



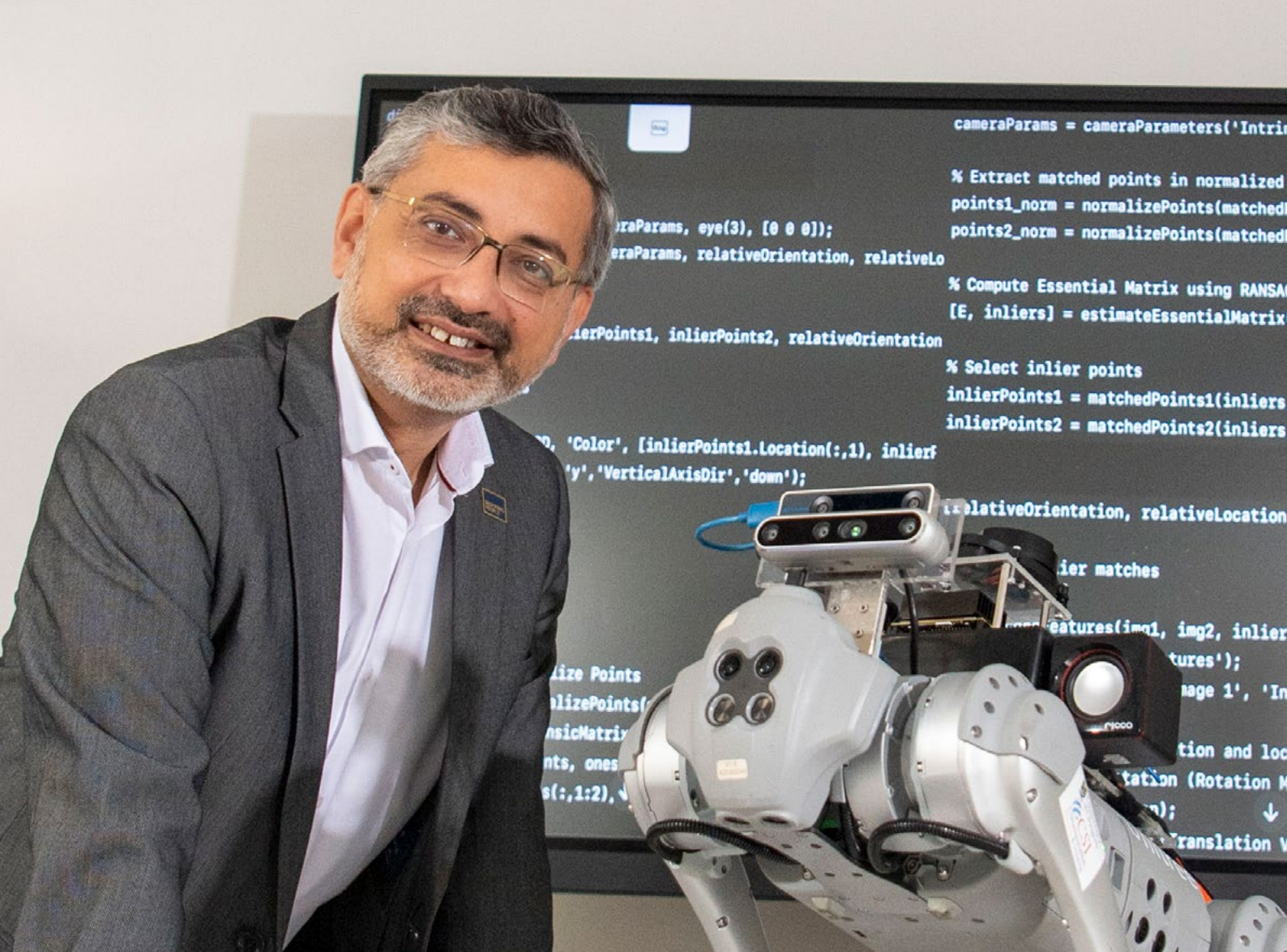
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Staff handbook

James Watt School
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Welcome from the Head of School

Welcome to the latest edition of the **James Watt School of Engineering staff handbook**. This handbook offers a browsable overview of the essential information for the academic year. It is particularly valuable for new staff, but we hope all colleagues will find it a useful reference. Where appropriate, links are provided to more detailed online resources.

The School operates a matrix structure comprising five academic research divisions and five teaching disciplines. Full details of our research activities can be found on the [School research pages](#), along with information on our [undergraduate](#) and [postgraduate taught](#) programmes.

We are supported by a dedicated Professional Services team working across two primary offices: the School Office and Engineering Student and Academic Support (ESAS). In addition, we are supported by Technical Services, Logistics and Facilities, and a range of cross-University services including Estates & Commercial Services, the College Research Support Team, College IT Services, the College Financial Transactions Team, and the Graduate School, which includes support for our Centres for Doctoral Training.

Staff meetings are typically held three times a year and are convened by the Head of School. All members of staff are encouraged to attend. A number of executive committees support the School's operations and communication. Further details can be found on the School intranet: gla.ac.uk/schools/engineering/informationforstaff/committees/.

Information regarding key contacts and other useful resources is also available on the School intranet: [information for staff](#).

Informal discussions and cross-functional collaboration are essential to academic life, sparking creativity, innovation, and a vibrant campus community. While Technical Services, Facilities and Logistics staff are primarily campus-based, our Professional Services team operates on a hybrid working model designed to maintain a strong and visible presence on campus. We actively encourage all staff to engage with campus life in alignment with their role expectations, recognising that meaningful interactions — particularly with students — are central to our mission.

By fostering a culture of openness, collaboration, and active participation, we aim to create an environment where everyone feels connected and empowered to contribute to the academic experience.

You are warmly encouraged to meet colleagues and build connections by using the School's Common Rooms located in James Watt North, James Watt South, and Rankine.

“I wish you a successful and fulfilling year ahead.”



Kitchen facilities are available in:

- Level 5 (513A), Level 7 (742), and Level 8 (807) Rankine Building
- Level 5 (526) and Level 6 (649) James Watt South
- Level 2 James Watt North
- And in all Levels in the ARC

All staff must be familiar with the School's [Health and Safety Policies](#).

In the event of an emergency and requiring immediate assistance from University Security, please use the SafeZone app or call **0141 330 4444**.

Further details are available on the [emergency and crisis support page](#).

I wish you a successful and fulfilling year ahead.

Professor Muhammad Ali Imran
Head of School

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Introduction

The University of Glasgow, founded in 1451, is the second oldest university in Scotland and the fourth oldest in the UK. With over 30,000 students, it is also one of the largest and offers study in a wide range of subjects at all levels in four Colleges (Science & Engineering; Arts; Medicine, Veterinary & Life Sciences; and Social Sciences).

The University is set in the West End of Glasgow, overlooking Kelvingrove Park and the River Kelvin, close to the Botanic Gardens and surrounded by areas of fine Victorian architecture. Glasgow, once built on heavy industry and shipping, has evolved into a cosmopolitan cultural hub. It was designated European City of Culture in 1990, European City of Architecture and Design 1999, and the UK's first UNESCO City of Music in 2008. Most of Scotland's national performing arts — including Opera, Ballet, Theatre and Orchestra — are based in the city. The city hosted the 2014 Commonwealth Games, resulting in upgraded infrastructure such as the Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome, Emirates Arena, and The Hydro. In 2022, Time Out voted Glasgow the world's friendliest city. Glasgow also earned the title of the European Capital of Sport 2023, hosted the UCI Cycling World Championships in 2023, and staged the World Indoor Athletics Championships in 2024. Glasgow is located a short distance from Edinburgh, Scotland's capital, and offers easy access to the breathtaking Western Highlands, ideal for outdoor recreation.



The James Watt School of Engineering

The University is structured into Colleges and Schools. Professor Muhammad Ali Imran is Head of the James Watt School of Engineering and Professors Andrew McBride and Scott Roy are Associate Heads of School. The School is part of the College of Science and Engineering, with Professor Eric Yeatman as Head of College.

JWSE has 189 academic staff and 196 researchers supported by 150 professional staff across administration technical, logistics and operations. A full list of staff in the School, including contact details, is available on the University website at glasgow.ac.uk/schools/engineering/staff. Most staff use Microsoft Teams Voice for telephone communication. External calls are usually made through the University's main number series (0141 330 xxxx), and the final four digits represent the internal extension number for the relevant member of staff.

Unlike other Schools, Engineering operates with distinct structures for research and teaching. Professor Andrew McBride, Director of Research and Associate Head of School, is responsible for shaping and developing the School's research strategy. Professor Massimo Vassalli, as Director of Impact, leads efforts to embed impact at the core of our culture by developing strategies that translate everyday research into activities that benefit society. Professor Nikolaj Gadegaard, Director of Excellence, ensures the maintenance of high standards in academic appointments, with a particular focus on the REF.

All academic staff are based within a host division, each led by a Head of Research Division:

Autonomous Systems & Connectivity
Professor David Flynn
Biomedical Engineering
Professor Huabing Yin
Infrastructure & Environment
Professor Sondipon Adhikari
Electronics & Nanoscale Engineering
Professor Hadi Heidari
Systems, Power & Energy
Professor Steven Neale

Professor Scott Roy, Director of Learning and Teaching and Associate Head of School, has overall responsibility for the School's teaching strategy and its delivery. His remit encompasses curriculum design, educational standards, student experience, and transnational education operations, ensuring innovation and continuous improvement across all aspects of learning and teaching.

Teaching has been organised into five core disciplines, each led by a Head of Teaching Discipline.

Aerospace Engineering
Dr Ian Taylor
Biomedical Engineering
Dr Henrik Gollee
Civil Engineering
Professor Fiona Bradley
Electronics & Electrical Engineering
Dr Euan McGookin
Mechanical Engineering
Dr Phil Dobson

Professor Stephen Sweeney serves as Convenor for Postgraduate Taught Programmes, with responsibility for the School's MSc provision. Professor Marc Sorel is Director for Postgraduate Research Students, supported Deputy Director Professor Alasdair Clark. They are further supported by divisional representatives. Additional details can be found on the School intranet under [academic administrative roles](#).



Our principles

The JWSE principles align with the University’s [Code of Professional Conduct](#) and values on ‘ambition and excellence’, ‘curiosity and discovery’, ‘integrity and truth’ and ‘an inclusive community’. We value diversity in all aspects of our activity and believe that School and individual success are elevated by integrity, equality, and respectful, collegiate, and inclusive behaviours across all job families.

To complement the Code of Conduct, we have developed a set of principles that reflect our expectations of all staff and are supported by the School’s leadership, policy, and practice.

1. We seek to create an environment of open and transparent communication to foster trust, engagement, and collaboration, and the profound impact this has on School success and staff wellbeing.

2. Across multiple sites, our work environment is a shared space and a collective responsibility. We expect everyone to play their part in making the School a welcoming, safe, friendly, and supportive place to work, learn and visit.

3. Collaboration and collegiality underpin our community and lead to innovative and resilient approaches across teaching, research, and the delivery of professional and technical services within the School. We look to everyone to engage and contribute.
4. We work as a team, embracing agility and flexibility to support our colleagues. This includes being respectful of colleagues’ deadlines and dependencies and helping each other to succeed. We drive continuous improvement, accept challenges and welcome ideas as to how ways of working can be bettered.

5. We are committed to both research excellence and teaching excellence and recognise that positive societal impact happens through our own research and through the work of our graduates who go out and change the world. Research-led teaching is a core function of the School and this is reflected in our expectation that all academic staff teach.

6. We value, recognise and approach research and teaching with equal importance. This is reflected in our approach to performance assessment and is a prerequisite for satisfying the collegiality criteria for promotion, including HoS support statements.

Our principles are a statement of intent. The culture we create at the JWSE is the collective outcome of our individual choices, behaviours, habits, and values. This means we need to work as a community to ensure that our principles are reflected in our lived experiences of working at the School.

We look to everyone to engage and contribute, and we are committed to taking appropriate steps to draw attention to behaviours which conflict with our principles, including the broader UofG Code of Conduct.



Staff absences

If you are planning time away from the University during the semester (e.g. for a research trip or invited talk) this must be approved by your line manager, and it should not affect your teaching commitments. Staff typically ensure cover with academic colleagues on a reciprocal basis before seeking approval to miss a lecture slot.

If, due to illness or any other reason, you are not available for your scheduled teaching, you must alert Engineering Student and Academic Support immediately so that the students are kept fully informed. All absences (business, annual leave, etc) must be recorded by the individual and then approved through [CoreHR](#) by your line manager. Any sickness absence should also be reported to your line manager. Academic absences may be reported to HR (eng-extendedworkforce-hr@glasgow.ac.uk ac.uk) for capture on Core.

Email etiquette

A list of common email lists and aliases can be found on our School website at [School contacts and other useful information](#).

Our staff mail aliases must not be used to express personal opinions on matters of policy, politics, or controversial subjects. When using large lists for general announcements, you are encouraged to use BCC (blind carbon copy) to help users avoid accidental reply-all emails.

Polite asks

- Your office location, building and photo should be visible on your staff web profile (this is added via the topmost left image in MyProfile on Core Portal).
- Your name and photo should be displayed on your physical office door, individual and shared offices.
- Window panels on office doors should not be obscured.
- Your email signature should indicate your typical work pattern, including specific days on campus and working from home.
- You should create and add drop-in student contact hours on Moodle if you are teaching at Gilmorehill.

Essential training

The University and School have several mandatory training courses that all staff must complete within the first 3 months of employment and at designated intervals thereafter. The current mandatory courses are listed below, but you may wish to visit the [mandatory training](#) requirements to keep abreast of any changes.

Health, Safety and Wellbeing E-Induction

Access via Moodle, you will be asked for an enrolment key type in “safety” (all lower case). Expected duration 60 mins.

James Watt School of Engineering Health and Safety Induction Course

Access via Moodle link: [Course: Staff and PGR Safety Induction \(gla.ac.uk\)](#). Expected duration 30 mins.

Equality & Diversity Essentials

Access via Moodle. Expected duration 75 mins.

Introductory Fire Safety Training

Access via Moodle. Expected duration 30 mins.

Let’s Talk about Race in the Workplace

Access via Moodle Expected duration 30 mins..

The Effective Bystander

Access via Moodle Expected duration 30 mins.

Introduction to GDPR Training Course

Access via Moodle. Expected duration 90 mins.

Information Security Online Training

Access via Moodle. Expected duration 90 mins.

Research Integrity Training (for all research staff)

Access via Moodle. Expected duration 90 mins.

Trusted Research (mandated by the School for all academic staff)

Access via Moodle. Expected duration 15 mins.

Health, Safety & Wellbeing E Induction

Access via Moodle. Expected duration 60 mins.

Implementing Reasonable Adjustments for Students

Access via Moodle. Expected duration 50 mins.

School office

The School Office is located on Level 6 of the James Watt Complex (South) in Room 650.

Contact details for the School Office are:

Telephone: **0141 330 5858**

Email: schoolofengineering@glasgow.ac.uk

See attached structure with roles (page 12)

Examples of the support include:

Executive Support

- Administrative support to the Head of School, Associate Heads of School, and Heads of Research Divisions
- Coordination of honorary and affiliate nominations
- Management of applications from visiting students not covered by exchange agreements
- Administration of scholarships and academic prizes
- Support for Early Career Development Programme (ECDP), probation, and Personal Development Reviews (PDR)
- Organisation of inaugural and prestigious lectures
- Committee support across all School business, excluding learning and teaching

Resources

- Budgeting and financial management of all non-research budgets, including School general funds budgets, TNE general funds income and expenditure, collaborations, endowment, donations, and discretionary funds.
- Contracts of employment and payroll time sheet approvals for demonstrators, tutors, and markers (extended workforce)
- Maintenance of non-research staff contracts, including extensions, changes, and leavers
- Sickness absence reporting via Core.

Contact details for the school Resource team: eng-finance@glasgow.ac.uk

Research, PGR and other

- Administrative support for the Director of Research, Director of Impact, and IAB Chair.
- Administrative support for the Director of Postgraduate Research
- PGR administration and support, including applications, progression, scholarships, and financial support for conferences.
- EDI support



Engineering student and academic support

Administrative support for UG and PGT teaching from registration and enrolment through to graduation is provided by Engineering Student and Academic Support (ESAS), located in Room 620 of the James Watt Complex (South). Core hours for students are 10am – 4pm Monday to Friday and the Help Desk is open for any general enquiries related to teaching during these times.

Details for staff contacting Engineering Student and Academic Support are:

Telephone: **0141 330 7558**

Email: eng-esas@glasgow.ac.uk

If you are referring a student for assistance, please first ask them to submit a Helpdesk request via “Science and Engineering Student Queries.”

See attached structure with roles (page 14)

Engineering Student and Academic Support will disseminate deadlines for critical tasks such as exam paper setting and moderation; return of results for courses and projects; and timetabling. Deadlines should be strictly observed to ensure quality assurance and time-critical tasks can be properly executed. A failure to meet the deadlines may result in you being asked to attend a meeting with the Head of School and Head of Teaching Discipline.

In addition to delivering our engineering degree programmes in Glasgow, we have a significant transnational education portfolio with jointly taught and awarded degree programmes in Singapore (in partnership with Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) and in China (in partnership with the University of Electronic Science and Technology of China (UESTC)). The transnational teaching programmes with UESTC in China are headed by the Executive Deans of Glasgow College UESTC – David Young (Chengdu) and Robert Partridge (Hainan).

The TNE Secretariat is located in the Academic Policy & Governance (APG) Office in the Gilbert Scott Building and comprises an External Relations Manager and TNE Co-ordinator (Academic Collaborations and Partnerships). There are also dedicated administrative staff based in Engineering Student and Academic Support who are responsible for supporting TNE as outlined in the structure below.

Contact details for the Glasgow College UESTC are:

Email: eng-uestc-admin@glasgow.ac.uk

The University of Electronic Science and Technology of China (UESTC) and the University of Glasgow (UofG), UK, established the Glasgow College at UESTC in January 2013. Our joint degree programmes, delivered entirely in English, build on the strengths of the Chinese and British education systems.

Taught equally by staff from both universities, most of the courses in years 1 and 2 are delivered by staff from UESTC, while the majority of the courses in years 3 and 4 are delivered by staff from UofG. Teaching led by UofG is delivered in ‘blocks,’ with staff flying to China on a regular basis. There are more than 40 colleagues who are part of this fly-in team. The joint programmes integrate rigorous foundations in mathematics and electronic engineering with a stream of independent project work that runs throughout all four years, cultivating creative thinking skills and developing the students into exceptional engineers with a high sense of social responsibility.

Three pathways are offered by the Glasgow College UESTC:

- Electronics and Electrical Engineering with Information Engineering
- Electronics and Electrical Engineering with Communications, and Electronics; and
- Electrical Engineering with Microelectronics (Chengdu only)

These pathways comprise courses approved by the University of Glasgow Senate for the UofG BEng (Honours) degree in Electronics and Electrical Engineering.

