Explore Your Possibilities

POSTGRADUATE STUDY AT RGU

Pharmacy and Life Sciences
Plan your journey

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Welcome from the Head of School

All graduates and professionals need to continually update their knowledge and skills in order to ensure the currency of their expertise and practice. Increasingly, professional and statutory regulatory bodies require that you provide evidence of continuing professional development as part of your registration.

With this in mind, The School of Pharmacy and Life Sciences has developed a course portfolio that supports the needs of you, the professional, and your employer, whether you are working within the healthcare or commercial sectors. All of our courses provide a range of learning opportunities that reflect the complexity of the knowledge and skills required in contemporary practice. Our course delivery is also flexible and supportive, enabling you to achieve your study goals, through open or distance learning with attendance kept to a minimum.

Your decision to undertake further study will enhance your career prospects in an increasingly challenging employment arena.

We look forward to welcoming you to the School of Pharmacy and Life Sciences.

Professor Donald Cairns
Head of School of Pharmacy and Life Sciences
Your journey begins...

If you have recently graduated or are looking to retrain or develop your career – have you considered postgraduate study?

We offer a range of specialist postgraduate courses with flexible modes of study, including online or full-time to fit around your needs.

Whether you have recently graduated, want professional accreditation, are looking to retrain or develop your career – whatever your reasons for postgraduate study – we have an excellent reputation for producing high-calibre graduates with transferable skills that can enhance careers.

WHO IS THIS BOOKLET FOR?

This booklet is for individuals considering postgraduate study. See the full course list at www.rgu.ac.uk/explorepg.

If you are a business owner or HR manager seeking information on customised training please contact business@rgu.ac.uk.

If you are considering a research degree, please visit the postgrad research webpage www.rgu.ac.uk/postgraduate-research.

‘A top-rated university for employability’
96.7% postgraduate employment rate
HESA 2016
Why study a postgraduate course at RGU?

**Your journey**

**Why study a postgraduate course at RGU?**

**PRACTICAL AND PROFESSIONAL COURSES**

Vocational courses directly informed and endorsed by those working in industry.

**FLEXIBLE STUDY MODES TO SUIT YOUR BUSY LIFE**

Study full-time, part-time or online, starting in September or January.

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**EARN WHILE YOU LEARN**

Our part-time and online study modes mean you can keep working during your studies.

**SWITCH CAREERS**

RGU’s courses can open the door to a completely different sector of work, enabling you to change career direction.

**ADVANCE YOUR SKILLS AND CAREER**

Develop your professional skills and keep abreast of current industry trends and technologies.

**ACCREDITED COURSES**

The majority of our courses have accreditation by professional bodies. A sign of high quality.

**20% ALUMNI DISCOUNT**

RGU graduates get a 20% discount on postgraduate course fees. Applies to both home and overseas alumni.
Explore
Enhance your career at the professional University

We are known as 'The Professional University' due to our strong emphasis on lifelong practical learning and career development.

We take the employability of our graduates seriously, and ensure they have the transferable skills to enhance and develop their careers.

WE CREATE THE MOST EMPLOYABLE GRADUATES IN THE UK

Our strong focus on professional education means our graduates are not just ready to work, but are also equipped to make an enduring and valuable contribution to industry and the professions on a regional, national and global scale.

We believe it is our inspirational teaching and practical courses that make our graduates such desirable candidates.

ACADEMIC EXPERTS

We’re proud of our teaching staff, proud of their quality and academic achievements as well as the practical experience they have in their area. Our professors, lecturers and tutors combine first-class qualifications with time spent in business or industry. They offer insight from both worlds – the theoretical and practical – to help inspire you.

Pressure on the jobs market means graduates now face the difficult process of job hunting within a very competitive environment. It’s the perfect time to undertake further training and gain experience through a postgraduate degree.

EARN MORE

Overall, people with master’s qualifications are more likely to find work than those with undergraduate degrees – and they’re likely to earn a slightly higher wage.

SUCCEED IN YOUR CAREER

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Join the best Scottish university for graduate prospects

Guardian University Guide 2017

We are a top-rated university for postgraduate employability, with a 96.7% Employment rate

HESA 2016
When considering a postgraduate course, it is important to also consider the mode of study which best suits your needs. We deliver the equivalent learning experience across all our modes of study, offering a variety of different options, allowing you to gain the qualifications you need in a way that suits you.

