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National Student Survey 2019

**6**

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have studied here

**No.1**

in the north for graduate employment  
The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2020

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The Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2020

**8,443**

international students from 154 different countries

**29,666**

students in total

\*Universities with strong global reputations, involved in international research projects and having high proportions of international students and staff.

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We offer undergraduate courses across the whole range of science, engineering, medicine, arts and humanities and social sciences. Our students come from all kinds of backgrounds, from every part of the UK, and from all around the world.

Our way of doing things attracts the best minds in the world. Our staff advise governments and multinational companies. They write books and create new technologies. Their work influences policy and changes lives.

This is a university with a strong sense of purpose. Take advantage of everything it has to offer and you won't just graduate with honours – you'll graduate with insight, skills and experience that set you apart.

# Your journey starts here

You could say it began when you picked up this book. So what happens next? Well, your journey could look something like this:



# Welcome to the city you weren't expecting



Cutlery Works food hall

With a little help from some of our students, we've put together this guide to give you a sense of Sheffield's unique character, and the sheer variety of things there are to do here in this most surprising of student cities. We hope you enjoy it and book on an open day to experience Sheffield for yourself.

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# A green city

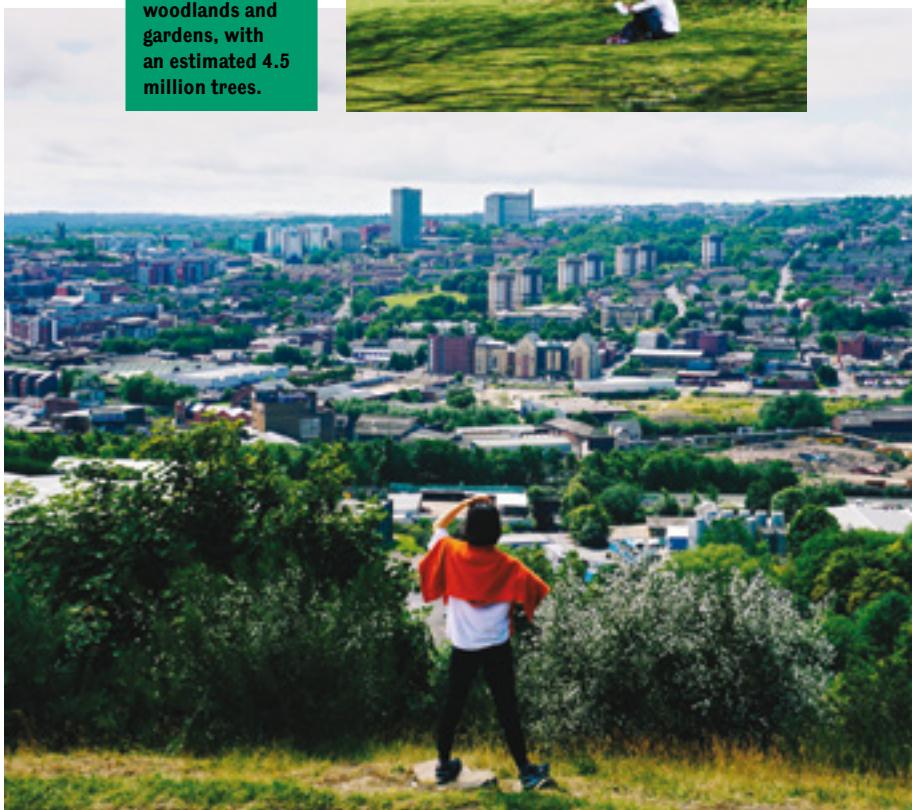
Sheffield is one of the UK's greenest cities. There are way more trees than people. Parks and green spaces are everywhere.

All this green space is great for our general health and wellbeing. It's one of the reasons Sheffield is such a popular place to live, work and study.



Photography left and opposite © Elysuk Kwon

**FACT FEED**  
250 parks,  
woodlands and  
gardens, with  
an estimated 4.5  
million trees.



# *Friends you haven't met yet*

You needn't worry about being on your own. There are over 50,000 students in the city, from all kinds of backgrounds and from every part of the world. Sheffield is famously relaxed and friendly, a major city with a community feel. You can be yourself here.