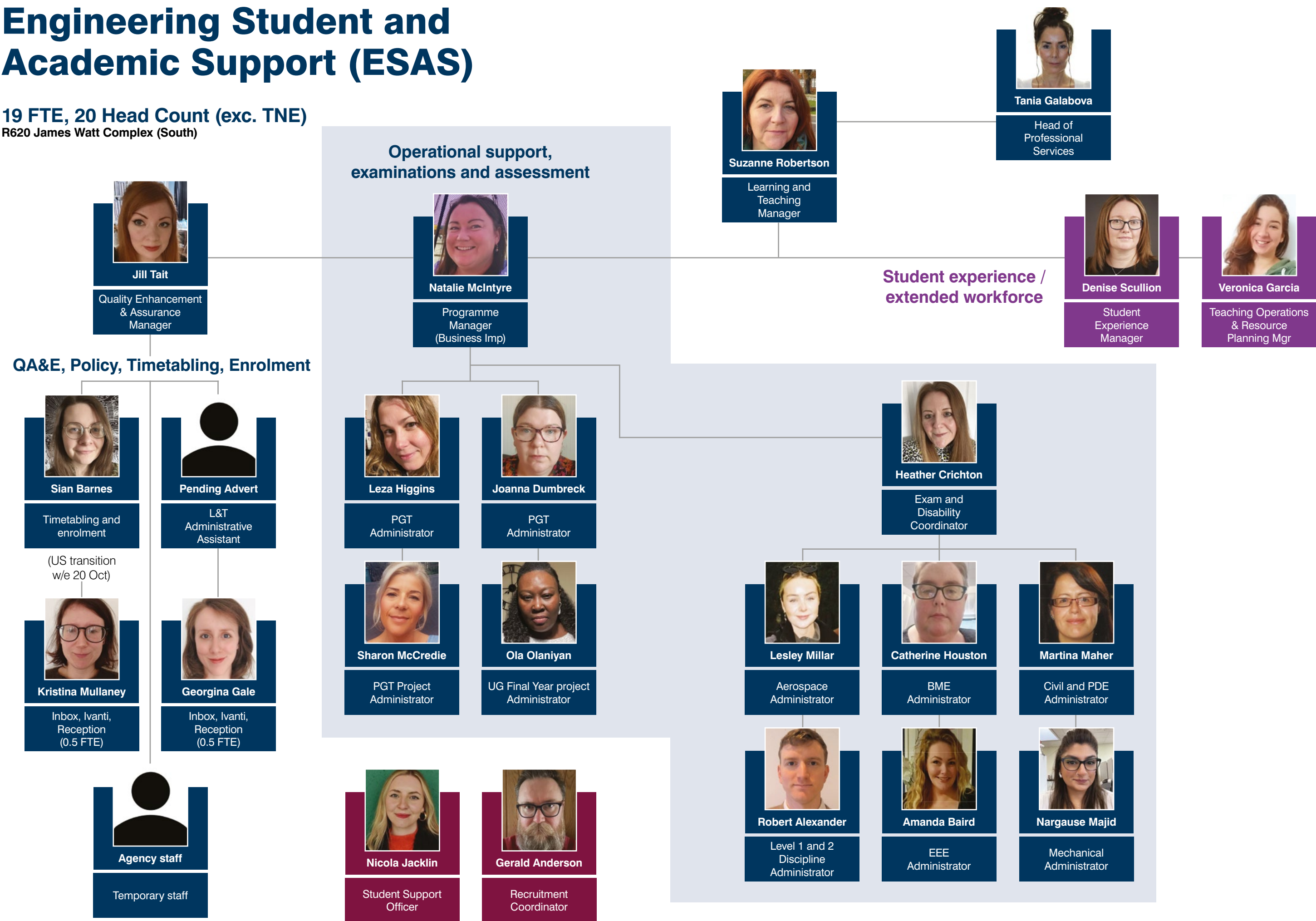
JWSE School Office

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R650 James Watt Complex (South)



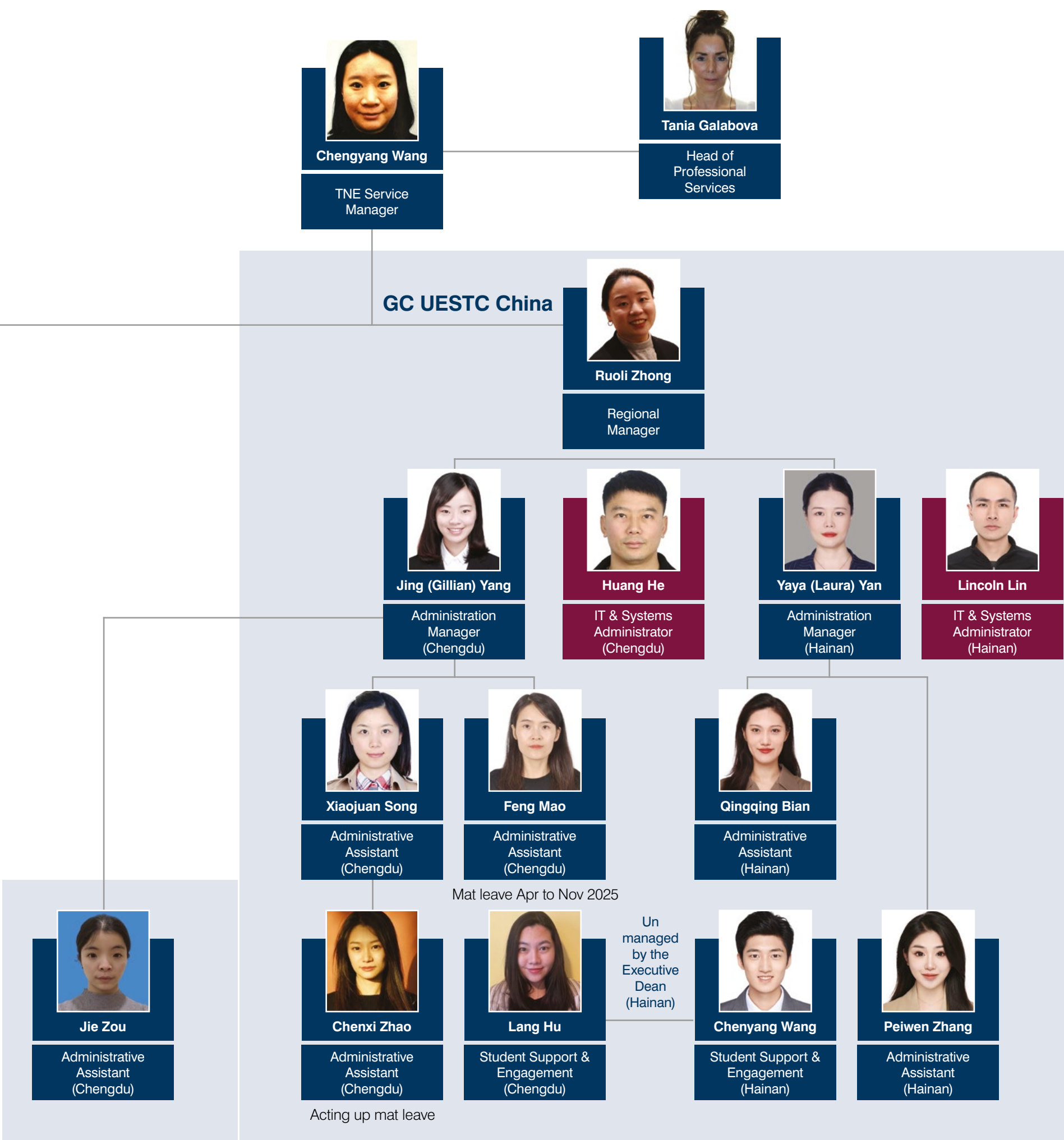
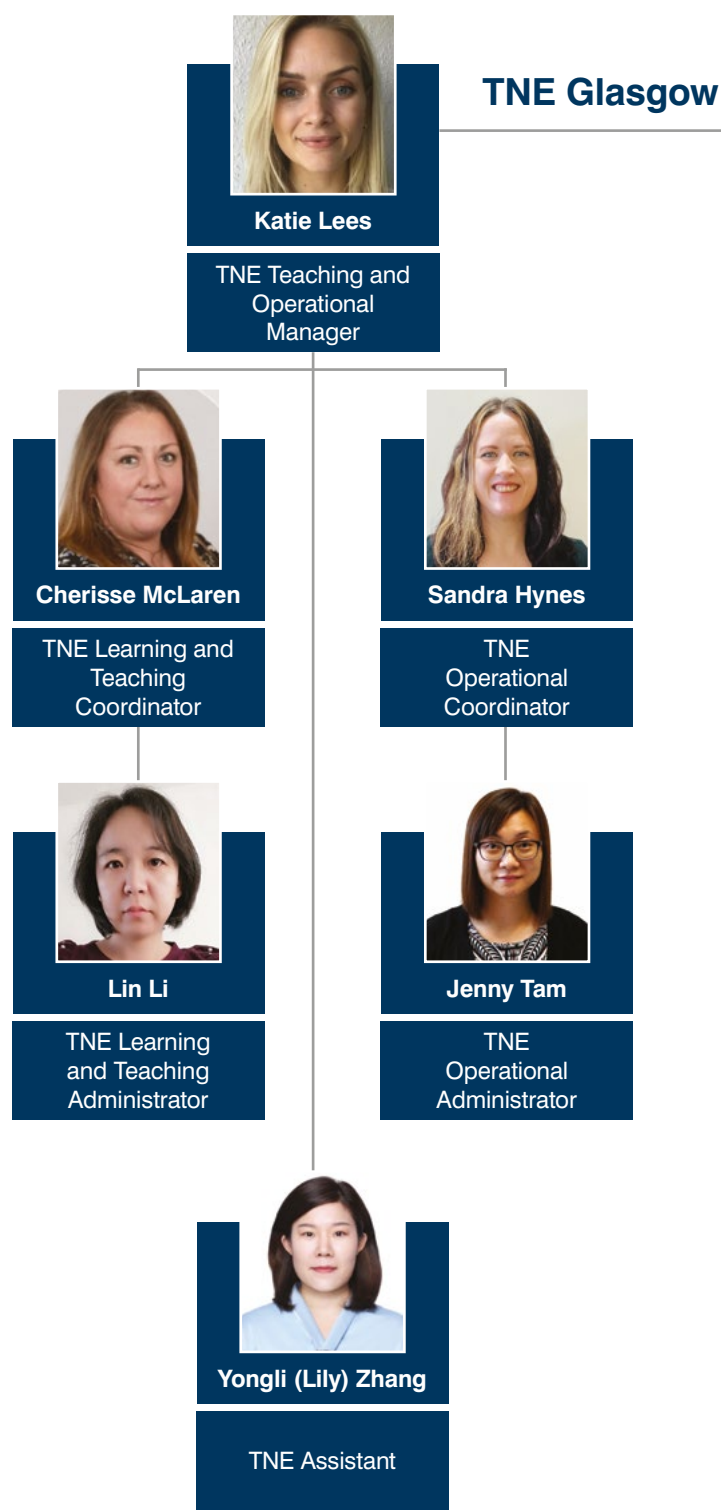
Engineering Student and Academic Support (ESAS)

19 FTE, 20 Head Count (exc. TNE)
R620 James Watt Complex (South)



Engineering Student and Academic Support (ESAS) (TNE only)

7 FTE, 7 Head Count (Glasgow only)
R650 James Watt Complex (South)



Technical services

The technical and operation support across the School for both research and teaching activities is provided by the CoSE Technical Services team. The team is organised in four areas as shown below:



- Our Heads of Technical Services Aislynn Taggart (Research Labs Services) and Denis Kearns (Design & Imaging, Workshops and Teaching Labs Services) are leading our cohort of technicians delivering a wide range of services which includes:
- Design, build and commissioning of electronics, electrical, mechanical, and civil engineering solutions.
 - Mechanical and electronics workshops
 - Technical plant operation as well as decommissioning of plant and apparatus
 - Material testing
 - Lab management services as well as technical support for teaching labs
 - Graphic design and printing services
 - CAD services and 3D printing
 - Health and Safety advice and management of biological, chemicals and waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE)
 - Stores management.
 - Repair, replacement, removal, transport and storage of plant, apparatus, and furniture
 - Design development and delivery of technical space.

Our Technical Services also include the operational support team offering facility and logistic services including transport of personnel, materials, and equipment, allocation of desk space and management of communal areas. Further details about facility support services are available on the next page.

All relevant points of contact for the range of services are shown below. If in doubt, Aislynn Taggart, Denis Kearns, or Cyril Pacot can help directing you to the right person. Requests for support from Technical Services can also be raised electronically through the UofG helpdesk system (gla.ac.uk/helpdesk).



CoSE Technical Services

Services	Workshops Services	Teaching Labs Services	Research Labs Services	Technological Facilities	Operational Support	Health & Safety
Management Point of Contact	Denis Kearns	Lloyd Henry	Aislynn Taggart	Claire Wilson	Finlay Smith	Cyril Pacot Nicholas Fatoye
Operational Contacts	Electronic & Electrical: Tendai Makuwatsine Design and Imaging: Peter McKenna	Lloyd Henry	Biological: Julie Russell Instrumentation: Billy Smith Geochemistry, Chemistry and Material: Mark Widman	Analytical Services: Claire Wilson CAE: Afe Oifare Microscopy: Vineetha Jayawarna	Logistics: Jim Blunn Store: Karen McLachlan Facility Coordinators: Finlay Smith & School Facility Coordinators	School Safety Coordinators JWSE: Cyril Pacot

More information can be found on our Technical Services website: schools/engineering/informationforstaff/technicalservices

JWNC

We also have a dedicated technical support team for the James Watt Nanofabrication Centre. Professor Martin Weides is the Director, Evelyn Toma is Director of Strategy and James Grant is the Acting Director of Operations. Mark Dragsnes is the Technical Section Leader (Plant and Maintenance) and Linda Pollock is the Technical Section leader (Training and Operations). More information can be found on the JWNC pages. If you wish to work with JWNC you can contact them at jwnc-enquiries@glasgow.ac.uk.

IT support

The IT Support Team provides a service across the School in support of staff and students. The School has an extensive suite of IT resources and a team of IT professionals to support research and teaching. Requests for IT support must be raised electronically through the UofG helpdesk system (gla.ac.uk/helpdesk).

In person support can be obtained by visiting the Tech Bar located on Level 4 of the James Watt North Building, and by using the QR codes on IT support posters in various IT and Meeting room spaces.

IT Support will assist in providing staff with essential IT equipment and with access to resources for them to carry out their duties. Typically, this includes a competent laptop and accessories used on campus and in support of agile working.

Staff wanting to purchase more powerful devices than the default provision should discuss their requirements with IT Support.

Any equipment provided to staff remains the property of the University and must be returned at the end of contract or upon resignation. The handling of returned equipment is part of the University’s formal leaving procedure and should be discussed with your line manager and IT Support at the appropriate time.

Please note that there are links to much more information on the [Engineering IT support pages](#).

Facility support

The facility coordinators are here to ensure the building occupants use the facilities effectively and that these facilities are fit for purpose. This can be a challenging task at times but a very critical service to everyone in the School.

Office, desk, and locker allocation:

- Pre-arrival line managers should raise a ticket on the UofG helpdesk to notify our Facility Coordinators of office/desk requirements and start dates for all new PDRA, MPA, Technical and IT staff). (This is coordinated by the Head of Professional Services for new academic staff.) New research students receive instructions to submit their request direct, and this may include a request for locker allocation in shared spaces using this same mechanism. **Self-allocation of desks is not permitted.**

UofG helpdesk (<https://www.gla.ac.uk/helpdesk>).

Meeting rooms:

- Meeting rooms can be booked via the UofG life app.

Access cards:

- Access cards for staff and PGRs can be programmed on request to: eng-buildingaccessrequests@glasgow.ac.uk
- Undergraduate and PGT students should contact Engineering Student and Academic Support office.

Other requests:

Please note that services such as cleaning, building maintenance, plumbing, heating, and cooling, and other issues related to the building fabric are managed by the Estates Services team. Such requests must be raised electronically through the dedicated [ECS maintenance request page](#).

For other requests, our facility coordinators can be contacted via email: Eng-FacilityCoordinator@glasgow.ac.uk

Space requests (other than single or shared desk allocation)

Our vision is to adapt our ways of working and culture to societal, technological, and physical developments to further strengthen our international leadership position in Engineering research and education and underpin future success.

As part of this vision, and to ensure a coherent and sustainable estate footprint, JWSE advocates development of inclusive ways of working, access to shared facilities to enable coherent and efficient deployment and use of resources.

In line with this vision, please outline your facilities access and requirements after you have discussed this with your Head of Research Division and have his/her support in principle in the following form: <https://forms.office.com/e/6GA9TWhBjM>

For research laboratories, you are encouraged to consult with your Head of Research Division, Julie Russell – Technical Services Manager (Biological Services) and Dr Phillip Harrison in the first instance. Completed forms will be reviewed under the auspices of the Engineering Growth Estates Group.



College support

The [College Research Support Office](#) has responsibility for research management and support. Their dedicated team of research support staff provides cradle to grave support for research grants and contracts. This includes support for researchers in the search for funding opportunities, the preparation, costing and submission of applications that comply with funder terms and university policy, the processing of awards, and post award financial administration through to completion.

Each academic is allocated a Project Coordinator. New staff or, if you are unsure who your PC is, please email COSE-ResearchOffice@glasgow.ac.uk for confirmation of your allocated PC. **This email must not, however, be used as a single point of contact.**

Staff should contact their allocated Project Coordinator to discuss grant proposal submission well before funder deadlines. A costing form will be provided which will then form the basis of the final financial approval by the Head of School and/or the appropriate Head of Research Division.

Contact details for the School research support team are:

- Project Coordinator: [Derek Motherwell](#)
Project Coordinator: [Ruth Coughlin](#)
Project Coordinator: [Tom Staves](#)
Project Coordinator: [Shannon Llewellyn](#)
Project Coordinator: [Craig Mannion](#)
Assistant Project Coordinator: [Andrew Bruce](#)
Research Support Administrator: [Sandra James](#)

Research Development

- Our Research Development Managers can help research staff:
- identify relevant funding opportunities, develop research proposals, and make connections with a view to strengthening your proposal.
- Contact the team if you are working on an idea or a proposal (including a New Investigator Award, a Fellowship, a multi-party proposal or a collaborative project with industry). The team can review proposals and provide you with examples of:
- successful proposals, template letters, hints, and tips for developing proposals.

Proposals requiring a letter of support from the School should be discussed and developed with your Research Development Manager (RDM) and Head of Research Division. Your RDM will alert the PA to the Head of School that a letter is required. Once approved by HoRD it should be sent to the Head of School for signature at least 5 working days before the submission deadline.

First point of contact Research Development for JWSE staff:

Research and Business Development Manager: [Lynne McCorriston](#)

Industry engagement

The [Industry Engagement](#) team can support researchers to collaborate with external partners including from industry, charities and government. Get in touch if you would like to develop your network to support your research or need to engage with a collaborator.

First point of contact for Industry Engagement support for JWSE staff:

Senior Industry Engagement Manager: [David Pollock](#)

Impact and Innovation

The Impact and Innovation team support researchers to develop impact from their research. Contact the team to learn more about how you can benefit from funding from the Impact Acceleration Accounts, or if you are thinking about translating your research outputs.

For enquiries or support around impact development please contact:

Research Impact Office: [Calum Kirk](#)



College Financial Transactions Hub

The College Financial Transaction Hub supports the School with the processing of all purchasing and other financial transactions. The team be contacted on cose-fintranshub1@glasgow.ac.uk and are responsible for:

- Procurement
- Providing guidance to staff and students on University Finance policies and procedures and claiming expenses via CORE

Session dates

Session dates are published online by the Senate Office. In the 2025-26 academic year, the core teaching weeks of the autumn and spring semesters are as follows:

Dates	Session
w/c 22 Sep – 5 Dec	Regular teaching on Glasgow campus
w/c 8 Dec – 19 Dec	Revision and examination period
w/c 12 Jan – 27 Mar	Regular teaching on Glasgow campus
w/c 20 Apr – 22 May	Revision and examination period
w/c 3 Aug – 21 Aug	Resit examination period

Teaching and teaching aids MOODLE

The University’s online virtual learning environment for students is called Moodle. You log into this from or directly on Moodle to upload course materials. Each course has a Moodle page, and students are automatically enrolled once they have registered for a course - usually this enrolment commences at the end of August each academic year.

