



UNIVERSITY OF  
BIRMINGHAM

# POSTGRADUATE PROSPECTUS

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2022 ADMISSIONS

# EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

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## ADVICE FROM STUDENTS

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Throughout this prospectus you will see profiles of some of our current students and alumni. You can learn more about their experiences via our dedicated postgraduate website.

[www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgadvice](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgadvice)

## SEARCH FOR A COURSE

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Use our course finder to explore your options at Masters and PhD level, as well as our short course and CPD options.

[www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgcourses](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgcourses)

## HELPING YOU MAKE AN INFORMED CHOICE

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We want you to be able to choose the right postgraduate course to meet your needs. To help you do this, we provide a suite of resources and information online and on campus to help you make an informed choice.

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# WHY CHOOSE BIRMINGHAM?

The decision to undertake a postgraduate qualification is a significant one. At Birmingham, you can be assured that you will receive expert teaching and supervision. Alongside this you will receive sector-leading professional and academic careers services and support for your health, wellbeing and personal development.

Within a lively, inclusive community and a strong research culture we will engage, motivate, support and challenge you.

**1<sup>ST</sup>** MOST TARGETED  
UNIVERSITY IN THE  
UK BY TOP EMPLOYERS  
HIGH FLIERS GRADUATE  
MARKET IN 2021

**19<sup>TH</sup>** IN *THE COMPLETE  
UNIVERSITY GUIDE*  
2022 RANKINGS

**19<sup>TH</sup>** IN *THE TIMES AND THE  
SUNDAY TIMES GOOD  
UNIVERSITY GUIDE*  
2021 RANKINGS

**87%** OF OUR RESEARCH  
ACTIVITY HAS A  
GLOBAL IMPACT  
RESEARCH EXCELLENCE  
FRAMEWORK (REF) 2014

**11** ALUMNI AND STAFF  
HAVE BEEN RECOGNISED  
WITH NOBEL PRIZES

**21<sup>ST</sup>** IN *THE GUARDIAN  
UNIVERSITY GUIDE*  
2021 RANKINGS

**90<sup>TH</sup>** IN THE *2022 QS  
WORLD UNIVERSITY*  
RANKINGS

**90%** OF OUR POSTGRADUATES ARE IN HIGHLY  
SKILLED EMPLOYMENT OR POSTGRADUATE/  
PROFESSIONAL STUDY  
GRADUATE OUTCOMES SURVEY, HESA, UK MASTERS RESPONDENTS, 2017-18

# WELCOME



Our postgraduates are an essential part of the success of our education and research communities.



Postgraduates have always been at the heart of our university life. Whether joining us for a taught programme or embarking on research, you will become an integral part of our community, bringing global experience and new perspectives – all of which contribute to the academic and social richness of our global university.

The best universities depend on two great pillars: the quality of their education and the quality of their research. At the University of Birmingham, our commitment to both of these pillars is demonstrated by our strong placement in global rankings and the vibrancy of our postgraduate community. We encourage bold, independent thinking and provide exceptional academic programmes that will stretch and challenge, as well as offering flexibility and choice for the modern postgraduate.

Our ambition means that we strive to do more. By appointing and developing outstanding academic colleagues across the breadth of our disciplines, investing in substantial new research programmes and scholarships, and building major national and international research collaborations, we continue to

enrich the opportunities available to our postgraduate students.

Our postgraduates are an essential part of the success of our education and research communities. Our University Graduate School will give you access to dedicated advice, events and training opportunities, supporting you to develop personally and professionally. We are committed to investing in the future of the University, as we transform our campus with exceptional new academic facilities and continue to enhance our student services to support wellbeing and success for our postgraduates.

The University of Birmingham has a history of firsts and we are now the first global top 100 and Russell Group university to establish a

campus in Dubai. This new campus builds on our extensive international research and teaching collaborations, and demonstrates our ambition as an outward-looking, world-class institution. As a postgraduate you will benefit from the opportunities and intellectual interactions that this global community brings.

We strive for even greater success to enhance the impact that our graduates and our research will make around the world. We look forward to welcoming you to our community, and to playing our part in your future success.

**PROFESSOR DUNCAN SHEPHERD**  
POSTGRADUATE DEAN,  
UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

# YOUR POSTGRADUATE GUARANTEE

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**By choosing Birmingham, you are joining a large, diverse and vibrant postgraduate community. Whatever the nature of your programme, we aim to provide a stimulating and engaging study experience of the highest quality.**

You can expect to engage with challenging debates, theories and concepts. We have the strength and variety of programmes to suit your individual needs and interests, backed by the academic expertise and influence, support and facilities of a research-intensive global university.

Your experience will be unique, but we will ensure you benefit from both academic and personal development that will help you to achieve success and ensure your degree is an asset in your future prospects.

Our postgraduate guarantee underscores the commitment, dedicated resources and support we deliver for all Birmingham postgraduates.



## THIS IS OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

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### CAREERS SUPPORT

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**Our expert careers support and training will equip you for the next step in your journey.**

### ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

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**You will receive expert teaching, supervision and resources to help you succeed in your degree.**

### SOCIAL, HEALTH AND WELLBEING

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**Your health, wellbeing and personal development will be as important to us as your academic achievement.**

### RESEARCH CULTURE

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**You will benefit from our world-leading research culture and you will be welcomed into our vibrant and stimulating research community.**



**'I found that I put in more effort and used my time more efficiently than in my undergraduate degree because I was so motivated by the modules on my course. The teaching is personal, attentive and incredibly advanced.'**

**LYDIA SPOONER**, MA Literature and Culture alumna

**'Not only is the content engaging and interesting, the course allows me to employ a creative element into my work, it feels so much more personal and that much more exciting. More importantly the teachers are very supportive and always ready to answer any questions or worries.'**

**JASMINA**, LLM Commercial Law

## CAREER SUPPORT

Your ambition is our ambition. Whether you are already employed, changing career or are yet to enter the job market, when you join us you will benefit from our sector-leading employability support.

Our Postgraduate Careers Network will provide you with expert preparation for employment or help you to advance in your career. If you are aiming for an academic career, our supervisory teams will provide you with the advice and information that you need for your success.

Our teams will offer you employment advice, help you to foster valuable networks and identify relevant opportunities. We will ensure that you are ready to take your next step and are equipped to demonstrate your achievements.

A Birmingham postgraduate degree will help you to grow and boost your professional prospects. As the most targeted UK university by top employers, we can teach you the skills required to make you a highly desirable graduate for employers locally, nationally and internationally.

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

We expect a lot from our postgraduates, but you can expect a lot from us in return. We will work with you to identify your personal training and support needs as you engage in a challenging, yet rewarding postgraduate degree.

We use technology to enhance your learning and research. Take advantage of our library, collections and archives and choose your mode of study; from traditional methods to using e-resources to interact with collections digitally. Among purpose-built, modern surroundings, including labs that support both research and teaching, you will work alongside an expert team who can help you to exploit our state-of-the-art tools.

Our personal tutor system for Masters students and supervisory teams assisting researchers will support you to set goals and monitor your progress.

You will be taught and supervised by our outstanding academics, whose research shapes and informs your learning. Our schools and departments, and the University Graduate School will provide the best possible research and education environment, including dedicated study spaces in which you can work, and events and training programmes to support your development.





**'Birmingham helped to shape my thinking and supported my growth; from developing my leadership style to being introduced to world-class tutors and lectures.'**

**GARY WROE**, MBA alumnus and Managing Director of Merrell Casting and Hockley Mint, in Birmingham's Jewellery Quarter



## SOCIAL, HEALTH AND WELLBEING

You will benefit from a huge range of opportunities to enrich your postgraduate experience, including the support you need to manage your wellbeing while studying with us.

As a civic university, we are committed to the principles of equality and diversity. We work to make sure that all our students feel safe and valued and that we contribute to the region through education and research. Postgraduate students make up more than 40% of our student community, so you are integral to our work as a university, whether you are learning on our Edgbaston campus, online or at our Dubai campus.

Within an inclusive and supportive postgraduate community, you will meet and share experiences with students and researchers from more than 150 countries.

Whatever format you are studying, this mix of people, nationalities and cultures will greatly enrich your perspective and your learning.

Your wellbeing is at the heart of your success. We will support your personal development by providing access to a range of excellent physical health, mental health and wellbeing services. If you are based on, or near to, the Birmingham campus, you can take advantage of a wide range of opportunities beyond the curriculum, including sports, community volunteering, arts and culture. From joining the gym or a sports league to meeting like-minded people in a society or special interest club, you will have plenty of opportunities to socialise, network and enjoy your time at Birmingham.





**'Many of our disciplines have world-leading research cultures. We support research excellence with major academic investments and have established signature collaborations at home and overseas.'**

**PROFESSOR TIM SOFTLEY**, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research and Knowledge Transfer) and Fellow of the Royal Society



## RESEARCH CULTURE

Your degree will teach you the skills of research, enable you to engage with the insights of leading researchers in your field, and expose you to the challenges and excitement of original thinking and the pursuit of knowledge. You will have opportunities to participate in the activities of the University's research centres and work alongside our research-active academics.

You will benefit from working in an environment in which excellence and innovation are made possible by brilliant people, outstanding facilities and strong collaborative networks. Within this nurturing academic community, you will be able to contribute to shaping and changing lives.

**'As Director of Postgraduates (Research), I'm committed to ensuring that all Birmingham researchers are fully integrated into the research community and receive the support they need to succeed.'**

**MICHAEL HAND**,  
Director of Postgraduates (PGR)



# LIVING IN BIRMINGHAM

Birmingham is an inspiring place to live; it is the UK's most populous city after London, boasting a diverse culture and unique history.

## THE CITY

Birmingham is a vibrant and thriving city with a diverse community. We are one of Europe's youngest major cities, with almost 40% of our population under 25. We are also the top regional city for quality of life in the UK. In fact, our students love Birmingham so much that 48% decide to stay in the region after they graduate. Birmingham is more than somewhere to study; it's somewhere to build a successful future. If you choose to live in Birmingham, there are many University or private accommodation options available, which suit all budgets.