Living in University accommodation, you'll find there's a busy calendar of events to help you get to know each other. You may also want to join one of the 300 student societies (clubs) based on campus – it's a brilliant way to meet people who love the same things you do.



# Culture Festivals

**Every year Sheffield is home to more festivals than you can shake a glow-stick at, from music to climbing to documentaries, you're sure to find your crowd.**

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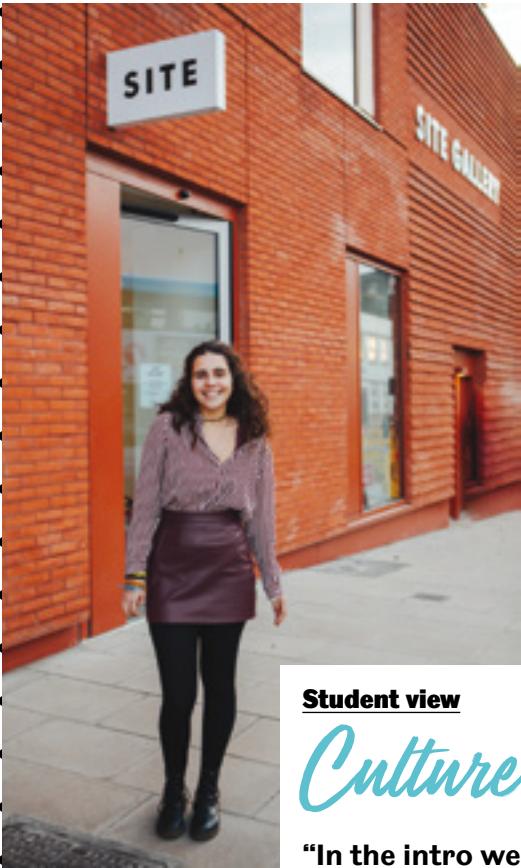
Festival highlights include

► The **Tramlines** music festival – big names and grassroots, main stage and fringe events all over the city. It's loud, it's fun, and it happens every summer. Previous headliners have included Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds, Stereophonics and the Courteeners.

► **Off The Shelf** – a festival of literature and ideas featuring some of the world's leading authors, poets and thinkers.

► **Doc/Fest** – showcasing the art of the documentary, this vital programme of screenings and talks brings filmmakers from all over the world to Sheffield.

Tramlines festival



**Student view**

## Culture

**"In the intro week there was an art tour and I encourage any prospective student to attend it, since Sheffield is a city with a lot of hidden treasures."**

Inês Santos  
Portugal  
Journalism

► The Millennium Galleries are linked to the Tate and the V&A.

► One of the largest regional theatre complexes outside London.

► World-leading classical music year-round, plus the annual Classical Weekend festival.



Lyceum theatre

# Eat well Brunch

If you like brunch, the kind of brunch that makes you feel good inside, the kind you talk about for the rest of the week, the kind that makes you want to take a picture, you're in the right city.

## ► Tamper

Where: Sellers Wheel, city.

What: Kiwi coffee culture. Try the astounding 'Rejuvenator' veggie breakfast.

## ► Depot Bakery

Where: Kelham Island.

What: Bakery supplying many of the city's best cafes now has its own.

## ► Forge Bakehouse

Where: Abbeydale Road.

What: So much to say, but we're just going to say: huevos rancheros.

## ► Lucky Fox

Where: Division Street, city.

What: Brooklyn-style diner. Waffles with fruit, toast with wonderful things on.

## ► Four Corners

Where: Abbeydale Road

What: Globe-wandering taste adventure taking in California, South America and India.



# Eat well

Eating on a student budget is really easy and there are lots of affordable places around campus. Within 30 minutes walk from campus there are restaurants from around the globe – Chinese, Italian, Caribbean, Thai, Lebanese, Japanese as well as British/American food.

Having all these options is great for the adventurous eater and for international students, there is bound to be a place that reminds you of home.

Kelci Vittachi  
Hong Kong  
Landscape Architecture

## FIVE FAVES

### ▶ Proove

Handmade, wood-fired, authentic pizza, near campus and student accommodation.

### ▶ Leopold Square

City centre. Zizzi's and Wagamama are here as well as Cubana (tapas) and others.

