastoral as well as academic support and work hard to create a friendly, inclusive, encouraging environment in which you can flourish.

The School is a centre for excellence in research, as evidenced in the 2014 Research Excellence Framework. Our research students work with staff who are committed to undertaking cutting-edge investigation. Our staff aim to support your academic and professional development, help you to complete your research, introduce you to national and international research networks and allow you achieve your employment aspirations.

Part of the community

We work closely with a variety of local organisations in the public, private and voluntary sectors. While at York St John University you will not only have access to our on-campus facilities, but also to a range of important local and national collections, including the Yorkshire Film Archive, the Minster Library, National Railway Museum and the York City Archives. You will also have access to a varied programme of visiting speakers and research events hosted by the University. There are great opportunities to be involved in local events and activities, including publishing a student anthology and an international literary journal, as well as attending exciting York Literature Festival Events where recent speakers have included Margaret Atwood, Sarah Hall, Michel Faber and Daljit Nagra.

Research

Research is organised around our seven discipline areas:

- Creative Writing
- English Literature
- Geography
- History, American Studies and War Studies
- Media and Film Studies
- Politics
- Theology and Religious Studies

We also have two research centres: The Centre for Religion in Society and The York Centre for Writing. We welcome research students across the range of topics in these disciplines. Please consult our website for the full range of areas for research supervision at: www.yorks.ac.uk/hrpresearch



Nuala Ellwood

Creative Writing MA

Listed as a *Guardian* 'one to watch' novelist in 2017

"I benefited from the sense of community, the original ideas and the dynamic, creative atmosphere of the School. I left the course as a published novelist, something I could not have achieved without the support and feedback of my tutors and peers at York St John. It's always a big decision to commit to a Masters Degree. Especially when real, adult life is in full swing and study must be balanced with kids, jobs and relationships. But finding the right MA at the right place and the right time in your career can be life-changing and give you the space, support and focus to turn a long-time ambition into a reality."

Petra Wilkinson

School of Humanities, Religion & Philosophy MA

"I came to York St John just over six years ago. I was so excited, but also apprehensive, leaving my home country of Sweden, giving up a permanent job that I really quite liked and being twice as old as most other students. But I am SO grateful that I came!

I have learned so much and been continuously challenged and inspired by the brilliant, warm and highly-dedicated academic staff. The community feeling of the University is obvious and really helps you feel at home and get involved.

Everybody is intent on giving you all the resources and support you need to achieve the best you ever can in your studies and as a person. There is so much care and support available. You are seen and valued as an individual. It is a diverse campus with people from all over the world, with all sorts of backgrounds and experiences. The University being located at the heart of beautiful York is a glorious bonus!"



SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES & LINGUISTICS

Applied Linguistics Professional Doctorate

Applied Linguistics: TESOL MA

Applied Linguistics: Translation MA

Clinical Linguistics MSc, PgDip, PgCert

Language & Linguistics MA, PgDip, PgCert

Japanese Language Teaching MA

ACTIVE

Our Postgraduate students
are at the heart of our active
research community



Languages & Linguistics

York St John University has a long-standing tradition of the study of language(s) in use, including modern languages from Japanese to British Sign Language and also English in all its forms – from Old English to Twitter. Through our teaching and research, we explore how language is used to project identity, establish group membership, entertain, convey information and emotion and create or resist power.

The School of Languages & Linguistics offers a diverse portfolio of courses. These include Undergraduate and Taught Postgraduate Degrees, as well as Postgraduate Research Degrees and short professional development courses for teachers.

Our study of languages and linguistics has a strong emphasis on real-world data and applications. Our research was rated 'internationally excellent' in the 2014 Research Excellence Framework review and we frequently collaborate on research projects with our students here in York, as well as with academic colleagues across the University and in partner institutions around the world.

Our interdisciplinary research unit, located within the School of Languages & Linguistics, is Languages and Identities in InterAction (LIIdIA). Members of LIIdIA are interested in the many ways in which language and languages, and individual and group identities, interact in the construction and negotiation of socially-embedded meaning.

We are a very enthusiastic and supportive community of linguists and applied linguistics.