Explore our city:  
[www.birmingham.ac.uk/city](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/city)

The city | University accommodation | Private accommodation





## LOCATION

Studying here, you will enjoy the best of both worlds: a beautiful, historic, green campus that is just a few minutes away from the heart of an exciting, modern city. With our own railway station on campus, you can be in the city centre in less than eight minutes. There is something for everyone in Birmingham, and you are sure to receive a warm welcome in one of the most culturally diverse cities in Britain.

## SHOPPING

The city centre offers a first-class retail experience; from famous brands to independent stores, Birmingham has something for everyone. You will find a wealth of choice, from large shopping centres like Bullring, Selfridges, Mailbox and Grand Central, to diverse vintage clothing stores and artisan workshops in the world-famous Jewellery Quarter.

## FOOD

Birmingham is filled with foodies, which means new restaurants and food festivals are always popping up across the city. The multi-award-winning Digbeth Dining Club hosts independent food stalls, with pop-ups across the city, while our very own farmers' market on campus offers locally sourced and environmentally friendly produce. Our independents regularly host events across the city, including day and night markets, pop-ups and collaborations; all helping you to discover new favourites.

## CULTURE

Birmingham has an exciting culture and history. From our world-leading museums and art galleries to the historic industrial district of Digbeth, there is so much to explore at the heart of our city. Birmingham is also proud to host many annual urban festivals such as Birmingham Pride and the Mostly Jazz, Funk & Soul Festival.



# THE EXCHANGE

In September 2021, we opened The Exchange. Located in Centenary Square, The Exchange uses our research, teaching, and local, national and international networks to create a hub within our city centre for education, events and celebration.

As our first base within the city's newly developed Centenary square, The Exchange will bring together communities to shape the ideas and solutions that will make our cities and regions better places to live, work and learn.

The Exchange will provide free taster courses, short paid courses and microcredentials, all aimed at professional development, widening participation and building regional skills.

It will also be the hub for our new MBA Essentials programme and complemented by other courses delivered by our Birmingham Leadership Institute.

Our students and graduates will also have access to our new Incubator and Business Growth programme. As a successful applicant to UoB Elevate, you will be able to run your business from the city centre incubator within our iconic building.

Find out more: [www.birmingham.ac.uk/theexchange](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/theexchange)





# UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION

Our dedicated postgraduate accommodation is located across our three student villages: Vale Village, Selly Oak Village and Pritchatts Park Village; all of which are within walking distance of the Edgbaston campus.



To secure your place in University-owned accommodation you will need to make an advance rent payment of £550 at the time of booking. This is deducted from your residence fees.



THE VALE VILLAGE



COMMUNITY



ACCOMMODATION



We have more than 30 places to eat and drink across our campus and accommodation.

## TRAVELLING TO AND FROM CAMPUS

There are several ways to travel to our campus. From bike lanes to canal paths, we are well connected to many areas of our city.

Birmingham Cycle Revolution is making cycling easier. A 4km, fully segregated cycleway links Selly Oak and the University with the city centre. Completed in January 2019, the cycleway provides a safe, healthy and green method of travelling around the city.

Our campus is also well served by bus routes, with the 61, 63, X21 and X22 services running frequently from the city centre. From Moseley, the 1A stops right outside the University and from Harborne, the 48 and 244 provide services which drop you close to the University.

As we have our own railway station, University, you can get regular trains travelling from Birmingham New Street to campus in under eight minutes, making trips to and from the city centre quick and easy.

## VALE VILLAGE

Just a 15-minute walk from campus, The Vale is set in a beautiful lakeside parkland. Studios and studio apartments are available for postgraduate students. A bar, restaurant, café, convenience store and laundrette contribute to a community atmosphere so you feel right at home.

## SELLY OAK VILLAGE

A five-minute walk from campus, with the vibrant Selly Oak high street on your doorstep. Our postgraduates are located together in Jarratt Hall, which offers en-suite rooms with shared kitchens. Prices are approximately £161 per week. This is the perfect environment to make new friends while allowing you time to concentrate on your studies.

## PRITCHATTS PARK VILLAGE

Close to campus, Harborne and University station, Pritchatts Park provides self-catering accommodation for postgraduates in a lovely landscaped setting. The Village's design creates a sense of community, with shared facilities such as meeting rooms, an airy lounge, a quiet study zone and a games room offering the perfect environment to get to know your fellow postgraduates. Prices start from £115 per week.



For more information on postgraduate accommodation, please visit [www.birmingham.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/accommodation)



If you are studying at the Shakespeare Institute, there are many sources of accommodation in Stratford-upon-Avon and we will give you as much assistance as we can to help you find somewhere to live nearby.

[www.birmingham.ac.uk/stratfordliving](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/stratfordliving)



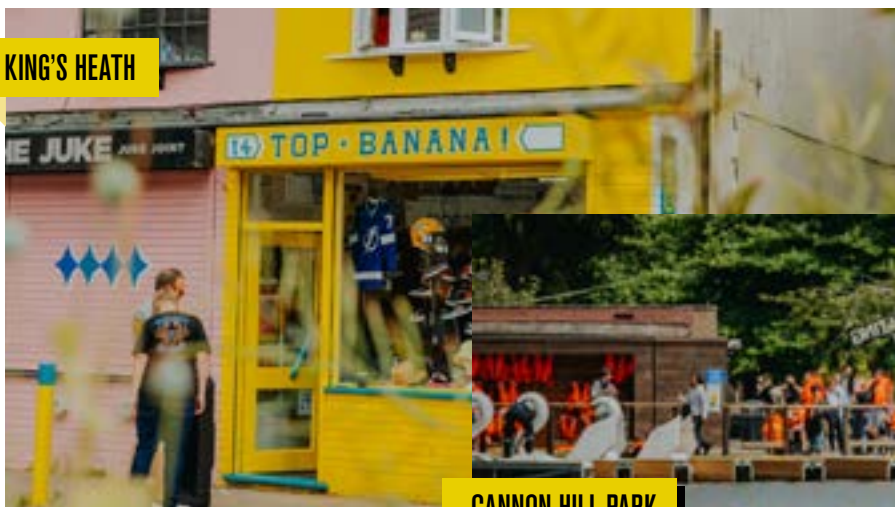
Although this information was correct at the date of publication (September 2021), details and other conditions are subject to revision, on occasion. Services may be added, changed or withdrawn. Please visit [www.birmingham.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/accommodation) for the most up-to-date accommodation information.

# PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION

Many of our students choose to find housing in the private sector. A variety of housing options, including single flats, shared houses and properties for families, can be found in the local area. Our students also choose to live in other areas of the city, including the city centre, in shared or single-occupancy properties, ranging in price to suit your budget.



Find more advice on private accommodation in Birmingham: [www.birmingham.ac.uk/rentingprivately](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/rentingprivately)



**KING'S HEATH**



**CANAL NETWORKS**



**CANNON HILL PARK**

Photo: Jolyon Holroyd

## SEARCH FOR PROPERTIES

Birmingham Studentpad is our official property search engine. Only Midland Landlord Accreditation Scheme (MLAS) landlords can advertise their properties through our website. This means that all landlords have signed a Code of Conduct agreement to be a fit and proper landlord, and will adhere to all legislation. Use our property finder to search for short- or long-term accommodation: [www.birminghamstudentpad.co.uk](http://www.birminghamstudentpad.co.uk)

### Close to campus

Selly Oak is the closest residential area, just a five-minute walk from the University campus. The weekly cost of rent ranges from £75-£140, usually excluding utilities.

### Host

Host offers two choices for our students: Host Student Apartments and The Metalworks. Offering en-suite rooms and premium studios, Host Student Apartments are located just a few minutes' walk from campus, with prices starting from £184 per week. The Metalworks sits right on the edge of campus and offers a variety of rooms, with prices starting from £164 per week.

### Unite Students

Across the road from campus on the Bristol Road, studios are available at the Battery Park and Athena Studios sites, with prices starting from £224 per week.

### Community Living

We also have a private-sector-focused service called Community Living. You can find out more information on our website: [www.community-living.org.uk](http://www.community-living.org.uk)

### City Living

Some of our postgraduates prefer to live in the heart of the city. The commute is an easy train journey from New Street to University station, making city living an appealing choice. We work with private accommodation providers to offer a fantastic range of options to suit your individual needs.

If you're looking to immerse yourself in suburban Birmingham life, the villages of Moseley and Harborne are popular with our students. With many bars, cafés and restaurants, these cosmopolitan areas are perfect for young professionals and students, with many privately rented properties available. For a slightly cheaper – but by no means less desirable – option, Kings Heath neighbours Moseley and is a lively, popular area to live.



# OUR CAMPUS

With magnificent architecture and a green, leafy site, our campus provides an inspirational environment for your studies.



QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL

THE MEDICAL SCHOOL

UNIVERSITY STATION

MAIN LIBRARY

THE GREEN HEART OF OUR CAMPUS

BRAMALL MUSIC BUILDING



LAPWORTH MUSEUM OF GEOLOGY

ASTON WEBB STUDENT HUB

THE GUILD OF STUDENTS AND THE BARBER INSTITUTE OF FINE ARTS

SPORT & FITNESS

Our main Edgbaston campus is packed with green, open spaces and a combination of redbrick buildings and stunning new architecture that houses facilities, shops, cafes and study spaces.

 Visit campus online on our virtual tour:  
[www.birmingham.ac.uk/virtualcampus](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/virtualcampus) 

Life on campus | Research and facilities



# LIFE ON CAMPUS

**Our campus has undergone a huge transformation, redeveloping the campus and facilities to support your success. From outstanding new accommodation to new teaching and learning facilities, students at Birmingham benefit daily from our new developments.**

Our Green Heart offers lush new parkland in the centre of campus. Measuring over 12 acres, it provides a unique space for performances, socialising, meeting and studying.

