



THE UNIVERSITY of EDINBURGH  
**informatics**

# Welcome

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# Teaching as a PhD Student

- Informatics@EDI doesn't require you to become involved in teaching
  - ...but it is **beneficial** and **worthwhile** for you
- Development of transferable skills
  - Presentations, teaching, inter-personal skills
  - Communication to a range of audiences
- Complement your research with a broader Informatics context
- **Financial benefits** - £15.52 per hour plus £2.81 holiday pay

# Teaching Support Roles

- **Tutor** - In charge of small group tutorials (10-20 students), revision of lecture materials, worked exercises - paid an extra 1h for preparation.
- **Demonstrator** - Hands-on support in lab settings e.g. for programming exercises.
- **Marker** - Marking of coursework submissions, often associated with tutor role.
- **Exam Marker** - Marking of exam papers, intensive short-term role.
- **Teaching Assistant** - Responsibility for a part of course or coursework preparation, or delivery of an aspect of teaching (e.g. coursework, Piazza).

# Teaching Support Training

- **Training sessions** - hours paid for!
  - Compulsory for new tutors etc.
- Bespoke training programme within the School of Informatics
  - Additional training available from Institute for Academic Development
  - Can lead to Higher Education Academy fellowship

# Teaching Support Vacancies

- **Vacancies** are advertised shortly before of semesters S1 & S2
- Course organisers may approach you individually, or collectively
- **Current vacancies:**  
<https://web.inf.ed.ac.uk/infweb/student-services/teaching-support/current-vacancies>

# Useful Advice

- Become involved in teaching!
- Find a teaching support role in an area broadly related to your research
- Check with your PhD advisor
- Reserve time slots in your diary, especially for marking activities
- Plan ahead - think of paper submission deadlines and dissertation