PORECAMP Information

How to find us

Venue address:
Centre for Computational Biology (CCB Building)
University of Birmingham
Edgbaston
Birmingham
B15 2TT

The University is located just over two miles from the city centre and is just off Bristol Road. This major artery is a continuation of the M6 exit via the Aston Expressway and makes finding the University campus fairly straightforward. The University also has its own train station (called 'University') which is two stops from the main train station at New Street.

Travelling by car

Approaching from the north west or south east along the M6
- Leave at Junction 6 (signposted Birmingham Central) to join the A38(M)
- At the end of the motorway, keep to the right, go over a flyover (Aston Expressway), then through several underpasses to join the A38 Bristol Road
- The University is on your right, two and a half miles from the city centre
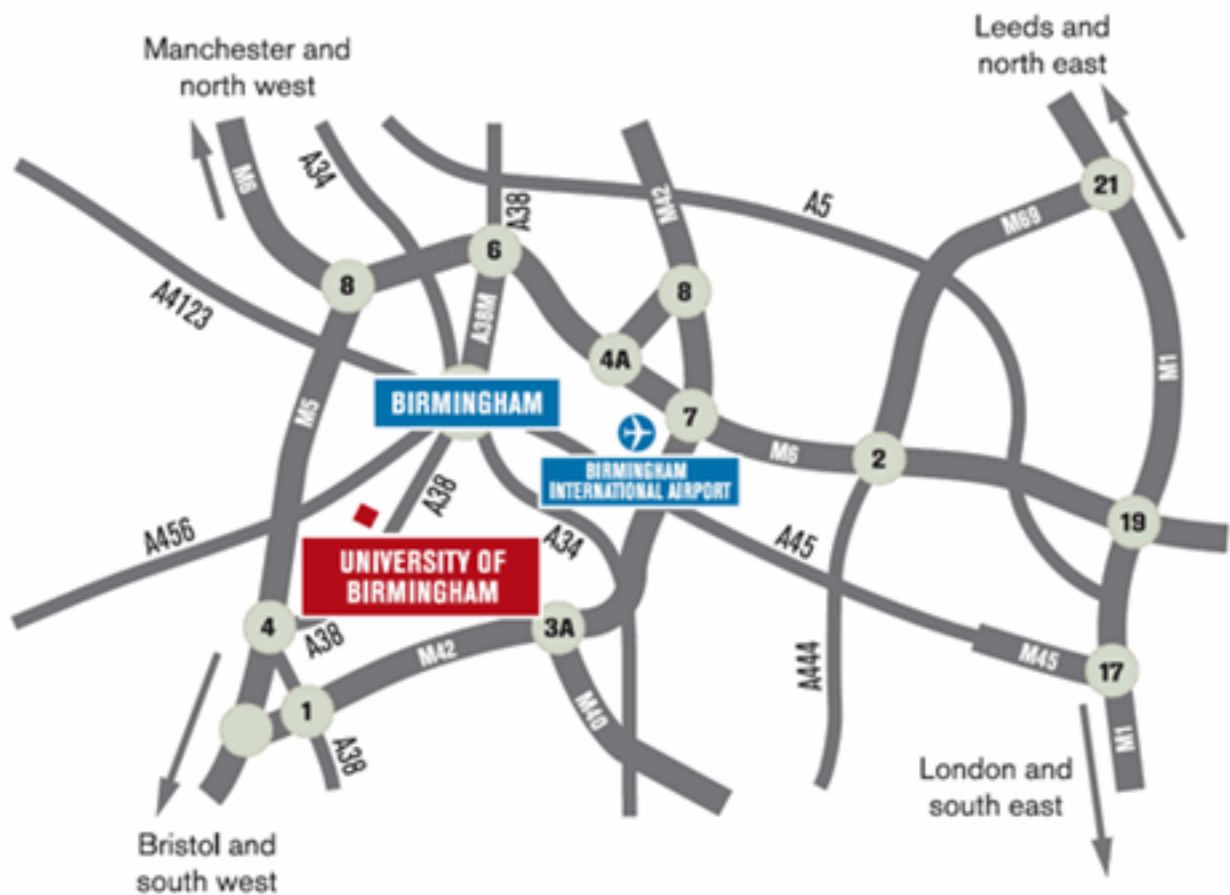
Approaching from the M42 north:
- Leave at Junction 8 to join the M6 northbound and follow the instructions above