### ▶ Falafel King

It's the king of falafel! Two minutes from central campus.

### ▶ Bungalows and Bears

Quirky, cool, city centre music venue and burger joint.

### ▶ China Red

Authentic Szechuan cuisine in the heart of Sheffield.



# Shopping

**Sheffield is a major city, so you'll find most of the big national brands represented. You'll also find quirky, independent originals as well as high-end designer stores.**



Image courtesy of Meadowhall



Above: Cow, vintage fashion  
Left: Meadowhall, home to all the big name stores  
Below: Moonko in the city centre





#### Student view

## Shopping

**Cooking for yourself – and your friends.**

**At the Moor Market, there are lots of different traders, all very knowledgeable in their fields and able to help with cooking ideas! It's better value than the supermarkets and guaranteed tasty stuff – expensive items like strawberries can be as little as £1 a punnet.**

**There's also free wi-fi in the market, which is helpful when it comes to organising your shopping – to Google recipes, for example, or to contact your flatmates to see who needs what.**

**There's lots of choice and food from all over the world, like Alaoma, which sells Afro-Caribbean food such as African bread and ugwu (fluted pumpkin) which can be used to make the traditional Nigerian dish of Efo Riro.**

*Talitha Thompson  
Manchester  
Law with French Law*

# Change from a tenner

Sheffield is among the UK's top ten most affordable student cities, so student life could cost less than it might elsewhere. When you're away from home and learning to live on a budget, that change from a tenner can make all the difference.



**FACT FEED**  
UK's 7th\* MOST AFFORDABLE STUDENT CITY  
RBS Student Living Index 2019.



## ► £5.00

Sheffield Theatres tickets with Live for 5.

## ► £4.85

Ice skating with Ice Sheffield life card (£3 for one year).

## ► £6.90

Showroom Cinema student ticket.

## ► £8.00

FirstBus weekly student ticket.

## ► £3.30

University Film Unit ticket.

\*The RBS survey calculates affordability by dividing the average cost of accommodation, activities and other items by the average student income.



## Student view

There are so many amazing places to get food for under a tenner. One of my favourites is going to The Nottingham House pub for a pie. One of the best pies in Sheffield! And for only £3.30 you can watch a lot of recently released movies at the University. Film Unit Cinema shows over 50 films per semester, and they are all shown in the Nelson Mandela Auditorium.

Massimiliano Zingarelli  
Italy  
Bioengineering

*Stay active*

# Outdoor pursuits

If you're an adventurous outdoorsy person, or you've always wanted to be, you couldn't pick a better place to study. The city is so close to the Peak District National Park, you can pit yourself against the wilderness in the morning and get back in time for lunch at your favourite city café.

For skaters, mountain bikers and climbers, there are adventures to be had within the city limits too.

## FACT FEED

1/3 of the city is  
in a national park.



