



UNIVERSITY OF  
BIRMINGHAM

# Postgraduate Prospectus

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# Why choose Birmingham?

We are the UK's most targeted University by the country's leading graduate employers – a testament to the breadth and quality of the education we provide. Our high-quality teaching will help you take your skills and career to the next level.

Here, you'll feel engaged, motivated and challenged, as part of our inclusive community. At Birmingham, we'll support your health, wellbeing and personal development, to help you take the next step. This is your time. This is your place.

**1<sup>st</sup>**

most targeted  
university in the  
UK by top employers

'The Graduate Market in 2024'  
High Fliers report

**11<sup>th</sup>**

Best University  
in the UK in the  
2025 Times Higher  
Education World  
University Rankings.

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alumni and  
staff have been  
recognised with  
Nobel prizes

**40%**

of our  
population  
is made up of  
postgraduate  
students

**13<sup>th</sup>**

in The  
Complete  
University Guide  
2024 rankings

**80<sup>th</sup>**

in the 2025  
QS World  
University  
Rankings

**13<sup>th</sup>**

in the UK for  
4 star research  
Research Excellence  
Framework (REF) 2021

**92%**

of our research  
is rated as  
world-leading  
Research Excellence  
Framework (REF) 2021





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# Your Postgraduate Guarantee

By choosing Birmingham, you're joining a large, diverse and vibrant postgraduate community.

Whatever your area of study, you can look forward to a stimulating, engaging experience of the highest quality.

**This guarantee shows the commitment, resources and support we deliver for all Birmingham postgraduates. It means:**

- You'll engage with challenging debates, theories and concepts
- We'll provide a strong choice of programmes to suit your ambitions and interests, backed by academic expertise and influence
- You'll enjoy the support and facilities of a global, research-intensive university
- Your experience will be unique, but with a degree that proves an asset in future and personal development matched to your chosen career



Your postgraduate  
guarantee:  
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pg-guarantee](http://birmingham.ac.uk/pg-guarantee)

## Our commitment to you

At the University of Birmingham, your postgraduate experience is about more than just earning a degree. It's about fostering personal growth, developing lifelong skills, and becoming a well-rounded graduate ready to thrive in your career and life. We call these essential skills and qualities our Graduate Attributes—the traits that will help you succeed academically, secure meaningful employment, and lead a fulfilling life.

Our postgraduate guarantee reflects our dedication to supporting every aspect of your journey. Through our expert guidance, resources, and vibrant community, we help you develop the knowledge, skills, and Graduate Attributes necessary to excel in your studies, career, and beyond.

### Careers support

Our careers support and training will prepare you for the next step in your journey, and well beyond

### Academic achievement

You'll enjoy expert teaching, supervision and resources, helping you succeed in your degree.

### Social, health and wellbeing

Your health, wellbeing and personal development is as important to us as your academic achievement, so you'll get the support to match.

### Research culture

You'll be welcomed into our vibrant, stimulating community, benefitting from our global research culture.

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Graduate Attributes are the essential skills and qualities we believe every student should develop during their time at the University of Birmingham. These attributes are highly valued by employers and are often regarded as even more critical than academic performance.

Our mission is to support you in building these Graduate Attributes so that you can excel academically, secure meaningful employment, enjoy a rewarding career, and live a fulfilled life.

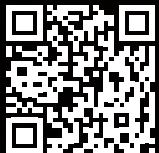


**Professor Tom Harrison**  
Professor of Education and Deputy Pro Vice Chancellor: Education Innovation



# Our programmes

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



Find out more:  
[birmingham.ac.uk/  
pg-options](http://birmingham.ac.uk/pg-options)





# Which programme should you choose?

Whatever your lifestyle, we've got the flexible study options to match. From part-time and distance learning, to microcredentials, short courses and overseas faculties, you're sure to find the right programme for you.

## Level of study

This will depend on the qualifications you already have and the level of professional development you want to achieve. Most people study a Masters once they finish their undergraduate degree, but we also offer a range of short courses, microcredentials, and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) opportunities, allowing you to gain new skills and qualifications in a more flexible format.

## Taught Programmes and Qualifications

Our taught programmes lead to a variety of qualifications, including:

- Master of Arts (MA)
- Master of Science (MSc)
- Master of Laws (LLM)
- Master of Education (MEd)
- Master of Public Health (MPH)
- Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip)
- Postgraduate Certificate (PGCert)

## Full-time or part-time

Full-time studies might be the most common choice, but part-time may fit better around you. Whether on campus or online, many of our courses will let you choose. But if you're an international student, you may need to study full-time to qualify for your visa.

