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A UNIVERSITY has launched a doctorate in card game bridge.

The three-year PhD at Stirling University will look at what drives people to take up the game and keep playing into old age.

Researchers have also set up a new bridge club on campus as part of a project looking at the benefits of playing it.

It comes after an English Bridge Education and Development study showed participating can boost well-being.

Study lead Prof Samantha Punch said: "As well as contributing to healthy ageing and brain fitness, playing bridge enhances social networks."