**Student view**

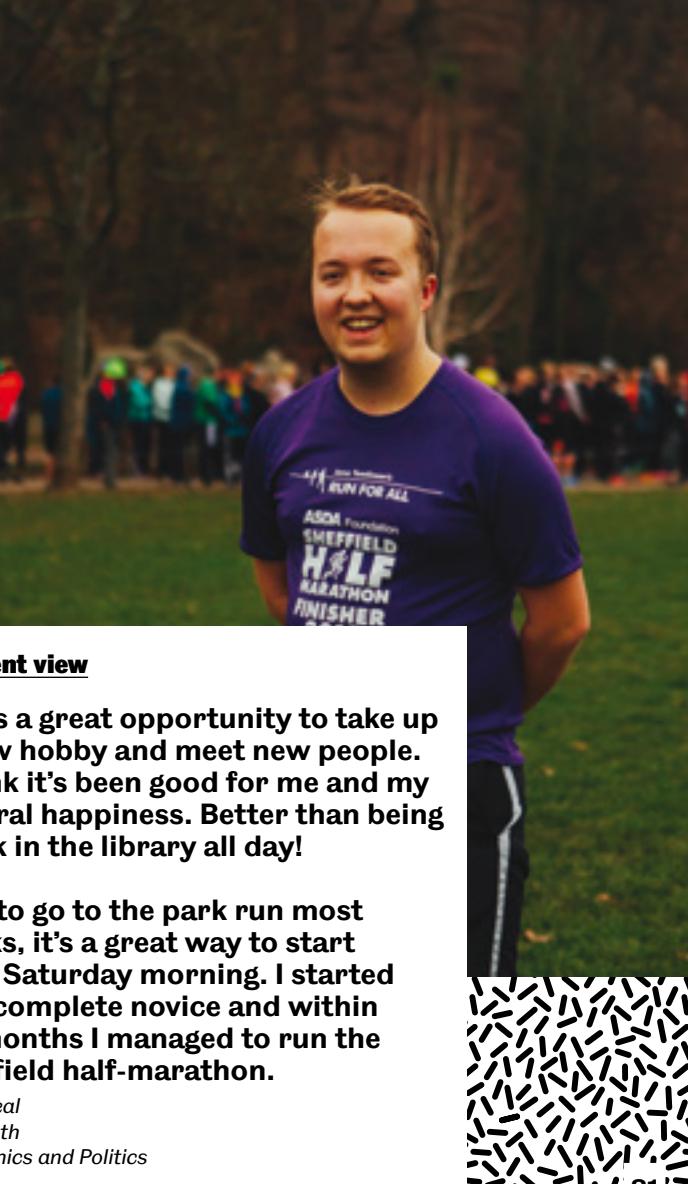
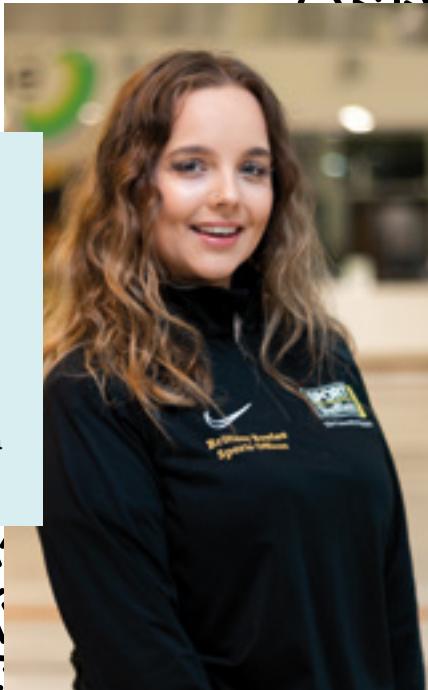
# Stay active

Considering I was never a particularly sporty person growing up, I really did not think a sports team was where I belonged. However, this couldn't be further from the truth. There is honestly something for every level and ability here. If I could give any advice to you, it would be to play a team sport. It is by far the best thing you will ever do at University!

*Brittany Bowles  
Leicestershire  
Students' Union Sports Officer*

## Get together and have fun

Our students love to get together and play all kinds of sports. Hundreds of them are in teams, playing in our sport leagues. Others just like a casual game of five-a-side once a week, or a social run. University sports facilities include floodlit football pitches, a gym and a swimming pool.

**Student view**

Uni is a great opportunity to take up a new hobby and meet new people. I think it's been good for me and my general happiness. Better than being stuck in the library all day!

I try to go to the park run most weeks, it's a great way to start your Saturday morning. I started as a complete novice and within six months I managed to run the Sheffield half-marathon.

*Stan Beal  
Plymouth  
Economics and Politics*

# Grand days out

By now you'll have gathered there's plenty to do around campus and the city – the museums, the art, the food. But you're not limited to the centre. A short bus or tram ride can take you to all sorts of interesting places.

Image courtesy of the Chatsworth House Trust



Chatsworth House



## ► Meadowhall

Over 290 stores, 50 restaurants and an 11 screen cinema.

## ► FlyDSA Arena

Home to world-class entertainment including music, sports and unique shows.

## ► Hathersage

Peak District village with award-winning pubs and an open-air swimming pool.

## ► Chatsworth House

Quite literally, a grand day out.

## ► Bakewell

Picture postcard village in the Peaks, home to the world-famous pudding.

## ► Mayfield Alpacas

Oh come on, look at that face.

Or you could hop on a train. Leeds, Manchester and Nottingham are all about an hour away. Great for a day trip or a weekend. And if you have friends studying in one of those cities, popping over for a visit is easy.