Important course information should be posted on Moodle for any courses you are teaching: course notes, tutorial sheets, marking information and criteria, general feedback to students, and links to additional resources. The University’s Accessible & Inclusive Learning Policy requires staff to make materials available to students at least one working day in advance, and most staff do this by posting material on Moodle, or revealing previously hidden material.

Moodle is also a good way to be innovative in your teaching in ways that benefit both you and the students you teach: for instance, by setting up online discussion groups topics, quizzes, or electronic submission of lab and project reports which can be automatically checked for plagiarism on your behalf. Make good use of its time saving options!

In addition to Moodle sites for courses, there are several other Moodle sites which are organised on a Discipline or Degree Programme basis to help support students. The University also tends to use Moodle for continuous professional development courses for staff.

Your username and password are the same as that used to access MyCampus, log in to computers on campus, and access your university email.

MyCampus

MyCampus is the University of Glasgow’s student information and management system that is used by staff and students throughout the year.

- MyCampus:**
- shows the courses that make up a student’s curriculum, including a description of each course and the teaching staff involved, and permits students to select optional courses.
 - allows students to pick their own timetable for classes where a choice is available (typically laboratories or tutorials) and shows students and staff an overall timetable for their classes.
 - compares student results with the progress regulations so that they can see whether they need to take resits.
 - provides the system for reporting when their studies are affected by illness or personal difficulties.

You should visit [MyCampus support development and infrastructure](#) to gain access to the MyCampus system. Access will only be granted on completion of the mandatory MyCampus Fundamentals training.

In the unlikely event that a change has to be made to some aspect of your teaching during the term itself, make sure that you coordinate this through Engineering Student and Academic Support, as well as notifying students in lectures and on Moodle. This will ensure that all the automated student helps, which are synchronised to MyCampus, match what you are telling them, avoiding student confusion and discontent.

If you are a course coordinator you may receive a notification via email if a student has submitted a Good Cause request for an extension on a coursework submission. You have access to the MyCampus Student Good Cause pages to view the detail of the claim and to update the outcome or you can ask Engineering Student and Academic Support to update the outcome for you. Please respond to these requests as quickly as possible (even if you have had separate correspondence with the student) and update the Moodle submission deadline for the individual student. Good Cause claims are an area of high anxiety for the students and should be given utmost priority.

MyGrades

The roll-out of the MyGrades Moodle plugin forms part of the University’s commitment—through its Learning & Teaching Strategy—to developing a more integrated approach to digital teaching and assessment.

It will be adopted in appropriate Engineering courses starting from the 2025–26 academic year.

Key contact::

Learning & Teaching Manager: Suzanne Robertson

Reading lists

The University Library hosts a database of reading lists/recommended textbooks for each course, which is presented to students via MyCampus on course enrolment. Instructions are available [online](#). A few minutes work uploading textbook data can significantly reduce the number of student questions on textbooks at the beginning of term. If you are hard pressed for time simply sending your reading list to the [library](#) headed with a note of your course title, ENGxxxx code, semester, and a rough estimate of student numbers, will allow Library staff to do the work for you.

Laboratory demonstrators and tutors (extended workforce)

The James Watt School of Engineering funds a significant number of PhD student demonstrating and tutoring hours each year to support your lab sessions. Unfortunately, this resource is limited by the number of PhD students available. To ameliorate the situation:

- Think carefully when filling in the Extended Workforce needs request circulated by Engineering Student and Academic Support at the beginning of August each year—make sure that your requests are well judged to optimise student learning.
- Ensure that you make the best use of your support.
 - Demonstrators are paid to attend both generic University training and specific training that you are required to give before they start. They will be expecting such training and being proto-academics will of course leave their own revision of the lab material until just before your training session. However, this is far better than leaving their revision of the lab material until the lab itself, following you around picking up the concepts needed to appear like a professional in subsequent labs, whilst ignoring students in this one. Students will notice this as poor teaching practice, whereas well-trained lab demonstrators make you look good.
 - Good lab demonstrators are a source of useful feedback to students, and you should explicitly flag to students that this is one source of feedback provided by the University
- Encourage your own PhD – particularly 1st and 2nd year-students to work as demonstrators wherever possible. Teaching experience is always good on a student's CV and the rigour of explaining technical material is a benefit to new researchers (please note that RCUK have an expectation that the total hours spent should not exceed six hours in any week)
- Your Head of Teaching Discipline may allow exceptional undergraduate students to help in demonstrating if it can be shown that this work will have no effect on their own studies—if an undergraduate student contacts you, direct them to your Head of Teaching Discipline.

You must use the [online system for making demonstrator and teaching assistant requests](#) and for reviewing and accepting applicants.

Please note: It is imperative to understand that all demonstrators must be employed by the School via Engineering Student and Academic Support prior to undertaking any work for the School. Each demonstrator, tutor or marker has to be in possession of a contract before they can undertake ANY work and the School has to ensure that they have the right to work in the UK. If a student does not have a contract in place before their teaching commitments begin, they will not be permitted to get involved with teaching duties.

Glasgow College UESTC

A [Glasgow College UESTC supplement](#) outlines detailed information on our teaching and teaching delivery in China.

Technology enhanced learning and teaching

Attendance monitoring

Monitoring of student attendance, especially in early years, is a useful way to help students learn better study habits. The engagement and attendance of visa holding students will be monitored primarily by the central Visa Monitoring team. Students must check-in to the SafeZone app during all taught timetabled classes, which will then log their attendance within a central system. We encourage course coordinators and lecturers to record the attendance of all students within their class (particularly those at Level 1 and 2) using QR codes which are already prepopulated within the 'Attendance' section, of individual course Moodle pages,

All students who are engaged in project work; BEng, MEng, and MSc (including those who have dissertation extension mode of study), are required to submit a Project Engagement form (via the I.T. helpdesk), after each supervisory meeting. This allows the University to capture the engagement of those students who are solely engaged in project work, in addition to identifying which students may not be routinely meeting with their supervisor, as required. We therefore ask that all students submit an engagement form, after each supervisory meeting, and encourage this to be submitted towards the end of any meeting, so that it may be approved by the first project supervisor, in a timely manner.

Where possible, please approve the engagement forms if accurate as soon as possible, as this will confirm the engagement of the student, for visa monitoring purposes.

Engineering Student and Academic Support also liaise with MEng industrial placement supervisors, to ensure that students on project placement are progressing well, and attending as required.



Classroom response systems

Since almost all students attend lectures with mobile phones or computing devices it is possible to use Classroom Response Systems to interact with a class through e-voting or polling. The University has developed the quick and easy to use YACRS (Yet Another Classroom Response System) which is flexible enough to create e-voting questions during a lecture itself to obtain immediate feedback on student understanding. One popular technique is simply to ask a single YACRS question at the start of the lecture session, which will be answered at some point during the lecture for a small summative mark bonus— helping with student attention during the lecture and as a side effect, taking an approximate attendance roll. YACRS is available via [MyGlasgow](#).

Blended and online learning

Blended learning combines both face-to-face (f2f) and online study to enhance student learning and make more effective use of staff and student time. One example of this might be the “flipped” classroom, where students study web hosted video, audio and/ or possibly other materials before attending a lecture, tutorial, or lab session where the course coordinator can interact with students, often in small groups, to focus on more difficult concepts. Often these sessions take the form of practical problem-based learning exercises.

Online learning frequently also relies on audio-visual resources and is more commonly used in distance learning courses where f2f learning or interaction is not easily achieved. Typically, online courses will also include online assessment methods such as quizzes or wiki submissions, etc. Tutorials and small group discussions can be held using facilities such as Zoom, Big Blue Button or Skype for Business.

Whilst lecture theatre with video recording facilities can be used to develop BOLD materials, it is often less demanding to video capture your teaching material being written to paper with a voice-over (VO).

To facilitate this the School has high quality audio recording and overhead video capture hardware and software available. This can be booked out from the School Graphics Technician, Peter McKenna (Ext 7576), and would normally be used in your own office. Additionally, MS PowerPoint includes the facility to record VO and access to screen capture/recording software is also available.

The School lead on BOLD is [Philip Harrison](#) (Ext 4318), and additional information can be found on the [University Learning Enhancement site](#).

Field Trips

The School encourages staff to take students on appropriate field trips and industrial visits. Typically, these take place during scheduled laboratory sessions. Transport should be arranged through Engineering Student and Academic Support, paid for by the School for trips with clear academic value. Half-day trips avoid the problem of supplying lunch, and experience suggests the need for clear commitment from prospective attendees on voluntary visits to avoid disappointing our industrial contacts. Note that an academic member of staff must attend such trips; it is not appropriate to give PhD students overall supervision.

Advisers Of Studies

Each student is allocated an Adviser of Studies who provides advice throughout the year to students who experience any kind of difficulties, which might impinge on their studies. You may be invited, and expected to serve as an Adviser of Studies, unless you have other significant managerial or administrative responsibilities. Whilst the MyCampus system reduces the workload of Advisers, you will be the human face of the University for students who are facing difficulties. In practice, much of the work of Advisers is giving general degree advice in line with [University Regulations](#), explaining rules on progression and graduation, and students in touch with the right [Student Services](#).

There is a Chief Adviser of Studies, [Dr Douglas Thomson](#), supported by two deputies. Initial training will be provided to advisers. As an Adviser you are expected to meet with your advisees at the start of Semester 1 and then to be available to them, if required, throughout the session. You will also receive a report from Engineering Student and Academic Support at the start of Semester 2 showing your advisees' progress following the Semester 1 assessments. You should look out for any progress concerns and arrange a discussion with the student. Please respond promptly to requests for advice or meetings, and if you cannot see an advisee due to other activities or responsibilities, please refer the student to your Senior Adviser or the Chief Adviser. Senior Advisers for each Teaching Discipline are your best source of detailed advice; they will be expecting questions from new Advisers.

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Structure and assessment of degree programmes and PGR

Terminology – programmes, courses and credits

Common words such as 'course' can be used in different ways so here is a brief list of usage at University of Glasgow.

A degree programme is the complete curriculum that leads to a degree, such as BEng in Aerospace Engineering or MEng in Mechanical Engineering.

Each programme is divided into courses, each of which is self-contained with its own instruction and assessment. Each course has a level, which is roughly the same as its year in the curriculum and is often shown by a number at the end of the name of the course. For example, Applied Mechanics 1 is a level 1 course and appears in the first year of the curriculum for undergraduates. Master's level courses may have an 'M' instead of a 5.

The size of courses is measured in credits. Most taught courses carry 10 or 20 credits, but projects may be larger. Students are awarded the credits for a course if they complete all the compulsory work and assessments; typically, this means that they must attend laboratories and tutorials, submit assignments, and attend examinations (the details are given in the specification for each course and will be explained by the lecturer or convener). Students do not have to 'pass' the course to be awarded the credits. In other words, credits are a measure of quantity, not quality. The usual academic year for undergraduates (September–June) carries 120 credits, and the usual academic year for MSc students (September–September) carries 120 credits of taught courses plus a 60 credit MSc project. Formally 1 credit = 10 learning hours, the total time that a typical student is expected to spend on a course. Thus a 10-credit course demands 100 learning hours. In many cases the timetabled classes (lectures, laboratories, tutorials) come to about 30 hours, so students are expected to spend more than double that time working on the material in their own time — reviewing lecture notes, going over difficult points with the aid of a textbook, working through tutorial sheets, writing laboratory reports, and revising for the examination.

A number of qualifications are available from the University of Glasgow, depending upon the level achieved and the number of credits studied. Table 1 indicates the minimum number of credits required for each qualification and the number of years typically required to achieve this qualification. It also details the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) level. In practice, the CertHE, DipHE, BSc (Ord), PgDip and PgCert are normally 'exit awards,' obtained by the minority of students who cannot progress to obtain full BEng, MEng, or MSc degrees.

PGR applications

New staff should arrange a Teams call with the PGR Admin Team to receive training on the PGR referral system for approving PGR applications and they will also receive a copy of the Staff Guidance Notes.

PGR scholarships

There are typically two calls each for funded PhD studentships, with application deadlines in January and May. Staff will be notified in advance of the relevant deadlines and are asked to encourage excellent students to apply. Candidates must submit a PhD application via the on-line admissions system as well as a separate Scholarship Application via the Scholarship Portal. The supervisor will be asked to upload a supporting statement to the Scholarship portal; therefore, applications must be submitted well in advance of the deadline.

PhD study duration

Regardless of funding the PhD is a 3-year programme or part-time equivalent. There is an expectation that by month 42 (i.e. 3.5 years after the start date) the thesis is submitted for examination. The University absolute maximum timescale is 4 years and there is no automatic right for an extension after this timescale.

Academic supervisors are asked to be cognisant on the definition of 'on time' completion and ensure proper planning, early interventions (e.g., leave of absence request) and support of our research students to ensure adherence. Our PGR team will guide you on any issues or challenges that may arise.

Table 1: Qualifications

Qualification	Abbreviation	Total credits required	Years of Study	SCQF Level
Certificate of Higher Education	CertHE	120	1	7
Diploma of Higher Education	DipHE	240	2	8
Bachelor of Science in Engineering (Ordinary)	BSc (Ord)	360	3	9
Bachelor of Engineering	BEng	480	4	10
Master of Engineering	MEng	600	5	11
Postgraduate Certificate	PgCert	90	1	11
Postgraduate Diploma	PgDip	120	1	11
Master of Science	MSc	180	1	11



Guide to the grading scheme

Students are awarded a grade at the end of each course, following a meeting of the School Board of Examiners (ACM) to approve the results. If a student asks you for their course or final examination results (as opposed to the continuous assessment grades given out for work during the course), you must not provide this information and should point them to their student record on MyCampus.

Assessment is governed by the University's Code of Assessment, gla.ac.uk/myglasgow/senateoffice/policies/calendar. This specifies a set of grades from A1 (highest) to H (lowest) with descriptions of each grade shown in Table 2.

Whilst projects, lab reports and essays are assessed using these grades directly, most final examination results in Engineering are returned to Engineering Student and Academic Support as percentages. The School converts these to grades using the mapping in Table 2 as a guide but this mapping is local to the School's Glasgow campus and may be varied. Each grade also has a number of Grade Points (0–22) associated with it. These are used to calculate a student's average performance, which is needed to check their progress and for graduation.

Table 2: Mapping of percentage marks to grades and verbal descriptors of grades from Code of Assessment

Grade		Grade Points	%	Gloss	Primary verbal descriptors for attainment of Intended Learning Outcomes
A	1	22	90–100	Excellent	Exemplary range and depth of attainment of intended learning outcomes, secured by discriminating command of a comprehensive range of relevant materials and analyses, and by deployment of considered judgement relating to key issues, concepts, and procedures.
	2	21	80–89		
	3	20	77–79		
	4	19	74–76		
	5	18	70–73		
B	1	17	67–69	Very Good	Conclusive attainment of virtually all intended learning outcomes, clearly grounded on a close familiarity with a wide range of supporting evidence, constructively utilised to reveal appreciable depth of understanding.
	2	16	64–66		
	3	15	60–63		
C	1	14	57–59	Good	Clear attainment of most of the intended learning outcomes, some more securely grasped than others, resting on a circumscribed range of evidence and displaying a variable depth of understanding.
	2	13	54–56		
	3	12	50–53		
D	1	11	47–49	Satisfactory	Acceptable attainment of intended learning outcomes, displaying a qualified familiarity with a minimally sufficient range of relevant materials, and a grasp of the analytical issues and concepts which is generally reasonable, albeit insecure.
	2	10	44–46		
	3	9	40–43		
E	1	8	37–39	Weak	Attainment deficient in respect of specific intended learning outcomes, with mixed evidence as to the depth of knowledge and weak deployment of arguments or deficient manipulations.
	2	7	34–36		
	3	6	30–33		
F	1	5	27–29	Poor	Attainment of intended learning outcomes appreciably deficient in critical respects, lacking secure basis in relevant factual and analytical dimensions.
	2	4	24–26		
	3	3	20–23		
G	1	2	15–19	Very Poor	Attainment of intended learning outcomes markedly deficient in respect of nearly all intended learning outcomes, with irrelevant use of materials and incomplete and flawed explanation.
	2	1	10–14		
H		0	0–9		No convincing evidence of attainment of intended learning outcomes, such treatment of the subject as is in evidence being directionless and fragmentary.

In order to be awarded the credits and to gain one of the grades in Table 2, students must have completed a course satisfactorily. If they have not been awarded the credits for a variety of reasons other results are used. For example:

CW — Credit Withheld. This means that a student has not completed some required part of the course assessment (exam, laboratory report etc.) but can still do so before the end of the academic year. **Students will contact the lecturer to find out what they still need to submit and should be given a deadline, during the summer and before the resit diet of exams.** The submitted material is marked without any late penalty, but because it is technically a resubmission of material (the ‘first’ non-submission which caused the CW being graded at ‘H’) the student’s overall course grade is then capped to no more than a grazing pass, D3, no matter how good the grades for each individual component of assessment. Note that the deadline for resubmission must be set to before (and usually well before) the start of the resit examinations in the first week of August, to give time for marking. **No resubmissions are allowed after the resit exam period starts.**

CR — Credit Refused. This means that a student has not completed some compulsory element of the course (attended laboratories etc.), and it is not possible to remedy this in the current academic year. It is not possible to change CR by taking a resit exam; a student would need to repeat the course, and the progress committee may not permit this. Students may contact you if they are in doubt as to why they were refused credit for a course.

University policy is to allow a one resubmission of any and all pieces of assessment unless stipulated in advance in the Course Specification, and so it is unusual for lecturers to give CR.

EC — Extenuating Circumstances. This means that a student had medical or personal circumstances which prevented them from taking the exam at first sitting and they can take the resit without penalty. The decision to award EC is taken by a Mitigating Circumstances Board consisting of all Senior Advisers which meets before each Exam Board, and, as with the two results below, is not allocated by you as a course lecturer.

07 — Deferred Result. This means the School has not been able to give a student a grade at the usual time. The reasons range from study abroad to plagiarism/conduct.

CA — Credit Awarded. This means that it has not been possible to award a grade for the course, but a student is credited with having completed the course.

Should I give a CW, cr or a grade if work is not handed in?

Note that if a student fails to hand in required assignments or does not attend the final exam, then give CW for that component of assessment. A student with a CW (or any grade below D) can resit/resubmit each component of assessment within an academic year, so even if a student fails to return an assignment during term, they should be given a chance to resubmit this assignment by the end of July (before the resit exams begin) to ‘raise’ the CW to a useful grade.

As noted above, academic staff often have students resubmit coursework over the summer, with a deadline before the start of the resit examinations at the beginning of August. In very rare circumstances, a piece of work cannot be resubmitted (e.g., a group report with a mix of contributors, a semiconductor fabrication exercise with time limited cleanroom availability, etc.). Such a lack of resit opportunity must be noted in the course specification / documentation available to the student at the start of the course, and students who fail to submit such work are given CR as a grade. In summary, CW is ‘fixable’ within the academic year, CR is not.

In addition, most course specifications use the sentence “Students must attend the degree examination and submit at least 75% by weight of the other components of the course’s summative assessment”. So, if a student defaults on up to, but not including, 25% of the continuous assessment work, and hands in all explicitly required continuous assessment work, you should award an overall course grade. (Of course, each piece of non-submitted work gets an ‘H’=0 grade in that calculation.)

Examination creation and moderation

EXAM SETTING

Whilst continuous assessment (lab reports, tutorials, etc.) worth $\leq 30\%$ of a course do not have to be moderated by anyone outside of your course team, final exams and significant items of continuous assessment must be moderated internally and by External Examiners. This requirement means that exam creation, like targeted mode grant applications, has very strict deadlines—your **main and resit** examinations **must** be prepared and submitted before the end of week 5 in the autumn semester and before the end of week 7 in the spring semester. Around that time, you will also be asked to do internal moderation on a small number of exams that others have created (including moderating exams set for University of Glasgow Singapore and Glasgow College UESTO), and the maximum time available to do this is five working days—although staff normally attempt to turn moderation around in hours. Ensure that you start working on exams early to give yourself time. A month before deadline at minimum. Many colleagues delivering stable courses find it beneficial to write exams directly after marking

August resits whilst the material is fresh in their minds.