Your Postgraduate experience

At LIIdIA we regularly host research meetings, seminars and guest talks. As a Postgraduate student in the School of Languages & Linguistics you will have access to the full range of research activities organised by LIIdIA. These activities include informal opportunities to share your data, discuss findings, practise conference presentations and discuss feedback on your writing with fellow Postgraduate students and with staff.

Creating links between teaching and research is a very important part of our work in the School of Languages & Linguistics. In support of this relationship, Doctoral students in the School may be offered the opportunity to teach on Undergraduate modules, with appropriate support from the Module Director. Such interaction with our Postgraduate students gives our Undergraduates access to knowledge at the forefront of linguistics and applied

linguistics and to authentic examples of research design and methods. For the Postgraduate students, working with our Undergraduates can be a useful way of testing out new ideas, as well as acquiring university-level teaching experience.

Research

LIIdIA members work on topics in four overlapping research strands:

Language, Identity and Power

This strand explores the ways in which language constructs individual and group identities and is implicated in issues of power and (in)justice. Staff and students' work within the strand focuses particularly on gender and sexuality, multilingual and immigrant communities, the Deaf community and the discourses of educational contexts. Methods employed include conversation analysis and critical discourse analysis.

Language Teaching and Learning

Members of this strand are interested in how English and other languages are learned and taught. Work focuses particularly on global Englishes and ontologies of English, multilingual classrooms, motivation in language learning and second language phonology. Both qualitative and quantitative methods are used in research in this strand.

Language Variation and Change

Research in this strand looks at the ways in which language varies within and between speakers across space, situation and time and how this correlates with social variables and attitudes. Research within this strand focuses particularly on phonetic, phonological, morphological and syntactic features of English. Data collection is typically through sociolinguistic interviews.

Language Meaning and Cognition

Staff and student members of this strand are interested in language as a cognitive system for meaning-making. Some of the topics we work on include the development of literacy in children, the semantics-pragmatics interface, cross-modal interpreting and non-native speaker lexico-grammatical resources. A broad repertoire of methods are employed in research in this strand, including clinical case studies, conversation analysis, corpus analysis and surveys of speaker intuitions.

Information about current research projects and possible areas of supervision for Research Degrees within the four strands is available at: www.yorksj.ac.uk/LIIdIA



Gabriella Flockton

Applied Linguistics: TESOL MA

"After graduating from York St John University with a Degree in English Language & Linguistics, I decided to apply for a fourth year of study. I'm now studying for an MA in Applied Linguistics: TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) and enjoying the opportunity to think in more depth about some of the topics I studied as an Undergraduate.

My class is very international and multilingual, so I get ideas and insight into the teaching profession from all over the world. I already took extra-curricular British Sign Language modules as part of my Undergraduate Degree, but as all Postgraduate students also get an opportunity to take languages modules, I am now learning Spanish. I am also helping to organise a Postgraduate Forum of Applied Linguistics (PFAL) with the support of staff. PFAL welcomes Postgraduate students from our University and other nearby institutions to present anything related to Applied Linguistics at York St John University. Studying at Postgraduate level is an intellectually challenging experience, but the specialist resources and support from the staff here have really helped."

SCHOOL OF PERFORMANCE & MEDIA PRODUCTION

Music

- Community Music MA*
- Music Composition MA
- Music Production MA

Theatre

- Applied Theatre MA*
- Theatre & Performance MA

*Subject to final approval



CULTURE

York is a cultural hub, with festivals throughout the year, a thriving theatre community and has UNESCO City of Media Arts status

The main house at York Theatre Royal



Performance & Media Production

The School of Performance & Media Production is home to award-winning student film and TV makers, theatre practitioners, dancers and performers, musicians and music producers. You will meet staff who are excellent teachers as well as authors, researchers, performers, composers, producers, community facilitators and practitioners of all kinds.

The School of Performance & Media Production is a centre for excellence in research, with over 30% of research and 60% of research impact in this area recognised as 'world-leading' or 'internationally excellent' in the 2014 Research Excellence Framework. This research is undertaken by our academics and research students who are at the forefront of their subjects, producing books, articles, performances, compositions, films and other creative artefacts which seek to know and say something new about the world around us.