# Nights in the city

Just like in the daytime, Sheffield is a lively, creative, eclectic city after dark. There are classic pubs and swanky bars, every type of live music and some of the best club nights anywhere in the UK.

Sheffield's night scene isn't all about drinking. It's about checking out new things, expressing yourself, sharing good times with your friends and making memories. Whether you prefer a beer, a no-alcohol cocktail or a nice cup of tea, you'll find your own unforgettable places.



Image: Ali Heath/Cook courtesy of Yellow Arch



## Student view

I don't drink alcohol, but most bars in Sheffield offer a generous selection of mocktails. Bars such as Vodka Revolution and Soyo have great playlists, amazing student deals for drinks and a great atmosphere.

Kamohelo Modipa  
United Kingdom  
Medicine



**Student view**

## Nights in the city

Peddler Night Market is one of a growing number of attractions in Kelham Island, an up and coming part of Sheffield. With a wide array of street food vendors, artists and live music, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

You can visit the market on the first Friday and Saturday of each month knowing that there will be something new and interesting every time you go – it doesn't feel repetitive. There are also plenty of vegetarian and vegan options, and even a separate event, "Veg Out", selling exclusively veggie food, so no-one is left out.

Daniel Woodell  
Chipping Norton  
Economics

**FACT FEED**  
79% positive rating for diverse nightlife.  
Which? Student Survey.

# The UK's No1 Students' Union

Whatuni Student Choice Awards 2017–2019



## Giving you a voice

A students' union (SU) is run by students for students. Its officers are elected by you. When you join a university, you automatically become a member. The union is there to represent you, to stand up for your rights, and provide you with the services you want. Ours has been ranked best in the UK – not just because of club nights or bars but because it gives you a voice.

As well as being home to over 350 student-led societies, the SU houses shops, bars, club nights, places to eat, a nursery and a

cinema. It has committees to support specific student groups including LGBT+, BME, disabled and international students. The award-winning Student Advice Centre offers information and advice about your course, money, housing and immigration issues.

The SU is committed to sustainability for the long term gain of its members and the world. It's a place for everyone, where equal value and opportunities are offered to all.

### **Student view**

You'll never be at a loss for something to do here. Sheffield Volunteering allows you to walk in and find a project you feel passionate about. Give it a Go lets you try out different societies without making a commitment. Forge Media gives students the power to write, produce and present for the student newspaper, radio station and TV channel.

The Union has its own cinema and ten different food outlets. There are regular gigs and club nights, comedians and quizzes. The fast-paced lifestyle can be fun, but the Union also provides important services such as a bank, a Job Shop, help finding accommodation and advice on every aspect of student life. Day and night, it acts as a central, safe space for students, no matter who they are or what they like to do.

*Finlay Panting  
Norwich  
Computer Science & Business Management*

### **FACT FEED**

Our Students' Union was rated best in the UK for ten years in a row (2008-2018) by the Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey.



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### **► Your sustainable Union**

- Zero-waste shop**
- Vegan cafe**
- Water fountains**
- Recyclable coffee cups**

# Student societies: discover your passion

## **Student view**

During my first year, I joined a dance society and opted for the Reggaeton dance which was an absolute pleasure and a real workout. I have made some strong bonds with a couple of girls and it was also a good way of meeting new people who share the same passion.

From my point of view, first-year students should take all of the opportunities that the University offers and step out of their comfort zone!

*Demetra Neacsu  
Bucharest  
Software Engineering*

**Try before you commit**  
There are over 300 student societies at Sheffield, bringing people together, sharing their passion for everything from beekeeping, bionics, coffee and craft club to veganism, yoga and zumba. Our Give it a Go programme lets you try out various societies before making a decision. Or you could even start your own.



## **Student view**

In the acapella and beatbox society we take some of our favourite songs and recreate them using only our voices. The main choir meets once a week to rehearse and we have performances throughout the year. Some of the closest friends I've made in uni have been through acapella. We spend a lot of time together so we just end up knowing each other really well.

*Ola Sobande  
Manchester  
Chemical Engineering*

# Sheffield Varsity

Each year, students from the city's two universities compete at venues across the city region for the coveted varsity trophy. Events include a wide and diverse range of individual and team sports. Everything from road cycling, climbing and American football to the biggest ice hockey event outside of North America.