Approaching from the south west:
- Leave the M5 at Junction 4 signposted Birmingham SW) to join the A38
- The University is approximately eight miles from the motorway

Approaching from the M40:
- It is easier to turn south on the M42 and leave at Junction 1, heading north on the A38 Bristol Road
- The University is approximately eight miles from the motorway

Visitor car parking

Visitors to campus are required to park in any of the three pay & display car parks as well as the new multi-storey 'pay on exit' known as the North East Car Park. Locations are:

- North East Car Park (access via Pritchatts Road) Sat Nav Postcode B15 2SA

- North Car Park (access via Pritchatts Rd) Sat Nav Postcode B15 2SB

- Pritchatts Road Car Park (at the junction with Vincent Drive) Sat Nav Postcode B15 2QU

- Grange Road Car Park (Main Campus) Sat Nav Postcode B15 2TT (for access to the campus)

The first three car parks above are peripheral car parks and can be accessed without entering the main campus. Visitor charges are:
- Up to 1 hour £2.00
- 1-3 hours £3.00
- 3-5 hours £4.00
- 5-8 hours £6.00

By rail

Most cross-country services to Birmingham arrive at New Street Station. Up to six trains an hour depart for the University on the cross-city line (ten minutes to University station, final destination Longbridge or Redditch). The centre of the main campus is a five-minute walk from University Station – turn left out of the station, walking straight ahead past the large 'Faraday' statue. Keep walking straight ahead until you see the Haworth building on your right and a sign for the "Centre for Computational Biology". Press the button for access.

By bus

Numbers 61, X62 and 63 travel to the University's Edgbaston and Selly Oak campuses, while the 76, 98 and 99 serve the Medical School and Queen Elizabeth Hospital. The services all run frequently from the city centre.

Online bus timetables for 61, X62 and 63 are available on the National Express West Midlands website at http://nxbus.co.uk/west-midlands/. There is a travel information office outside New Street Station, where you can obtain bus timetables and departure point information. Maps can be found throughout the city centre indicating bus stop locations.

By coach

There are frequent express coach services to Birmingham from London, Heathrow and Gatwick Airports, and many UK cities. The long-distance coach station is in Digbeth in the city centre.

Digbeth coach station is a short walk from New Street train station. Ask at the coach station for directions to New Street and then either catch the local train service to University station or catch the bus as described above. There are also taxi ranks available.

Interactive campus map available at:http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/contact/directions/map.aspx

Edgbaston campus map here:

http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/Documents/university/edgbaston-campus-map.pdf

Pre-Course Preparation

Please bring a Wifi-enabled laptop with an SSH client preinstalled (for Windows we recommend PuTTy, Mac already has SSH installed). Please ensure that you have administrative rights to install new software on the laptop.

Course Events and Dinners

On Monday and Thursday night we will host a dinner with the speakers. On Tuesday and Wednesday nights students should organise their own dinner in town.

Accommodation

Accommodation is not provided as part of the PoreCamp course.

Limited accommodation is available at the University of Birmingham hospitality centre. Venue Birmingham

Tel: 0121 414 3248 for reservations

http://www.venuebirmingham.com

In addition the city of Birmingham is serviced by a number of hotels that make access to the University of Birmingham very easy. A few recommendations are provided below, but please note that this is not an exhaustive list:

Travel Lodge (Central Broadway Plaza)	0871 984 6325 www.**travelodge**.co.uk
Novatel (Birmingham Centre), Broad Street	0121 619 9002 www.**novotel**.com/**Birmingham**-hotels
Holiday Inn (City Centre)	020 3349 9169 www.**holidayinn**.com/**Birmingham**-**City**
Ibis (New Street)	0121 619 9000 www.**ibis**.com/**Birmingham**
Jurys Inn (Broad Street)	0121 606 9000 www.**jurysinns**.com/**hotel**s/**birmingham**
Hampton by Hilton (Broad Street)	0121 329 7450 **hampton**inn3.**hilton**.com/.../**hampton-by-hilton**-**birmingham**