Full-time study
This is the quickest route and requires full attendance for the duration of the programme. Full-time study allows you to gain the knowledge and skills you require within the shortest amount of time.

Part-time study
If you are looking to continue working during your studies or have other commitments, this option allows you to incorporate studying with other responsibilities. Part-time courses run alongside the full-time programmes and split the same modules across the length of the course.

Flexible online study
If you are unable to study on campus, we offer an online study mode via Campus Moodle, our virtual learning environment. It is a valuable tool that provides an integrated package of resources and facilities to all of our students via the internet. You will be able to interact with fellow students and tutors through innovative technologies including podcasts, videos, chat and discussion forums. You will be taken through an induction by tutors at the beginning of each programme.

Find out more about Campus Moodle at: www.rgu.ac.uk/campusmoodle

Online students have a strong sense of community through the use of discussion forums, chat and group working areas. Some courses also have optional periods of attendance where students are invited on campus to meet fellow students, staff, use facilities and participate in workshops.

Download our guide to online learning at: www.rgu.ac.uk/better-online

QUALIFICATIONS EXPLAINED

Postgraduate Certificate (PgCert)
Award granted on completion of modules that accumulate to 60 credits.

Postgraduate Diploma (PgDip)
Award granted on completion of modules that accumulate to 120 credits. If you get a diploma you will have gained 120 of the 180 credits you need for a masters degree.

Masters (MSc/MBA)
Award granted on completion of modules that accumulate to 180 credits and typically includes a dissertation. This will enable you to consolidate and apply the skills and knowledge gained in your earlier postgraduate study.

Doctorate (PhD/PhD)
Application is normally to MSc/MRes with transfer to a PhD dependent on satisfactory progress around 12 months.
Top university in Scotland for graduate prospects
(Complete University Guide, 2016)

98.5% of our postgraduates are in work or further study 6 months after graduating
(HESA Destination of UK Leavers’ Survey 2013/14)

RGU was the best university in Scotland and 9th in the UK for graduate employment
(The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2015)

Your investment
Outstanding reputation for success

CONSISTENTLY TOP FOR THE EMPLOYABILITY OF OUR GRADUATES
We are extremely proud of our outstanding graduate employment record and are consistently top in the UK for graduate employability.

Our success stems from an outstanding reputation for producing capable and highly qualified graduates who learn and apply the skills, knowledge and professionalism that employers want in the workplace.

Read our accolades on our website:
www.rgu.ac.uk/employment-success

A degree from Robert Gordon University is as near to a guarantee of a job as you can get.

Few graduates were unemployed six months after leaving – just 3.8% – The lowest rate of any state-funded university in the country.

It’s the same every year at Robert Gordon, which has the best graduate jobs record of any university.

The Sunday Times University Guide

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OUR AFFILIATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL LINKS
At RGU we have a strong portfolio of quality courses. The accreditation of these by the professional bodies is verification of the calibre and high quality of the courses we deliver. Please see individual course pages for full information.

STRONG LINKS TO INDUSTRY
We work closely with employers at every stage, from course development and accreditation, to guest speakers and commercial collaborations with industry. We are committed to successful working partnerships with partner agencies and employers across different sectors throughout the world. These partnerships ensure that all our courses are always timely and relevant. For information about the close links that we have with leading organisations, institutions and professional bodies please visit the subject area that you are interested in.

For a full list of our accreditations and our links to industry please visit:
www.rgu.ac.uk/industry-links
Our fantastic riverside campus

BEST RIVERSIDE CAMPUS

Located in the heart of the historic Royal Deeside, the University’s £120 million riverside campus is one of the most beautiful in Europe and ranks third in the UK for its high-quality facilities (The Times Higher Education Student Satisfaction Survey 2016).

The riverside is home to deer, otters, heron and other wildlife. Our campus has stunning woodland walkways and parkland, connecting our modern, stylish buildings. In twenty minutes you can be in the vibrant city centre of Aberdeen, or surrounded by scenic hills and picturesque countryside.

