

# My Study Outside of Japan

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# Who am I?

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- Born in Sofia, raised in Osaka
- Graduation research at Maeno's group (Condensed Matter Experiments)
- Currently working at Maeno's group
- Prospective student in MaMaSELF+; First year at TUM in Munich, Germany  
Second half at Rennes I in Rennes, France
- Studied at the University of Edinburgh for a semester
- Been to the University of California, Irvine for my graduation research



## For Exchange Program

- To go to the U.K., where I was dreaming of
- To see what is it like to study at one of the top universities

## For Master

### - **TO LIVE BY MYSELF!**

- The content of study doesn't differ so much from countries
- There are many condensed matter research groups in EU
- Why not study in other countries?
- Why not study together with students with various backgrounds?



## What you need...

- Personal statement (Themed essay sometimes)
- Academic transcript
- Recommendation letters
- Language level certificate; IELTS, and TOEFL

Some also require GRE or other kinds of exams

## You don't have very good GPA score?

I can't say "Don't worry!" but you can have a try.  
The result depends not only on your GPA score.  
They take your motivation, extracurricular activities,  
and skills into consideration.

## Can't afford to study abroad?

Don't worry! There're various kinds of scholarships  
within and outside Japan.



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| 1st | April     | <b>Talked with Ms. Suzuki from International Advisors for Science, Kyoto Uni.</b> |
|     | October   | <b>Applied for the exchange program from Kyoto Uni.</b>                           |
|     | January   | <b>Accepted for the University of Edinburgh</b>                                   |
| 2nd | September | <b>In Edinburgh. Courses started form 2<sup>nd</sup> week.</b>                    |
|     | December  | <b>Exam month. Return to Japan before Christmas.</b>                              |
| 4th | April     | <b>IELTS test</b>   |
|     | September | <b>Applied for a scholarship (DAAD)</b>   |
|     | October   | <b>Flew to Irvine, the U.S. for the graduation research</b>                       |
|     | November  | <b>TOEFL test</b>   |
|     | December  | <b>Interview for the scholarship (DAAD)</b>                                       |
|     | January   | <b>Been to Irvine. Applied for MaMaSELF+ (Master course)</b>                      |
|     | March     | <b>Accepted for the master course and the scholarship</b>                         |

# Life in EDINBURGH

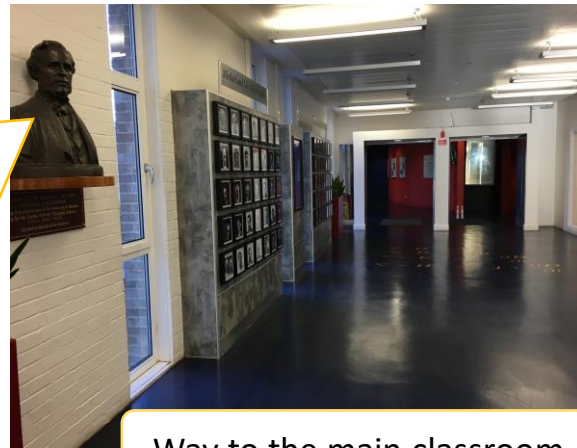
- From Sep. to Dec. 2017
  - Lived in a dormitory with three girls
  - Without any scholarship from outside, but from Kyoto Uni
  - 10 weeks of lecture, 3 weeks for exams
  - A course includes 50-min lecture and 50-min tutorial
  - Many of lecturers and students are from out of the U.K.
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- Food and the weather there were much better than expected
  - Japanese foods were available at Chinese food shop
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- Edinburgh is Scottish Kyoto





James Clerk Build.