Your Postgraduate experience

We pride ourselves on our intellectual generosity as well as our rigour and our thirst for exploration. In the School of Performance & Media Production we have a culture of both scholarly and practice-led research that drives research questions through thinking, making, performing and creating. Our Postgraduate programmes are designed to place creativity at the centre of study, whether that is through a taught or research Masters or a PhD, undertaken either through practice or a written thesis. Our culture is

driven by enquiry and by an enthusiasm for the 'what if' and the trying out of ideas, all of which can be explored through a range of philosophies and sciences that help forge production, give insight and articulate the world around us.

Research

We are interested in research in all areas of performance and production. Notable recent research projects are Professor Matthew Reason's work on young audiences and their experience of theatre, Professor Gary Peters' books on the philosophy of improvisation and the publications through The International Centre for Community Music directed by Professor Lee Higgins.

We are proud of the performance work at the Tate Modern by Associate Professor Dr Claire Hind, the award-winning work on mental health and performance by Converge Director Dr Nick Rowe MBE and Associate Professor Dr Steve Rawle's research on transnational monsters in film.

Our main discipline areas are theatre and performance (particularly contemporary practices), applied theatre practice and community theatre, film-making and media production, music composition and community music, and music production. Previous PhD theses have explored cultural leadership in community music, the dramaturgy of silence in radio plays, the self and identity in music production, audience response in participatory performance and mapping the theoretical terrain of arts in mental health. Our research and teaching staff have a wide range of interests across performance and production disciplines and are pleased to hear from applicants with interesting and intriguing ideas for research in any of these fields.

Part of the community

Students within the School are involved in work placements and volunteering projects with partners across the city and the region. This includes the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC), the Prison Service, Donmar Warehouse Theatre, Clean Break Theatre and Spark:York.

We also work closely with local and regional schools and community groups to facilitate theatre, performance and

arts. Our students have contributed to community projects confronting issues such as homelessness, dementia and drug and alcohol recovery.

There are opportunities for Postgraduate students to get involved in Converge (a project supported by the University), teaching music or performance to those who use mental health services in the York region. For more information about Converge see page 19.



 Ashley Harrison

Performance MA

"My work on the Performance MA combined drumming and percussion with storytelling and explored what happens when we use rhythm to drive and underscore anecdotes and incidents about the self and society. I am now a drummer in the York-based band Believe in F.A.T.E."

 Professor Lee Higgins

Director of the International Centre for Community Music (ICCM)

"As members of the ICCM, students will be contributing to the development and growth of community music practice and scholarship."

An MA in Community Music at York St John University enables deep reflection on existing practice whilst providing supportive opportunities to test new ideas through appropriate research designs and theoretical frameworks."



SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGICAL & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Counselling MA, PG Dip

Counselling Psychology Professional Doctorate*

The Psychology of Child & Adolescent
Development MSc

*Subject to final approval

LEADING

York St John University has
been a leading UK provider
of counsellor training for
30 years





Psychological & Social Sciences

The School's Postgraduate offering allows students to study in specialist areas aligned with their career ambitions. Our innovative and interactive approach to teaching integrates theory and practice in a dynamic learning experience that facilitates development of the skills needed to be successful in the workplace and beyond.

Our academics are known for their expertise in teaching and research and our small classes enable students to optimise their learning because they receive a high level of personalised tuition and support.

Regardless of the discipline studied, students within the School develop the following attributes, all of which are highly sought after by employers:

- Written and verbal communication skills
- Interpersonal skills
- Personal values, cultural awareness and ethics
- Teamwork, leadership, planning and organisation skills
- Critical and creative thinking skills
- Research skills

Our School delivers a student experience characterised by engagement and opportunity and underpinned by excellence in teaching, learning and research.

Your Postgraduate experience

Postgraduate students can expect to study in an inclusive and supportive environment. Our students study specialisms which are closely aligned with targeted employment sectors and many of our Postgraduate programmes include practical sessions and internships. Students on placement work closely with highly-qualified and experienced staff supervisors as they apply the theory and knowledge learned in the classroom to real-world work situations. Our coursework modules are informed by classic and contemporary research and graduates develop the knowledge and applied skills required to be work-ready and successful.

Working with a highly-qualified advisor, our research students complete a project in an area of intellectual strength within the School. Research students are an integral part of our scholarly community and add significantly to the richness of life in the School. Graduates develop highly refined critical thinking and research skills which are in demand by public and private sector employers and in universities.