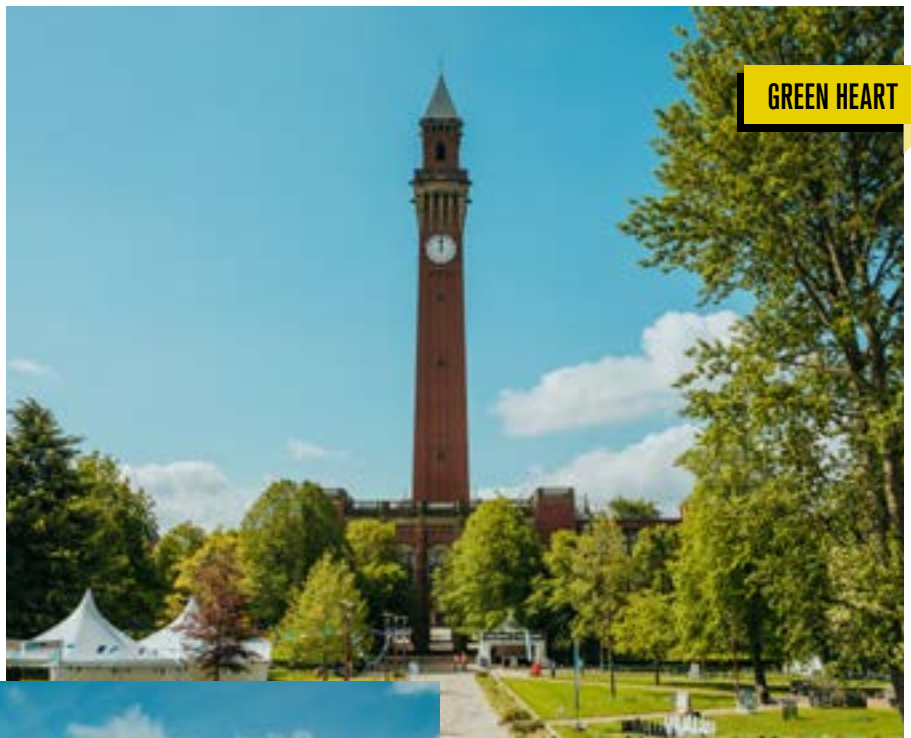
Our main library houses state-of-the-art facilities for students, staff and researchers. It is a modern space providing informal seating, group study spaces and individual desks alongside a wealth of new technology, including wireless mobile charging, media rooms and video editing booths. Whether you are working in groups or independently studying, our library has the perfect facilities for learning.

Alongside our main library, you can find further facilities throughout our Colleges. Supporting the Arts, Shakespeare Studies and the Dental and Medical Schools, our libraries offer additional study spaces and resources to further your development.

## Away from our main campus...

Our Selly Oak campus, two miles from Edgbaston, is a green 80-acre site with a village atmosphere. We also have a satellite campus in the historic town of Stratford-upon-Avon (the Shakespeare Institute).

The School of Dentistry is located at the Birmingham Dental Hospital at Pebble Mill, which is less than a mile from the main campus. It is the first stand-alone, integrated dental hospital and dental school to be built in the UK for almost 40 years.



## GUILD OF STUDENTS

The Guild of Students plays an important role in our students' lives. With over 400 student groups, societies and associations, the Guild helps our students to develop skills, have fun and get the most from their time at Birmingham. The building is a hub of activity, with shops, a bar, food and drink outlets and support services hosted here.



Find out more online:  
[www.guildofstudents.com](http://www.guildofstudents.com)



## OUR RESEARCH FACILITIES

We continually invest in resources and improve research facilities to ensure our postgraduate researchers are able to pursue their ideas and transfer their knowledge. We have an extensive range of labs supporting innovative research in 21st-century disciplines such as robotics, gene therapy, human biomaterials and hydrogen gas fuelling.

Explore our facilities online:  
[www.birmingham.ac.uk/researchfacilities](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/researchfacilities)

## THE STUDENT HUB

At the heart of our campus, the Aston Webb Student Hub is home to the Careers Network, Registry and Student Services. Dedicated teams provide our students with information and support, from consulting with students on thesis submissions, visas and ID cards to counselling, wellbeing coaching and specialist learning support. We also offer appointments and workshops run by our specialist services in our consultation rooms to help you succeed at Birmingham.



### ASTON WEBB STUDENT HUB

## TEACHING AND LEARNING BUILDING



## NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Our Edgbaston campus is currently seeing major developments in terms of its teaching and study facilities. Our new Teaching and Learning Building is a hub for education, providing lecture theatres and space for 1,000 students to carry out group or private study. The newly opened Collaborative Teaching Laboratory features labs and practical teaching spaces for STEM subjects, along with a state-of-the-art School of Engineering building opened in 2020.

Explore our campus developments here:  
[www.birmingham.ac.uk/building](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/building)



# SPORT

At Birmingham, sport is for all – from world-class performance to general fitness. The power of sport to motivate and inspire goes so much further than sporting ability. From keeping fit and leading a healthy, balanced lifestyle to learning a new activity, you will never have a better opportunity to get involved, have fun and make new friends.



# SPORT FACILITIES



Our Sport & Fitness club on campus is a facility for staff, students and the community in the heart of Edgbaston. The club provides world-class opportunities for everyone in the region and offers an unrivalled fitness experience.

We offer over 100 sports scholarships, 55 student sports clubs, over 150 fitness classes a week and flexible membership options.




## WELCOMING WORLD-CLASS ATHLETES

Birmingham is one of the UK's leading sporting universities. We have a reputation for providing a world-class training environment on our Edgbaston campus, not only for our own international student-athletes but for Team Jamaica who trained here ahead of the London 2012 Olympic Games and the IAAF World Championships in 2017.

Off campus, the Raymond Priestley Centre in the Lake District provides the opportunity to try a host of outdoor activities, including sailing, windsurfing, mountaineering, rock climbing, kayaking and canoeing. We also have access to the nearby Edgbaston Reservoir and a boathouse in Worcester (on the River Severn).

There are over 55 different sports clubs to choose from. From badminton to volleyball, there's something for everyone to get stuck into. Whether you're a beginner or already

playing sport at a national level, joining one of our sports clubs is the perfect opportunity to discover your sporting passion.

 For more information, visit [sportandfitness.bham.ac.uk](http://sportandfitness.bham.ac.uk)

### COMMONWEALTH GAMES 2022

Our new squash courts and hockey pitches will become competition venues during Birmingham 2022, following the city's successful bid to host the Commonwealth Games, meaning our staff and students can look forward to welcoming world-class athletes to campus once again.



Our facilities and services include:

- 50-metre pool with boom and moveable floor
- 200+ station gym
- Arena-style sports hall with 800 spectator seats and a smaller sports hall
- Around 150 group exercise classes per week
- A range of pitches for a variety of sports, including floodlit water-based, 3G synthetic, natural turf and rubber crumb pitches
- Dojo (martial arts)
- Performance and Wellbeing Centre
- Performance gym
- Six glass-backed squash courts
- Specialist Human Performance Lab offering training assistance, nutritional advice and performance monitoring
- Steam room and sauna
- Ten-metre climbing wall





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# BIRMINGHAM 2022 COMMONWEALTH GAMES

The eyes of the world will be on Birmingham in 2022 when we host the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games!

The city and the University are Official Partners for the Games, and together we are perfectly placed to host such an event, at the centre of the UK with vast experience of hosting world-class international events in our vibrant and diverse city.

We can't wait to welcome athletes and spectators from around the world onto campus, where we'll be hosting hockey and squash as part of the Games, as well as being home to the largest of the athlete villages at our Vale Village accommodation. Birmingham is already well-known for its sporting pedigree and playing our part at the centre of a major international tournament further cements our position amongst the global sporting elite, as well as encouraging sports for all, benefiting our students, the city and the region in the longer term through investment in the Games and its infrastructure.

**FIND OUT MORE ABOUT BIRMINGHAM 2022:  
[WWW.BIRMINGHAM.AC.UK/BIRMINGHAM2022](http://WWW.BIRMINGHAM.AC.UK/BIRMINGHAM2022)**

**FIND OUT MORE ABOUT SPORT AT BIRMINGHAM:  
[WWW.BIRMINGHAM.AC.UK/SPORT](http://WWW.BIRMINGHAM.AC.UK/SPORT)**

# CULTURE AND MUSIC



The arts and culture scene is constantly evolving. From the Barber Institute of Fine Arts to The Bramall music building, there's something for everyone to immerse themselves in.



# CULTURE AND MUSIC

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## THE BARBER INSTITUTE OF FINE ARTS

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Major works from celebrated names in the history of Western art, such as Botticelli, Monet and Van Gogh are included in our outstanding art collection at the Barber Institute. We have been praised as 'the last great art collection of the twentieth century' and 'one of the finest small galleries in Europe' (*The Observer*).



## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS AND ARCHIVES

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Built up over a period of 120 years, our Special Collections and Archives consist of approximately 200,000 pre-1850 books dating from 1471 and some 4 million manuscripts, all of which distinguishes us as a major UK research library.

## THE LAPWORTH MUSEUM OF GEOLOGY

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The Lapworth Museum dates back to 1880 and is one of the oldest specialist geological museums in the UK. The Lapworth Museum provides a valuable resource for students, schools and colleges, research workers, enthusiasts and anyone with a desire to learn about geology.



## THE RESEARCH AND CULTURAL COLLECTIONS

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The Research and Cultural Collections include extraordinary artefacts, from West African masks in the Danford Collection to important 20th-century paintings such as Peter Lanyon's mural in the Arts Building.

# CULTURE AND MUSIC

## WINTERBOURNE HOUSE AND GARDENS

Winterbourne is a stunning Arts and Crafts house and garden that is free to enter for all Birmingham students. You can relax in the flourishing gardens or attend an event, such as special interest tours, exhibitions and lectures.



## THE BRAMALL

The Bramall is home to our Department of Music, which boasts two symphony orchestras, a jazz orchestra, new music ensemble, choirs and many other groups that regularly perform at The Bramall. Seating 450 and featuring world-class acoustics, the main auditorium provides an intimate environment for enjoying everything from comedy nights to classical music evenings.

## AND THAT'S NOT ALL!

Many of our facilities on campus offer the opportunity for classes, workshops and tours, making the campus a hub for learning and exploring.

We offer our postgraduate students the opportunity to develop their language skills, either for personal development or to support their studies, via our open access language courses, all of which are taught on campus with convenient day or evening sessions.

We also host several large events each year, such as our Birmingham Prom and Community festival, alongside graduation balls, alumni events and international conferences. These events also give you the opportunity to engage the public in your studies and research; vital to illustrating your research impact.



Photo Credit: Haoxuan Ding

## FIND OUT MORE

We welcome you to visit, be inspired, entertained and expand your knowledge.