If you do not have a Microsoft Word template document for School of Engineering examinations, obtain one from Engineering Student and Academic Support. Its automatic styles (‘Question,’ Sub question,’ Subsubquestion,’ Equation,’ Figure’) will make your life considerably easier.

Some other hints in creating good exam papers follow:

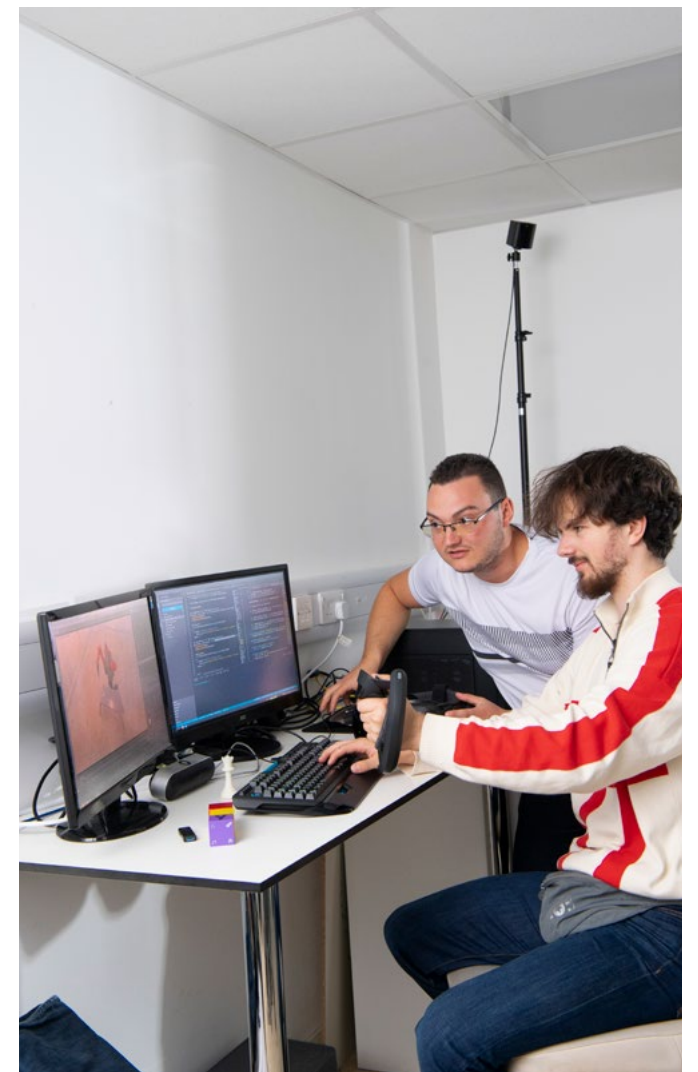
- All questions contain a ‘bookwork’ element allowing students of modest ability to obtain some marks relatively easily, and this element should be early in a question to calm students in an exam situation.
- Each exam should contain a mix of derivation, analysis, and design style questions. For exams with optional questions students must not be able to choose a set of questions to avoid analysis
- All questions should contain an element of problem-solving which test both understanding and application of that understanding. There should be a mix of problems/derivations already seen in tutorials/lectures as well as novel problems.
- All questions should contain a more advanced component often for about 20% of the question marks which either require particular insight, or apply material in a novel context (especially where not all parameters are given, and the student must make engineering judgments)
- Limit yourself to no more than five questions (which of course will be broken into more sub questions). Students taking exams online upload by question and are never asked to upload more than five files. In-person exams with no more than five questions benefit from being able to use Teleforms rather than script books
- Moderators will bounce back exam scripts inconsistent in font between questions or between questions and figures.
- Formulae sheets/lists are good but resist questions which merely require a student to choose from given formulae.
- Textbooks are a good source of exam ideas (but do not copy!)
- Putting an idea or old tutorial question in an industrial/research context can breathe life into an old idea or can spark off new question ideas.
- Detailed worked answers (solutions) must be supplied with any exam paper and are not only important if you are ill - working through detailed answers is often a new source of question ideas.
- Questions normally should be ‘chunked’ into units of less than 10 marks and worked answers should have significantly finer granularity.
- If your paper requires a datasheet remember to append it to the question paper.

You are required to create both a main and resit examination for every diet, with both examination papers submitted by the deadline date for the main diet. However, since resit examinations are almost always subject to grade point capping, resits can be a mix of old exam ideas and are thus easier to write (and often limber you up for writing of the main examination).

Typically, examinations for core courses contain compulsory questions covering the broad range of the course curriculum. Examinations for honours years contain a mix of compulsory questions assessing core material, and optional questions. Do not hesitate to obtain previous examinations electronically from the University Library or Engineering Student and Academic Support to confirm the structure of your examination.

Note that if that structure is altered or the course is new, a dummy examination and worked solution sheets must be uploaded to Moodle for the benefit of students.

Once your paper has gone through moderation and you upload the final “Paper for Registry” please visit Engineering Student and Academic Support and ask to see a printed version of the paper. This final scrutiny will ensure that any errors with formatting are flushed out before the paper is printed and delivered to the exam hall.



Exam moderation

Moderation is the peer review of assessment setting. A paper should not arrive on the desk of an External Examiner with infelicities in formatting and spelling, but more importantly, should be well judged in the level and mix of questions. When you moderate, you:

- Check that the questions have a mix of bookwork, analysis, design and ‘sting-in-the-tail’ components.
- For a paper with options, check that students cannot avoid challenge.
- Check that the English is unambiguous, clear, and succinct, and that there is nothing in the formatting of the paper that would confuse students.
- Ensure appropriate level of difficulty and coverage of the course material.
- Check the mathematical calculations.
- Check allocated marks are appropriate and total correctly.
- Check that there are no ambiguous phrases, that units are correct, fonts in question matches the fonts in the diagrams, check the datasheet for consistency, doing this on a printed copy, checking that the paper conforms to a standard format.
 - checking that the paper isn’t the same as last year.
 - check how demanding each question and the whole paper is.
 - checking chunking in questions and in solutions, evidence of solubility of the questions, check in the solutions that the equations should be memorised or are in the in the datasheet (so in the solutions, setters should flag “this equation is in the datasheet”).

The ‘review’ tab of Microsoft Word is often very helpful in making minor changes and comments on a paper—which may then be directly uploaded to the Exam Paper database for confirmation for the Exam Setter. For major changes, a direct conversation is usually much more helpful. **You must complete the checklist** as part of the review process, with signature and date in order for the automated workflow processes to be fulfilled.

Final exam script marking and submission of grades

(The marking of projects is considered below under the heading ‘Final year projects’)

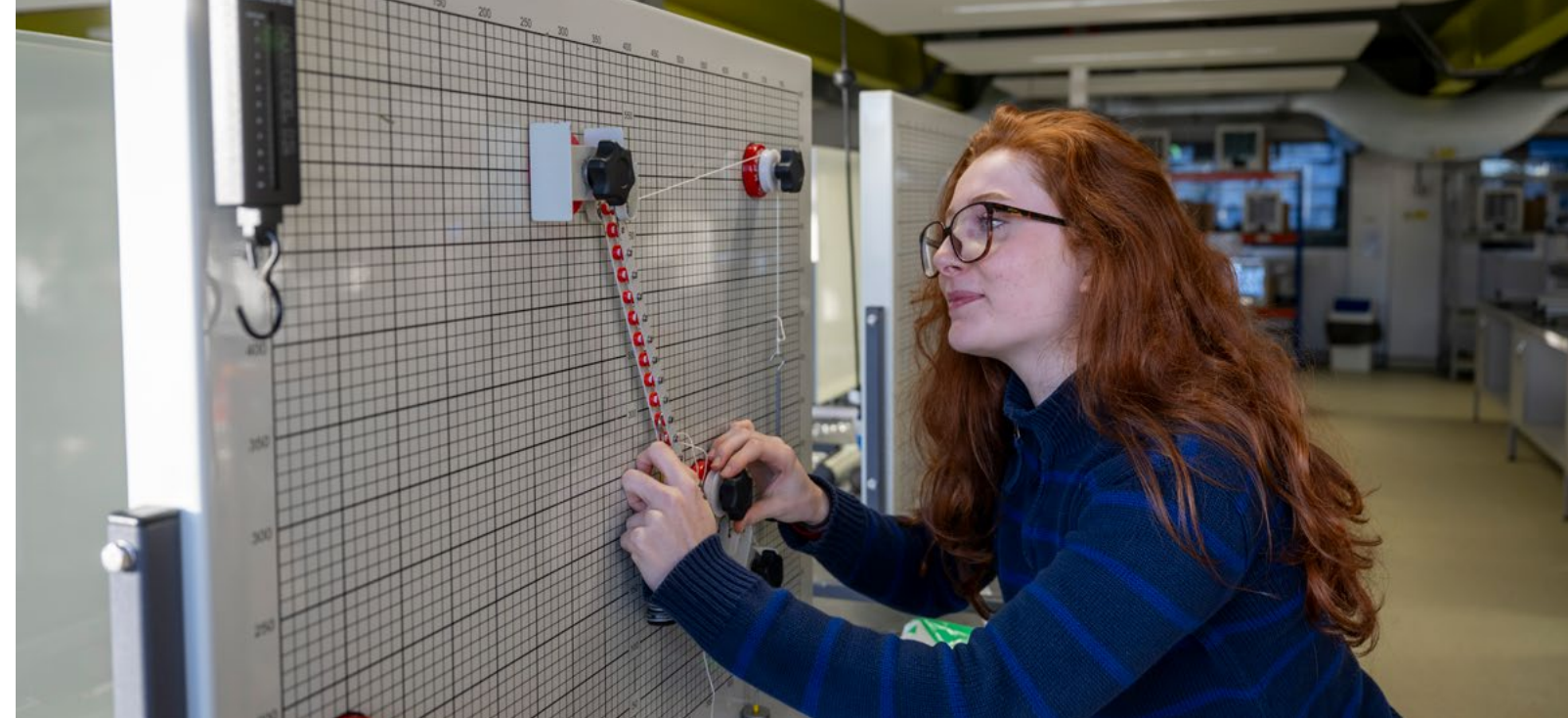
Traditional final examinations at the University are supervised by professional invigilators. It is your responsibility to attend 15-30 minutes in advance of the examination to check that the correct question sheet (and if necessary, data sheets) have been provided and that the question sheet is legible. If there are problems, contact Engineering Student and Academic Support. This is especially important as students with additional needs may be taking exams in other rooms and may need to be contacted. Leave a telephone number in case invigilators have a query during the examination.

Normally final examinations result in a multipage script book for each student, or a set of A3 ‘Teleform’ sheets (for large classes with multiple lecturers). You will collect, count, and sign for script books at the end of the exam. If you are unable to collect the scripts, you may ask another contracted member of staff to do this for you or ask Engineering Student and Academic Support for assistance. **Do not ask Extended Workforce to collect scripts.** If Teleforms are used Engineering Student and Academic Support staff will collect the scripts and separate out your own questions for collection. To preserve student anonymity, you should deposit white attendance slips in Engineering Student and Academic Support whilst marking and should never tear off the strips on the script books that conceal student names unless the student registration number is inconsistent with those recorded in your class list. Remember to collect any script books for additional needs students from Engineering Student and Academic Support.

All honours courses (3rd year and above) and the majority of 1st and 2nd year course are marked exclusively by academic members of staff. It is policy that PhD students should not mark honours exams, and exceptions for 1st and 2nd common curriculum courses involve closely supervised marking teams, with detailed academic moderation.

Scripts should be marked using a coloured pen (best practice is red for markers and green for check/double markers) which cannot be confused with the candidate’s writing. All writing in the script must be tagged to show that it has been read by the marker, e.g., with a line in the margin if there are no marks or comments nearby. Tag each blank page (or indicate that you have checked blank pages through to the end of the script book).

Each part of each question should be marked, and the marks shown with an ‘out of’ mark (e.g., 3/6) in the script adjacent to the appropriate part of the question. Avoid giving fractional marks (e.g., 0.5/4, or worse $\frac{1}{2}$ /4) which are a recipe for confusion and usually indicate that more marks should have been offered when setting the question.



Where a student has not answered one or more parts of a question, you should indicate that an answer has been sought in the script by writing a 0, e.g., ‘(c): 0/6’. Total the marks for each question and write the total distinctively (perhaps by circling the total) near the solution, and on the front of the script. Comments added to justify the mark awarded should avoid emotional or potentially offensive language the script books are read by External Examiners, and often by students looking for feedback.

Write the overall total on the front of the script.

It is the responsibility of each course coordinator to ensure that final exam scripts are checked by another academic (your fellow academic if the course is a ‘two-hander,’ or a colleague assigned directly by the Head of Discipline). The checker should use a different coloured pen to the marker (normally green). Check that all writing on the script has been read and tagged, the total mark for each question is accurately recorded on the front of the script, and the total mark for the exam paper has been correctly recorded, and that the total grade for the course, including coursework has been recorded on a mark’s spreadsheet.

Check marking is the process where a person out with the course marking team reviews an already scored exam paper, making sure every page has been seen by the first marker, corroborating that the total mark given is correct, and inspecting the final result spreadsheets to make sure that all marks have been added correctly, and that all students listed are accounted for (i.e. the course participant list matches the number of scripts marked).

Students who forgot registration cards during the examination should take them to Engineering Student and Academic Support for verification. This should be confirmed by the examiners before the marks are returned. Marks are returned to the School before the marking deadlines, 10 working days from the exam date. Course co-ordinators are sent template spreadsheets listing the students enrolled in their courses and then return those spreadsheets with the results of each component of assessment.

You can use Code of Assessment grades ‘A1’-‘H’, or Code of Assessment numerical grades ‘22’-‘0’, or percentages—of course flagging which types are being returned. If a student makes no submission, then submit the component grade ‘NS’ (no submission) rather than a zero, CW or ‘H’ grade. Engineering Student and Academic Support is responsible for preparing the results for the Exam Board. University rules require each element of assessment to be translated to the 22-point scale before a weighted final calculation is done. This may give results which are slightly different to the ones that you might expect. One final version of the results spreadsheet should be returned to eng_results@glasgow.ac.uk. This ensures version control.

Note the importance of returning each component of assessment in your submission, rather than only a final grade. Students with CW or an overall grade below D may resubmit each component of assessment within the academic year. Where students are ill, or in other exceptional cases the Progress Board may allow components of assessment to be resubmitted outside of the academic year. Because of data protection laws, you will erase any local spreadsheets of grades after the Exam Board which ratified them. Therefore, the only source of previous component grades available to perform resit course calculations are the ones which you submit to Engineering Student and Academic Support for secure archival.

After submission of course results, Engineering Student and Academic Support will check with the Mitigating Circumstances Board, who may authorise a change to EC for some students in the final published results. In some instances, the Mitigating Circumstances Board may grant EC (Exenuating Circumstances) or a particular submission of assessed work, and if this is worth less than 25% of the course, you may be asked to recalculate the student’s grade ignoring this work.

Rules for progression and graduation

An undergraduate student's results at the end of each academic year must meet certain requirements for them to progress in their degree programme.

There are similar requirements for graduation. These are set out in the University Regulations; Before 2019-20 the University Regulations were known as the [University Calendar](#). Here is a brief, unofficial summary.

Undergraduate Progression

For most undergraduate degrees, a student's results in each academic year must satisfy these conditions for progression to the next year in BEng:

- minimum grade of E3 in every course
- minimum grade of D3 in the best 110 credits
- average GPA of at least 9.0

Some degrees taught jointly with other schools (Civil Engineering with Architecture and Electronics with Music) require D3 in all courses because 10 credits at E in one of the subjects could be a serious problem.

The same rules apply for progression in MEng, but a student's GPA must be at least 14.0; this rule is advisory at the end of years 1 and 2 but is enforced thereafter. This means that entry to MEng is effectively determined at the end of year 3.

Undergraduate students may resit courses in years 1–3 to meet the progression rules (i.e., if their overall course grade was below D3). Often students only resit the final exam, but unless the course specification and documentation specifically disallow it, they should be given the opportunity to resit each component of the course. As noted earlier, a retake of coursework must be completed by 31st July. The best results for each component are then combined (this may require you to seek previous component results from Engineering Student and Academic Support), and the overall course result returned to Engineering Student and Academic Support. This best overall result will appear on the student transcript, but for the purposes of progression, it is capped at 9, corresponding to D3. In addition, only results from a student's first attempt on any course are carried forward to calculate their honours degree classification and thus it should be noted that if they have a CW recorded in third year at the first attempt then this course will contribute CW=0 to their overall degree classification—the resit, and raising the CW are useful for progression only.

The School Mitigating Circumstances Committee (convened by the Chief Adviser with the Senior Advisers) meets after each tranche of examinations (second week of Jan, last week of May, and first week Sept after final resits) to consider whether students should be exempted from any examinations due to personal circumstances, and therefore have the subsequent resit counted as their first attempt. If you know of students with difficulties, it is important to encourage them to upload information to the MyCampus system before these meetings. Advisers are then informed of the outcomes for their Advisees.

In September, after the Mitigating Circumstances meeting, the Progress Committee (again staffed by Senior Advisers) meets to decide whether a student may:

- make normal progress to the next year of study.
- transfer to another qualification (e.g., MEng to BEng)
- be offered the opportunity to repeat some courses in order to progress—although there is no automatic right to any further reassessment beyond the first resit.
- be excluded from further study, in which case they will be considered for the awards of BSc Ordinary (Engineering Studies), Diploma of Higher Education (Engineering Studies) or Certificate of Higher Education (Engineering Studies)

Again, if you have Advisees who cannot progress normally, both you and they will be informed. Students have the right of formal appeal to the College against the decisions of the Progress Committee. The Code of Procedure for Appeals is laid out in the [University Regulations](#).

If you take over a course from another academic, make sure that you liaise with Engineering Student and Academic Support to obtain any previous results needed so that you deal correctly with any resitting students.

Undergraduate graduation

(For students who first registered before the 2021–22 session)

The University has general requirements for graduation, and BEng or MEng have extra rules that are similar to those for progression:

- Minimum grade of E3 in every course in the final year
- Minimum grade of D3 in the best 100 credits in the final year
- Minimum grade of D3 in your major individual project at the first attempt

Graduation (for students who first registered in or after the 2021–22 session)

The University has general requirements for graduation, and BEng or MEng have extra rules that are similar to those for progression, again, augmented by requirements from the Engineering Council:

- Minimum grade of E3 in every course in the final year
- Obtain a maximum of 30 credits at E in all courses taken from year 2 onwards.

These rules are set by the University and the Engineering Council for accredited degrees. Students will be considered for the non-accredited degree of BSc (Honours) in Engineering if they meet the university's standard requirements but not the extra rules. Note that students require a minimum grade of D3 in the major individual project for any honours degree.

Classification of honours degrees

The honours degree classification is calculated from a weighted average of the student's first results from year 3 and beyond:

- For BEng degrees the weighting is 30:70 from years 3 and 4 except for Electronic and Software Engineering, for which the weighting is 35:65.
- For all MEng degrees the weighting is 20:40:40 from years 3, 4 and 5.

Table 3 gives the bands for classifications bases upon the weighted GPA as detailed above.

Table 3: Mapping of Weighted GPA to Honours Degree Classification

Honours Weighted GPA	Honours Degree Classification
17.5–22.0	First class
17.1–17.4	either First or Upper Second class
14.5–17.0	upper second class
14.1–14.4	either Upper Second class or Lower Second class
11.5–14.0	Lower second class
11.1–11.4	either Lower Second or Third class
8.5–11.0	Third class
8.1–8.4	either Third class or fail
0.0–8.0	fail

In exercising discretion the Exam Board is guided by the criteria set out in Section 2.7 of the [Code of Assessment](#).