To view our full list of facilities and find out more, visit www.rgu.ac.uk/facilities

Or come and see the campus for yourself by registering to attend one of our postgraduate events. www.rgu.ac.uk/exploregg

Can’t make it in person? Take a virtual tour at www.rgu.ac.uk/virtueltours
The School is located within the Sir Ian Wood Building on the Garthdee campus and boasts a range of purpose-built chemistry, formulation, molecular biology, cell culture, microbiological, forensics science, food handling and aseptic laboratories. These state-of-the-art facilities have a capacity for approximately 70 students.

In addition, the School also has a number of informal and formal learning spaces including pharmacy and clinical simulation centres, a crime scene house and access to a moot court. These facilities ensure that you will learn in inspiring surroundings with access to the very best in equipment and cutting-edge technology.

The School’s sustained investment in these facilities ensures students develop high-quality analytical, clinical and professional skills which are greatly valued by future employers; graduates of the School are well-placed for entering the job market and results in our courses being regularly placed amongst the top performers in league tables for graduate employment.

An inspirational learning environment

Designed to enhance your learning experience, our modern campus houses an extensive range of cutting-edge teaching facilities and equipment including:

- DART training facility which simulates drilling on an oil platform
- Clinical Skills Centre - mock hospital wards
- Human Performance laboratory
- Digital imaging X-ray suite
- Three-dimensional motion analysis system
- Bioanalytical tissue culture and microscopy facility
- Clean Room suite
- Moot court
- TV and radio studios
- Digital Moffat Space
- Green screen
- Modern Mac and IT Labs
- World-class sporting facilities at RGU Sport with three gyms, 25m pool, sports hall and climbing wall
- Landmark library tower overlooking Aberdeen and the River Dee
Expanding your possibilities
Lifelong learning and Continuing Professional Development

Whether you are an individual looking to further your career, or a manager responsible for the development and training of your staff, Continuing Professional Development (CPD) is fundamental to the development of any career.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD)
Lifelong learning is considered to be an integral part of personal development, and allows you to keep abreast of innovation within your field. We provide a range of short course modules, teaching and CPD programmes, delivered in a variety of study modes. Find out what we offer at: www.rgu.ac.uk/profdev

BENEFITS FOR INDIVIDUALS
• By updating your skills, you will confidently adapt to changes in your industry sector
• You can increase your earning potential
• You will demonstrate a commitment to your profession and your career

BENEFITS FOR EMPLOYERS
• CPD support from an employer can increase and boost staff morale
• Improves recruitment and retention of highly-skilled staff
• Individuals will have the skills to react more readily to changes in the sector
PROFESSIONAL STUDIES FRAMEWORK

The Professional Studies Framework (PSF) enables students who have successfully undertaken modules and earned academic credit to use that credit to gain an academic award.

For further information, please go to: www.rgu.ac.uk/psf

TAILORED DEVELOPMENT FOR ORGANISATIONS

Our dedicated professional development team can provide tailored CPD opportunities to meet the needs of organisations, including bespoke education and training delivered in the workplace. We offer consultations to help plan CPD activities, online and blended learning for your business.

If you are responsible for the development of your staff and would like to know more about this service, please visit: www.rgu.ac.uk/business-services

POSTGRADUATES EARN MORE

Masters graduates earn more than undergraduates over their careers.
Finding your direction
Our Careers and Employability Centre

DEDICATED SPECIALISTS
We have a dedicated centre with a team of career consultants, offering a full range of services to assist individual career planning, job searching and employability needs.

We can support you in recognising and developing your transferable skills, both within and outwith your studies to allow you to secure your perfect opportunity.

The Careers and Employability Centre provides practical career planning advice and job search support to all students and recent graduates of the University. We can assist with your advanced level study and career options you are considering.

Full in-depth career mentoring and careers guidance sessions are available to current students.

CAREER TOOLKIT
When you enrol as a student at RGU, you gain access to ‘My Career Toolkit’ an online resource with interactive employability topics to help you manage your career.

ON CAMPUS RECRUITMENT
Employers are keen to speak to our students directly and to facilitate this we arrange on-campus recruitment and applications skills presentations where employers can raise the profile of their company and provide more information on the opportunities that they have as well as the benefits of working for their particular company.