Events are enthusiastically attended by students and the wider university community. In 2019, the University of Sheffield were crowned the champions for the seventh consecutive year. Will you be part of team Black and Gold?

► **"Pride, respect, fair play and sportsmanship; this is the spirit of Varsity, and I am proud to represent my University."**

From: The Varsity Oath



## Student view

I was amazed by how dramatically emotional I was – waving, shouting and feeling the indescribable joy and overwhelming frustration, with hundreds of people sharing the same faith in our team.

Tansy Liu  
China  
Journalism



## Student view

# Sport

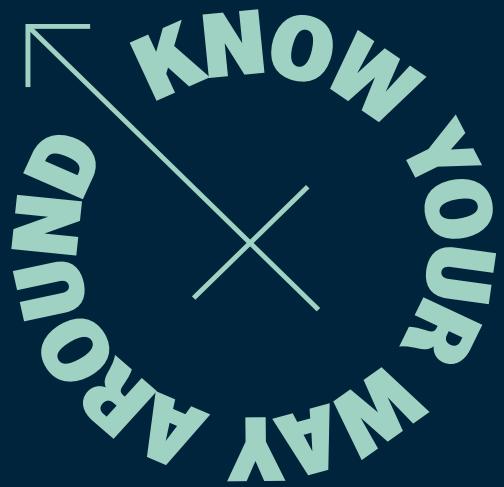
The facilities at Goodwin (the University's sports centre) are amazing. I've had professional help from the coaches there – they tailor programmes to help you improve. And being able to train on ice at Ice Sheffield at least three times a week allows me to put everything I do in the gym into practice.

My advice for new students? Take every opportunity that comes your way because in Sheffield the opportunities are endless and you don't know where it could take you. By taking every opportunity I have made Team GBU and played my first professional ice hockey game.

*Solomon Smith  
London  
Economics and Philosophy*

## FACT FEED

- Sheffield has:
- 1 ice hockey team (Go Steelers!)
- 1 basketball team (Go Sharks!)
- 2 famous football clubs (Up the Owls! Up the Blades!).



Over the next few pages, we'll try to give you a sense of where everything is and a first look at some of the areas you wouldn't normally get to know until you've lived here for a while.

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# Sheffield districts



# Campus

Our campus is part of the city's fabric. It sits between the city centre and the residential areas to the west (Broomhill, Endcliffe). Central campus is mostly pedestrianised – there are cycle routes and about 1,400 spaces for bikes. Right at the heart of campus, and the heart of student life, is the Students' Union (Page 38).



# Endcliffe and Ranmoor

**Undergraduate students are guaranteed accommodation if you make the University of Sheffield your firm choice through UCAS, or if you join us through insurance, clearing or adjustment.**

- ▶ **24-hour security**
- ▶ **Short walk to campus**
- ▶ **Near Broomhill and Ecclesall Road areas**
- ▶ **On-site cafe, shop and other facilities**

Where you live is a huge part of your university experience. Everyone has their own list of likes, dislikes and must-haves, that's why we make sure you have plenty of choice when it comes to accommodation.

You can live in an apartment, studio, or house – whatever suits your needs and budget. The accommodation at our Ranmoor/Endcliffe residences is the largest undergraduate community in Sheffield. We also have accommodation in the city centre. Wherever you choose to live you'll get the same high standard of facilities and support from our dedicated team.



# City

Sheffield has everything you'd expect to find in a major city and more. Though it's big, it's also pretty easy to get around. You can walk across the city centre, from the train station to our campus, in about 20 minutes. Or you can just hop on the tram.

As a large city, visitors are surprised by the strong sense of community here. People aren't rushing about in their own little worlds. Shoppers hold doors open for each other. Bus drivers will give you directions.

Sheffield's 50,000+ students make a massive contribution to the culture of the city. They help to make it what it is. And with two major universities – one at either end of the city centre – you'll find most places have a noticeably student-friendly vibe.



# City



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## Student view

The people in Sheffield are so friendly. I can't count how many times I've been in a full-on conversation with a complete stranger in the bank or a shop! People always seem willing to help if they can, which I love. And I love how green Sheffield is. You're never too far from a park or green space.