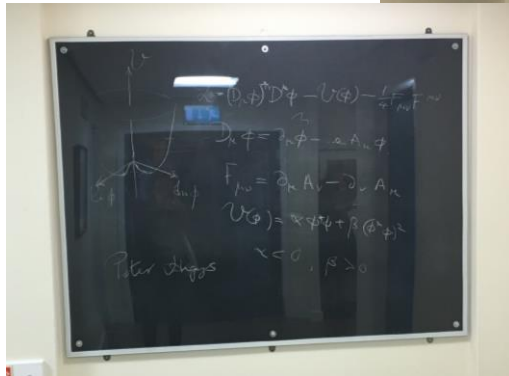
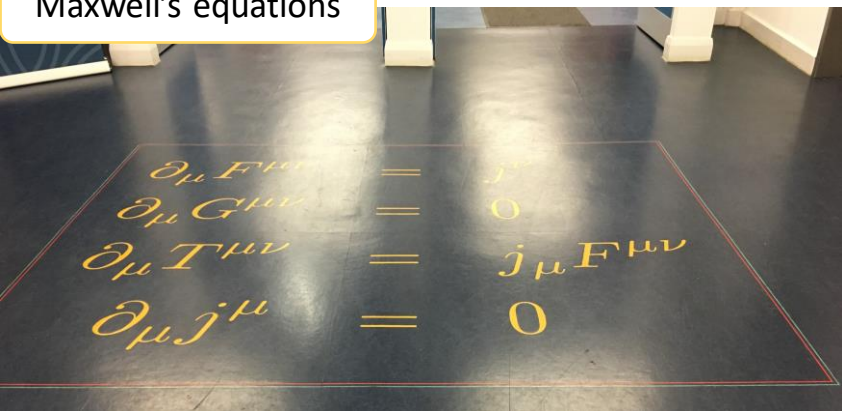
The University of Edinburgh was founded in 1583. One of the best universities in the U.K. C. Darwin, J. C. Maxwell, and A. C. Doyle studied here.



Way to the main classroom

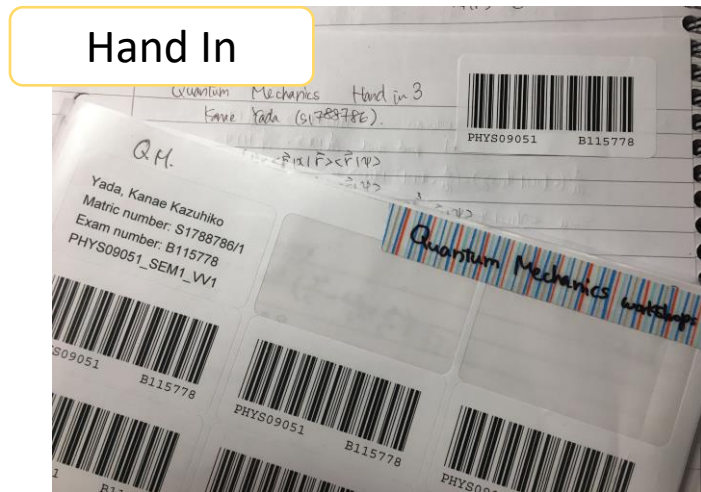
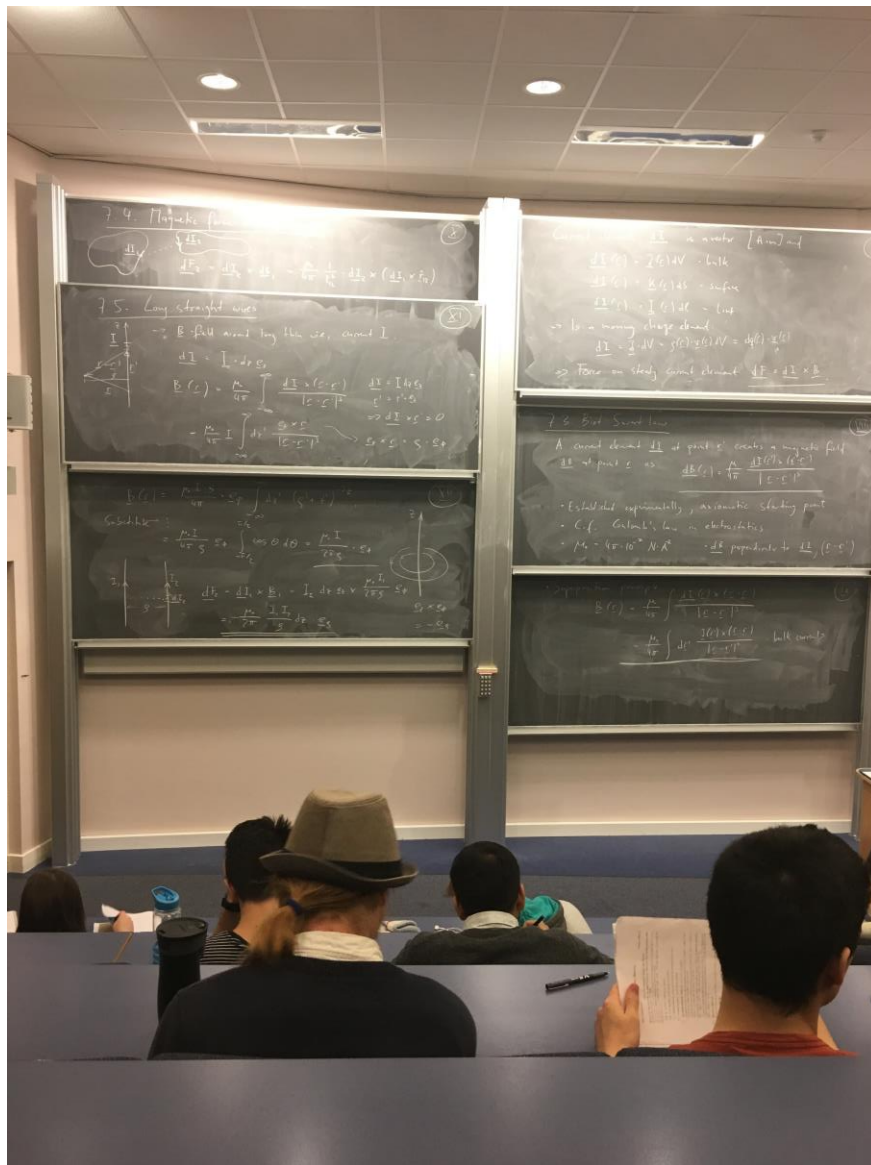
Science department is away from city centre...