CAREERS FAIRS
We organise two large scale Careers Fairs per year, The RGU Careers Fair in October and the North of Scotland Graduate Careers Fair in Spring.

FOR MORE INFO
Our Careers Office is always happy to answer any queries you may have. Call us on 01224 262110 or email careers@rgu.ac.uk or visit www.rgu.ac.uk/careers
Robert Gordon University has a reputation for internationally excellent and world leading research that is of direct benefit to society.

Universities, and RGU in particular, are instrumental in driving fundamental changes to the way knowledge is exchanged and utilised by companies. RGU’s core philosophy is to ensure that our output, from education to research, is focused on delivering real-world impact and clear commercial value.

We conduct multi-disciplinary, applied research to solve real-world problems facing industry. Our innovation services are available through a variety of mechanisms including consultancy, technology licensing, intellectual property protection and knowledge transfer partnerships (KTPs).

HEALTH AND WELLBEING RESEARCH

Our multidisciplinary research focuses its activities on addressing major issues around the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of disease, and the care and welfare of patients.

We undertake research and studies in three key thematic areas:

- Cardiovascular and Metabolic Health
- Psychosocial and Mental Health
- Environmental and Occupational Health

RESEARCH WITHIN THE SCHOOL

Robert Gordon University strives to be internationally recognised for excellence in applied research in key thematic areas, and to demonstrate tangible success in applying that research for the benefit of the worldwide community. Following on from the success in our most recent Research Assessment Exercise (RAE), our research grant income has doubled to £2.7m.

Our in-house analytical strengths have led to research in areas such as forensic intelligence, spectroscopic methods monitoring contaminants and environmental issues, biocorrosion detection methods, lipids and lipid metabolism, medical bacteriology, security, DNA, document analysis, anti-cancer, antiparasitic and antioxidant therapeutics.

Staff frequently publish in well-respected scientific journals.

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INTRODUCTION

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CAREER OPTIONS IN PHARMACY AND LIFE SCIENCES

Close links with practitioners and managers ensure that all our students’ training relates to current and changing practice within their chosen profession. Our graduates go on to work in a variety of roles and find that their time spent at university has prepared them well for working life.

• Analytical Chemist
• Research Scientist
• Clinical Pharmacist
• Community Pharmacist

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Eva Fernandez Gonzalez, MSc Instrumental Analytical Science

“Studying Clinical Pharmacy with RGU was one of the best decisions that I have taken. The course has helped me with my daily work. I used knowledge during the ward rounds that I would have read and learnt the previous day whilst studying for the course. The MSi has then given me the opportunity to do my own research which has now been implemented in the hospital where I work. Online distance learning is a very convenient way of studying. It enabled me to study whilst I was working full time.

Obtaining an MSi in Clinical Pharmacy with RGU has moulded me into a clinical pharmacist who is well respected in the place of work.

The training that I have gained has enabled me to get great job satisfaction especially since through my interventions, patients use their drugs more safely and effectively. It has been crucial for my career progression and has given me the opportunity to tutor and lecture students at university level.”

Ruth Theuma, Clinical Pharmacy Graduate

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PROGRAMME OVERVIEW
This course has been designed to provide you with a broad education in Clinical Pharmacy in line with opportunities to focus your studies more specifically to your area of practice. It will equip you with the necessary knowledge and skills to enhance your career.

It provides the opportunity for pharmacists to develop professional practice as clinical practitioners involved in making decisions about patient care. Practitioners working in both primary and secondary care contexts will benefit from the development of a range of skills to enhance career prospects and benefit service delivery.

It has been developed to be compatible with competency clusters outlined in the RPS Foundation/ Advanced Pharmacy Framework and is mapped to core dimensions within the NHS Knowledge and Skills Framework.

HOW YOU WILL LEARN
You will be taught via our virtual learning environment Campus Moodle, allowing you to develop clinical knowledge and skills whilst remaining in employment. The modules are delivered part-time.

All your materials will be provided online and are designed to allow self-assessment of learning needs through subsequent acquisition and application of knowledge in practice-related problem-based scenarios. These scenarios may involve you carrying out a range of activities including: participation in online discussion forums, formative peer-assessed essays, short answer problem/case study questions and multiple-choice questions.