To explore our facilities on campus, visit: [www.birmingham.ac.uk/campus](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/campus)



# OUR RESEARCH

The work you do with us can help to challenge and change society.

Research is the thread that links everything we do; from informing our teaching to benefiting society. Our outstanding academic expertise, operating across continents, distinguishes us and fuels the research that has a direct and positive impact on the lives of many thousands of people every year.

Our vision is to encourage and inspire you in your independent research, enabling you to thrive by equipping you with the skills, knowledge and confidence to make a major impact on global society, in whatever field you pursue.

## OUR RESEARCH FOCUS

We are committed to research that is pioneering and significant. We have created a research environment in which academic rigour, innovation and delivery are made possible by brilliant people, outstanding facilities and strong collaborative networks. Our goal is to do more and even better research, and to tackle the great challenges of our day.

We are proud to be focusing our efforts on global issues, exploiting our research strengths to produce practical solutions to some of the greatest challenges facing mankind.

Our collaborative and cross-disciplinary approach to tackling these new and emerging challenges is what sets us apart.

These research advances and our academics' expertise shape and inform our teaching, and we develop our curriculum to capture that excitement.

Learn more: [www.birmingham.ac.uk/research](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research)

## GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES

We encourage students to integrate international experiences into their education, recognising the global opportunities of the world in which we live. As a member of Universitas 21, an international network of universities that enables global research collaboration and opportunities, each year we are able to offer a number of opportunities to travel to our Universitas 21 partners. You could spend time at some of the most prestigious universities worldwide and the incoming students from these universities add diversity to Birmingham's student body, providing experience and cultural insights that are of benefit to our entire community.

## EXPERT SUPERVISION FROM TALENTED ACADEMICS

We ensure that our research generates practical solutions and knowledge transfer for the economy, policy and society. This real-world practicality is an embedded component of all our research activity; as important and relevant as the knowledge generation itself. We disseminate to our peers, engage with the public and provide support to government and industry.

Within this flourishing and transformational research community, we want you to thrive as an independent researcher and professional in your field.

## OUR RESEARCH CENTRES

The spectrum of research undertaken at Birmingham creates opportunities for collaborations between interdisciplinary subjects and with national and international institutions. We also foster partnerships with business and industry, working closely with our academic partners to create research teams that are of international significance in the quality of their work.

Our Institutes and Centres of Excellence ensure we can produce the best quality research at world-leading standards through funding, cross-sector partnerships and a range of resources that promote excellence, innovation and creativity in the delivery of interdisciplinary teaching, learning and research.

# Quest



Read more stories through our online research magazine: [www.birmingham.ac.uk/quest](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/quest)



# YOUR PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Whatever your plans after completing your degree, we offer a range of schemes and services that will help you to identify your options, develop your opportunities and work towards your goals from the day you arrive at Birmingham.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We want to ensure that success in your postgraduate degree leads you on to a fulfilling career.

We aim to help you to grow intellectually and gain the skills, understanding and attributes that lead to the career you want. You will benefit from access to award-winning services, including careers support from the Careers Network guidance service and University Graduate School.

## SUPPORTING YOU

Whatever your motivation for postgraduate study, we are here to support you to achieve your personal goals. We expect a lot from our postgraduates, but you can expect a lot from us. We continually invest in the academic environment and ensure we support your wellbeing with tutors, dedicated teams and a suite of resources.

Your professional development | Supporting you |  
Careers support for international students | The postgraduate community

# YOUR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Whether you're looking for a career as an academic, moving into a new sector or building your professional experience, we can offer you advice and guidance both during and after your degree.



Through our services, we can help you to identify your career aims, contact prospective employers and develop your skills.

Birmingham postgraduates are highly sought-after: we are the most targeted university in the UK by top employers, according to the High Fliers' *Graduate Market in 2021* report. Our Careers Network will provide you with expert preparation for employment or to help you advance in your career.

Through our services, we can help you to identify your career aims, contact prospective employers and develop your skills.

Our extensive links with major employers mean

we have access to the most up-to-date information to enhance your employment prospects and offer a wide range of services that give our graduates the edge in the job market. In addition to our work with major companies, we work closely with the public sector, charities and not-for-profit agencies, as well as having very close ties with the region and its rich community of smaller employers across sectors.

Your time at Birmingham is what you make of it, and we encourage you to participate in the many and varied activities and opportunities available while studying, to ensure you develop personally and professionally.

Explore our careers support: [www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgcareers](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgcareers)

## POSTGRADUATE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD

This award offers opportunities for you to engage with professional development throughout your postgraduate studies.

With flexibility at the forefront, you can set your own goals and create your own pathway to gain recognition of your commitment to employability, selecting from a range of career development masterclasses and activities delivered by the Careers Network.

**'The Masters Consultancy Challenge was an amazing opportunity for me to work with a well-known company, gain insights into the industry, work on creative ideas and put my skills to the test.'**

**The program was an organised and effective attempt to encourage us to use our knowledge and skills to tackle a real-world problem. I quite enjoyed it and I hope you do, too!**

**SAHBA, MA TESOL**



**'The entire team at Careers Network have been absolutely brilliant in developing and hosting a wide range of competency skill sessions, employability workshops, employer-led panel discussions, and 1:1 advice on all things to do with careers.'**

**All the support is clearly reflected in how detailed my CV now looks!**

**KATHRYN, MA English Language, Culture and Communications**







**I attended a Heritage Interpretation Conference and developed my networking skills with new, important contacts. Being able to network successfully is a vital skill to have for academic and career development.'**

**AMELIA EVANS, MA** International Heritage Management

## WHAT CAN WE OFFER YOU?

We provide many opportunities for you to make the most of your postgraduate experience, on and off campus. During your degree, we will help you to identify and develop the skills you need for your studies and future career, in whichever direction that may take you.

We provide you with the tools and resources to self-manage your development and ensure you are meeting the requirements of the career or progression route you wish to take, as well as making useful contacts for your future career.



You can access continued support from Careers Network after you graduate.

## WITHIN THE CURRICULUM

We work closely with employers to embed relevant employability and enterprise education within our degree programmes, ensuring it fits the context of your degree and is therefore applicable to the career you choose.

Some programmes may also offer further opportunities to develop your skills in scenario-based activities related to your course, enabling real-world application of the academic theories you encounter. Opportunities include short and long placements and employer-led projects delivered within your degree. Where available, these activities will help you to develop the enterprising skills and behaviours sought by employers. We can offer you:

- One-to-one career guidance, including College-specific and postgraduate specialist advisors
- College-specific postgraduate careers conferences and PhD careers days
- Careers and employability teams in each of our five Colleges. These teams deliver tailored programmes of careers events, and can provide you with advice and guidance services at locations within the Colleges

## WORK-RELATED EXPERIENCE

Our events, fairs and programmes provide you with the opportunity to meet with graduate recruiters to learn about and discuss employment and work experience opportunities, research and gather information on specific industry sectors and engage in interactive skills-based workshops to enhance your employability skills.

Our extensive links with major employers mean we have access to the most up-to-date information to enhance your employment prospects and offer a wide range of services that give our graduates the edge in the job market. You can take part in:

- Employer presentations – make contacts and find out more about what companies and organisations have to offer
- Careers workshops to help you with areas such as interview skills and finding work experience
- Graduate mentoring
- Skills training for postgraduates, including real-world business challenges

## SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND APPLICATION SUPPORT

You can take part in careers planning workshops and our 'Apply Yourself' workshops, which help you to understand all aspects of the recruitment process. These sessions will give you the confidence and tools to make your way successfully through the application and selection process. You will have access to:

- CV and job application advice
- An annual programme of careers fairs on campus
- Bespoke careers support, events, skills training and careers conferences specifically for postgraduate researchers
- Entrepreneurial skills training – support and advice on setting up your own business
- Online career action planning tools and self-enrolment career development courses – use in your own time to support your career planning
- Events and resources to support international students in your job search

## GAIN REAL-WORLD EMPLOYER EXPERIENCE

At Masters and PhD level, you can work with real employers to apply your knowledge and expertise to a real-world strategic challenge.

The Masters Consultancy Challenge and Postgraduate Enterprise School offer you the opportunity to work in interdisciplinary teams, competing to provide innovative solutions to a real business problem.

You will develop key professional skills such as critical thinking and problem solving, client management, business modelling and pitching.

These challenges help you to gain enterprise skills to give you the edge in any career, whether it is private enterprise, academia or third sector.

**'The challenge replicated a real-life scenario with the opportunity to hear from industry staff, and this gave us a head start and overview of real-life challenges.'**

Masters Consultancy  
Challenge participant

**'It was an amazing experience that helped me to understand hands-on how my academic skills can be applied in business contexts.'**

Postgraduate Enterprise  
School participant



## CAREER PLANNING

During your degree, we will help you to identify and develop the skills you need for your studies and future career, in whichever direction that may take you.

We provide you with the tools and resources to self-manage your development and ensure you are meeting the requirements of the career or progression route you wish to take.

Some programmes may also offer further opportunities to develop your skills in scenario-based activities related to your course, enabling real-world application of the academic theories you encounter.

## BUILDING YOUR CONNECTIONS

Talking to employers can help you to gain a greater understanding of your future job roles and we provide many opportunities to meet prospective employers face-to-face. This can give you an insight into the skills that employers regard as the most valuable when applying for jobs or progressing your career.

### 'Getting to know' drop-in sessions with employers

These give you the opportunity to clarify information for job applications or find out more about specific companies and sectors. In the Spring semester, we also hold a sector events series where you can hear from and network with various speakers, including alumni, about their experiences working in specific sectors.

### Developing employability and entrepreneurial skills

We create opportunities for you to develop skills for the job market and to work for employers on campus, competing in real-world business challenges such as the Masters Consultancy Challenge.

### Planning to move from Masters to PhD?

We also provide support if you are considering progressing from a Masters to a PhD at Birmingham or elsewhere, offering application advice and support with a careers advisor, informal cafés with current students and an online alumni networking portal.

## ENHANCE YOUR CV

As part of your degree, you can sign up for extra-curricular, co-curricular and employer-related opportunities. These help you to enhance your skills, build your network and ensure you are able to demonstrate your knowledge and skills in your future career.