## Distance learning

Can't study on campus? Why not do everything online? Distance learning lets you complete your studies from home, at your own pace. You'll have exactly the same qualification, with the same quality of learning, but without having to move.

## Mode of study

You're free to choose the option that suits you. Many of our programmes offer you the option to study on campus, block delivery, blended, or distance learning. You may also be able to transfer from one approach to another.



Find out more:  
[birmingham.ac.uk/  
pg-options](http://birmingham.ac.uk/pg-options)

# How to apply

Applying to our postgraduate courses is easy. You can apply online then track your progress at every stage. You can also update your personal details, view decisions and accept any offers we make to you.



Learn how to submit documents and apply:  
[birmingham.ac.uk/  
pgapply](http://birmingham.ac.uk/pgapply)



# The application process

**1**

## Find your course

Choose the course that's right for you by using our course finder tool on our website:  
[birmingham.ac.uk/pgcourses](http://birmingham.ac.uk/pgcourses)

**2**

## Check entry requirements

Each course has different requirements so make sure you read these carefully.

**3**

## Apply via our website

Apply for your course and submit any supporting documents through our online portal. You can find this on your chosen course page.

**4**

## Explore funding opportunities

From student loans to scholarships, there are many different ways for you to fund your postgraduate study. The best place to start is our postgraduate funding database which lists all the scholarships and funding opportunities available to you. [birmingham.ac.uk/pgfunding](http://birmingham.ac.uk/pgfunding)

**5**

## Receive a decision on your application

Once you've applied, your application will then be reviewed by the Admissions Tutor for your course, who will decide whether your application should receive an offer.

**6**

## Meet your conditions

If you are offered a place at Birmingham, you may receive a conditional offer. This usually means that we still need some more information from you before we can accept you on to your course. Details of your conditions will be listed on your offer letter.

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## Accept your offer

To confirm your place at Birmingham, you'll need to accept your offer via the online portal. You can do this if you have a conditional offer or an unconditional offer.

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## Pay your deposit (international students only)

If you are an international student, you may need to pay a deposit to secure your place. You will need to pay this before your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) can be issued. [birmingham.ac.uk/int-deposits](http://birmingham.ac.uk/int-deposits)

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## Attend Welcome Week

Now your postgraduate experience begins! At the start of term, you'll have the opportunity to take part in Welcome Week. This will include a suite of events and activities designed to help you settle in, meet other students, and explore our clubs and societies. If you are studying online, you will still have the opportunity to meet your classmates and academic staff remotely.



# Entry requirements

For our postgraduate programmes you'll usually need a good Honours degree (normally a 2:1 or above), or an equivalent qualification if you were educated outside the UK. For some programmes, we may also ask for previous or current work experience.

## English language requirements

You'll need a high level of written and spoken English. If English isn't your first language, you'll need an English language qualification awarded in the two years before your course begins.

Below are the IELTS or TOEFL scores you'll need. We do accept other qualifications though, so please check if your language qualifications meet our criteria: [birmingham.ac.uk/pg-intreqs](http://birmingham.ac.uk/pg-intreqs)

Academic area	IELTS	TOEFL
Science	6.0 with no less than 5.5 in any band	80 overall with no less than 19 in Reading, 19 in Listening, 21 in Speaking and 19 in Writing
Arts, Business Economics, Computer Science, International Business, Metallurgy and Materials, Dentistry, Education (taught), Engineering, Health Sciences, Law (LLM), Medicine, Social Sciences	6.5 with no less than 6.0 in any band	88 overall with no less than 21 in Reading, 20 in Listening, 22 in Speaking and 21 in Writing
ClinPsyD, Education (research), Management	7.0 with no less than 6.5 in any band	95 overall with no less than 22 in any band

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

## English language courses

If you don't meet our English language requirements. You can enrol on an English programme at the Birmingham International Academy. Before the start of the academic year if you pass, you'll automatically meet our criteria. Find out more: [birmingham.ac.uk/bia](http://birmingham.ac.uk/bia)



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



## 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.

# Fees, funding and scholarships

To help you afford your studies, we offer a range of advice on searching for funding and managing your finances. We understand that continuing your education to postgraduate level is a significant financial investment. We aim to provide you with information on all the associated costs so there are no surprises once you begin your course.

### Tuition fees

Tuition fees vary depending on the course you choose and whether you're a UK or international student. Search for the course you'd like to study on our website and you'll find full, up-to-date detailed tuition fees there.