Additionally, you will be supported by e-tutors who are all practising clinical pharmacy practitioners. E-tutors review the learning materials, provide ‘real life’ case scenarios and participate in the marking of practice related assessments. They facilitate discussion and learning within the modules and bring a unique practice related perspective to learning.

Each module is sub-divided into a number of topics and you are encouraged to use materials to identify and address your own learning needs.

The Course Leader is a central point for information and support with regard to the delivery of the course. It is also recommended that you have a workplace mentor to provide local support and encouragement.

Assessment
You will be assessed by continuous assessment. This takes many different forms including: responding to case studies, developing care plans and essay responses to specific topics and contribution to online discussion forums.

COURSE CONTENT
PgCert (stage 1)
The first two modules of the course (PgCert stage) are common but you then choose from a number of elective modules to complete the PgDip stage.

The first two modules of the course are common to both routes and studied over two semesters:

- Pharmaceutical Care Planning
- Therapeutics

PgDip (stage 2)
During the PgDip stage of the course you are required to choose two 30credit modules out of four possible options:

- Pharmacist Independent Prescribing*
- Managing Medicines: Collaborative Working
- Developing and Implementing Models of Care
- Person Centred Care

MSc (stage 3)
Students can choose between either modules:

- Health Services Research
- Advanced Pharmacy Practice

* As part of the PgDip stage you may elect to take the Pharmacist Independent Prescribing module. In order to be eligible to elect the Pharmacist Independent Prescribing course you will have to be registered with either the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) or the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland (PSNI). If you work as a Pharmacist in a different country and are not registered with either organisation above you will not be eligible to elect this module.

BENEFITS TO YOU
This course provides the opportunity for healthcare professionals to develop their professional practice as clinical practitioners involved in making decisions about patient care. Practitioners working in both primary and secondary care contexts will benefit from development of a range of skills and intellectual attributes which have the potential to enhance both the individual’s career prospects and benefit service delivery in their organisation.
STUDY OPTIONS

- Part-time online, 2 years

FEES AND FURTHER INFORMATION

www.rgu.ac.uk/clinicalpharmacy

START DATE

January

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should have an undergraduate degree in Pharmacy from a UK university or overseas equivalent, at a minimum of Honours level and one year’s post-registration experience OR an integrated Masters degree in Pharmacy (MPharm) and professional registration or in consultation with the course leader. The English language requirement for international applicants is an IELTS of 6.5 (minimum of 5.5 in each component).

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This course has been designed in collaboration with employers in both primary and secondary care ensuring that the course is kept up to date and in line with current practice and the demands of the workplace. The multidisciplinary nature of the course enhances its appeal to employers and as a result, career prospects remain buoyant in both hospital and community practice.

BENEFITS TO YOUR ORGANISATION

Employers will benefit from their staff completing this course since it is designed to enable practitioners to develop in the key competency areas for clinical practice. This will mean that staff are able to make valuable contributions to the provision of clinical pharmacy services through the application of aspects of their learning in areas such as direct patient care, problem solving, and management and organisation.
MSc Instrumental Analytical Science
PgCert/PgDip/MSc

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW
This course has been designed to meet the proven demand for analytical scientists in a wide range of industries such as the environment, biochemistry, drug, pharmaceutical and oil. The programme will enable you to become a professional, competent and knowledgeable practitioner whose transferable skills ensure you are ready for subsequent employment in your chosen field.

HOW YOU WILL LEARN
All students cover the same core modules then specialise by choosing one of four pathways, each with a tailored laboratory programme which emphasises the techniques most relevant to the course chosen. All of the coursework within the programme is underpinned by the research activities of the University.

Close links with local industry and research institutes ensure that the programme has an appropriate balance of theory and practice to offer the best overall learning experience. The courses are taught within the state-of-the-art laboratory facilities at the multidisciplinary School of Pharmacy and Life Sciences. In addition you will benefit from study visits, workshops and input from guest lecturers such as Dr Sebastien Genta from the Department of Chemistry IUT ‘A’.