Taught postgraduate (MSc) progression

As taught postgraduate MSc degrees only last a single year, 'progression' means whether a student is permitted to progress to complete an Individual Project (ENG5059P) or Management Dissertation during the summer. These progression rules are summarised as follows:

- Minimum grade of E3 in every taught course
- Minimum grade of D3 in the best 100 credits of taught courses
- Grade point average (GPA) of D3 in 120 credits of taught courses

However, some degrees can commence in January, meaning students will only have taken 60 credits of taught courses, and some students may be so close to the borderline that it is almost certain that after resits they will qualify for an. So, students are typically allowed to progress if there is a reasonable prospect that they can reach the standard required following any outstanding assessment opportunities (including resits). The PGT Progress Committee, staffed by the Advising team, meets during the second week of June, and decides whether a student may:

- make normal progress to the individual project.
- make progress to the individual project, whilst noting that graduation with an MSc requires success in a small number of resits.
- be debarred from the individual project until they successfully improve course grades at resit (consequently requiring a September to December project and delayed graduation)
- be excluded from further study, and considered for the awards of Postgraduate Certificate or Postgraduate Diploma

Appeals and complaints

The purpose of the regulations it to avoid students wasting time and money studying for a degree that they have little chance of obtaining. The decisions of the PGT Progress Committee are designed to be for the long-term benefit of students. However, students have the right of appeal to the College against the decisions of the Progress Committee. The Code of Procedure for Appeals is laid out in the University Regulations:

gla.ac.uk/myglasgow/senateoffice/policies/uniregs/

Taught postgraduate (MSc) graduation

The University has general requirements for graduation with a taught postgraduate qualification:

PG Certificate:

- Average aggregation score of D3 (9) or better in 60 credits
- At least 40 of these credits above D3 (9)

PG Diploma:

- Average aggregation score of D3 (9) or better in 120 credits
- At least 80 of these credits above D3 (9)

MSc:

- Average aggregation score (GPA) of D3 (9) or better for taught courses
- 100 credits at Grade D3 or better (≥9)
- All credits at Grade E3 or above (≥6)
- D3 or better (>9) in dissertation (individual project)

Subject	A	B	C	D	E	F	GPA (Taught Subjects)	Project Grade
Credits	20	20	20	20	20	20	120	60
Grade	C3	C3	C3	C3	C3	C3		D3
Score	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	9



MSc with Merit

- Average aggregation score (GPA) of at least C1 (14) in the taught courses, and at least a C1 (14) in the dissertation (individual project), both at first attempt
- Average aggregation score (GPA) of B3 (15) in all 180 credits, at first attempt. In this latter requirement, the Board of Examiners has discretion between 14.1 and 14.9.

MSc with Distinction

- Average aggregation score (GPA) of at least B1 (17) in the taught courses, and at least a B1 (17) in the dissertation (individual project), both at first attempt
- Average aggregation score (GPA) of A5 (18) in all 180 credits, at first attempt. In this latter requirement, the Board of Examiners has discretion between 17.1 and 17.9.

In the above example:

- Grade Point Average, over 120 taught subject credits:
 - (GPA) = (20 x 12)6 = 1440/120 = 12
- Student also receives a project grade of D3 = 9
- In this case, the student would qualify for the MSc degree.

Discretion (merit and distinction)

When a candidate’s overall GPA for the taught courses falls within one of the permitted discretion zones, School of Engineering policy is that the board check the course grade profile of the candidate (details of course grade profile can be found in Chapter 2 of the Code of Assessment). If there are more credits, achieved at the first attempt, at or above the threshold then the candidate should be promoted. So, for MSc with Merit, if 90 or more taught credits are at 15 or above then a Merit classification should be awarded.

PGR annual progression reviews

PhD students require an Annual Progression Review (APR) in years 1 to 3 to determine that they are progressing satisfactorily. The process also allows students and supervisors to plan training needs and milestones for the year. There are two APR Schedules each year that take place in Spring and Autumn and students will undertake their APR at the same schedule each year depending on their commencement date.

The student submits an APR form and uploads a Technical Report in years 1 and 2, and a thesis plan in year 3. Their supervisor then completes an assessment of their student’s progress. Thereafter, an APR meeting takes place with an examining committee, comprising an internal examiner and a convenor. The convenor is asked to arrange the review meeting, which should last from around 45 minutes to 1 hour, and both the examiner and convenor participate in the review meeting asking questions based on the content of the review form and Report. Following the meeting the Convenor submits an outcome of the meeting on the MyCampus system.

gla.ac.uk/research/ourresearchenvironment/prs/pgrcodeofpractice/annualprogressreview/

Access to exam scripts

Students are allowed access to their marked exam scripts after both Semester 1 and Semester 2 marks are published. This will take place in person, with the course coordinator, in July. As a course coordinator you should publish a date in July on Moodle when you will be available for to come and review their exam script with you. You should then collect the script from the Engineering Student and Academic Support ahead of the meeting. If the exam was taken online the students will be given access via Moodle or MyGlasgow Anywhere.

Students are not allowed to access to their scripts out with these times, and it is not possible to have the scripts scanned for transfer outside the campus. Occasionally students may ask for specific feedback on their own examination answers, to better revise for a resit, or to better prepare them for the next year of studies. University policy is that staff should be available to give feedback to resitting students. Staff may give feedback to other students if they wish (although for large classes this can turn into a significant drain on lecturer time, for what has been found in practice to be very little benefit). If at any point during a feedback session there is an indication that the student is using the meeting to exert pressure on an academic to change a given mark, the academic should politely but clearly make it plain to the student that marks are a matter for academic judgement and that no such change will be countenanced.



Feedback and annual course monitoring

feedback we give to our students, how we respond to feedback from students and others (directly and in Annual Course Monitoring), and the feedback we give to the University.

Feedback to students

Final year undergraduate students fill in a questionnaire on their degrees before they graduate. This is called the National Student Survey (there is an equivalent for MSc students) and is a marker by which we are judged. Historically all Universities have scored poorly in the questions regarding feedback:

- “Feedback on my work has been prompt.”
- “I have received detailed comments on my work.”
- “Feedback on my work has helped me clarify things I did not understand.”

However, several Universities’ Engineering Schools score **significantly** better in these areas, enhancing both student satisfaction, and league table placings (which tend to lead directly to a higher quality intake). In addition, students who understand clearly where they can improve are also more likely to produce better work and are more fun to teach. We wish to be part of this group of high achieving Schools in the area of feedback to students.

There are several recognised ways to give good feedback to students:

- always fill in comments in the ‘feedback’ box on the cover page submitted with lab reports - even if this is simply “detailed feedback given inside” and notes scribbled in the lab book itself.
- feedback doesn’t need to be voluminous, but does need to be specific and positive (i.e. focus on how a student could improve rather than on how badly they did (“referencing was done well”, “you will improve by making the abstract a summary of introduction, work done, results and conclusions, written for someone who will not read the full report”, “X could be improved, see suggestions at www.Y”))
- use the School hand-in-and-feedback-returned calendar to help you get feedback responses back to students promptly.
- rename tutorials as feedback sessions (with the +ve spin-off of reminding students that tutorials are supposed to be where they get feedback on revision work, they’ve already done, not just a chance to copy answers from the board)

- when going over class tests or giving any other general feedback in lectures, explicitly flag that this is feedback, and make it obvious (“if you got this one right, you are part of 60% of the class”)
- explicitly tell students that lab sessions are a way to get feedback on their understanding from lab demonstrators, and it is their responsibility to use them as such.
- volunteer to give students comments on a single draft of their project reports, and schedule this so that you can do it promptly (otherwise they will get the draft to you so close to hand-in deadline that you won’t have time to help)

It is University policy to post general feedback on degree examination results - to be helpful a template for such feedback will be e-mailed to you after the exam boards as a reminder. It should of course be titled ‘feedback on final exam’ and posted on Moodle.

Feedback from students, external examiners, and academics

There are several ways in which we get feedback on our own teaching, including:

- Volume and type of questions from students after lectures
- Comments made in the Staff Student Liaison Committees (roughly in the middle of each teaching semester)
- Comments on the questionnaires handed out via Moodle 2/3 of the way through each teaching block.
- Comments of external examiners on our exams
- Feedback via our QR codes

Some of this feedback should be acted upon immediately. Comments made by students in preparation for Staff Student Liaison Committee are e-mailed directly to staff for their response to be tabled at the Committee itself. Responses should be polite and helpful in tone, even when explaining why a request might not be for the long-term benefit of students. Lecturers should comment in class responding to feedback questionnaires - although some of those comments will be thanking students for suggestions and explaining changes which will be made for next year’s cohort.

Exam boards and ACM boards

Twice a year (second week Semester 2 and first week of June) staff have the opportunity to recommend sign-off of exam results at an Internal Exam Board and review how they have responded to feedback at an Annual Course Monitoring (ACM) review held in the same meeting.

The job of an ACM is to identify issues and good practice in courses within a Discipline and propose improvements. All staff who have taught in the Discipline during the previous semester attend and make a short oral report on their course, with the course coordinator taking the lead. It is rare for staff not to attend, but if so, they send a written report in advance of the meeting. The report flags areas of particular success, how previous initiatives fared, feedback from students, Staff Student Liaison, and External Examiners, course exam results, and proposed actions for next year. Specific justification and future actions need to be proposed if a course has average exam results outside of a normal bound (50%-70% or Code of Assessment ‘11.5’-‘17.5’), a significant change in average exam results ($\pm 10\%$ or Code of Assessment ± 3) a poor pass rate ($< 50\%$) or specific issues raised in student feedback.

As all teaching staff attend, the ACM is an opportunity to broadcast successful initiatives across the Discipline, and for staff to suggest solutions to problems that might not have been considered by the course team. It is the job of the Head of Discipline to make sure that the ACM is always supportive in nature. The ACM is also an opportunity for academic staff to feed back to the central University issues and good practice. The Quality Officer for the School is in attendance at all Discipline ACM meetings and collates a report for the University flagging perceived weaknesses in regulations / the estate etc., and advertising good teaching ideas that can be tried across the whole University.

Revising courses

As part of the feedback process, you may wish to make alterations to your courses for future years. Minor refreshing and modernisation of course material can be done without reference to anyone else. If you wish to change the balance of assessment, types of assessment, or enough material to alter key Intended Learning Outcomes for a course, this needs to be communicated to prospective students and staff via the Course Specification. You can download the published [Course Specification](#) from the web site.

Review any proposed changes with your Head of Teaching Discipline, who will know the level of consultation required for any sort of change, which School or College committees are required for sign-off and can give general advice.

Changes, after consultation, need to be submitted to Engineering Student and Academic Support by the first week of April, in order to take effect in the next academic year. If the change involves any kind of update to the timetable e.g., change of Semester or change to number or type of learning event it may not be possible to accommodate if the timetable has been finalised. It is advised to think of such changes for the following academic year.

Harmonisation of learning & teaching across engineering

Current course and programme revision in the James Watt School of Engineering is informed by work on the Harmonisation of Learning & Teaching. Any Engineering graduate develops, and future employer seek attributes resulting from:

1. General Engineering Learning. Skills, attributes, and abilities vital to all engineers. For instance, the ability to use computer programmes or to apply mathematics in creative ways to solve engineering problems, or to design systems.
2. Discipline Specific Learning. Skills, attributes, and abilities vital to engineers in a smaller number of engineering disciplines. For instance, a Civil Engineer might develop skills in designing foundations, and an Aero Engineer in assessing wind tunnel results.

Each of our degree programmes is organised around a clearly defined set of learning themes, either common to all Engineering Disciplines general engineering learning or limited to a subset of Disciplines - discipline specific learning. Most of these learning themes take several years to fully develop. This is why we have classes like ENG1062 Dynamics 1, ENG2084 Dynamics 2, ENG3039 Dynamics 3 all of which might be capped in 4th year ENG4067 Flight Dynamics 4 for an Aero Engineer, and all of which are part of the Dynamics and Aeroelasticity theme which is at the core of Aeronautical Engineering.

An overview of the Learning themes across the School is given below. An interactive view of themes and how they relate to degree programmes is provided online.

Figure 1: Key learning themes in undergraduate degree programmes

Electronics with Music	Electronics and Software Engineering	Civil Engineering with Architecture	Civil Engineering	Biomedical Engineering
Music Theory	Computing			Clinical
Performance	Software	Architecture		Medical
Digital, Embedded & Computer Systems	Digital, Embedded & Computer Systems	Digital, Embedded & Computer Systems		
Electromagnetics, Communications & Optoelectronics	Electromagnetics, Communications & Optoelectronics	Environmental and Water	Environmental and Water	
		Geotechnical	Geotechnical	
Instrumentation and Signals / Electronics and Instrumentation / Analogue Electronics	Instrumentation and Signals / Electronics and Instrumentation / Analogue Electronics	Transportation	Transportation	Instrumentation and Signals / Electronics and Instrumentation / Analogue Electronics
		Mechanics, Dynamics and Fluids	Mechanics, Dynamics and Fluids	Mechanics, Dynamics and Fluids
Systems and Control	Systems and Control			Systems and Control
Design				
Engineering Skills				
Mathematics & Engineering Science				

Aeronautical Engineering / Aerospace Systems	Mechanical Engineering with Aeronautics	Mechanical / Mechanical Design & Product Design	Mechatronics	Electronics and Electrical Engineering
				Devices
				Power Systems & Components
			Digital, Embedded & Computer Systems	
Propulsion and Thermodynamics / Thermodynamics	Propulsion and Thermodynamics / Thermodynamics	Propulsion and Thermodynamics / Thermodynamics	Propulsion and Thermodynamics / Thermodynamics	Electromagnetics, Communications & Optoelectronics
	Statics and Mechanics of Solids	Statics and Mechanics of Solids	Statics and Mechanics of Solids	
Instrumentation and Signals / Electronics and Instrumentation / Analogue Electronics	Instrumentation and Signals / Electronics and Instrumentation / Analogue Electronics	Instrumentation and Signals / Electronics and Instrumentation / Analogue Electronics	Instrumentation and Signals / Electronics and Instrumentation / Analogue Electronics	Instrumentation and Signals / Electronics and Instrumentation / Analogue Electronics
Mechanics, Dynamics and Fluids	Mechanics, Dynamics and Fluids	Mechanics, Dynamics and Fluids	Mechanics, Dynamics and Fluids	
Systems and Control	Systems and Control	Systems and Control	Systems and Control	Systems and Control
Design				
Engineering Skills				
Mathematics & Engineering Science				



The presentation of the thematic structure of degree programmes is most important to students, as it makes clear the path they can follow to their chosen specialisation and the appropriate optional courses they can select – even outside of their traditional discipline. They can more easily see the point in material taught in early years. This clarity is also of benefit to employers and accrediting bodies.

However, understanding how your courses fit into the thematic structure of teaching will also make it easier to see where you might introduce new material, or prune obsolete material to strengthen overall School teaching, and where new course material would usefully fill gaps, and duplication be removed.

In addition, the figure clearly indicates foundational themes across Engineering: underpinning science and mathematics; engineering skills such as programming, problem solving, teamwork, etc.; and the principles of engineering design. Many of these areas are taught in common across the whole School.

As you get involved in commonly taught courses, improvements in teaching techniques you introduce can have a positive effect, not only on students in your own area of expertise, but on students across the whole School, both on the Glasgow campus, and in our international teaching collaborations.

Final year projects

In addition to your teaching responsibilities during the regular semesters, you will be assigned as first or second supervisor for several BEng, MEng, and MSc project students.

These individual projects, taken in the final year of study, are referred to as 'capstone' projects by the Accreditation bodies, and allow students to integrate knowledge and skills they have obtained over the course of their studies.

Suggesting project topics

Staff from Engineering Student and Academic Support will prompt you to suggest or update possible [project titles and descriptions](#).

Typically, staff submit three or more topics for each type of project. Engineering Student and Academic Support will detail the number of project titles and descriptions you are expected to submit in their calls project titles. Project topics are not limited to your current research and are an opportunity for creativity. You supply a title that will attract good students, and a ~100-word description that describes the project, flags its importance, and indicates the benefits to the student of carrying out the project.

A pre-requisite skills box is also available for a few words to deter unqualified students. Normally a project should be aimed at a single applicant.



Staff with experience should suggest project areas for multiple students, as they will have the skill to make it unmistakably clear which topics within the area are 'owned' by each individual and reduce the temptation for student plagiarism (project reports must be written and submitted individually). Such themed projects can make supervision of students considerably more efficient. You should not limit applicable programmes to your own teaching area. For instance, a single project might quite reasonably be carried out by E&EE, or Mechatronics, or Sustainable Energy students, and should be flagged as open to all of these. Currently the number of Sustainable Energy MSc students outstrips the staff in that area, so 'Sustainable Energy Friendly' projects are always welcome.

In describing projects, note the difference between level 4 and level 5/M. A BEng undergraduate project at level 4 should be a 'substantial individual project which involves engineering analysis and design choices, integrating knowledge of a range of engineering disciplines.

An MEng / MSc project should push further. Such projects 'consider factors external to the specific engineering discipline including the effect of commercial constraints.' Often, they 'develop novel or innovative designs, deal with unfamiliar problems, or have a research component.'

They typically 'involve understanding the limitations of current practice or analysis and consider how to circumvent those limitations.'

It is possible to write a project description that can apply to both BEng and MEng/MSc projects, but it is easier for the student to understand what is expected of them if different project descriptions are written for each level.

A semi-automatic multistage process managed by Engineering Student and Academic Support matches supervisors to supervisees once project titles have been released to students. If your project titles did not attract much interest your 1st supervisor responsibilities may end up being light, and in compensation you will be assigned more 2nd supervisor responsibilities to ensure that the overall project load is fair for all academic staff.

Please Note: Product Design Engineering projects are administered by Glasgow School of Art and are not covered here.

Project load reductions

There are some circumstances where academic staff can reasonably expect a reduction in their project supervision load – typically those working part time, or with onerous School administrative burdens will have a load reduction automatically applied. However, if you believe that you should receive a project load reduction, you should discuss with your line manager whether you are eligible.



Project funding

Typically, final year projects are related to either the research, or the curiosity, of each member of academic staff. There is School funding available for MSc, MEng (including Design Special Topics), and BEng projects, generally £200 per student project. An enhanced allocation of £7,000 is available for MSc projects delivered by a single supervisor to a minimum 20 students.

Orders for the projects should be placed using the Stores Service provided by the Technical Services team, using the link below.

[University of Glasgow - Schools - James Watt School of Engineering - Information for Staff - Technical Services - About Technical Services - Our Team - Stores Services](#)

Note that, in addition, the GU68 Trust welcomes applications from students who are in the final year of their undergraduate degree and would benefit from financial support for practical or experimental project work. This includes Biomedical Engineering, Electronics and Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Aerospace Engineering and Civil Engineering and students on the PDE degree run in conjunction with the Glasgow School of Art. The Trust's [website](#) gives the application dates, and a reminder e-mail is circulated annually, with full details.

Confidentiality, ethics and data protection

Some projects, either where students are placed in industry, or where local projects have a specific industrial sponsor, may require the signing of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA). In such cases the University of Glasgow signs on behalf of all its employees (including supervisors and examiners), the company signs on its behalf, and the student is an independent signatory. Further details on NDAs are available to students on project Moodle sites, and the University contact for obtaining draft NDAs and for final signing is [Diane Foster](#).

Some projects, particularly but not exclusively in Biomedical Engineering, may need ethical approval. Advice on this can be obtained from Henrik Gollee (Biomedical Engineering Head of Teaching Discipline).