Research

The School is home to a thriving and rapidly expanding research culture which is organised around the core disciplinary areas of Psychology, Criminology, Sociology, Policing, Counselling and Law.

We have particular research strengths in the following areas:

- Cognitive, developmental, forensic and social psychology
- Criminology and sociology of culture, social harm, deviant leisure and domestic violence
- Criminal law, criminal justice and legal pedagogy

Our research is supported by state-of-the-art laboratory facilities including eye-tracking and virtual reality equipment, as well as interview rooms with multi-angle video recording. The School also houses the Counselling and Mental Health Research Clinic, which provides a focal point for clinical research in counselling.

Industry links

The School is developing strong industry links with multiple agencies in the local region, including the Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Trust. We have also undertaken outstanding research collaborations with a range of external partners, including City of York Council, North Yorkshire Police and the NHS, as well as a number of charitable organisations concerned with domestic violence.



Caroline Appleton

Psychology of Child & Adolescent Development MSc

"After completing my Undergraduate Degree in Psychology in Education, I chose further study as an option as I struggled to find a job I wanted and it is the best decision I ever made.

From the moment I first enquired about the course and right through until now at the halfway point, I have been overwhelmed by the support available. As someone with a disability, I struggled at my Undergraduate university, it was so big that I felt lost in amongst all the students, but York St John is different. From the tutors and lecturers to the library and student services staff, everyone has gone above and beyond to make sure that I have the support I need in place.

The jump to Masters level has been a challenge, but I'm really enjoying it. The focus is much more on providing your own opinions and actually contributing to the field, rather than on what others have said, which is really exciting. So far, the lectures have been really interesting, I've learnt a lot and made some amazing friends."

SCHOOL OF SPORT

Strength & Conditioning MSc

EQUALITY

It is our ambition to put fairness at the heart of sport, focussing on participation over elitism





Sport

The School of Sport is founded on a philosophical approach to sport which is framed around social justice, the right to play, intellectual generosity, putting the performer before the performance, a focus on the healthy athlete, stressing participation over consumerism and holding to account those who seek elitism rather than sporting excellence.

This approach puts values at the centre of how we teach, research and practise sport. To give our philosophy meaning, we have adopted a student-centred approach to education.

We seek to recruit students who aspire to change both the world and their community through sport by, for example, understanding how sport can be used as a vehicle for social change to improve the lives of individuals who may be under-served and underappreciated by society.

Your Postgraduate experience

The School provides a vibrant and intellectually challenging environment for Postgraduate study. We expect our Postgraduate students to contribute to all areas of our School,

including conducting research of value which impacts on our own practice and that of others. It also includes contributing directly to the activities of the community partners and professional sports clubs with whom we work closely.

Research

The School of Sport includes staff with a wide range of interests in the area of sport and exercise science. The School hosts a group of sport and exercise psychologists who specialise in the role of personality in sport, some of their key research topics include burnout, doping, exercise dependence and positive youth development. Research in the area of strength, conditioning and injury management is also a key within the School, with many of the School's staff working with

professional clubs in the development and application of research in this area. A number of staff within the School are editors and editorial board members of international journals, including *The International Journal of Sport Psychology*.

We have one of the largest groups of researchers in the world dedicated to studying the effects of perfectionism in sport, exercise and dance settings. The research of this group has been funded by a range of organisations including the Wellcome Trust, the Harold Hyam Wingate Foundation and the European Union. Over the last five years the group has produced over 60 peer-reviewed publications in leading international journals and over 60 national or international presentations on this topic.

Part of the community

A diverse range of industry partners work in collaboration with the School, which allows students to gain valuable work experience within sport and exercise sciences. These include York City Knights Rugby League Football Club, York City Football Club, York City Foundation Girls Tier 1 Regional Talent Club and i2i International Football Academy, based at York St John University.

We also work closely with YSJ Active, a team of dedicated exercise professionals who specialise in sport, exercise and wellbeing provision for students, staff and the wider community. YSJ Active offers students the opportunity to complete vocational qualifications in fitness and related areas. These qualifications aim to increase student employability and help them access a wider range of opportunities, including working or volunteering with us.