MSc INSTRUMENTAL ANALYTICAL SCIENCE: ELECTIVES
• Drug Analysis & Toxicology
• Environmental Analysis
• Oilfield Chemicals
• DNA Analysis, Proteomics & Metabolomics
• Food Analysis, Authenticity & Safety

Semester 1
You will be introduced to four academic themes:
- Professional Skills, including Quality Assurance and Chemometrics; Spectroscopy; Separation, Electroanalysis and Microscopy; and Laboratory work. The knowledge will be enhanced through your practical sessions which will support and complement the theory taught.

Semester 2
You will build upon the theory taught and the practical skills developed in semester 1 and apply these to your elective study. You will work as a member of a group to carry out chemical analysis and report your findings via a PowerPoint presentation. The theory of your specialist elective will be taught and this knowledge will be enhanced through case studies and guest lectures from individuals in the industry. In addition, you will begin preparation for your project work in semester 3 by taking the responsibility to plan and risk assess the work to be carried out.

Semester 3
The final semester is devoted entirely to the MSc project work. By consolidating your knowledge and skills you will engage effectively in a research project for which you will quickly assume responsibility and grow in confidence. Our close links with employers and external bodies ensure that you will graduate with the knowledge and skills required of a modern instrumental analyst.

MSc PROJECT
You will be required to complete a Research Project in a specialist area of application relevant to your chosen area. A number of projects are carried out in industry (subject to availability), which are allocated on a competitive basis.

Through the EU Erasmus, Socrates Programme, you may also have the opportunity to participate in an exchange with our partner institutions in the following European locations: Bonn, Germany, Porto, Portugal, Palermo, Italy and Oslo, Norway. Examples of MSc Project Titles
Authenticity of Heather Honey, Counterfeit profiling of Whisky and Brandy, Analysis and bioactivity of micronutrients from rapeseed oil and its by-products, Danthropic Shellfish Poisoning (DSP) Toxins in Shellfish from the North Sea, Melamine in milk and milk powder, Antioxidants in Grape Pomace, Corrosion inhibitor analysis, PAH’s in sea water.
CAREER OPTIONS
Demand for graduates of our instrumental analytical science courses remains consistently high, with the MSc project allowing you to make invaluable links with potential industry employers (where available). Previous posts taken up by graduates include analytical chemist, bio-analyst, development chemist, production chemist, environmental officer, research scientist, scientific officer, applications chemist and drug development analyst.
Alternatively, you may wish to consider a University research post or other training opportunity.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?
This course is ideal for students who possess an Honours degree in a science subject. Chemical science subjects at second year undergraduate university level are highly desirable. Other qualifications and experience will be considered with entry being subject to the University’s judgment that the person has reasonable expectation of being able to fulfil the requirements of the award.

All international students, for whom English is not their first language, must provide evidence of linguistic ability by gaining an IELTS score of 6.5, or its equivalent, prior to receiving an unconditional offer of a place on the course.

Further information can be found at www.rgu.ac.uk/english-requirements

"Courses such as analytical sciences which require special skill-set can be challenging especially for international students usually due to a poor scientific background. Unfortunately, I happen to belong to this group so I knew the choice of university for the program was very important. I needed a university that understood this diversity hence, RGU. Choosing to study MSc IAS at the Robert Gordon University was the very best decision for me. Thank’s to the well-developed and efficient program delivery, the very supportive members of staff and suitable learning environment, I was able to improve on my research skills within a short time into this program. I must say that the program has prepared me not just academically but also uniquely for real life challenges I might encounter in my future career."

Oloruna Oghuale
MSc IAS, Environmental Analysis with Distinction

"This course is beautifully designed for knowledge and skills development in Chemistry for oil and gas industrial applications. I benefited from this masters programme in many different ways. I have acquired many analytical and laboratory skills that will aid my career development and the course has given me the privilege to learn and apply state-of-the-art instrumentation to research in diverse ways to many issues facing humans. In addition, the course lecturers are experts in this field of study and also very friendly to every student irrespective of racial background."

Samson Anuchi, MSc IAS Oilfield Chemicals, with Distinction
How to apply

APPLY ONLINE

The quickest and most efficient method of applying for any postgraduate course at Robert Gordon University is to apply online at www.rgu.ac.uk/applyonline

There is no application fee to pay to apply.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN YOUR APPLICATION

‘Apply Online’ is quick and easy to use, allowing you to complete pages in any order, and you may save your progress and come back to the form as many times as you like.