### Postgraduate Masters Loan

To help with the cost of studies, this loan is available to all UK students. If you're a student from England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland, you can apply for Masters loans from your country's government. It's available for all full-time, part-time and distance learning Masters programmes, as long as you don't already have a Masters qualification (or equivalent) and are under the age of 60 on the first academic day.

### Birmingham Masters Scholarship

We want to welcome the brightest talent to our postgraduate community. That's why our Masters Scholarship awards £3,000 to up to 200 students. We offer a variety of other subject and University scholarships, with further support for alternative degree funding.

### Alumni Scholarship

Our Alumni Scholarship offers our returning students a £2,000 tuition fee waiver for postgraduate taught study. With 300 scholarships available, the tuition fee discounts are our commitment to our alumni community to help you progress to the next level.

### Global Masters Scholarship

Our Global Masters will award more than 700 international students from select countries, with a scholarship of £4,000 applied as a tuition fee discount.

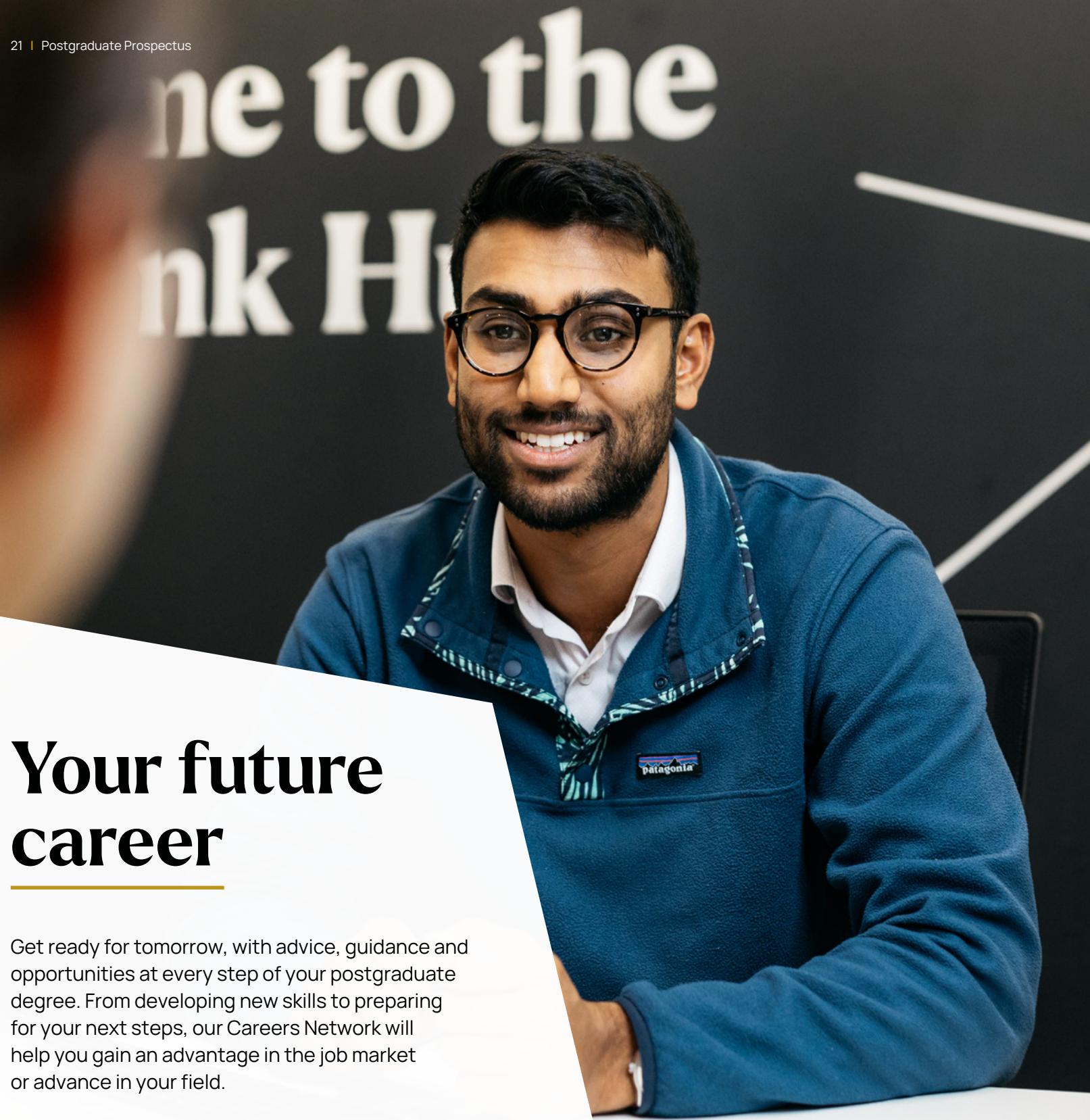
**You may be able to claim government funding to cover UK tuition fees. It applies to these areas:**