Opportunities include:

- Masters Consultancy Challenge
- Postgraduate Enterprise School
- U21 PwC Challenge for Postgraduates
- Virtual Internships
- Impact Internships
- Mentoring
- B Enterprising Boot Camp
- Summer Freelance and Start Up Boot Camp

Find out more online:

[www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgcareers](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgcareers)



# CAREERS SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

## GRADUATE ROUTE – POST-STUDY VISAS

The UK Government has announced the reintroduction of the post-study work visa.

This will be available to international graduates wishing to stay and work in the UK after studies, who graduate from 2021 onwards.

If you are eligible, the new visa will allow you to work for two years after completing your Masters degree in any subject, or up to three years if you have completed a PhD.

The new student route will provide greater flexibility, including the ability to switch visa types from within the UK, a longer application window for students to submit their visa application, and removing study time limits at postgraduate level.

Find out more:  
[www.birmingham.ac.uk/gradroute](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/gradroute)



## INTERNATIONAL CAREERS SUPPORT

The Careers Network team will help you to develop the confidence to meet employers, network successfully and build your skillset during your time at Birmingham.

Throughout your studies, our team are here to help whether you need support finding work in the UK or back home. During your time with us, you will have the opportunity to attend events designed especially for international students such as alumni panel discussions, webinars, global careers fairs, and virtual internships.



## FINDING JOBS IN YOUR HOME COUNTRY

Careers Network can help you research jobs all over the world. We list international job opportunities on our Vacancy Database – and host fairs, workshops and presentations attended by many large, global companies that offer opportunities worldwide.

# SUPPORTING YOU

At Birmingham, we expect a lot from our postgraduate students, but we have created, and continue to invest in, an academic environment that will help you to realise your potential. We complement this with services and resources to support your physical and mental wellbeing.

To help you make the most of your time with us, we understand you will need excellent, tailored support. We provide a wide range of student services to meet the needs of our diverse student community. The Student Hub brings many of these services together at the heart of our campus in the Aston Webb Building. Our services are also available online through Student Help, providing a range of advice resources. Whether you are looking for information, guidance, emotional support or a specific student service, the Student Hub is a great starting point.

## SKILLS TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

We offer a wide range of training courses for Masters and PhD students, designed to develop both your academic skills and transferable workplace knowledge. Whether you need to deliver a presentation, improve your writing skills or get to grips with project management or software, we offer courses that will help you.

## ONLINE ACCESS

During 2020-21, our students reported that they found the availability of preparatory content online very helpful in supporting their learning.

This is particularly the case for students with a disability, caring responsibilities, or English as a second language. We therefore make our core content available online via Canvas and complement our campus activity with online tutor groups, ensuring access for all.



Our Institutional Virtual Learning Environment (iVLE), Canvas, grants online access to course content, programme materials, assessment, discussion boards, webinars and recorded lectures, giving you the flexibility to work independently and in your own time.

## YOUR GRADUATE SCHOOL

The University Graduate School (UGS) acts as your central resource point, giving you access to a wealth of services to support you in your studies or research, develop your skills and prepare you for success.

UGS runs a number of development activities, networking opportunities, advice events (including finance and careers guidance) and conferences that will provide you with valuable opportunities to meet and learn from peers and colleagues across the University.

Our Welcome programme also enables you to get to know other new postgraduates in a friendly, informal setting and build networks that can last a lifetime.



Explore our UGS resources:  
[www.birmingham.ac.uk/ugs](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/ugs)



## SUPPORT FOR RESEARCHERS

Our Research Skills Team supports research students to become more effective researchers, now and throughout their careers.

We offer a range of online resources on topics such as thesis guidance, research methods and communicating your research, preparing you for each step in your doctoral research journey.

With in-person events and workshops also available, you can access research skills training in a variety of formats.

We also acknowledge the broad range of disciplines and interdisciplinary research being conducted, so our staff adopt a coaching approach, encouraging you to find your personal approach and develop transferable skills linked to career progression within, and outside, academia.



# SUPPORTING YOU

Your wellbeing is our top priority and we will provide the services and support to help you look after your mental and physical health while you study with us.

We will ensure that you are in an inclusive and supportive community with services available to help you to identify and address concerns or problems you may encounter, inside or outside of your studies.

We will also ensure that you study in a safe environment, with a range of measures to ensure you stay safe, happy and healthy on our campus.



## ASSESSMENT AND PERSONAL ENRICHMENT

We provide dedicated time within each semester to ensure you have the support and time you need to prepare for exams and complete other assessed work.

We have also introduced a new, campus-wide student enrichment week, UoBe Festival, between the semesters, giving you opportunities to engage with research, hear from speakers and employers and get involved in volunteering, community and outreach work; giving you time and space to participate in activities that personally interest you.



Photo: Victoria Beddoes

## ENABLING DISABLED STUDENTS

We aim to create an inclusive learning community. If you have a disability (including long-term health conditions, specific learning disabilities such as dyslexia, or a mental health difficulty) our Disability Learning Support and Mental Health Service can help you to have the best possible experience at Birmingham. Disclosing a disability will not affect your academic course admission but will ensure that you receive any support or adjustments you require. Our professional team can provide you with specialist advice, including helping you to identify any disability funding support you may be entitled to.

## ARE YOU STUDYING AS A PARENT?

Your family matters! If you are juggling your studies with the care of young children, we provide three day nurseries, situated close to the heart of campus, offering a high standard of care and experience. Students at the University are eligible for reduced nursery fees to support you during your studies.

## SUPPORTING YOUR WELLBEING

We provide a confidential service to help you to manage practical, emotional and psychological issues that may have an impact on your life at university and your academic success. Our team of professional counsellors and wellbeing advisors offer one-to-one sessions, including online counselling, and facilitate a number of support groups covering many issues that students experience while at university. The Guild also offers a free, impartial and confidential advice service for students where fully trained advisors offer practical advice on diverse subjects relating to student life.

## FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP

Our Multi-Faith Chaplaincy is for students of all faiths and none. Meet for worship, relax in the Oasis Lounge, or see a chaplain for spiritual or religious advice and pastoral counselling. We have chaplains from most major faith traditions, as well as many student-led faith groups and societies.



Explore our support:  
[www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgsupport](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgsupport)

# THE POSTGRADUATE COMMUNITY

Choose Birmingham and you will join one of the UK's largest postgraduate communities, with over 14,000 postgraduate students making up around 40% of the total student population.

You will be among like-minded people and receive the stimulation, support and challenges you need to succeed.

Our postgraduates have a distinctive voice and are highly valued members of the University within a community that is diverse, safe and inclusive.

We ensure this through student representation and dedicated facilities and resources, such as our University Graduate School and the Guild's full-time Postgraduate Officer.

Life as a postgraduate student involves much more than just studying for your degree.

You can get involved in research and special interest groups, contribute to publications, talks and conferences, and take advantage of a broad range of opportunities to gain new skills.

## UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL

The University Graduate School (UGS) is your postgraduate hub. It supports a vibrant University-wide postgraduate community that offers you distinct networking and social opportunities. The UGS is a gateway to advice and support for postgraduates, working with other University support services to ensure our postgraduates have access to high-quality training, facilities, tutoring and supervision as well as an excellent postgraduate experience.

You can take part in a diverse programme of events arranged throughout the academic year, such as cultural celebrations, the annual Research Poster Conference and Images of Research and Study competitions; gaining skills and experience of sharing your knowledge and research with the public in innovative and creative ways. If you would like to organise and promote your own social, wellbeing and academic events whilst enhancing your transferable and professional skills, the UGS will support you to do this. You'll have formal and informal opportunities to raise your profile, network with peers and colleagues, apply transferable skills and make the most of your time here.



### Researcher hub

The beautiful Postgraduate Researcher Hub, Westmere House, provides a place for postgraduate researchers to meet, connect and work and provides the venue for our monthly inductions that welcome postgraduate researchers to the University at times other than the traditional start of the academic year.



'I feel really lucky to be doing my PhD at Birmingham as the community and mental health support has been excellent.

There are so many things to get involved in from weekly PhD Chats to academic journal teams to academic reading groups – it truly feels limitless at times!

The pastoral support has also felt invaluable, especially during the last few years. Everyone is so supportive and non-judgemental, it really feels like a safe space to discuss your mental health or any worries you might be having. I've met so many amazing people from fellow PGRs to Early Career Researchers and even some well-established academics who have shown an interest in my research!

LUCY, Doctoral Researcher in English Literature



- POSTGRADUATE ADVICE -  
**ASK US A  
QUESTION**

### STUDENT PROFILE

I feel so blessed to be studying a subject this year that I am genuinely passionate about. It has been so great to interact with course mates in seminars over Zoom and to learn from their different perspectives. Despite the difficulties of pandemic restrictions, it has also been great to have had opportunities to get to know them outside of seminars both online and in-person. I've really enjoyed the breadth of philosophy I've been able to study on my course and, having learned philosophy research skills, I feel much more confident in reading philosophical texts and in forming coherent arguments. I also feel well-equipped to continue further study and, after completing this Masters degree, I'm excited to pursue Doctorate study in this area.'

JON, MA Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Science

**ASK US A QUESTION:** [www.pg.bham.ac.uk/ask](http://www.pg.bham.ac.uk/ask)

# YOUR COMMUNITY

You will find a community of postgraduates and undergraduates alike by getting involved with the Guild of Students – your students’ union at the University of Birmingham.



‘The Guild of Students is a diverse, democratic, student-led organisation, which works to ensure you get the most out of university life, both academically and socially. We exist separately from the university and are here to represent students and their interests.

As your Postgraduate Officer I am here to represent and support you, and make sure that your voice is heard both here at the Guild of Students and at the University. There are many ways that you can get involved with your community, such as volunteering, joining a sport or society or becoming a Student Rep.

If you have any questions about the postgraduate community here at Birmingham, or the Guild of Students, feel free to get in touch with me using the contact details on this page.’

**DANIELLE MURINAS,**  
Postgraduate Officer, Guild of Students



## GET IN TOUCH

postgraduate@guild.bham.ac.uk

Twitter @guild\_postgrad

Facebook /guildpostgraduate

Instagram @guild\_postgrad

## REPRESENTATION

The **Guild of Students** is your students’ union. If you choose to continue your studies at Birmingham, you will automatically become a member. Students elect a team of seven full-time and seven part-time student Officers to lead the Guild each year – including a Postgraduate Officer to represent the interests of all postgrads at the University of Birmingham.