There are several opportunities for volunteering and placements, providing invaluable real-world experience to enhance our students' personal and professional development. Community programmes you could get involved with include:

Exercise after Stroke: Gym-based sessions for stroke survivors who have completed a NHS Physiotherapy Rehabilitation Programme

Multi-Sports: Sporting opportunities for people with learning disabilities

Health Improvement Circuits: Exercise classes specifically designed for people with physical or mental health issues

Mental Health: Various projects designed to improve mental health and wellbeing

Nestlé Rowntree Park Sports Campus

In recent years York St John University has invested seven million pounds in the Nestlé Rowntree Park Sports Campus, which opened in autumn 2016 and is located 20 minutes' walk from our city-centre campus. Sport students at York St John University use this dedicated facility as a place to learn about sport, conduct research and develop their coaching skills.

Within this multi-purpose facility there is a superbly equipped strength and conditioning gym, a five badminton court sports barn, social learning space, cafe and seminar room. Outside there are excellent grass pitches, a 110m sprint track, tennis and netball courts and a 3G pitch.

In addition to housing space for practical sessions, lectures and seminars, the facility enables the provision of student placements and opportunities to volunteer with the many University sports clubs who train and compete at this location. This is a vibrant place to learn about sport as many different fixtures and activities regularly take place. Postgraduate students will find this an ideal space to explore their research interests.

The interaction between students, performers, teachers and coaches all working on the same site creates a great environment in which to learn and study. Throughout the year the Sports Campus hosts a number of events and competitions, providing opportunities to learn more about the business of sport and sport development.



 **Dr Andrew Hill**

Associate Professor of Sport & Exercise Psychology

"My work concerns perfectionism, particularly in relation to sport and young people. This research, in collaboration with The University of Bath, has been widely read and referenced in major newspapers and television news reports.

Postgraduate study is the perfect way to continue to pursue your intellectual interests and at the same time improve your employability within sport-related industries."

YORK BUSINESS SCHOOL

- Master of Business Administration MBA
- Master of Business Administration MBA Conversion
- Coaching Mentoring & Leadership MBA†
- Entrepreneurship & Innovation MBA†
- Executive MBA
- Finance MBA
- Human Resource Management MBA
- Innovation, Leadership & Consulting MBA†
- International Business Management MSc
- Leadership & Management MSc
- Leadership & Management MBA†
- Leading Innovation & Change MBA†
- Management Consulting MBA †

*Subject to final approval

†Delivered in partnership with Robert Kennedy College



SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

York St John University is a holder of the Social Enterprise Gold Mark for Responsible Business Practice



York Business School

The Postgraduate portfolio at York Business School focuses on leadership, change and innovation, international business, marketing and project management and includes the Master of Business Administration (MBA) award. We are proud to be a Chartered Management Centre and our MBA programme has professional accreditation at Chartered Management Institute (CMI) Level 7.

We recognise that modern leaders and managers need to be supported to act sensitively, ethically and holistically in ways that are business-relevant and sustainable. As a signatory of the UN Global Compact Initiative Principles for Responsible Management Education and a member of the Prince of Wales Charity: Business in the Community, we place responsible business and the role of business in society central to all of our activities. We pride ourselves on having high levels of student satisfaction, with students praising the quality of teaching and the feedback received on their work. Support for learning is important to us and academic skills support sessions are embedded into core modules to assist all students.

Your Postgraduate experience

As a Postgraduate student at York Business School you are making an investment in your future by gaining the indispensable skills, understanding and business acumen

needed to tackle the ever-changing demands facing organisations in today's fast-paced, challenging and complex economic climate. We are a dynamic, progressive and forward-thinking Business School who welcome future leaders who challenge the current business climate and are driven to make a difference. We offer a wide range of student support throughout your studies, allowing for dedicated time with your lecturers to help you to achieve your potential. We also have an excellent Careers & Employability Team to support you in achieving your career aspirations. For more information see: www.yorksj.ac.uk/careers

Research

At York Business School our academics are involved in a range of national and international research projects. These vary from independent studies and broader collaborative initiatives across a range of business subjects and disciplines. We strongly believe in research-led teaching, ensuring that

our students benefit from the most recent and cutting-edge research. Postgraduate students are exposed to a diverse range of expertise and there are many research opportunities to get involved in, including our Postgraduate Dissertation Conference, in which each student presents their own research findings.