Supporting documents (certificates, academic transcripts, references and CV) are required to be uploaded at the time of application so please ensure you have these available.

Download full instructions on making an application:
www.rgu.ac.uk/applyonline

CONTACT US ABOUT YOUR APPLICATION

Our Postgraduate Admissions Office are happy to answer any queries you may have relating to your application.
PgOffice@rgu.ac.uk
Tel: 01224 262209

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Most postgraduate courses from RGU are suitable for those who possess a UK undergraduate Honours degree or an international undergraduate degree which is comparable to a UK honours degree. Other qualifications and appropriate experience may be considered with entry and is subject to the University’s judgement.

Applicants whose first language is not English should refer to our website for information.
www.rgu.ac.uk/english-requirements

Certain courses may have additional conditions for entry. Please ensure you check the individual course information pages for full details of what is required.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

You can apply directly via our online application service or via one of our approved agents worldwide. Our local representatives will be able to advise you on the range of courses and assist you with your visa application.

All international students looking to travel to and study within the UK are required to have a Tier 4 visa. In order to study at RGU you must hold a Tier 4 visa under our sponsor licence.

For information relating to visits, visa requirements, funding or for a full list of our country representatives, visit www.rgu.ac.uk/international

DOCTORAL RESEARCH

If you are interested in undertaking a research degree and would like to apply to become a research student, please visit:
www.rgu.ac.uk/postgraduate-research
researchdegrees@rgu.ac.uk
Tel: 01224 262155
Fees, funding and scholarships

FUNDING

Postgraduate Tuition Fee Loan (PTFL)

Support for postgraduate funding is provided through a Postgraduate Tuition Fee Loan (PTFL), formerly PSAS, the Postgraduate Students Allowance Scheme. It is run by the Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS). The maximum tuition fee loan levels for 2017/18 are £5,500 for full-time courses and £5,500 for part-time courses. You will only be able to secure the maximum fee chargeable for your course up to these values.

Eligible (Scottish domiciled and EU full-time or part-time) students who have accepted a postgraduate place on an eligible course can apply directly to the SAAS for a loan to cover up to £5,500 towards their tuition fees.

Students enter into an agreement based on the terms and conditions of the Income Contingent Repayment Loan. Repayment is directly linked to income, through the income tax system, ensuring that monthly repayments are affordable.

EU students are also eligible to apply to SAAS for a tuition fee loan. They will need to get a UK National Insurance number to become eligible. Further information can be found at www.rgu.ac.uk/pgfees

The application form is available to download from SAAS website. You should monitor the SAAS website for updates.

Scholarships

RGU SPORT scholarship

There are a number of sports scholarships offered to promising sports men and women to support them in developing their talents and succeeding in their chosen sporting field whilst undertaking academic study. Scholarships are offered on an annual basis to athletes who are at, or close to, national standard in their given sport. Financial assistance is awarded to support travel, training, equipment and competition expenses accrued during the academic year.

Scotland’s Saltire scholarships

The British Council and Scottish Government run Scotland’s Saltire Scholarships scheme. There are a total of 200 awards made under this scheme open to students from Canada, China, India and USA who are pursuing a taught one year Masters degree at a Scottish university. Those who are successful will be offered a scholarship totalling £2,000. Students who hold a conditional or an unconditional offer from a Scottish institution can apply.

Find out about other sources of funding for international students from the British Council’s database www.britishcouncil.org

SFC funded places

Postgraduate students from Scotland and other countries in the EU (with the exception of England, Northern Ireland and Wales) can apply for funding assistance via the Scottish Funding Council (SFC). These places will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis to suitable candidates. To find out more, contact pgoffice@rgu.ac.uk

Payment options

There are payment installment options available, but how and when you pay will need to get a UK National Insurance number to become eligible. Further information can be found at www.rgu.ac.uk/pgfees

These scholarships that are available will depend on your course. To access the full list available, visit the course of interest on our website.

Contact us about your postgraduate fee payment options and funding opportunities

Student Finance

+44 (0)1224 262664
studentfinance@rgu.ac.uk

Further information on other sources of funding is available at: www.postgraduate-funding.com/gateway

Non-payment of fees

The University’s current sanction for non-payment of tuition fees is to withhold the conferment of awards to students who are in debt to the University.