The **Postgraduate and Mature Students Association (PGMSA)** is the student-led group that works with the Guild and the University to champion postgraduate and mature students’ needs. The PGMSA also organises a programme of social events that runs throughout the academic year.

## GROUPS AND SOCIETIES

There is a large collection of student groups and societies that caters to our diverse postgraduate community. You can discover 400+ active student groups and societies covering a wide range of interests, activities, charities and causes. Each School also runs its own social activities, research fora, seminars and groups for postgraduates, all of which you will be able to access when you begin your degree.

## GET INVOLVED

Represent your student community by becoming a postgraduate student Rep or Guild Officer. Run a campaign to fight for the causes you believe in and the changes you want to see on campus or in wider society.



## DISCOVER MORE

Discover more about your students’ union at [www.guildofstudents.com](http://www.guildofstudents.com)



## YOUR COMMUNITY

'It goes without saying that extra-curricular activities are an invaluable asset; not only in terms of career prospects but also as a means of personal development. The University organises and offers various opportunities for students to get involved with, which have been beneficial and informative to me on many different levels.'

**KYROS**, LLM International Law: Crime, Justice and Human Rights



## JOBS, SKILLS AND VOLUNTEERING

Guild Jobs gives you access to job vacancies both at the University and throughout the city, to help you to earn some money and build skills while you study. These vacancies are part-time, making them perfect for postgraduate study.

You can also volunteer in the Guild, University and local community. Our students have the opportunity to volunteer through the Guild and give their time to thousands of different projects. These opportunities are flexible, meaning you can get involved and boost your CV while also focusing on your studies.

The Guild hosts a wide range of events and workshops for you to develop your academic and vocational skills including Employability Fairs, workshops and specific postgraduate networking events and masterclasses.

**KYROS HADJISERGIS**,

LLM International Law: Crime, Justice and Human Rights



'As University Director of Postgraduates, I strive to ensure that all postgraduate taught students have an outstanding student experience.'

**ANDY HODDER**, University Director of Postgraduates (PGT)  
University Graduate School

## SUPPORT

The Guild is also here to support you by offering free, impartial and confidential advice, helping you adjust to life in Birmingham, make friends in halls and make the most of living in the student community. The Guild offers specific welfare support for mature or part-time students, as well as Global Buddies, a scheme to help international students settle into university life.



Once you graduate, our global community of over 300,000 alumni includes people living in more than 190 countries around the world. We have alumni groups from the USA to Hong Kong, that provide the chance to keep in touch with fellow alumni locally, share memories and build valuable professional connections.



# WHICH PROGRAMME SHOULD YOU CHOOSE?

With more than 600 taught programmes and a range of research opportunities to choose from, Birmingham is one of the most popular UK universities for postgraduate study.



Which programme should you choose? | Routes into research at Birmingham



# WHICH PROGRAMME SHOULD YOU CHOOSE?

We recognise that in an increasingly fast-paced world, flexibility in terms of how and where you undertake your studies is important. Our portfolio of programmes offers a modern solution for today's postgraduate students.

From part-time and distance learning options through to microcredentials, short courses and degree programmes taught by our faculty overseas, we offer a range of opportunities to suit your personal or professional needs. Learn more about your options in this section and find out how to apply.

## MASTERS-LEVEL TAUGHT PROGRAMMES

These are usually one year in length (and a minimum of two years if taken part-time). Comprising a number of modules, they are assessed by a combination of coursework, examination and dissertation, and lead to the award of a Masters qualification.

Our **taught Masters** programmes are the next step after undergraduate study and can be pursued to further your knowledge and expertise, to prepare for a research degree, to gain a vocational qualification or even to change careers.

## DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

We offer a new education route bringing together university study and the invaluable, on-the-job training typical of an apprenticeship. Level 7 (postgraduate) degree apprenticeships support lifelong learning and are suitable if you want to take your career to the next level through Continuing Professional Development (CPD) opportunities.

These programmes are taught on a part-time basis and are suitable for you if you are already employed in a managerial role.



Find out more about degree apprenticeships, both as a student or as an employer, on our website: [www.birmingham.ac.uk/degreeapprenticeships](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/degreeapprenticeships)

## SHORT COURSES AND 'MICROCREDENTIALS'

To adapt to the changing needs of our students, we now offer some of our programme modules '**unbundled**' from the Masters programme, or as **standalone, short course options**.

These microcredentials allow you to select modules from our existing programmes as short courses, paying per module, completing an assessment and achieving 10–20 credits per course. You can also choose from a growing list of standalone, bespoke short courses, offered independently and exclusively outside of our normal timetable.

You can use these microcredentials as recognition of prior learning when applying to postgraduate certificates, diplomas or Masters-level programmes. [www.birmingham.ac.uk/shortcourses](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/shortcourses)



'The teaching is top class, all our professors are always open to debate over every aspect of the curriculum and it is very enriching. I love how we have a very active role in the course, from choosing our own text to translate, to analysing and justifying every activity; none of it is passive learning.'

EMMA, MA Translation Studies



# WHICH PROGRAMME SHOULD YOU CHOOSE?

## TYPES OF TAUGHT COURSES AVAILABLE

You will accumulate 180 credits in each full year of study on a Masters-level course. Credits are acquired by taking compulsory and optional modules, with each 20 credit module equivalent to 30-35 hours' learning per semester. This is delivered through a combination of independent study and contact time in lectures and seminars. Modules may be based around a single subject or a small part of a much broader area.



### Postgraduate microcredential

**Standalone**  
(10–20 credits)

**Unbundled module**  
(10–20 credits)

### Full programmes

**Postgraduate Certificate**  
(60 credits)

**Postgraduate Diploma**  
(120 credits)

**Masters degree**  
(180 credits)



## LOOKING TO CHANGE CAREER DIRECTION?

Interested in postgraduate study in a new subject area? As you progress through your career and you gain new experiences, or change your personal circumstances, you may realise that the career path that you once decided upon is no longer the way you want to go.

Explore what alternative routes may be available to you with your current undergraduate qualifications, or find out what may be an option with no prior knowledge required.

[www.birmingham.ac.uk/changingdirection](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/changingdirection)

'Coming from a life science background, I completely changed my career and was curious how I'd find entering the industry. I couldn't be happier in my new role with Gymshark and I have the advice and support of the course leaders during and after the course to thank for that.'

**SUMAYA**, who changed career from care assistant to junior frontend developer at Gymshark.



'Engineering and business have always been connected, and I wanted to build my career in marketing. A conversion course gave me marketing knowledge that I lacked before and polished my mathematical, analytical and project management skills – an advantage in the increasingly digital and data-driven practices of marketing.'

**APRIL**,  
MSc Strategic Marketing and Consulting alumna



# WHICH PROGRAMME SHOULD YOU CHOOSE?

## MASTERS-LEVEL RESEARCH PROGRAMMES

A **combined research and taught Masters**, such as the MRes, is often taken as a stepping stone to doctoral study. These combined programmes will provide you with taught modules to increase your knowledge of a subject, and the opportunity to complete an extended research thesis with the appropriate training and supervision.

A **research Masters**, such as the MSc by Research, is a good way to investigate a topic in greater depth, to prove your capacity for undertaking research and/or to demonstrate your suitability to progress to a doctoral degree.

## DOCTORAL RESEARCH PROGRAMMES

These involve the completion of original academic research. They also include research skills training that will equip you to become an independent researcher, capable of advancing knowledge in your field.

**Doctoral degrees**, such as the PhD, are the highest level of academic qualification, for which you will conduct original research and make a contribution to a field of knowledge. Doctoral researchers often teach undergraduate classes during their degree programme and you will usually contribute to the research life of your department by presenting papers at seminars and conferences.



Once you have decided which level and type of degree is most appropriate for you, you can find more details on the programmes, support and funding for each level of study on our course finder pages at: [www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgcourses](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgcourses)

## DECIDE YOUR MODE OF STUDY

Flexibility in the mode of learning enables you to undertake learning and assessment through different methods and formats. On some of our courses, you can choose which mode of study you take, whether it is campus-based, block delivery, blended or distance learning. Some courses are offered by more than one mode and you may be able to transfer from one mode to another.

### FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME?

Although full-time study is still the most common choice for our students, we know that many of our postgraduates, for professional, family or financial reasons, prefer to take their degree course on a part-time basis, either on campus or through distance (online) learning. Some of our programmes now offer these options. Please note that due to visa restrictions, international students (currently those from non-EU/EEA countries) studying on campus are normally only eligible for full-time study.

### DISTANCE LEARNING?

If you have commitments that don't allow you to study via the standard on-campus mode, or you prefer an online learning format, then you may like to consider applying for a distance learning programme (a mode of study that is sometimes also referred to as distance education). The main advantage of studying by distance learning is its flexibility. You can study at home, in your own time and at your own pace, so you can combine achieving a qualification with work or family commitments.



'The challenging yet inspiring part for me? Don't expect that your tutors will give answers to all of your questions. You are encouraged to uncover answers in your field as part of the research community. Of course, you will receive all the necessary support to learn how.'

AYA, MA Education alumna



We also offer programmes at our Dubai campus, as well as in Singapore, in partnership with the Singapore Institute of Management (SIM). [www.birmingham.ac.uk/dubai](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/dubai)

# RESEARCH PROGRAMMES AT BIRMINGHAM

Our research programmes involve the completion of original academic research, or a piece of scholarship, which you will conduct under expert supervision from a Birmingham academic. You will also be supported by a thriving academic community of internationally renowned research staff and talented research peers, alongside research skills training.

## ROUTES INTO RESEARCH AT BIRMINGHAM

You have the opportunity to pursue research at either Masters or doctoral level through our suite of programmes and qualifications, depending on your background and career plans.

There are, generally, two routes to a Birmingham research degree:

You can apply to an 'advertised PhD', which means it is part of an established research project and is usually funded by the University or other funding body. Generally, advertised PhDs are associated with the physical and life sciences subjects. Some advertised PhDs will be pre-defined but some may require you to propose your own research.