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

See if you qualify: [gov.uk/funding-for-postgraduate-study](http://gov.uk/funding-for-postgraduate-study)

### Looking for funding?

Our funding and scholarships database is a great place to start. You can use a range of search filters to find any scholarships you're eligible for: [birmingham.ac.uk/pgfunding](http://birmingham.ac.uk/pgfunding)



# Your future career

Get ready for tomorrow, with advice, guidance and opportunities at every step of your postgraduate degree. From developing new skills to preparing for your next steps, our Careers Network will help you gain an advantage in the job market or advance in your field.

## Exclusive opportunities

We offer direct access to hundreds of employers through careers fairs, workshops and presentations. We even run internships exclusive to University of Birmingham students.

## Mentoring and more

It's your future, so develop it your way. Our Mentoring Scheme will match you with an experienced professional working in your sector of interest. From career planning and application workshops, to drop-ins and one-to-one appointments, you'll have lots of opportunities to develop, with specific help for freelancers and international students, too.

## Dedicated support

For specialist career support, our postgraduate careers team is here to help. It could be advice on your career options, understanding your strengths, or support with further studies. You can also get help securing funding or working in the UK. With access to our careers services after you graduate, you can count on us for life.



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

## Connect with our global alumni

As an active part of our community, our alumni love to share their experiences, giving you a unique insight into their career journeys. With over 350,000 alumni, they're also a great source of professional support, providing guest lectures, mentoring and work placements.



Meet our global alumni:  
[birmingham.ac.uk/  
alumni](http://birmingham.ac.uk/alumni)

# Top university for employers

When you choose to study at Birmingham, you will be joining a university that prides itself on exceptional links to a wide variety of leading industries and employers.

According to the 2024 High Fliers report, Birmingham attracted the most attention from employers featured in The Times Top 100 Graduate Employers list. At Birmingham, your career comes first. From developing new skills to preparing for a change in your career, our commitment to your future can help you gain an advantage in the job market or advance in your field.

Don't just take our word for it. Meet some of our postgraduates who forged their future at Birmingham and are now leading the change in their chosen area.



Find out more:  
[birmingham.ac.uk/  
highfliers](https://birmingham.ac.uk/highfliers)





# Daniel Franklin

Secondary English Teacher  
MA Teaching Studies & PG DipEd  
Secondary English

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I am currently a secondary English Teacher at a mainstream secondary school.

In my typical day, I begin by engaging with my form group to ensure a smooth start and to foster strong connections with the students, preparing them for the school day ahead. Throughout the day, I teach three to five lessons across various year groups, including Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) cohorts as well as sixth form groups. A hallmark of my teaching style is the inclusion of light-hearted humour, often eliciting groans from students, which adds a unique and enjoyable dynamic to the learning environment.

During my PGDipEd program at Birmingham, I applied to several schools across the West Midlands, encompassing a diverse range of institutions, including private, public, religious, and academy schools. I recognise that interviews are a two-way process, necessitating multiple interviews to identify a school that aligns well with my values and teaching philosophy.

The course equipped me with both hard and soft skills essential for my career. Working in two secondary schools alongside a mentor within the faculty facilitated a smoother progression, thanks to regular lesson observations and incremental target setting. This supportive environment enabled a seamless transition from trainee teacher to early career teacher (ECT).

Having completed half of the credits required for the PGDipEd, pursuing my MA in Teaching Studies was a fulfilling next step. This program allowed me to collaborate with my school to enhance my professional development in conducting research focused on supporting literacy among students with autism. Additionally, being entrusted with Key Stage 5 (Years 12 and 13) has been an exceptional experience, as it enables me to share my passion for linguistics and explore the intricate nuances of language with my students.

# David Ikeije

Lead Academy Physiotherapist  
at Aston Villa FC Women's Academy  
MSc Physiotherapy (Pre-registration)

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As a Lead Academy Physiotherapist, I provide physiotherapy services to Aston Villa's Women's under 21s team. I also manage the academy pathway from under 9s to 21s, overseeing the injury prevention and rehabilitation programme implemented and doing regular auditing for medical records and liaising with the Club Doctor as required.