20% Alumni Loyalty Discount

We offer our alumni a 20% loyalty discount on the University’s postgraduate course fees. The discount applies to both home and overseas alumni (holders of undergraduate degrees from Robert Gordon University) who commence postgraduate study at the University. It can only be applied to tuition fees and cannot be used to cover any other programme-related expenses (e.g. residential costs, materials or membership fees).

For further information visit www.rgu.ac.uk/discount

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Supporting you during your studies

STUDENT CENTRAL
At ‘Student Central’ you will find:
• Student Help Point (Information and Advice Centre)
• Careers and Employability Centre
• Chaplaincy
• Child Care (Treehouse Nursery)
• Counselling Support and Wellbeing
• Disability and Dyslexia Advice and Support
• International Student Advice, Visa and Immigration Centre
• Scholarships
• Study Skills and Access Unit

Student Central is located on level 3, Health and Social Care building, Garthdee.
www.rgu.ac.uk/studentservices

STUDENT HELP POINT
For current students, this is your ‘one-stop-shop’ for all non-academic queries, support and advice. At Student Help Point you can pay tuition fees, request student status letters, browse info on careers and lots more.
Find us at Student Central, Garthdee
studenthelppoint@rgu.ac.uk
Phone: +44 (0)1224 262182 or 263660

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVICE, VISA AND IMMIGRATION CENTRE
The International Student Advice, Visa and Immigration Centre provides international students with a wide range of support and advice which includes:
• Issuing your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) (This service is for current students only)
• Running workshops to advise you on how to complete your Tier 4 Student visa extension form
• Advising you on working during your studies (please note that we do not issue letters to students to give to employers)
• Organising a ‘Meet and Greet’ service for new international/EU students arriving at RGU

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY CENTRE
Careers can access support to help them identify and assess the career options that are right for them; securing part-time work or summer jobs; work experience opportunities and how to progress themselves to effectively source and apply for their first graduate-level job.
www.rgu.ac.uk/careers

COUNSELLING AND WELLBEING
Provides support and advice on a wide range of pastoral and emotional issues.
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STUDY SKILLS AND ACCESS UNIT
The Study Skills and Access Unit offers you confidential advice, support and guidance with a range of academic study skills, including:
• Academic Writing and Critical Thinking
• Exam Preparation and Revision
• Maths, Statistics and Numeracy Skills
• English Language (for International Students)
• Study Skills (time management, presentation skills etc)
• Basic IT Skills
We tailor our service to suit you, and you can arrange appointments on an individual or small group basis, and appointments can be face-to-face, via email or telephone. Contact us at study.skills@rgu.ac.uk or visit www.rgu.ac.uk/study/support for more information.

www.rgu.ac.uk/studentservices
Robert Gordon University has various purpose-built accommodation developments situated in the city and at the Garthdee campus. The flats are well-equipped, and some of the accommodation has en-suite bathrooms, whilst the remainder has shared washing and toilet facilities.

Looking for a place to stay?

APPLICATIONS
Application for University accommodation is made online at www.rgu.ac.uk/roomonline
To apply you must live outwith the Aberdeen area and have accepted an unconditional or conditional offer or have an insurance offer.

MORE INFORMATION
For the most up-to-date information about accommodation, go to our website or contact us direct. We would be delighted to help and look forward to welcoming you to Aberdeen.

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LIST OF POSTGRADUATE COURSES
We recommend visiting our website to find the most up-to-date information on courses.
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To register and book a place at one of our postgraduate events, go to:
www.rgu.ac.uk/openevening

STUDENT FINANCE
For enquiries about fees, finance and scholarships:
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Email studentfinance@rgu.ac.uk
www.rgu.ac.uk/pgfees

APPLY ONLINE
To apply for a postgraduate course, go to:
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Postgraduate admissions team
For enquiries about your postgraduate application and entry requirements:
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PgOffice@rgu.ac.uk

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- Communication, Marketing and Media
- Computing
- Engineering
- Health, Nursing and Midwifery
- Health and Sports Sciences
- Information Management
- Law
- Management
- Pharmacy and Life Sciences
- Social Work and Social Science

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