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SUPA is the Scottish Universities Physics Alliance. It is a research alliance between the physics and astronomy departments of six, soon to be eight, Scottish universities.

The original six universities in **SUPA** are:

- The University of Edinburgh
- University of Glasgow
- Heriot-Watt University
- University of St Andrews
- University of Strathclyde
- University of the West of Scotland

The two universities that will soon join **SUPA** are:

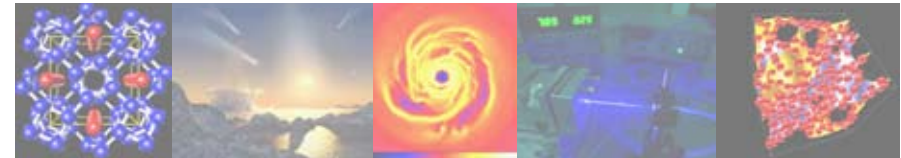
- University of Aberdeen
- University of Dundee



SUPA seeks to place Scotland at the forefront of physics research globally through an inter-institutional management structure. There is a coherent staffing strategy and a Scotland-wide research strategy. SUPA facilitates enhanced collaborative research programmes and the pooling of equipment and resources.



SUPA runs a Graduate School offering graduate training initiatives and providing PhD students with access to an extensive programme of state-of-the-art video-conferenced lectures. Each year, the SUPA Graduate School offers eight fully-funded PhD studentships. These prestigious and competitive awards are available to students from anywhere in the world and attract outstanding physics and astronomy students to study for a PhD in Scotland.



The SUPA alliance is built around the following key research strengths:

- Astronomy and Space Physics
- Condensed Matter and Material Physics
- Nuclear and Plasma Physics
- Particle Physics
- Photonics
- Physics and Life Sciences

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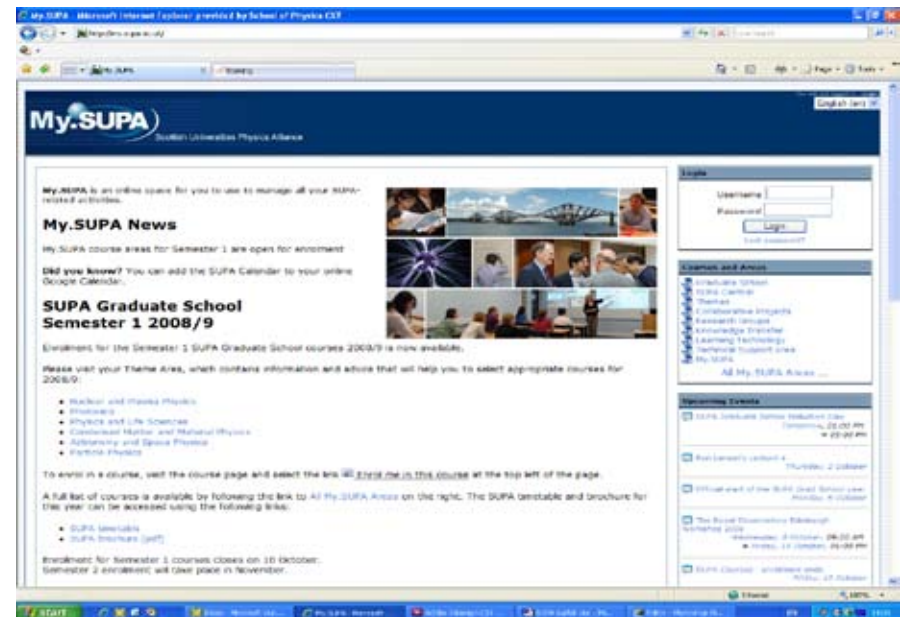
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