I work closely with the physical performance staff to implement optimal injury prevention and rehabilitation programmes to ensure players stay on the pitch and/or return from injury in a safe and timely manner.

During match days, I provide medical and physiotherapy pitch side cover for our under 21s and help in the younger age groups if needed.

After graduating, I applied for the Birmingham City Boys Academy Physiotherapist role (under 9s to 16s). I completed a 6-week placement whilst studying where I was able to demonstrate my competencies and skills. This helped me secure the job as I was already known to the staff members. I underwent an Advanced Trauma Medical Management in Football course training shortly after joining Birmingham City. This qualification allowed me to provide pitch side cover across the academy age groups and also women's first team.

The learning experience was very tough initially for me and it took me a while to adapt to the demands of the course. However, I utilised a lot of resources provided within the School and the wider university to help guide me through it. That period helped me develop the resilience and ability needed to keep pushing myself and strive for better throughout my career.

The experience also helped me realise that you cannot get everything right the first time. The key thing is trying to do things better as there's always scope for further learning and improvement regardless of what level of experience you have.





# Nila Ravi Dimple

Strategy Buyer at Jaguar Land Rover  
MSc International Business

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I currently work as a Strategy Buyer responsible for Jaguar Land Rover's long term strategy in the Raw Materials team. My role entails identifying and mitigating potential risks, conducting data analysis, implementing future strategies, and evaluating suppliers.

A typical day usually involves a combination of strategic planning, data analysis, and stakeholder management. While my days vary, days when I am in the office, I would collaborate with my manager to identify priority projects, have more meetings and engage with my colleagues to gain diverse perspectives. When working from home, I primarily focus on research such as risk assessment and mitigation, and evaluating new technologies.

I began the process of applying for jobs about six months before my graduation. My primary objective was to secure a job that aligned with my interests and career aspirations. While obtaining a visa was a consideration, my main priority was to find a good job that I liked. I strategically focused on applying for a select few positions that genuinely interested me.

The Business School Careers team provided invaluable assistance throughout the application process. I had regular monthly appointments with them to ensure that I was submitting applications correctly, updating my CV effectively, and progressing in a manner that would increase my chances of securing a desirable job.

In addition to graduating, my greatest accomplishment during my course was being selected for assessments and development programmes. This provided me with the chance to participate in a variety of corporate projects, including those from BBC, Siemens, and HSBC. These experiences allowed me to encounter real-world situations and significantly accelerated my skill development.

# Start your business

Start your business at Birmingham. UoB Elevate is a business growth programme designed to empower student and graduate entrepreneurs to turn their business ideas into reality.

Based at The Exchange, our dynamic city centre hub in Birmingham's Centenary Square, the programme offers tailored support, mentoring, funding, and access to a network of successful alumni.



Get the start up support you need:  
[birmingham.ac.uk/  
uob-elevate](http://birmingham.ac.uk/uob-elevate)



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I founded Cosimo while at the University of Birmingham, inspired by my experiences working in art galleries and with artists during my History of Art degree.

I noticed that the industry faced numerous challenges, ranging from practical inefficiencies in connecting artists with potential collectors to misaligned economic incentives that hindered many galleries and their artists from succeeding.

Cosimo was designed to address these issues by making it easy for artists to sell their work directly and securely online, supporting them in turning their passion into a sustainable practice.

We were fortunate to join the Elevate programme as one of the initial recipients of the Start-Up scholarship; an opportunity which provided us with the time, space, and support needed to embark on our first external funding round, which we successfully completed in 2023.

Since then, we've grown to now support over 1,000 artists across the UK, and developed partnerships with organisations and universities worldwide that share our vision for a more accessible art market.

The Elevate programme has been transformational for Cosimo's growth, offering us not only a physical home in the heart of the city centre, at the beautiful Exchange building, but also a holistic support network of experts, mentors, and fellow founders - many of whom have become close friends, who have made the journey not only possible but incredibly rewarding and enjoyable along the way.

**John Sewell**  
Founder of Cosimo Art  
MA History of Art



# Kola Tytler

Founder of dropout  
Master of Business Administration  
MBA Sciences

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I am the founder and director of dropout, a tech-enabled retail business specialising in limited edition sneakers and streetwear via ecommerce platforms and physical stores based in Milan.

Pursuing an MBA was a strategic decision to deepen my business knowledge and skills, which proved essential in expanding and consolidating dropout, which I had started prior to commencing the course and during my undergraduate degree in medicine. The programme not only equipped me with advanced management and financial analysis skills but also provided a platform to refine my strategic vision. This preparation is invaluable as I plan the next phase of business expansion, particularly into the circular economy with used apparel and sneakers.