Apply to any of our PhD programmes and propose your own research that is 'self-funded' (by you, a sponsor, or other sources not explicitly attached to the PhD on application). Usually you submit a research proposal and identify your proposed supervisor. These are generally associated with the arts and social sciences.

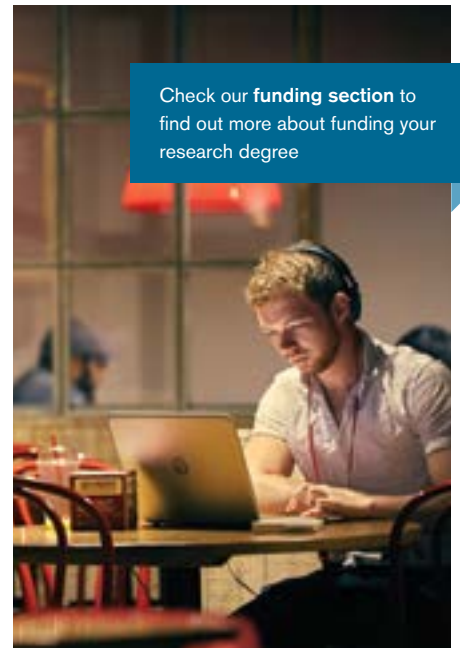
### IF YOU ARE APPLYING TO AN ADVERTISED PhD

Find and identify your project via our advertised PhDs database:  
[www.birmingham.ac.uk/findaphd](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/findaphd)

### IF YOU ARE PROPOSING YOUR OWN RESEARCH

Begin your supervisor search via our staff search, where you can view research interests:  
[www.birmingham.ac.uk/findasupervisor](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/findasupervisor)

Check our **funding section** to find out more about funding your research degree



A Masters-level research degree is a good way to prove your capacity for undertaking research and many students progress on to PhD study afterwards after demonstrating their suitability.



# FUNDING YOUR DEGREE

We have invested more than £33 million in student support and scholarships to help you to pursue postgraduate study. You will have access to a range of resources and advice to help you find funding and manage your finances while you are studying.



# FEES, FUNDING AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YOUR MASTERS

We understand that continuing your education to postgraduate level is a significant financial commitment. We aim to provide you with information on all the associated costs so there are no surprises once you begin your course.



Find out more:  
[www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgfees](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgfees)

## WHAT DOES IT COST?

### Tuition fees for your course

Tuition fees vary depending on the course you choose and whether you are a home (UK) or an international student. Taught Masters programmes generally cost an annual fee of at least £9,500 with some programmes costing more. You can find details of the tuition fees for individual courses on our website.

### How to pay your fees

You can choose to pay your tuition fees in full or make monthly or termly instalment payments using the University direct debit scheme from a UK bank account on our website.

## POSTGRADUATE MASTERS LOAN

The Postgraduate Masters Loan is available to all UK students and those joining us from Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland can also access Masters loans through their respective governments. The loan is usually a contribution towards the cost of study and is available across all subject areas for full-time, part-time and distance learning Masters programmes, as long as you don't already have a Masters qualification (or equivalent).

[www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgtloan](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgtloan)



Government funding may be available to cover UK tuition fees in the following areas:

- Initial Teacher Training
- Social work – through a social work bursary
- Medical or healthcare courses – through an NHS bursary

[www.gov.uk/funding-for-postgraduate-study](http://www.gov.uk/funding-for-postgraduate-study)

## MASTERS SCHOLARSHIPS

We support our students to flourish in their careers, providing subject and University scholarships, as well as providing you with support on alternative ways to fund your degree.

Our Birmingham Masters Scholarship is our flagship award of £1,500 for more than 300 students. We award this each year to the best candidates, to ensure we welcome the brightest talent for postgraduate study.



'The scholarship has meant that I have been able to afford to attend University without needing to undertake a near full-time job, and I have used this time to not only focus on my studies but also engage with additional activities on the course, such as attending site visits.'

**KAMIL,**  
MSc Urban and Regional Planning

## SEARCHING FOR FUNDING?

Use our funding and scholarships database to find sources of funding that may be available to you. The search and filters enable you to find all University and third-party scholarships for which you are eligible to apply:

[www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgfunding](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgfunding)



# FEES, FUNDING AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YOUR RESEARCH DEGREE

There are many ways to finance your research degree; from scholarships and studentships to loans and partial funding from other sources. Below, we will explore your options, although you can find many more sources online via our funding database.



Find out more:  
[www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgfees](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgfees)

We offer scholarships to support research postgraduates to invest in their future, along with a number of funded studentships providing generous support.



You can find our University scholarships, usually aligned with our areas of focus for research, on our website:

[www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgscholarships](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgscholarships)

## RESEARCH COUNCIL FUNDING (UKRI)

There are seven government-funded research councils, known jointly as UKRI (United Kingdom Research and Innovation) that offer financial support to postgraduate students:

- AHRC (Arts and Humanities Research Council)
- BBSRC (Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council)
- ESRC (Economic and Social Research Council)
- EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council)
- MRC (Medical Research Council)
- NERC (Natural Environment Research Council)
- STFC (Science and Technology Facilities Council)

Full UKRI awards cover the cost of tuition fees and also provide a maintenance grant to support you during your studies. Find out more about our funded centres and partnerships at [www.birmingham.ac.uk/researchcouncils](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/researchcouncils)

## WHAT DOES IT COST?

### Tuition fees for your course

Tuition fees are charged annually. We use **at least** the minimum fee level recommended by UKRI for our research-level fees. The fee level for 2021–22 is £4,500. You can find your course fees on our website or in the course directory. There may also be additional costs associated with field trips, travel and undertaking research off-campus.

### How to pay your fees

You can choose to pay your tuition fees in full or make monthly or termly instalment payments using the University direct debit scheme from a UK bank account.

'I was awarded a Global Challenges PhD Scholarship, which includes a monthly PhD stipend, and covers university fees and a budget for research costs. This has enabled me to conduct my fieldwork in Pakistan, enhancing my ability to tackle key challenges in global youth mental health. The scheme has also helped strengthen relationships with local organisations and other early-career researchers working in low- and middle-income countries.'

**MARGARET,**  
Global Challenges Doctoral Researcher



# FEES, FUNDING AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YOUR RESEARCH DEGREE

## POSTGRADUATE DOCTORAL LOAN

The Postgraduate Doctoral Loan is a new government loan that you can use to help with course fees and living costs. UK nationals who normally reside in England can borrow up to £27,265 if your course starts on or after 1 August 2021, that will be divided equally across each year of your course. Your course can be full- or part-time and last between three and eight academic years.

[www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgdloan](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgdloan)



## APPLYING FOR FUNDING

Funding support for PhD study can be provided in different ways, with some covering the programme fees and including a stipend (maintenance costs), while others may simply be a one-off financial award.

Your first consideration for funding should be our advertised PhDs, UKRI (United Kingdom Research and Innovation) or the many funding bodies listed on our Postgraduate Funding database.



### SEARCHING FOR FUNDING?

Use our funding and scholarships database to find sources of funding that may be available to you:

[www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgfunding](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgfunding)

There are two main ways to fund your PhD:

**1 Apply for a PhD that already has funding attached.** These are most common in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Medicine) subjects, but they can sometimes be available for pre-defined research projects in the arts, humanities or social sciences. These may be advertised as fully funded (with fees and a stipend) or competition funded, meaning the projects compete against other projects at each institution. Search funded projects: [www.birmingham.ac.uk/findaphd](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/findaphd)

**2 Self-fund, or search for funding or a studentship once you have an offer.** You devise your own PhD topic, find a supervisor, write a research proposal and apply to the relevant programme. If you're offered a place at Birmingham, you can then apply for studentships or funding from various sources. If you need more help to understand research funding, projects and how the process works, use our online guide: [www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgfundingexplained](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgfundingexplained)

## ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF FUNDING

There are other ways you can find funding for your degree, such as from charities, trusts and foundations. These range from large medical societies and charities through to very small organisations. Visit this page to find out more: [www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgcharitiesfund](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgcharitiesfund)



# HOW TO APPLY

Applying to our postgraduate courses is an easy, online process. Formal applications are made directly to us using our online course finder, but the process will vary depending on your programme and how it has been advertised. In these pages, find out more about the application process for each level of study.

# THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Before you begin your formal application, read the guidance below and make sure you follow our step-by-step guide to applying to either our taught or research programmes on the following pages.



Once you have submitted your application, you will be able to track its progress at every stage of the admissions process, update your personal information, view decisions and accept any offers you may receive.

Choose your level and course using our online tools:

[www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgcourses](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgcourses)



## International students

If you require a visa to study in the United Kingdom, you will need to apply by 1 July 2022 for programmes starting in September 2022. We are not able to consider applications for these programmes made after this date.

## YOUR DOCUMENTS

All documents must be in English or have a certified translation. If you provide documents by uploading them into the online postgraduate application system (found through course finder) and are made an offer, you will be required to send certified copies or original documents as a condition of the offer.

Visit our website for information and guidance on document submission and the full application process at Birmingham: [www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgapply](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgapply)

We recommend you supply all of the following documents at the point of submitting your application to ensure that there are no delays:

- Your academic transcripts and any other supporting material
- If not submitted within the application form, a personal statement explaining why you are interested in studying your chosen programme
- If required, additional information to be submitted such as a CV or a sample of work (this will be stated within the application form)
- If English is not your first language, a certificate to show competency in the English language will be required (see next page)
- Your research proposal (if required)

## ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

Before you apply, please visit our website to view essential information for all applicants: [www.birmingham.ac.uk/applicantinformation](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/applicantinformation)

If the University makes you an offer, and you decide to accept it, a contract will be formed between you and the University.

The website includes important terms, conditions and requirements that will apply to that contract, and on which the University will rely in its future relationship with you. It is essential that you read them carefully.

Information set out in the prospectus and on the University website is accurate at the date of publication (September 2021).





# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To gain a place at Birmingham, you will need to meet the specific entry requirements for your chosen course.

Our postgraduate programmes usually require a good Honours degree (normally a 2:1 or above), or an equivalent qualification if you were educated outside the UK. There may also be additional requirements, such as prior or practising work experience.

If you are applying for a PhD, then you may also need to hold a good Masters qualification, however, for some programmes, this may not be a requirement.

