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## Research Assessment Exercise

### Philosophy at Edinburgh

The recent RAE results confirm that the Philosophy department at Edinburgh is among the very best in the UK. 65% of our research activity was rated as 4 or 3 (i.e., world-leading or internationally excellent), putting us on a par with Oxford and Cambridge. We are also a young and vibrant department and boast the largest graduate community in the UK.

### Psychology at Edinburgh

The Psychology Department is delighted to have leapt into the top ten in 4\* and 3\* (world leading and internationally excellent) research by volume in the 2008 RAE. The department now ranks 9th out of 76 departments in the UK on international research by volume, with 60% of its research considered internationally excellent or world leading. The number of staff whose research was submitted doubled from 19.3 in 2001 to 38.5 in 2008. In the same period we have experienced a tripling of our research income and a doubling of our community of research students.

### Linguistics and English Language at Edinburgh

Linguistics and English Language (LEL) was judged to be the top programme in its field as measured by the percentage of its research work that was in the top (4\*) category: no other department of linguistics in Britain had 30% of its work judged to be of world-leading quality. The concentration of linguists at Edinburgh is in fact the largest in the UK: there were 36 staff included in the return, and a significant number of other researchers in the language sciences with interests on the computational side were included within the [School of Informatics](#) for RAE purposes.

### \*\*\*NEW\*\* Postgraduate Open Day

On Friday 20 March 2009, University of Edinburgh welcomes all potential postgraduate students for an [open day](#).

Interested in joining us? Click [here](#) for postgraduate information in the School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences.

### Introduction

Established in August 2002, the School brings together four subjects in a coherent group within the [College of Humanities and Social Science](#):

- [Philosophy](#)
- [Psychology](#)
- [Linguistics and English Language](#)

With over 120 full time teaching and research staff, the school and provides teaching and support for over 1000 undergraduate and 300 postgraduate students.

The School is located in the Dugald Stewart Building and 7 George Square.

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