*Paula Ugochukwu  
London  
Journalism*



# London Road, Ecclesall Road and Sharow Vale Road



London Road is a vibrant multicultural area south of the city centre, around a 20-minute walk from campus. People come here from all over the city for the rich variety of superb restaurants and takeaways.

Ecclesall Road is hugely popular with students and locals. A short walk from campus, it's a nice place to be, packed with cafes, restaurants and independent shops.

Once you discover Sharow Vale Road, you quickly become a regular. Tucked away behind Ecclesall Road, it has one of Sheffield's favourite pubs (The Lescar), stacks of indie shops and cafes and one of the best chippies in the country (Two Steps).

Left: Bragazzi's,  
near London Road  
Right and below:  
Sharow Vale Road



# Broomhill and Crookes

## Independent living.

Broomhill is a short walk from campus, on your way to Endcliffe and Ranmoor. Crookes is just next to Broomhill. A lot of students – especially second and third years – rent houses here so they can be more independent.

Both areas have their own busy high streets with a good range of shops, from pharmacies, banks, charity shops, to zero-waste shops and supermarkets. Both are on main bus routes, with buses roughly every ten minutes to campus and the city.



Left: Residential Crookes  
Below and opposite:  
Unwrapped zero-waste  
shop, Crookes



# Kelham Island

Two minutes from campus by tram and a short walk away from the city centre, there's an award-winning urban neighbourhood waiting for you to explore.

## ▶ Cutlery Works

The biggest independent food hall in the north of England. Everything from homemade pies to Vietnamese food.

## ▶ Stew and Oyster

What it says on the tin!

## ▶ Depot Bakery

Highly instagrammable brunches.

## ▶ The Grind Café

Gastro-café serving homemade dishes with amazing salads.

## ▶ Craft and Dough

Pizza and beers.

## ▶ The Old Workshop

Drinks and small plates.

## ▶ Piña

Mexican bar and taqueria.



Photograph courtesy of Piña



Above: Piña, Left: Depot, Below: Cutlery Works



# Opportunities



## KELHAM ISLAND

- ▶ **Officially best neighbourhood 2018**  
- Urbanism awards
- ▶ **Peddler street food market**
- ▶ **Award-winning pubs**
- ▶ **Short walk to the city centre**

### **Student view**

If you love music, the regular gigs at Yellow Arch Studios – where the Arctic Monkeys began – are a great introduction to Sheffield's grass roots scene. And there are microbreweries, indie shops and art galleries in the area. But for me, Kelham Island's biggest draw is the huge variety of amazing food.

Tori Wensley  
Sheffield  
*International Criminology*

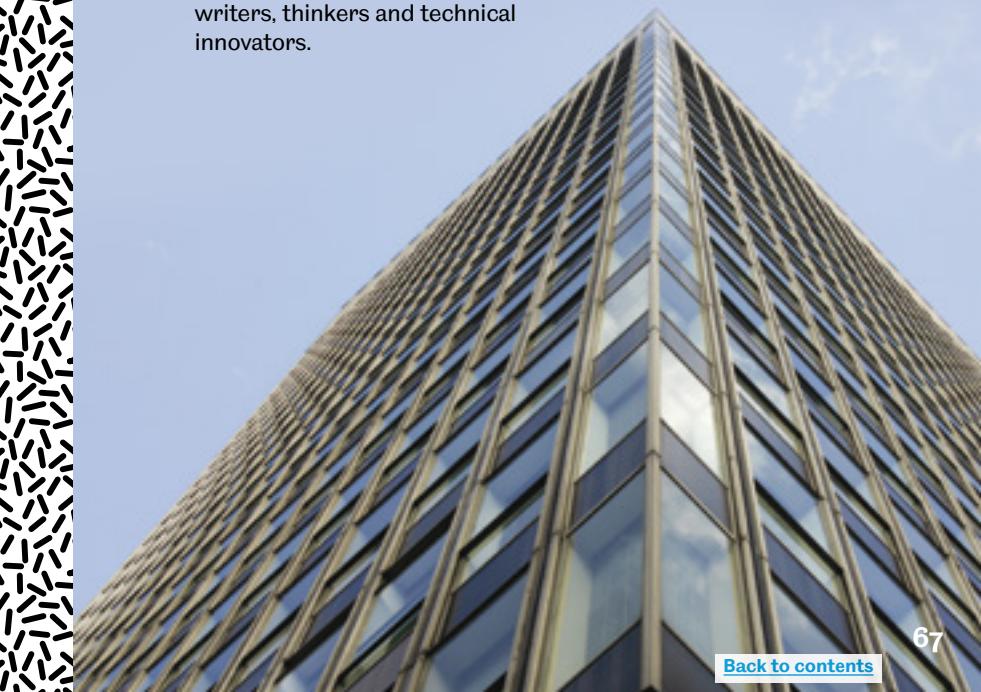
Our job is to prepare you for life, the world and the career you want.