York Business School comprises of diverse specialisms which are underpinned by research-active staff and a growing community of Postgraduate research students. There are currently two active research groups within the School: *Futures* and the *Heritage and Arts Visitor Research Collaborative* (HAVRC), which both foster critical approaches to a range of organisational and managerial concerns. Our research is both theoretically rigorous and practically relevant, allowing us to collaborate with students, academics, practitioners and other communities of interest.

At York Business School you will be taught by lecturers who are actively advancing knowledge and generating new concepts and insights through their own active research projects. We have staff with a wide range of research interests and industry expertise ranging from leadership, innovation and change, consumer behaviour and marketing to project management and human resource management.

Sustainable business

A key specialism, which runs throughout all of our programmes, is our sustainable business ethos. A responsibility we take seriously at York Business School is the education of professionals to make a significant contribution to managing organisations towards a sustainable world. We have recently revalidated our Masters level suite and embedded within it a commitment, as a signatory of the Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME), to deliver programmes which help learners to meet the challenging agendas presented in society today, particularly around sustainability, corporate social responsibility and responsible leadership.

Links with industry

Fundamental to our ethos is working closely with the business communities we serve in the private, public and third sectors, locally, nationally and increasingly on an international basis. Our business-engagement strategy is designed to provide events, learning interventions and consultancy, knowledge transfer and applied research opportunities for our students. Our links with industry continue to enhance the student experience and develop our students' employability skills. Brands such as MINI, Yorkshire Bank, Aviva, Hiscox, Arup, BMW, Make It York and a myriad of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in York and North Yorkshire continue to engage with our students via live project work, guest lectures, networking events and work experience opportunities. Last year students on our MBA programme were involved with live projects, organising a very successful conference in association with the Joseph Rowntree Foundation and completing a live consultancy project for York Theatre Royal.



Panos Dimitriadou

Master of Business Administration

"Studying for my MBA at York Business School was an amazing experience. With real-life projects, such as organising events and conferences hosted by York Business School, it provided me with opportunities to build character, enhance my skills and be part of an exciting academic and professional journey. I would describe my decision to join York St John University as one of the most influential in my life and I feel proud of it."

How to apply

You can apply to all of our Postgraduate Degrees through the course pages of our website.



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On our website you will find an Online Application Guide to help you through the process. If you have any difficulties, or need the form in an alternative format, just contact our Admissions Team:

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www.yorks.ac.uk/postgraduate

International Applicants

York St John University welcomes applications from all over the world, and we have students from over 100 different countries studying with us. Our dedicated International Student Recruitment Team travel to meet with applicants and are also available via email should you have any questions at any point in the application process.

The Your Country pages of our website contain relevant information about entry requirements for your country, but if you have any specific admissions questions, you can also contact the Admissions Team.

www.yorks.ac.uk/yourcountry
E: admissions@yorks.ac.uk

We are able to accept direct applications online, and our online guidance should help you through the process. This can be found at: www.yorks.ac.uk/international

Visas for international students

If you are a non-UK/EEA applicant you will need to check visa entry requirements for studying in the UK. These can be found on the Home Office website at: www.gov.uk

The Visa and Compliance Team will be happy to answer any questions you have and to provide information and advice before, during and after your application.
E: visa@yorks.ac.uk

International fees, funding and scholarships

Scholarships for international students are available both from the University and from external bodies. Visit our International Fees and Funding webpages for up-to-date tuition and living costs at: www.yorks.ac.uk/international-fees



APPLY

Make your application directly at www.yorks.ac.uk



ACHIEVE

We welcome applications for Postgraduate study, whether you are coming straight from Undergraduate level or are returning to learning

Entry requirements

Most of our Postgraduate Taught Degrees require you to hold an Undergraduate Degree in a related area, with a classification of 2:2 (or equivalent) or higher.

However, there are some exceptions to this and some courses have additional criteria you must meet. For detailed entry requirements please visit the Postgraduate course pages of our website at: www.yorks.ac.uk/postgraduate

For Research Degrees you must hold at least a 2:1 in your Undergraduate Degree and must find a supervisor within the University who is able to support you in your field of interest.

Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL)

APEL recognises the value of learning which takes place outside of formal education institutions. An alternative route onto your chosen course may be to have your work experience recognised through accreditation of your learning at your place of employment.

Our Admissions Team will be happy to discuss your qualifications and your options for studying with us at Postgraduate level.

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