It is common practice to share past student reports with new project students as background. After seeking guidance from the Data Protection and Freedom of Information Office, we are confident that academic supervisors are allowed to "process this data" (i.e. share previous reports with those students who will be carrying out future projects in the same area) because "the processing is necessary for you to perform a task in the public interest or for your official functions, and the task or function has a clear basis in law" (i.e. sharing this data is a necessary part of efficiently educating project students, and our work as an educational establishment is of public interest). Of course, students should be informed that they cannot pass on an old project report to anyone else, and copies of old project reports should have registration numbers and names redacted so that authors cannot be linked back to their student IDs.

BEng projects

BEng Projects take place during the final teaching year (in practice from October to April) at Glasgow. Initial selection of five project choices by students is made in the last week of September, with the aim to complete project allocations by the end of the first week in October. Students who wish to suggest their own project title may do so, but they need to have agreement from a supervisor in advance; so, students may approach you to discuss this and obtain your agreement to supervise. Do not hesitate to suggest changes and improvements to their project description so that they can start with a practical/feasible project, often such students over-promise.

A preliminary report, including project aims, a brief project description and a Gantt chart, is due one month into the project, mainly to ensure that the student is working, and that the student and supervisor are in concert. An interim report is made in the second week of the Spring term, which acts to refocus after the Christmas holidays.

This is a brief report of work done, conclusions drawn, work still to do, and an outline of the contents of the final report. Neither of these reports is for marked, although both are compulsory, and so there is a temptation to let them slip. Avoid this, as they are a proven defence against projects going off track and may save you considerable effort and grief in the long run.

The final assessment of the project consists of three parts. The first is the continual assessment of student performance (including quality of technical work) by the first supervisor throughout the project (20%). The second is an oral presentation close to the end of the project (15%, in late March) which is marked jointly by two academics from the James Watt School of Engineering. The third assessment component is the written report (65%, in mid-April – limited to 40 pages) which is assessed by both First and Second supervisors.

A student with additional needs may request reasonable adjustments which may require alternative assessment methods – if requested, please discuss with the Head of Teaching Discipline.

As with any other capstone project, the report itself and the assessment comments made supervisors on the report and oral presentation are a prime source for External Examiners and Accreditors when auditing the quality of our degrees and the professionalism of academics in examining. Finding assessment comments on challenging projects makes Externals and Accreditors happy. This is not an area in which to take shortcuts.

Responsibilities of BEng supervisors

Duties & responsibilities of the first glasgow supervisor of a final year BEng project

The First Glasgow Supervisor is expected to:

- Take responsibility for the supervision of the research work done by the student.
- Arrange required safety training for the student (e.g., laser safety, handling of hazardous chemicals)
- Monitor that the student formulates aims & objectives that are feasible with the resources (time, equipment, software, ...) available within the James Watt School of Engineering
- Arrange appropriate access to resources for the student's project (e.g., support requests to Engineering IT support must be sent by the project supervisor) or give the student instructions on how to access the resources they need (e.g., interaction with workshops)
- Ensure that managers of facilities used for the project are briefed in a timely fashion (e.g., JWNC manager, wind tunnel manager)

- Ensure that appropriate risk assessments are in place
- Hold regular feedback meetings with student during the Teaching Period (approving student led 'engagement forms' confirming attendance of these meetings), normally on a fortnightly basis. Such meetings include:
 - Advice on formulating objectives, a workplan, and general methods applicable to the project
 - Initial suggestions on background reading
 - Discussion of current progress and future work, and support in overcoming difficulties
 - Planning for gaps in face-to-face supervision (e.g., contact by Zoom/e-mail for business trips)
- Liaise with the relevant BEng final year project coordinator in a timely fashion if circumstances beyond the student's control (e.g., failure of essential equipment) could cause a substantial delay to the project. Any adverse circumstances directly relating to the student (e.g., absences due to illness and other good cause claims) need to be raised by the student themselves following the normal reporting procedures.
- Provide significant and meaningful written feedback on the Preliminary and the Interim Report
- Mark the Final Report and provide significant and meaningful written feedback
- Mark the conduct of the student (Quality of Technical Work & Continuous Assessment of Student Performance) and provide significant and meaningful written feedback.

The student project handbook clearly indicates that students should take ownership of their project, prepare well for meetings (including sending a short informal progress report beforehand), and counsel's students to still meet regularly even if progress since the previous meeting has been slower than expected.

Part of the research supervision may be undertaken by an experienced PhD student or PDRA (supervision of lab experiments, advice on software usage, etc.). However, the First Supervisor has the final responsibility to ensure that the student is well supervised.

All marking and feedback on reports (preliminary, interim & final) and conduct must be completed by the First Glasgow Supervisor. Marking and feedback of formative and summative assessment cannot be delegated to a PhD student or PDRA. Supervisors cannot authorise project extensions (as with any other course, only the Course/Project Coordinator can authorise extensions up to 5 days, and the Chief Adviser of Studies longer extensions), but supervisors may request extensions of the project coordinator on behalf of students.

Duties & responsibilities of the second glasgow supervisor of a final year beng project

The Second Glasgow Supervisor contributes to the formative and summative assessment of the student's work. The Second Glasgow Supervisor is expected to:

- Provide significant and meaningful written feedback on the Preliminary and the Interim Report
- Mark the Final Report and provide significant and meaningful written feedback.

All students on the BEng Final Year Project are expected to give an oral presentation on their project. This presentation will be assessed by a team of two academics associated with the student's discipline or neighbouring disciplines.

In addition to your project supervision duties, you are expected to contribute to the marking of project presentations. Engineering Student and Academic Support will allocate you one or two time slots for marking BEng Final Year Project presentations. Each slot will contain up to six presentations which you will mark jointly with another academic member of staff. Marks and feedback for each presentation must be agreed jointly by both academics on the marking team.

Feedback on formative and summative assessment

Preliminary & interim report

Written feedback should be uploaded to Moodle. In case feedback is provided using alternative means, e.g., via e-mail or in the form of an annotated printout of the report, the supervisor is asked to leave a comment under Moodle that feedback on the assessment has been provided to the student.

Final report and presentation & conduct

Feedback should be provided in the corresponding marking forms. This feedback will be made available to the student. Individual marks are released to the student by Engineering Student and Academic Support after the publication of results in June.

MEng projects

MEng projects are of two flavours; the first takes place at the James Watt School of Engineering (referred to as 'In Glasgow' project in the following), during the 1st semester of students' final year. Initial selection of five project choices by students are made in June with the aim to complete project allocations by July, so that preliminary reading for the literature review can take place over the summer months and that the whole teaching semester is spent working on the project. Students have academics as 1st and 2nd supervisors and are required to submit a preliminary report at the end of September and an interim report at the end of October. The structure and purpose of these reports are as for the BEng (noted above).

For 'In Glasgow' MEng projects student-initiated projects are not permitted. All 'In Glasgow' MEng projects are allocated via the project database, and all MEng project descriptions offered via the database must be open to selection by all students on applicable degree programmes. A direct allocation of an 'In Glasgow' MEng project to a student is not permitted. These restrictions apply specifically to the MEng project and do not extend to BEng and MSc projects.

The second form of project consists of an extended (typically six months, July to December) placement in industry. Students are encouraged to find their own placements. The main supervisory responsibility is with a student's industrial supervisor, with the assigned academic acting as a safety net and source of advice during the main work of the project. Students are required to submit a preliminary report (to the academic supervisor, after being signed off by the industrial supervisor) one month into their placement and an interim report in the third week of September. As for BEng students, these reports are not marked but are compulsory, and it is important to provide students with feedback on them. Students on industrial placement may be more susceptible to feeling unsupported than those in Glasgow – even if the actual levels of support are objectively similar—and so whilst the workload for an academic supervisor of an industrial project is not great, it is especially important for the student experience that they have academic interaction with supervisors on campus. Note that some degrees (E&EE, E&SE, EwM for example) require an industrial placement out with Glasgow, and even for those rare students who have to be accommodated in UofG spinout companies or UofG research groups, they are treated as if their project were out with the Glasgow campus. Engineering Student and Academic Support also communicate with industrial supervisors on a monthly basis, to ensure that placement students continue to engage, and attend with their project.

The final assessment of either flavour project consists of three parts. The first is the continual assessment by the first or industrial supervisor throughout the project (20%). The second is the written report (65%, submitted end of first week of the Spring semester) which is marked by the First and Second Glasgow Supervisor. The third assessment is an oral presentation held in the Spring semester (15%) which is marked jointly by a team of two academics from the James Watt School of Engineering.

Responsibilities of MEng supervisors

Duties and responsibilities of the first glasgow supervisor of a final year meng project

The duties of the First Glasgow Supervisor of a final year MEng project depend on whether the student is on a placement at a host organisation (company, research institute, university abroad, etc.) or conducts their MEng project at the University of Glasgow.

A) Student on placement

The research work of the student will be supervised by the industrial supervisor at the host organisation. The industrial supervisor will mark at the end of the placement the conduct of the student (Quality of Technical Work & Continuous Assessment of Student Performance).

The first Glasgow supervisor is expected to:

- Discuss the placement project with student during a 'Pre-placement' meeting and agree a progress reporting schedule with student. By default, progress reporting takes the form of progress update e-mails by the student that are sent every two weeks. (Approving student led 'engagement forms,' confirming attendance of these meetings),
- Engage with the industrial supervisor if this is welcomed by host organisation.
- Give brief feedback on progress reports sent by student.
- Raise any concerns about the placement or the student's performance with the relevant MEng final year project coordinator in a timely fashion.
- Provide significant and meaningful written feedback on the Preliminary and the Interim Report
- Mark the Final Report and provide significant and meaningful written feedback.

B) Student on project at the University and Glasgow

The project is set by the First Glasgow Supervisor and allocated by Engineering Student and Academic Support and project coordinators via the project database. The research work of the student will be supervised by the First Glasgow Supervisor and conducted at the University of Glasgow.

The first Glasgow supervisor is expected to:

- Take responsibility for the supervision of the research work done by the student.
- arrange required safety training for the student (e.g., laser safety, handling of hazardous chemicals)
- Monitor that the student formulates aims & objectives that are feasible with the resources (time, equipment, software, ...) available within the School of Engineering.

- Arrange appropriate access to resources for the student's project (e.g., support requests to Engineering IT support must be sent by the project supervisor) or give the student instructions on how to access the resources they need (e.g., interaction with workshops)
- Ensure that managers of facilities used for the project are briefed in a timely fashion (e.g., JWNC manager, wind tunnel manager)
- Ensure that appropriate risk assessments are in place.
- Hold regular feedback meetings with student during the Teaching Period, normally on a weekly basis. Such meetings include:
 - Advice on formulating objectives, a workplan, and general methods applicable to the project
 - Initial suggestions on background reading
 - Discussion of current progress and future work, and support in overcoming difficulties
 - Planning for gaps in face-to-face supervision (e.g., contact by Zoom/e-mail for business trips)
 - (Approving student led 'engagement forms,' confirming attendance of these meetings),
- Arrange feedback meetings with the student outside the Teaching Period (e.g., July, August, December) on an as needed basis.
- Liaise with the relevant MEng final year project coordinator in a timely fashion if circumstances beyond the student's control (e.g., failure of essential equipment) could cause a substantial delay to the project.
- Any adverse circumstances directly relating to the student (e.g., absences due to illness and other good cause claims) need to be raised by the student themselves following the normal reporting procedures.
- Provide significant and meaningful written feedback on the Preliminary and the Interim Report
- Mark the Final Report and provide significant and meaningful written feedback.
- Mark the conduct of the student (Quality of Technical Work & Continuous Assessment of Student Performance) and provide significant and meaningful written feedback.

The student project handbook clearly indicates that students should take ownership of their project, prepare well for meetings (including sending a short informal progress report beforehand), and counsel's students to still meet regularly even if progress since the previous meeting has been slower than expected.



Part of the research supervision may be undertaken by an experienced PhD student or PDRA (supervision of lab experiments, advice on software usage, etc.). However, the First Supervisor has the final responsibility to ensure that the student is well supervised. All marking and feedback on reports (preliminary, interim & final), presentation and conduct must be completed by the First Glasgow Supervisor. Marking and feedback of formative and summative assessment cannot be delegated to a PhD student or PDRA.

Duties & responsibilities of the second Glasgow supervisor of a final year MEng project

The Second Glasgow Supervisor contributes to the formative and summative assessment of the student's work. The Second Glasgow Supervisor is expected to:

- Provide significant and meaningful written feedback on the Preliminary and the Interim Report
- Mark the Final Report and provide significant and meaningful written feedback.

All students on the MEng Final Year Project are expected to give an oral presentation on their project. This presentation will be assessed by a team of two academics associated with the student's discipline or neighbouring disciplines. In addition to your project supervision duties, you are expected to contribute to the marking of project presentations. Engineering Student and Academic Support will allocate you one or two time slots for marking MEng Final Year Project presentations. Each slot will contain up to six presentations which you will mark jointly with another academic member of staff. Marks and feedback for each presentation must be agreed jointly by both academics on the marking team.

Feedback on formative and summative assessment

Preliminary and interim report

Written feedback should be uploaded to Moodle. In case feedback is provided using alternative means, e.g., via e-mail or in the form of an annotated printout of the report, the supervisor is asked to leave a comment under Moodle that feedback on the assessment has been provided to the student.

Final report and presentation & conduct

Feedback should be provided in the corresponding marking forms. This feedback will be made available to the student. Individual marks are released to the student by Engineering Student and Academic Support after the publication of results in June.

MSc projects

MSc Projects take place during the summer (May to September), normally at Glasgow. Selection and allocation are organised at the beginning of the Spring Semester (usually in January and February). This allows preparatory work and background reading to be undertaken prior to the May exam diet. Students submit a project outline document, including aims, objectives, resources needed and Gantt chart in the last week of May (directly after the Spring exams), after which the main activity of the project begins. Ensure that you arrange to meet your supervisees regularly; academics are busy, and students always assume that they will have 'more to report if they delay meeting for another week', which can lead to the project going off track – especially for students used to long summer vacations. First supervisors must also approve the student led 'engagement form' submissions, confirming attendance at supervisory meetings.

The final assessment of the project is in three parts. The first is the continual assessment by the first supervisor throughout the project (20%). The second is a poster which is assessed at the Poster Conference at the end of the project (20%, usually in September). The third assessment component is the report or dissertation (60%). The poster and report are assessed by both the 1st and 2nd Supervisors.

Students taking the Engineering and Management degree programmes are offered the opportunity of proposing a dissertation through the Adam Smith Business School. There are only a limited number of dissertations accepted by the Business School and selection depends on performance in the management courses studied in Semester 1. Students starting their studies in January are not considered for a management dissertation.

Responsibilities of MSc supervisors

Duties and responsibilities of the first glasgow supervisor of an MSc project

The First Glasgow Supervisor is expected to:

- Take responsibility for the supervision of the research work done by the student.
- Arrange required safety training for the student (e.g., laser safety, handling of hazardous chemicals)
- Monitor that the student formulates aims & objectives that are feasible with the resources (time, equipment, software, ...) available within the School of Engineering
- Arrange appropriate access to resources for the student's project (e.g., support requests to Engineering IT support must be sent by the project supervisor) or give the student instructions on how to access the resources they need (e.g., interaction with workshops)
- Ensure that managers of facilities used for the project are briefed in a timely fashion (e.g., JWNC manager, wind tunnel manager)
- Ensure that appropriate risk assessments are in place.
- Hold regular feedback meetings with student during the Teaching Period, normally on a fortnightly basis. Such meetings include:
 - Advice on formulating objectives, a workplan, and general methods applicable to the project
 - Initial suggestions on background reading
 - Discussion of current progress and future work, and support in overcoming difficulties
 - Planning for gaps in face-to-face supervision (e.g., contact by Skype/e-mail for business trips or through reciprocal arrangements with a colleague during any holiday periods)
 - Liaise with the relevant MSc final year project coordinator in a timely fashion if circumstances beyond the student's control (e.g., failure of essential equipment) could cause a substantial delay to the project. Any adverse circumstances directly relating to the student (e.g., absences due to illness and other good cause claims) need to be raised by the student themselves following the normal reporting procedures.
- Mark the Final Report and provide written feedback.
- Mark the Project Poster Presentation and provide written feedback.
- Mark the conduct of the student (Quality of Technical Work & Continuous Assessment of Student Performance) and provide written feedback.
- Approving student led 'engagement forms' confirming attendance of these meetings,

The student project handbook clearly indicates that students should take ownership of their project, prepare well for meetings (including sending a short informal progress report beforehand), and counsel's students to still meet regularly even if progress since the previous meeting has been slower than expected.

Part of the research supervision may be undertaken by an experienced PhD student or PDRA (supervision of lab experiments, advice on software usage, etc.). However, the First Supervisor has the final responsibility to ensure that the student is well supervised.

All marking and feedback on report, presentation and conduct **must be completed by the First Glasgow Supervisor.** Marking and feedback of formative and summative assessment cannot be delegated to a PhD student or PDRA. Supervisors cannot authorise project extensions (as with any other course, only the Course/Project Coordinator can authorise extensions up to 5 days, and the Chief Adviser of Studies longer extensions), but supervisors may request extensions of the MSc project coordinator on behalf of students.

Duties and responsibilities of the Second Glasgow Supervisor of a final year MSc project

The Second Glasgow Supervisor contributes to the formative and summative assessment of the student's work. The Second Glasgow Supervisor is expected to:

- Mark the Final Report and provide written feedback.
- Mark the Project Poster Presentation and provide written feedback.

Feedback on formative and summative assessment

Project outline

Written feedback should be sent to the student.

Final report and presentation and conduct

Feedback should be provided on the back of the corresponding marking sheets. This feedback will be made available to the student. Individual marks are released to the student by Engineering Student and Academic Support after the publication of results in September.

Code of expected behaviour

Students are expected to engage with staff, peers, and University services in a respectful and constructive manner. The University's [Code of Expected Behaviour](#) outlines the types of conduct that support a positive learning environment and provides guidelines regarding how concerns about behaviour may be addressed, reported, and resolved.



Academic conduct

Conduct in examinations

Final examinations are the major assessment for most courses, and it is essential that they take place under fair conditions for all students. The University has therefore drawn up rules to prevent cheating, sends a reminder of the rules to each student before each exam period, and will take severe action against any student who breaks these rules. However, final degree examinations are supervised by independent invigilators, and infringements are normally dealt with by the University centrally. Locally, an academic may only see that a student has been given a '07' result for a course i.e., that the award of a grade has been delayed for some reason. The full regulations on exam conduct are set out in the [University Regulations](#).

It is more likely that you will experience students submitting late coursework, or copying from others in reports, as examples of poor academic conduct. Noted below is the information given to students regarding such misdemeanours, and comments on your role.

Penalties for late submission of coursework

Section 16.25 to 16.28 of the University Fees and General Information for Students section of the [University Regulations](#) sets out the guidelines.

A key point to note is that:

"Except as modified by §16.27 - §16.28, the primary grade and secondary band awarded for coursework which is submitted after the published deadline will be calculated as follows:

- a. In respect of work submitted not more than five working days after the deadline:
 - I. The work will be assessed in the usual way.
 - II. The primary grade and secondary band so determined will then be reduced by two.
 - III. Secondary bands for each working day (or part of a working day) the work was submitted late.
- b. work submitted more than five working days after the deadline will be awarded grade H."

For example, a report submitted 25 hours after the deadline, would be considered as 2 days late and if initially graded B3 would have the grade reduced to D1 (four secondary bands lower). It is good practice to include in your mark's spreadsheet the modified grade, and a note that the material was submitted late (a note which includes the original 'raw' grade).

Typically, when continuous assessment work is returned to a student, you should clearly indicate the 'raw' grade and the final grade arrived at after the late submission penalty has been applied, so that the student understands the intrinsic quality of their submission, as well as knowing the final grade they obtained.