We want you to be open to all the opportunities ahead, to be an active citizen as well as an expert in your field. The way we teach and the way we assess your work reflects this.

You'll be taught by leading researchers, professionals, writers, thinkers and technical innovators.

We'll show you how your subject knowledge can be applied at work and how research in your field makes a difference to people's lives.

We want to challenge you to achieve your very best and have a rich, rewarding career that makes a positive difference in the world.

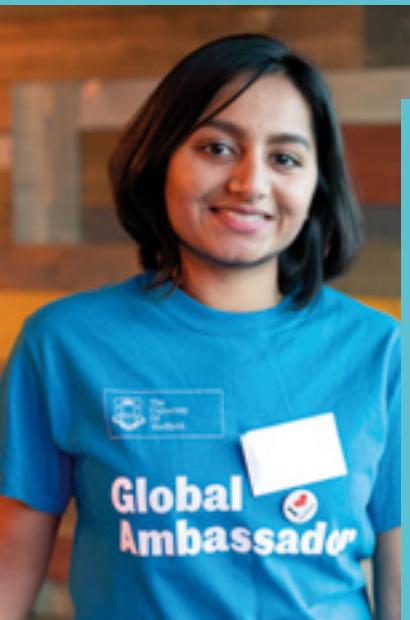


# Thinking global

Sheffield is an international university with an international outlook. Exploring other cultures is part of the experience.

Many courses give you the chance to spend time in Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Korea, New Zealand, Singapore, the USA or Europe as part of your studies. Summer schools give you the chance to study abroad during the holiday.

Most students have the option to learn another language alongside their main subject. Our Global Campus events bring students from around the world together, to make friends and learn from each other.



## Student view

**Studying abroad for a year made me a more open and outgoing person, and I gained so much from making new friends from a variety of backgrounds. It was a challenge at first but I made so many unforgettable memories and incredible friendships.**

*Miti Patel  
London  
Physics and Astrophysics*



## Student view

**I had an amazing time at a summer school in Canada and would strongly advise anybody to take advantage of this opportunity! We did lots of activities and excursions – visiting Elk Island National Park, a weekend in the Rocky Mountains, exploring Fort Edmonton Park and Alberta's Legislature Building.**

*Sophie Ashdown  
Lincolnshire  
Civil and Structural Engineering*

# Preparing for your career

What you choose to do with your life is incredibly important to us. That's why we support you throughout your course and for up to three years after you graduate.

We want you to be able to work anywhere in the world, to reach the top of your profession if that's what you want. Or to create something completely new, like your own company.

We'll listen carefully to your ambitions, your ideas and your concerns. Then we'll make sure you get the tailored support you need to realise your full potential.



- ▶ Degrees with a year's work experience – fully paid.
- ▶ Work placements and volunteering.
- ▶ Opportunities to network and meet employers.
- ▶ Practical skills and confidence building.
- ▶ Training and support for student entrepreneurs.



## Student view

During my year in industry, I worked on a variety of projects of different sizes. All of this taught me how to manage my time and prioritise as I was usually in charge of my own personal projects throughout the year. All in all, I believe it to be a truly life-changing experience which I am sure will open many doors in the future.

Godwin EDI Okojie

London

Mechanical Engineering with a Year in Industry at Cummins



**Book now for our  
2020 Open Days:**

► **27 June**

► **11 July**

► **12 September**

► **17 October**

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