The MBA programme was instrumental in shaping my business decisions. It provided me with a robust foundation in management, strategic thinking, and financial analysis, all of which are crucial in navigating the complexities of running a business and making informed decisions to maximise the opportunities for profitability and growth.

Whilst on the course I was recognised in two 30 Under 30 Forbes lists for Europe and Italy, both in the retail and ecommerce categories, which highlighted both my entrepreneurial initiative and the potential impact of my business model on the retail industry.

# Haripreeth Iyer

Graduate Highway Engineer at Ramboll  
MSc Civil Engineering and Management

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The University of Birmingham not only equipped me with the latest civil engineering techniques but also provided a research-rich environment that fostered my practical skills. The university's strong industry links and bespoke career services greatly enhanced my employability.

The Careers Network at Birmingham helped build connections with the industry easily by organising Career Fairs, Alumni events and sessions on various topics which was useful in the initial preparation of job search.

Sometimes the most important information is very close and accessible to us but we fail to notice it. I had the opportunity to be mentored by an alumni who was working in the company I'm currently employed in.





# Our study spaces

Our study spaces have been designed to meet your learning needs.

Whether you want to study independently or in a group, our Main Library offers informal seating, group study areas and private desks. This modern space is also open 24/7 during term time, and offers a dedicated working space for postgraduate students. Our Teaching and Learning Building adjacent to the Main Library provides collaborative study areas and there are 2,500 additional study spaces across campus.

Our library curates an extensive collection of digital and physical assets supporting the University's research, learning and teaching. Our Cadbury Research Libraries house a collection of over 250,000 rare books dating from 1471 and more than four million manuscript items.

Our Research Skills and Academic Skills teams are on hand to provide high quality guidance and learning support throughout your studies via one-to-one, group and online sessions, supported by an array of resources designed to help you succeed in your studies.



# Culture on campus

Birmingham is a city on the move, with an arts and culture scene that never stops evolving. Whatever your tastes and interests, there's so much to explore.

## The Barber Institute of Fine Arts

From Botticelli to Monet to Van Gogh, the Barber Institute is home to our unique art collection. Located on our main campus, *The Observer* calls it 'the last great art collection of the twentieth century' and 'one of the finest small galleries in Europe'.

## The Lapworth Museum of Geology

One of the UK's oldest geological museums, the Lapworth Museum dates back to 1880. Its many artefacts attract students, researchers and the public.

## The Research and Cultural Collections

Our diverse collection ranges from West African masks, to important 20th-century paintings such as Peter Lanyon's mural in the Arts Building.