A student may apply for an extension of up to 5 days if they are unable to submit work due to circumstances beyond their control. The student applies for such an extension via the Extension Request Form. More details on the process can be found here: [Course: Engineering Student and Academic Support: Student Information Page | Moodle](#)

The student is not required to produce documentary evidence for extensions of up to 5 days. Decisions are made using robotic process automation (RPA) and against a list of approved circumstances, approved by the University.

If a student requires an extension of more than five days, they must upload reasons and evidence to the MyCampus Extenuating Circumstances system, and the Chief Adviser must agree the extension to ensure fairness across the School.

Plagiarism

In most courses students will be asked to submit work for assessment, sometimes individually and sometimes in prescribed groups. It is expected that this work has been undertaken by those who submitted it. Students are told the following:

- The submission of any other person's work is plagiarism, a form of cheating defined by the University below.
- A range of penalties may be applied when plagiarism is detected depending on the severity of the plagiarism. In all cases a student's Adviser will be informed. A severe view is taken of plagiarism in levels 3 and above, where marks contribute to the final degree classification. Cheating in examinations is also treated very seriously.
- The Introduction to the University's statement on plagiarism, part of the [University Regulations](#) is as follows.
- "31.1 The University's degrees and other academic awards are given in recognition of a student's personal achievement. All work submitted by students for assessment is accepted on the understanding that it is the student's own effort.

- 31.2 Plagiarism is defined as the submission or presentation of work, in any form, which is not one's own, without acknowledgement of the sources. Plagiarism includes inappropriate collaboration with others. Special cases of plagiarism can arise from a student using his or her own previous work (termed auto-plagiarism or self-plagiarism). Auto plagiarism includes using work that has already been submitted.
- For assessment at this University or for any other academic award.
- 31.3 The incorporation of material without formal and proper acknowledgement (even with no deliberate intent to cheat) can constitute plagiarism. Work may be considered to be plagiarised if it consists of:
 - A direct quotation
 - A close paraphrase
 - An unacknowledged summary of a source
 - Direct copying or transcription

With regard to essays, reports and dissertations, the rule is: if information or ideas are obtained from any source, that source must be acknowledged according to the appropriate convention in that discipline; and any direct quotation must be placed in quotation marks and the source cited immediately. Any failure to acknowledge adequately or to cite properly other sources in submitted work is plagiarism. Under examination conditions, material learnt by rote or close paraphrase will be expected to follow the usual rules of reference citation otherwise it will be considered as plagiarism. Schools should provide guidance on other appropriate use of references in examination conditions.

- 31.4 Plagiarism is considered to be an act of fraudulence and an offence against University discipline. Alleged plagiarism, at whatever stage of a student's studies, whether before or after graduation, will be investigated and dealt with appropriately by the University.
- 31.5 The University reserves the right to use plagiarism detection systems, which may be externally based, in the interests of improving academic standards when assessing student work."

See the [online guidance](#) for additional information.

The first defence against student plagiarism is to develop assessments that are difficult to plagiarise3. One trick is to be specific in your assessment questions and find ways to change those specifics regularly. Much less chance of the student even being able to find a piece of work to steal—easier just to write their own.

- Avoid 'explain' or 'describe', and use 'justify', 'rank', 'interpret', 'analyse' (e.g., rather than 'Write an essay describing the development of the steam engine', you could try 'Three technological advanced made by James Watt include the separate condenser, centrifugal governor, and parallel motion linkage. Write an essay ranking these in importance, justifying your view')
- Change the format. In year 1 you can ask for a report. In year 2 a report in IEEE Transactions format and style. In year 3 a report in Scientific American, style. In year 4 a presentation to the sales team charged with selling your product. In year 5 a poster. In year 6 a triple fold public flyer. et cetera
- Change the application of the work. Present a hypothetical scenario linked to a current news item and have the students solve a problem / perform a design exercise consistent with that scenario. If possible, you might try to create a scenario related to their birth date or birth town or favourite food item, to specify further the assessment. 'Design a 3-phase supply line from Kent to the town of your birth, which can carry 45 kW at typical UK maximum summer temperatures.

In addition, if you are accepting electronic versions of lab reports, project reports, or essays, you should have students submit in Moodle using the URKUND/TurnItIn plagiarism detection software. You create an Assignment activity in Moodle, and then in the submission settings for the activity set the Require students click submit button to No (which allows students an infinite number of drafts before the final submission deadline) and the Require that students accept the submission statement to Yes (which requires the student to 'sign off' that this is their own work). Then enable the plagiarism detection software plugin, leaving all its preferences to the default settings.

University policy is that students should be allowed to submit draft material to plagiarism detection software in order to help them learn good referencing practice. Academics may allow a more limited number of draft submissions if they desire, but there should always be at least one.

If you discover possible plagiarism, either in an electronically or physically submitted piece of work, it must be investigated at School level for level 1 & 2 students and reported to Senate for Honours and MSc students. Contact the School Plagiarism Officer; Prof. Alasdair Clark and inform Engineering Student and Academic Support of the situation. They will give you further detailed advice. You must complete a Student Conduct referral form within 20 working days of identifying the plagiarism/cheating so that cases can be dealt with in a timely manner.

Key Contacts:

[Suzanne Robertson](#)



Formal appeals

A student has the right of appeal against:

- a. Exclusion from further study
- b. A decision of the Examination Board

The Code of Procedure for Appeals is laid out in the [University Regulations](#). A student must intimate their intention to appeal within 10 working days of publication of the result or decision against which they are appealing.

Exclusion from further study

The progress of undergraduate students is reviewed annually by the School Progress Committee. If a student fails to meet the progress requirements this Committee may decide that he or she is not allowed to register for the following session or may be required to register for a different qualification. Students can formally appeal to the College against the decisions of the School Progress Committee, but they will not accept any evidence that could reasonably have been submitted to the School earlier.

A decision of the examination board

Students may appeal against a grade awarded in an examination or the class of Honours awarded. In this case, the Regulations state clearly that an appeal will not be entertained against marks or decisions of examiners, or other matters of academic judgement, but only on the grounds of unfair procedure or medical evidence.

A student who feels that he or she has grounds for an appeal should first seek advice.

The Students' Representative Council (SRC) Advice Centre has written an excellent leaflet on appeals, available on the web glasgowstudent.net/advice/academic/appeals. Here is its introduction:

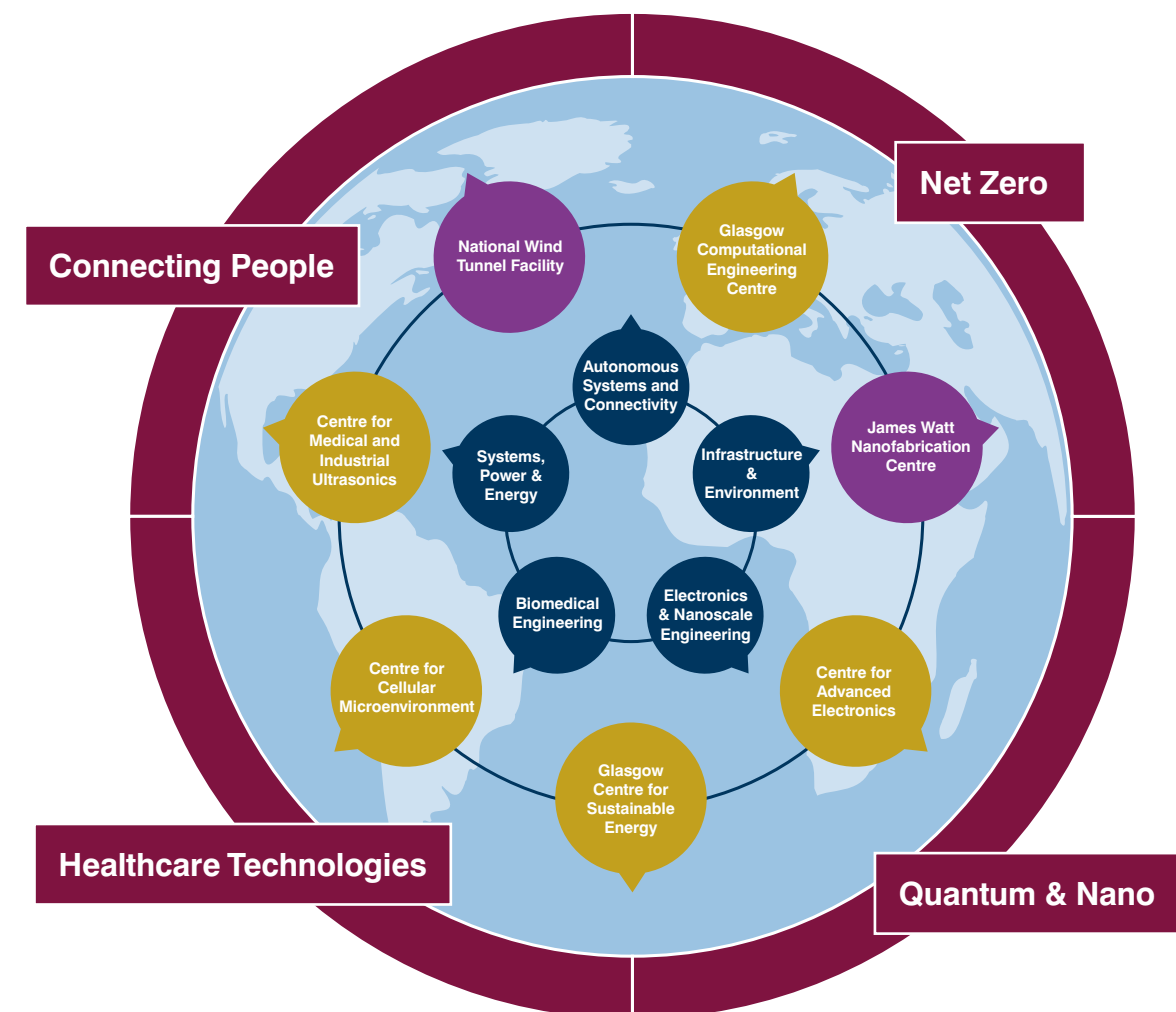
- “There are two grounds for appeal: Unfair or defective procedure.
- Failure to take into account medical or other adverse personal circumstances.”

In other words, either the School has done something wrong in the way it has administered a course or exam, or else has failed to make reasonable allowances for a medical or other personal problem.

Teaching equipment

The School operates an annual process to identify teaching-related equipment needs, encompassing both the replacement of aging equipment and requests for new items that enhance teaching delivery and the student experience. This process is integrated into the School's strategic planning cycle, ensuring that equipment requirements are considered over the longer term rather than focusing solely on immediate needs. Needs are identified at the start of the academic session. Priority requests that are non-capital in nature may be funded within the same financial year, while other requests may be retained for consideration in the following year, funded if additional resources become available, or incorporated into the School's capital plan. Staff are also encouraged to proactively highlight any equipment approaching end-of-life outside the annual cycle. The School Resource team provides guidance and support for all equipment requests

JWSE research structure



- 5 research divisions
- 5 centres
- 4 cross-cutting themes

Research and business development

The College Research and Business Development Managers are here to help research staff identify funding opportunities, develop proposals, and support external engagement with a view to creating impact. If you have an idea or a more defined proposal and want help, please contact Lynne McCorriston (Ext. 2731), Linsey Robertson (Ext. 6972), or David Nisbet (Ext. 6055). Lynne, Linsey, and David work directly for the College of Science & Engineering and are supported by the resources available through Research Strategy & Innovation Office (RSIO). They provide a ready source of information and support to you.

The team can often provide you with examples of successful proposals, template letters, hints, and tips for developing proposals and are more than happy to review proposals and provide feedback.

If you are working on a First Grant, a Fellowship, a multi-party proposal or a collaborative project with industry please do get in touch with them. The team are also the first point of contact for many local and national funding agencies and often circulate calls and opportunities via a variety of mailing lists. Please contact them for information on which of these may be relevant to you.

Funding guidance

The College of Science & Engineering provides support resources on the primary funders (e.g., UK Research Councils, European Research Council), strategic funding calls, mobility funds, and grant costings.

The University has an institutional subscription to Research Professional, an online database of research funding opportunities and a source of international research policy and practice news. By creating your own profile, you can tailor funding and news searches, as well as set-up weekly alerts based on your interests.

James Watt Nanofabrication Centre (JWNC)

The James Watt Nanofabrication Centre (JWNC) is a research beacon of the University of Glasgow. This 1200 m2 cleanroom and 1000 m2 service/plant area facility, with 225 registered users is supporting many active research projects, with a value to Glasgow of £62m. 146 PhD students are currently undertaking research in the centre in a diversity of areas of electronics, photonics, imaging and sensing, bio-molecular and cellular engineering. Much of this activity is collaborative, and the JWNC is currently working with national and international academic partners and over 130 UK companies with a unique industry engagement model via its commercial arm KNT.

The JWNC offers detailed costings to support funding applications that plan to use cleanroom access and process infrastructure. All costings are calculated based on the Full Economic Cost (FEC) model, and updated rates include staff support as standard. This change significantly simplifies the process and removes the need to add large, separate staff overheads to your application, making JWNC access more feasible.

To request a costing, researchers should download the latest costing sheet from our internal wiki: https://wiki.jwnc.gla.ac.uk/doku.php/applying_for_funding. Once completed, send the form, along with a brief description of your planned work, to jwnc-costings@glasgow.ac.uk. This is also the contact address for any questions.

When submitting your request, please include an outline of the expected processes (such as lithography, etching, deposition, or metrology), the estimated number of samples or runs, and anticipated material usage (e.g. resists, precious metals, or specialty substrates).

Most costings will be prepared as Directly Allocated (DA), in line with UKRI guidance. For European grant applications, the JWNC will provide costings as Directly Incurred (DI). Please indicate the type of funding scheme in your request to ensure the correct model is applied.

For initial enquiries, contact jwnc-enquiries@glasgow.ac.uk

Supporting research impact

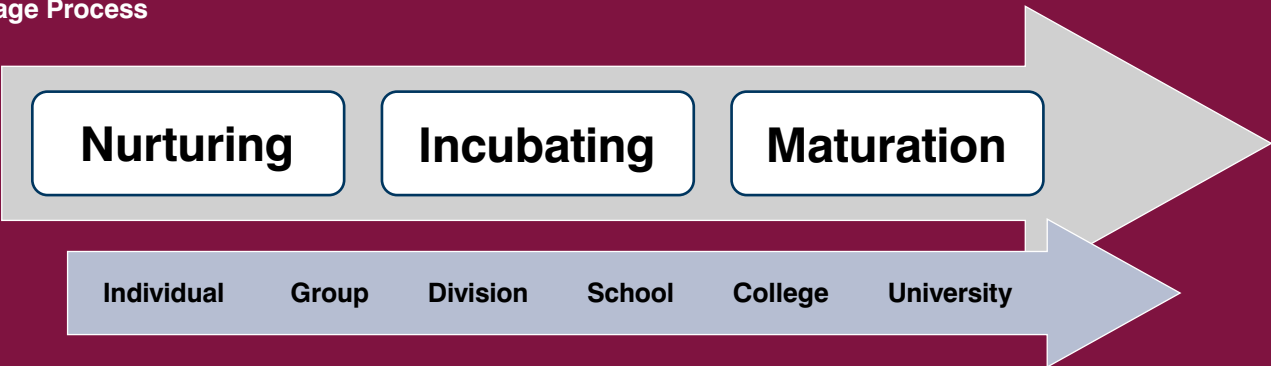
Impact is defined as ‘an effect on, change or benefit to the economy, society, culture, public policy or services, health, the environment or quality of life, beyond academia.’

The inclusion of research impact as an element in funding decisions and assessments of excellence at both institutional and individual levels means that we need to embed awareness and understanding, and best practice, into our research culture and activity across all disciplines. We do this in a number of ways:

- [Training and Guidance](#)
- [Funding Opportunities](#)

The School has a dedicated Impact Team comprising of Professor Massimo Vassalli (Director of Impact), Dr Sean McGinty (Lead for Impact Culture), Dr Shuja Ansari (Lead for engagement of ECRs), Dr Andrew Feeney (REF Impact Lead) and Christine Bengtson (Professional Support for Impact) that provides bespoke support and guidance. They can be contacted via the email inbox eng-impact@glasgow.ac.uk. Additional information and resources are available at the SharePoint site: [JWSE Impact – \(sharepoint.com\)](#).

Triage Process



The School triage process enables impact activities to be mapped across the School and supported. This is triggered by the submission of a simple impact disclosure form: <https://forms.office.com/e/8PZR2n08DN>

All submissions are reviewed, and the applicants will be called to meet the Impact Committee to discuss and get feedback. Promising and interesting activities will be integrated in the triage process, entering the nurturing phase and progressing through to the maturation phase where the Impact Team will collaborate with the College for support.

Why should I submit?

- To have evidence of the involvement in impact activities
- To get visibility and recognition across the school and the College
- To get support and advice to push the activity forward

Who can I discuss this with?

The Impact Team and your Division Impact Champion; these are listed at the Impact Homepage: <https://gla.sharepoint.com/sites/JWSEImpact>

Is my case too early?

- There is no harm in presenting an early stage, every form is evaluated, and the applicant gets the opportunity to discuss it with the Impact Committee.
- Impact generation takes time: better to start discussing it at an early stage, and find the best way to shape it through the years (while you will be publishing >100 papers in a career, you might have up to 1 or 2 impact cases submitted)

The Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) has awarded the University an Impact Acceleration Account (IAA) to increase the global impact of the University’s research through greater levels of external engagement and entrepreneurship. The IAA supports a range of interventions with a focus on investments that pump-prime wider knowledge exchange activities and impact generation of previously funded EPSRC research.

The IAA aims to deliver this by focusing on four core objectives:

- Enterprise and entrepreneurship
- Partnership development
- Researcher mobility
- Capacity building and culture change

Further information on the EPSRC IAA and the live

Key Contacts:

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The College EPSRC Impact Acceleration Account Project Manager is
[Keith Dingwall](#)

The College Impact Officer is
[Calum Kirk](#)

Research strategy and policy

The Research Strategy and Innovation Office (RSIO) are responsible for ensuring University policies and strategies promote a high-quality research environment.

RSIO is also responsible for developing and implementing University strategy with respect to research and engagement, and good research practice.

The Research Strategy & Policy team is responsible for developing and implementing the University's research strategy and policies. By supporting the work of the Research Planning & Strategy Committee and working with College and University senior management, the team ensures the University's policy framework enables and supports the University's research objectives, whilst complying with the requirements of the University's funders. The team also ensures that researchers are provided with a supportive environment and are encouraged to meet the highest standards of research integrity.

The Strategy & Policy team also lead on the University's preparations for Research Excellence Framework (REF). These preparations include delivering plans and procedures to facilitate the final REF submission, ensuring that the University's reporting of its research-related activities fulfils its potential. Within this, the team also lead in the identification and development of Impact Case Studies, working closely with other University services, college senior management & research administration.

Research Excellence Framework (REF)

The REF is the system for assessing the quality of research in UK higher education institutions. The income currently received by the University based on its performance in REF2021 is around £52M per annum. Beyond this financial contribution, our performance in the REF exercise is one of the key measures by which our research is judged by our peers.

We are now looking ahead to REF2029 whose purpose is threefold:

- inform the allocation of block-grant research funding to HEIs based on research quality.
- provide accountability for public investment in research and produce evidence of the benefits of this investment.
- provide insights into the health of research in HEIs in the UK.

More information can be found on [RSIO's News & Updates page](#).

Director of Impact [Professor Massimo Vassalli](#)

The Impact Champion plays an integral role in facilitating the delivery of the School's Impact Strategy. The Impact Champion's role is to ensure that impact case studies are identified and that a pipeline of studies is developed and matured for REF 2029 and for future REF assessments. The Impact Champion works with other Impact Champions across the institution to ensure that Impact is embedded with their respective Schools.