Maxwell's equations



P. Higgs





|   | Mon  | Tue                                | Wed                                      | Thu  | Fri                                |
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| 1 | Statistics<br>Hudson Beare Building Tha... | Quantum Mechanics<br>JCMB TheatreA | Quantum Mechanics Workshops<br>JCMB 1501 | Statistics<br>Hudson Beare Building The... | Quantum Mechanics<br>JCMB TheatreB |
| 2 | Fourier Analysis Tutorial<br>JCMB 5326-8   | Electromagnetism<br>JCMB TheatreA  | Electromagnetism Tutorial<br>JCMB 5336-8 | Statistics Tutorial<br>JCMB 5326-8         | Electromagnetism<br>JCMB TheatreA  |
| 3 |  | Fourier Analysis                   |  |  | Fourier Analysis                   |

Final Exam in the historical library

EM at theatre



- In January 2020 for my graduation research
- Takes some time to find your favorite food or restaurant
- Organic and vegetarian food are available almost everywhere
- The prices at Starbucks were as high as the ones in Japan
- Mediterranean climate but the wind was strong
- You can hardly see people walking on the road outside the university
- People there were open-minded and nice
- Everything in CA was **HUGE**



- An Erasmus Mundus joint degree for master
- Master in material science exploring large scale facilities
- Two-year course of study, going to more than two universities and institutions
- Kyoto University is one of the associated partners of this program
- Got the scholarship for this course from the EACEA
- 43,000€ for the two academic years!  
(12,000€ will be withdrawn for tuition fee.)

For further information: <https://www.mamaself.eu/>

For joint degrees in EU: [https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/library/scholarships-catalogue\\_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/library/scholarships-catalogue_en)



From MaMaSELF+'s Instagram

- Feel free to ask me

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- For studying abroad, you can consult to Ms. Suzuki at iLab

<http://ilab.sci.kyoto-u.ac.jp/>

- Scholarships for studying abroad (JASSO)

<https://ryugaku.jasso.go.jp/scholarship/>

- How to write a personal statement (University of Sussex)

<https://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/masters/apply/tips-for-masters/personal-statement>

Thank you for listening.  
Enjoy your pursuit of studies!