## Winterbourne House and Gardens

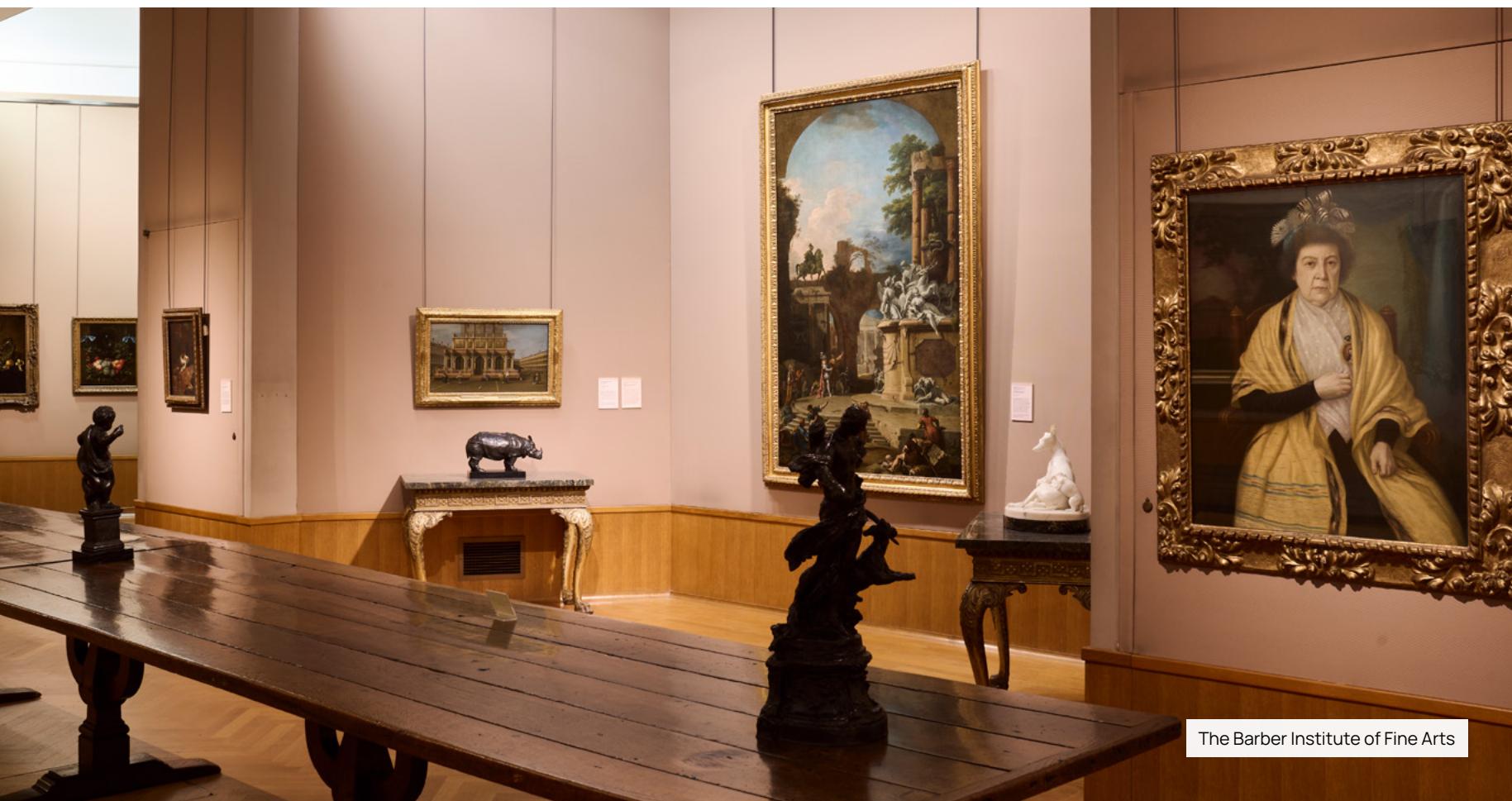
As a Birmingham student, you can visit our Arts and Crafts house for free. Relax in the surrounding gardens, or take in a lecture, exhibition or special interest tour.

## The Bramall

Home to our Department of Music and the UK's first organ by the prestigious Garnier company, the Bramall hosts everything from classical music to comedy nights. With high-quality acoustics and 450 seats, you can enjoy performances from two symphony orchestras, a jazz orchestra, choirs and many ensembles.



The Lapworth Museum of Geology



The Barber Institute of Fine Arts

# Sport & Fitness

The University's Sport & Fitness club has a range of world-class facilities and services, including:

- Birmingham's first 50-metre pool with boom and moveable floor
- 200+ station gym
- Around 150 fitness classes per week
- Six glass-back squash courts
- Ten-metre climbing wall
- 2,000m<sup>2</sup> arena (with the capacity of 12 badminton courts)
- Dedicated Performance Centre to support elite student athletes
- Steam room and sauna
- Martial arts dojo
- 800-seat arena-style sports hall
- Floodlit, water-based, 3G synthetic, natural turf and rubber combo pitches
- Satellite gym in the nearby student housing area of Selly Oak



## Membership and Pay & Go

Membership at the Sport & Fitness club gives you access to a huge range of facilities to keep you active and healthy at University.

There are a range of student membership options to suit everyone's needs and budget, covering a huge range of Pay & Go activities including classes, social sport, court hire and much more.



Find out more:  
[sportandfitness.bham.ac.uk/join](http://sportandfitness.bham.ac.uk/join)



# Living in Birmingham

The UK's second city, Birmingham is a vibrant and inspiring place to live, with a rich culture and diverse community.

## Make Birmingham yours

Birmingham is the top regional city for quality of life in the UK and almost 40 per cent of its population is under 25, making it one of the youngest major cities in Europe. Our cosmopolitan city has a unique history and so much to see and do. It's no wonder our students fall in love with the city and almost half decide to stay in the region after they graduate.

## Our contributions

Through education and skills, research and development, and our work with students, staff, local communities and partners, we make a positive and lasting impact on individuals and society - totalling £4.4 billion and supporting nearly 20,000 jobs.

**36%**

of our students  
are the first to  
attend university  
in their family

**£4.4**

billion  
contributed  
every year to  
the UK economy

**1 in 50**

jobs in  
Birmingham  
are directly  
supported by  
the University

**5,300+**

teachers,  
social workers,  
nurses, doctors  
and dentists trained

# The city

Our historic green campus is just a few minutes away from the vibrant energy of an exciting modern city. We even have our own railway station on campus.