Specific entry requirements for individual courses can be found in the course directory, in supplementary subject brochures or online via our website: [www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgcourses](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgcourses)

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES

If you do not have the required level of English, you can enrol on one of our preessional English programmes before the start of the academic year, delivered by our Birmingham International Academy. Passing the appropriate programme means you will automatically meet the English language requirements of your offer and can progress to your academic studies here. [www.birmingham.ac.uk/bia](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/bia)

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

If your first language is not English then you will need to demonstrate that you have a high level of written and spoken English by providing evidence of an English language qualification. Certificates should be no more than two years old at the time of admission.

The table below details the IELTS or TOEFL scores you will need but we also accept other qualifications.

Check the equivalency of other language qualifications on our website: [www.birmingham.ac.uk/intreqs](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/intreqs)

ACADEMIC AREA	IELTS	TOEFL
Engineering, Science	6.0 with no less than 5.5 in any band	80 with no less than 19 in Reading, Listening and Writing, and 21 in Speaking
Arts*, Business Economics, International Business, and Management, Dentistry, Education (taught), Health Sciences, Medicine, Public Policy, Social Sciences	6.5 with no less than 6.0 in any band	88 with no less than 21 in Reading and Writing, 20 in Listening and 22 in Speaking
ClinPsyD, Education (research), Law, Business (see exceptions with lower requirements above)	7.0 with no less than 6.5 in any band	95 with no less than 22 in any band

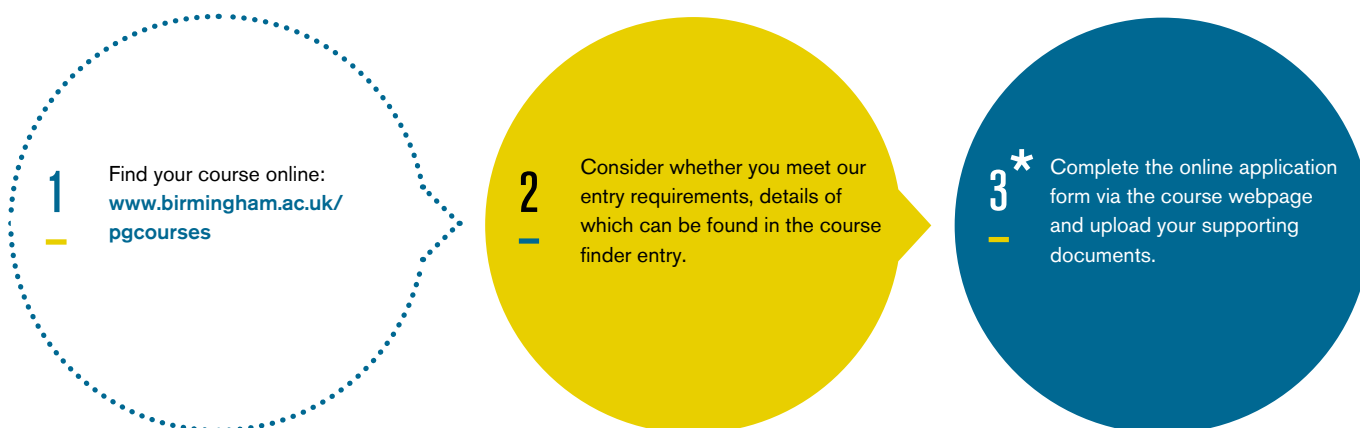
\*Some programmes require higher grades. Please see individual course entry requirements for further details.



# APPLYING FOR A TAUGHT PROGRAMME

Formal applications for taught programmes are made directly to us using the course finder: [www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgcourses](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgcourses)

Applying for a taught programme usually involves three easy steps:



\* Some taught courses may charge a £50 application fee. For further information, visit [www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgappfee](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgappfee)

## APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Please note that some programmes may close early if places are filled, or to meet specific deadlines for external partners.

### September 2022 programmes

UK: 31 August 2022

International students (requiring a visa):

1 July 2022

## ARE YOU APPLYING FOR TEACHER TRAINING OR SOCIAL WORK PROGRAMMES?

Register and apply for our Social Work programmes through UCAS, which usually opens in September.

To apply to our Initial Teacher Training programmes you will need to use the new DfE Apply service, which opens on 12 October.





# APPLYING FOR A RESEARCH PROGRAMME

At Birmingham, there are generally two routes to a research degree. Follow the application steps on this page, or next, depending on your preferred route.

## APPLYING FOR AN 'ADVERTISED PhD'

You can apply to an 'advertised PhD', which means it is part of an established research project and is usually funded by the University or other funding body. Generally, advertised PhDs are associated with the physical and life sciences subjects.



Find your course online:  
[www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgcourses](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgcourses)

Search our advertised PhDs:  
[www.birmingham.ac.uk/findaphd](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/findaphd)



1

Find and identify your project via our advertised PhDs database  
[www.birmingham.ac.uk/findaphd](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/findaphd)

2

Apply via course finder to the relevant PhD subject area. You may be applying to the specific project or be asked to apply to a larger subject area and identify the project title within your application.

3

Prepare your statement and supporting documents.

4


Submit your application online via course finder and upload your supporting documents.



# APPLYING FOR A RESEARCH PROGRAMME

## APPLY TO PROPOSE YOUR OWN RESEARCH

You can propose your own research rather than joining an existing research project. You will need to submit a research proposal to conduct a unique piece of research and identify your proposed supervisor. Funding can be found from other sources such as scholarships, charities, loans and self-finance. Generally, these PhDs are associated with the arts and social sciences.

 Search for a potential supervisor:  
[www.birmingham.ac.uk/  
findasupervisor](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/findasupervisor)

1

Choose which research degree (PhD, MA/MSc by Research or MRes) and consider the research area and themes.

2

Begin your supervisor search  
[www.birmingham.ac.uk/  
findasupervisor](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/findasupervisor)

3

Consult with a potential supervisor or department.

4

Explore your funding options:  
[www.birmingham.ac.uk/  
pgfunding](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgfunding)

5

Write your research proposal using our online advice ([www.birmingham.ac.uk/  
proposalwriting](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/proposalwriting)).

6

Submit your application via course finder and upload your supporting documents, including your research proposal and potential supervisor name(s).

## WRITING YOUR RESEARCH PROPOSAL

A research proposal is a concise and coherent summary of your proposed research. It is a key part of your application, on which potential supervisors will decide if your research is something they can support.

We've provided help and advice for each of the steps of writing your proposal here: [www.birmingham.ac.uk/proposalwriting](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/proposalwriting)





# FIND YOUR PERFECT POSTGRADUATE DEGREE

Over the next pages you will find information on the programmes you have selected. You can find out more about fees, study options and modules available.


## HOW TO USE OUR COURSE PAGES

Programmes are sorted by level, identifying the Masters, Masters-level research and doctoral research options by colour. Visit the website, or send an email, using the details listed on the page to get more information on your chosen programme.

The typical duration of study for each level can be found in the adjacent table.

Where the length of programme does not fit the standard duration, the programme length will be listed in brackets.

Full-time fees are listed for UK/Ireland and international students. Normally, fees for a PG Diploma or Certificate are two-thirds or one-third of the Masters fee, respectively. Part-time fees are pro-rata (or a proportion of the full-time fee) or may be charged on a modular basis.

 To explore our courses, view further module information, course delivery and assessment, and to apply, use our Course finder: [www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgcourses](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgcourses)

LEVEL	FULL-TIME (FT)	PART-TIME (PT)
PGDip	Usually 8 months to 1 year	Minimum 12 months
MA MSc	Usually 1 year	Usually 2 years
MPhil	Usually 2 years	Usually 4 years
PhD	Usually 3 years (plus writing up)	Usually 6 years (plus writing up)



# FIRST-HAND ADVICE FROM STUDENTS AND STAFF

If you still have questions or want to explore something in-depth, we have lots of resources available. Take part in online events, ask questions to our current students and alumni and read our students' blogs to get an insight into postgraduate study. You can also join us for campus tours and our open days on campus, to get a taste of Birmingham.

## POSTGRADUATE OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 20  
NOVEMBER 2021

WEDNESDAY 16  
MARCH 2022

**1 MEET US:**  
Take small, guided tours of our campus with our students and get a first-hand account of studying with us.  
[birmingham.ac.uk/pgcampustours](http://birmingham.ac.uk/pgcampustours)

**2 BLOGS:**  
Read about our students' experiences of postgraduate study and living in Birmingham.  
[pg.bham.ac.uk/blog](http://pg.bham.ac.uk/blog)

**3 ASK US:**  
Ask a specific student or staff member a question about postgraduate study any time.  
[pg.bham.ac.uk/ask](http://pg.bham.ac.uk/ask)

**4 LIVE CHAT:**  
Live chat with our Postgraduate team between 10.00am–4.00pm UK time, Monday to Friday.

**5 ENQUIRIES:**  
Make an enquiry through a course page and our programme teams will help to answer your questions.

**6 ONLINE EVENTS:**  
Chat with our current students and academic staff about studying and living in Birmingham.  
[pg.bham.ac.uk/events](http://pg.bham.ac.uk/events)



Visit our website to find the options above:  
[www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgadvice](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgadvice)



# MEET US

A prospectus can only tell you so much. The best way to find out what Birmingham can offer you as a postgraduate student is to see for yourself.



Find all events, fairs and online chats on our website:  
[www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgvisit](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgvisit)

## POSTGRADUATE OPEN DAYS

Campus open days are an excellent way to explore the campus and local accommodation and you can also speak with our expert support and academic staff to find out more about Birmingham and your course.



Our next date is:

- Saturday 20 November 2021
- Wednesday 16 March 2022



## ONLINE EVENTS

We run regular online Q&A sessions where you can chat to current students, academics and members of the postgraduate recruitment team about studying at Birmingham, as well as watch interviews with academics, current staff and alumni.

## CAMPUS TOURS

We run small, guided tours of our campus, during which you will be shown around by a postgraduate student. This is a great opportunity to get first-hand advice and network with current students.

Advance booking is essential:  
[www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgtours](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/pgtours)





# HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

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Live chat with our Postgraduate team between 10.00am–4.00pm UK time, Monday to Friday.

You can also email us:  
[pg@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:pg@contacts.bham.ac.uk)