Research Integrity

As a research-led institution, the University of Glasgow is committed to providing an environment that ensures our research is conducted to the highest quality standards. Central to this commitment is the development of an environment that recognises and supports research excellence. When embarking on a new research collaboration or taking on new staff or students (who may be lacking in experience in these areas) it is important to ensure that everyone has the same expectations for good research practice.

Face to face workshops on research integrity and data management are available through Employee and Organisational Development. These are appropriate for academic staff and research administrators as well as being highly recommended for new early career researchers.

The **Research Integrity Adviser** for the School is **Professor Andrew McBride**, Director of Research and Associate Head of School.

Open Access

Open Access to research publications means making the full text freely available on the web. This is a requirement of REF, many funders, and good research practice. The library can provide support. All University of Glasgow academic and research staff who are acting as lead University of Glasgow authors should notify the library as soon as an article or conference proceeding is accepted. This can be achieved by forwarding the acceptance notification and a copy of the author final version (final agreed text before the publisher adds their logo) to research-openaccess@glasgow.ac.uk. The open access team will ensure its inclusion on Enlighten (see below). All papers should include acknowledgement of the funder name(s) and funder grant reference. This should be in the format: 'This work was supported by the ... [grant number XXX].'



Enlighten

Enlighten is the University's system for managing research publications. Details of all research publications must be recorded in Enlighten, as the data is used for a number of key purposes:

- Publicising worldwide the research carried out at the University of Glasgow
- Populating staff pages with publications details
- Providing publications details for the University's REF return
- Providing publications details for the Performance and Development Review process

The University's Publications Policy also requires staff to deposit the full text of journal articles and conference proceedings where this is permitted by publishers.

Full details of what you should deposit can be found [here](#).

Researcher development

Researcher Development is a service that works in partnership with Colleges, Graduate Schools, and key services (such as HR, Careers, the library, and Employee & Organisational Development) to coordinate professional and career development opportunities for Postgraduate Researchers (PGRs) and early-career staff.

Early Career Development Programme

The Early Career Development Programme (ECDP) is the University of Glasgow's commitment to developing its early career academic staff. It aims to develop high achieving, high performing academics who will help the University to deliver its vision and ambitions supporting the strategic objective of being 'A globally connected globally influential university.'

The Programme will enable this by providing learning and development opportunities in all aspects of the academic role; allocating a mentor to provide support and advice; and setting annual objectives, which enable academics to develop their abilities and achievements with a view to meeting the criteria for promotion to Grade 9 within a defined timescale. All Early Career Researchers are allocated a mentor by their School and should speak with their line manager to ensure that this commitment is fulfilled. The College of Science and Engineering also provides significant support for its Early Career Researchers.

Research seminars

If you are hosting a visiting researcher or have an idea of who you would like to see speak, please contact your Division's Seminar Coordinator. Currently, the contacts are: -

- Dr Wenjuan Song (Autonomous Systems & Connectivity)
- Dr Julien Reboud (Biomedical Engineering)
- Dr Ankush Aggarwal/Dr Prashant Saxena (Infrastructure & Environment)
- Dr Chong Li (Electronics & Nanoscale Engineering)
- Dr Guanchen Li (Systems, Power & Energy)

The University has a central events webapp, listing campus wide research seminars, allowing staff to see the goings on in Schools across campus. It is intended to replace existing department- or school-specific methods for advertising events which make it difficult for staff and students to discover what relevant research may be being presented elsewhere on the campus and provide a single central location where all such event information can be accessed using your GUID.

If you find a group that hosts many interesting talks, you can click the "Subscribe" button on any one of their talks (or on the group information page) to subscribe to that group.

You can also set up automated event reminder emails, which are sent out roughly 24 hours and 2 hours before upcoming events.

If you prefer to receive reminders through a calendar application such as iCal, Outlook or Google Calendar, the system can provide a calendar feed (compatible with most common calendar apps) that will contain all the events that you have marked.

Staff web profiles

All research and teaching staff have an official staff profile that is automatically created for them when they join the School. We encourage you to establish and maintain your profile, which can be an excellent promotional tool to present your research and teaching activities.

Before you can manage and update your profile, there are a few simple steps to complete:

- Locate your profile to confirm that it has been created.
- Watch the video tutorials and download the PDF training resources.
- Download and complete the registration form 'Register to edit a research profile' and return it to: Web Team, Communications Office, 1 The Square, University of Glasgow, G12 8QQ.
- Receive your login details and password for accessing the University's content management system, Terminal 4 – Site Manager (t4)
- Use the training materials and your t4 login to edit and update your research profile.
- School guidance on academic staff profiles should be consulted.



Publicising your research and teaching

In the news

The School wants to hear about your work! Each Research Division has a dedicated Web Coordinator who are always looking for content for our 'In the News' webpage.

- Autonomous Systems & Connectivity – Wenjuan Song
- Biomedical Engineering - Julien Reboud
- Electronics & Nanoscale Engineering – Mahmoud Wagih
- Infrastructure & Environment – Ankush Aggarwal
- Systems, Power & Energy – Qingshen Jing

It is important to flag these opportunities early as the School can then help to maximise the impact of your publicity. It could also help liaise with the College Research Communications and Engagement Lead, Ines Crespo, and/or the University's Communications and Public Affairs Office to widen dissemination where appropriate (e.g., news on University main page, MyGlasgow news, contacts with the press).

Social media

Social media provides a powerful means to improve the visibility of your research and to interact with peers, collaborators, and stakeholders. Platforms may include professional or personal blogs, X, Facebook, Google+, YouTube, and a broad range of professional networking sites, including LinkedIn and ResearchGate.

The University actively encourages members of its research community to engage responsibly and professionally with social media.

However, as the barriers between personal and professional use of social media can be poorly defined, it is important to consider how your activity reflects on both your professional research integrity and the reputation of the University of Glasgow.

The University is very active on Facebook, X, Instagram, Snapchat, You Tube, LinkedIn and, more recently, Bluesky. Please follow and engage with our School social media presence @UofGengineering.

News stories

If you have any stories you would like to be included in the School Newsletter, please e-mail the [EditorialBoard](#).

Email signature

Your University email address is a professional communication from an accredited source and as such, you should not miss the opportunity to promote your affiliations, staff profile, and School (or personal) social media.

We would like you to consider adding the School website on your e-mail signatures: [glasgow.ac.uk/schools/engineering](#) and promote our



You may want to consider including the X site (which has a growing number of influential followers): @UofGEngineering

Add any special interest group or event with which you are associated, or of course your personal website.

Business cards

You may require business cards to take to meetings with collaborators or industrial partners. The CoSE Transactions Hub will organise these for core research and teaching staff – all you need to do is provide all the information you want printed on your cards. Contact email: cose-fintranshub1@glasgow.ac.uk

Other resources

The University provides a variety of resources in its Brand Toolkit:

- [Research Communications Toolkit](#).
- [Word letter template](#).
- [PowerPoint templates](#).

School and university policies

Health and safety policy

The James Watt School of Engineering oversees the health and safety of all staff and students while working or studying degree programmes within the School.

Organisation

The Head of the James Watt School of Engineering is responsible for safety within the School. He has appointed a Safety Committee to take care of the day-to-day implementation of safety matters.

The maintenance of protection for hazardous equipment and the condition of the laboratory environment is the responsibility of designated School technicians. The provision of local safety instructions and anything particular to any laboratory exercise is the responsibility of the relevant research leader, course leader, or supervisor as appropriate. Academic staff who are running laboratories or directly supervising postgraduate students are responsible for safety in the laboratory. The Safety Committee carries out a monitoring function to ensure that appropriate safety information and procedures are available.

Objectives

The School undertakes to provide or specify the following in so far as is reasonably practical:

- Provide safety instructions for staff and students.
- Provide protection for hazardous equipment.
- Provide local safety instructions.
- Provide instructions for labs.
- Specify safety clothing.
- Specify supervision required and provided.
- Inform students and staff of emergency services, e.g., first aid.
- Provide instruction on use of mains services.
- Provide instruction to staff about how to deal with problems which could arise during laboratory.

Safety instructions

General

Staff and students must read the [School Safety Handbook](#), available online.

- Food must not be brought into laboratories.
- Clothing worn in laboratories must be appropriate, e.g., no trailing scarves.
- Everyone should behave in a calm manner while in the laboratories, e.g., no running.
- Students should not undertake any experiment without proper guidance and instruction from academic or technical staff.
- Local safety signs must be obeyed.

Fire discovery

If you discover a fire:

- warn anybody in the immediate vicinity.
- use one of the “break glass” boxes to sound the alarm.
- only attempt to fight the fire if doing so does not threaten your chance of escape should the fire get out of control. There are fire extinguishers throughout the building.

Complaints procedure

The University has a [Complaints Handling Procedure](#). Please consult this guidance contained on these pages for advice on how to proceed if you receive a complaint or wish to make one.

Performance and development review

Performance and Development Review is a valuable opportunity for all staff to engage in a structured conversation with their line manager or designated senior reviewer. It provides a space to reflect on achievements and challenges over the past year, and to collaboratively set objectives and development plans for the year ahead. For detailed guidance on the process, please visit the [HR website](#).

General data protection regulation (GDPR) – school guidelines

The legislation around Data Protection changed and was implemented on 25th May 2018. As a result, the School has been reviewing all the data we hold (both in physical and electronic files) and it was thought that it would be useful for all colleagues to have some [guidelines/information](#) and these are set out below.

Encryption of all mobile devices

In order to protect any confidential or personal data that you have stored on your mobile devices (phone; laptops; tablets, pen drives), it is important that you have all your devices encrypted. There is useful guidance at the following [website](#), however, the IT Team (eng-itsupport@glasgow.ac.uk) will also provide help to anyone to ensure compliance with this requirement.

Data security responsibilities

The most important question to ask is - do you need the data? If not, then dispose of the data either in confidential waste bags (if they are physical files) or delete them routinely from your electronic sources. Specifically, you may want to consult Engineering Student and Academic Support if you have any examination/course assessment marks that you want to pass over to them to retain. Also, if you want help with removal of confidential waste bags, please contact the Engineering Facilities team: eng-facilityCoordinator@glasgow.ac.uk They will arrange for the removal of any confidential waste bags from your office and store them safely until we arrange for them to be removed for confidential shredding (please be aware this may take a couple of days to arrange an uplift).

There are some general rules to follow – this is not exhaustive:

- Ensure appropriate/secure storage for paper and e-records (either in your office or in an approved School filing system)
- Do not divulge any information on students to third parties (including their parents) unless you have the student’s express consent to do so.

- Encrypt data on laptops, tablets, memory sticks, etc (see point 1 above)
- Do not share any system passwords – find alternative means of sharing data (e.g., discuss with the IT support Team alternatives such as shared drives, approved cloud providers)
- Check that the School has data sharing agreements in place before sharing any personal data on students (for example, we have data sharing agreements with SIT/UGS/UESTC/GSA)
- Destroy records appropriately and securely.
- Use approved cloud providers only (SharePoint; shared drives; OneDrive)

One example is that academic colleagues receive from time-to-time speculative enquiries from prospective RAs/PhD students – if you do, either ask their permission before passing on their CV to another colleague or suggest that they contact a more appropriate potential supervisor directly.

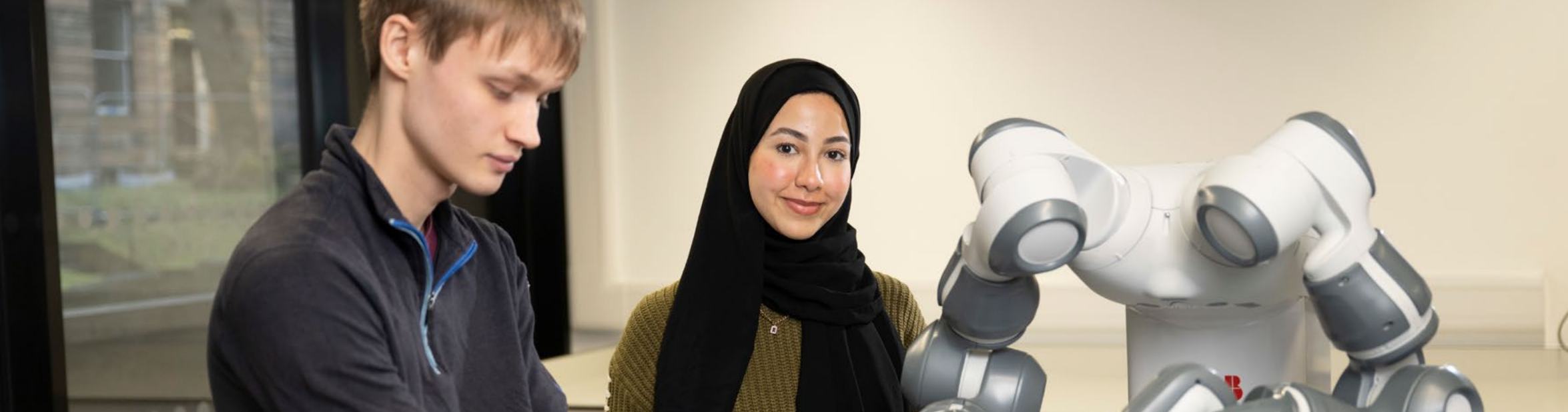
Personal data

Personal Data is any information relating to a natural person who can be identified, directly or indirectly, by that information. For example,

- Name
- Identification number
- Location data
- Online identifier
- Pseudonymised data
- Factors specific to physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural, or social identity

There is a Guidance for Staff concerning [GDPR](#); however, if you have a specific question that is not covered on this page or in this email, please feel free to contact the [Data Protection & Freedom of Information Office](#).

The UofG online [Introduction to GDPR training course](#) is a requirement for all University of Glasgow staff and PGR students (login to Moodle required).



Visitors – academics and students

The School routinely receives requests for visiting academics and students to come and spend short periods with academic colleagues.

Visiting academics

All requests for visiting academic staff should be processed through the School Office. This tends to be for visits exceeding one month. You will be required to justify the visit academically to your Head of Research Division who must approve the visit. Once approved, if your visitor requires an invitation letter for a visa application, this must be issued by Head of School office via Hos-pa-eng@glasgow.ac.uk. **Please Note:** Only the Head of School has the authority to write letters of invitation. Please provide a copy of the visiting academic's curriculum vitae, to be forwarded on to Hos-pa-eng@glasgow.ac.uk for processing. Hos-pa-eng@glasgow.ac.uk can provide a sample visa/invite letter. Academic visitors who need a GUID (i.e., for visits longer than two weeks), must complete the new Affiliate form which includes "Trusted Research Risks", which is available from Hos-pa-eng@glasgow.ac.uk. If required, hos-pa-eng@glasgow.ac.uk can provide a copy of the "On-Campus Trusted Research Risk Assessment" form. Further information can be found at [University of Glasgow - MyGlasgow - Research and Innovation Services - Research Governance - Trusted Research](#).

Visiting students

There are various categories of visiting students and information on how these are processed is detailed below.

Undergraduate

If prospective students are interested in the Erasmus programmes (exchanges/placements) or if they wish to take advantage of University or School study abroad/exchange agreements, these students should be referred to Ola Olaniyan@glasgow.ac.uk in Engineering Student and Academic Support.

For prospective visiting undergraduate students seeking a placement/internship, where there is no current Erasmus exchange/placement agreement or other exchange agreements, should be referred to the School Office hos-pa-eng@glasgow.ac.uk for consideration by the Head of Professional Services. Please note that the School limits the number of visiting undergraduate students and the School Office will be able to advise you whether there is an available space or not.

Postgraduate taught

Some of our Erasmus exchange agreements allow for PGT student exchanges. If any enquires are regarding Erasmus exchange agreements, then these should be referred to Olaniyan@glasgow.ac.uk.

Postgraduate research

Applications for PGR students to visit the University for a short time commonly arise out of academic collaborations. The College of Science and Engineering will allow such visits for up to 6 months without the charge of a tuition fee provided these students have the approval of the PGR Director. Any longer than 6 months will require a pro rata tuition fee payment. All Visiting PGR applications should be sent to eng-pgr-enquiries@glasgow.ac.uk.

Athena Swan Silver

The School of Engineering was successful in its application for Athena Swan Silver in September 2021. This is a great achievement for the School and to our commitment to ensuring equity for all our staff and students. There is further information on the School's [Athena Swan webpage](#).

Dignity at work and study policy

The University is committed to protecting the dignity of students, staff, and visitors in their interactions with others. You will find the [Dignity at Work and Study Policy](#) on the HR website and there is information on the Full Stop Campaign on this link too.

Equality and diversity training

The University is committed to promoting equality in all its activities and aims to provide a work, learning, research, and teaching environment free from discrimination and unfair treatment. We all need to be aware of our individual and collective responsibility in relation to equality following the introduction of the Equality Act 2010 and the University has developed a wide range of training resources for staff and students to address this. This training is compulsory for all members of staff.

Equal opportunities

The University has adopted a code of practice on Equal Opportunities for students and staff. The University aims to ensure equality of opportunity for all its students in teaching, learning and assessment, and in the provision of services. The University aims to create conditions whereby students are treated solely on the basis of their merits, abilities, and potential, regardless of age, socio-economic background, religious belief, ethnic origin, gender, marital or family status, sexual orientation, or disability.

Disability

The University is committed to developing an environment in which students with additional needs can pursue their intellectual and personal development with appropriate support. If students have special needs, please contact the Student Disability Service glasgow.ac.uk/services/disability so that appropriate support can be arranged.

The disability co-ordinator for the school is Heather Crichton. Staff with disabilities should discuss reasonable adjustments with their line manager, which may be informed by consultation with the University's Occupational Health Unit.

Policy on smoking

In accordance with the law, smoking is not permitted in any University building or official vehicle. All areas in all buildings are non-smoking.

Frequently asked questions

The photocopier is not working. What do I do?

The IT helpdesk is at gla.ac.uk/myglasgow/it/helpdesk/ and you will need the photocopier device ID printed on the large sticker on the front of the photocopier.

How do I report a fault with a projector in my lecture theatre?

AV services have a dedicated web page for this, which can be found [here](#).

Where can I find the security codes for push-button door locks?

Our School Facility Coordinators have codes for each pushbutton door lock. Please contact our School Facility Coordinators by email: Eng-FacilityCoordinator@glasgow.ac.uk

What if I lock myself out of the building outside office hours?

Campus security has a non-emergency number Ext 4282, and master keys for all of campus.

My desk/chair/filing cabinets are broken/worn out/...

Requests for facilities services must be raised electronically through our dedicated [web page](#). (Please note that services such as cleaning, building maintenance, plumbing, heating, and cooling, and other issues related to the building fabrics are managed by Safety and Environment Protection Service (SEPS). Such requests must be raised electronically through the dedicated [request page](#).



Checklist for managers expecting new employees

There is a University Induction Hub with suggest preparations for welcoming new staff to the James Watt School of Engineering. The responsibility would be taken by the Line Manager with appropriate involvement of senior colleagues, such as the Head of Division, Head of Teaching Discipline and/or delegated assistants.

Checklist for teaching in semester 1 & semester 2:

- ☐ If you are teaching a new course in Semester 1, has it been through the appropriate approval process (Scott Roy/Engineering Student and Academic Support)
- ☐ Make sure the course Moodle site for your teaching is rolled over (Engineering Student and Academic Support)
- ☐ Make sure the gradebook for your course Moodle site has been set up Your responsibility
- ☐ Make sure if you require any demonstrators for your labs or tutorials that you have provided information of your requirements to Engineering Student and Academic Support (Veronica Garcia Caballero)
- ☐ Make sure your course Moodle page displays all coursework submission dates so that these are automatically displayed within the School's Assessment and Feedback Calendar



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