You'll find it easy to stay connected, with rail journeys taking you to the thriving city centre in less than eight minutes. Offering a warm welcome, Birmingham is one of the most culturally-diverse cities in Britain. There's something for everyone.

## Food

With new restaurants and food festivals always springing up across the city, you're bound to find something to your taste. Food stalls and pop-ups from the likes of award-winning Digbeth Dining Club can be found across the city, whilst on campus we have our very own farmers' market, offering local sustainable produce. With so many independent events, collaborations, and day and night markets, you'll soon discover new favourite foods and places to eat.

## Shopping

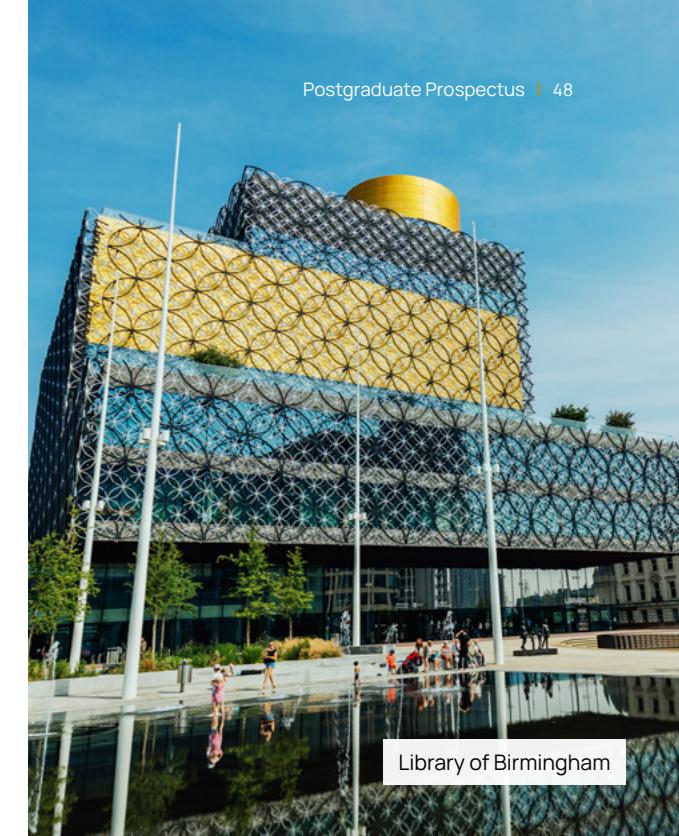
Our ever-changing city offers everything you need, from independent shops to famous brands in the city centre. You'll be spoilt for choice. As well as major shopping centres like the Bullring, Selfridges, Mailbox and Grand Central, you can find vintage clothing stores and artisan workshops in the world-famous Jewellery Quarter.

## Culture

Birmingham is home to a vibrant cultural scene. As well as world-leading museums and art galleries, there are urban festivals such as Birmingham Pride and the Mostly Jazz, Funk & Soul Festival. You can also explore the industrial district of Digbeth, where the city's history is brought to life.



Digbeth



Library of Birmingham



Bournville



Brindleyplace



Canalside



Explore what our city has to offer:  
[birmingham.ac.uk/city](http://birmingham.ac.uk/city)

# University accommodation

Choose from a range of accommodation in our three student villages, all just a short walk from campus.

## Vale Village

The Vale is a green parkland space beside a peaceful lake. A 15 minute walk from the main campus, you can choose between a studio or studio apartment. With a friendly community atmosphere, you'll also find a bar, restaurant, café, convenience store and laundrette on your doorstep.

## Selly Oak Village

Jarrat Hall offers ensuite rooms with shared kitchens, one of the best ways to make new postgraduate friends. Close to the vibrant Selly Oak high street, it's just a five-minute walk from campus.



Learn more about our postgraduate accommodation: [birmingham.ac.uk/accommodation](http://birmingham.ac.uk/accommodation)

## Pritchatts Park Village

Discover self-catering accommodation in the relaxed setting of Pritchatts Park. Just a seven minute from campus, it's also close to Harborne and the University train station. With shared meeting rooms, a lounge area, quiet study zone and games room, it's the ideal living space to meet other postgraduates.

## Studying at another location?

If you're studying at the Shakespeare Institute in Stratford-upon-Avon, we can help you find somewhere close to the campus.

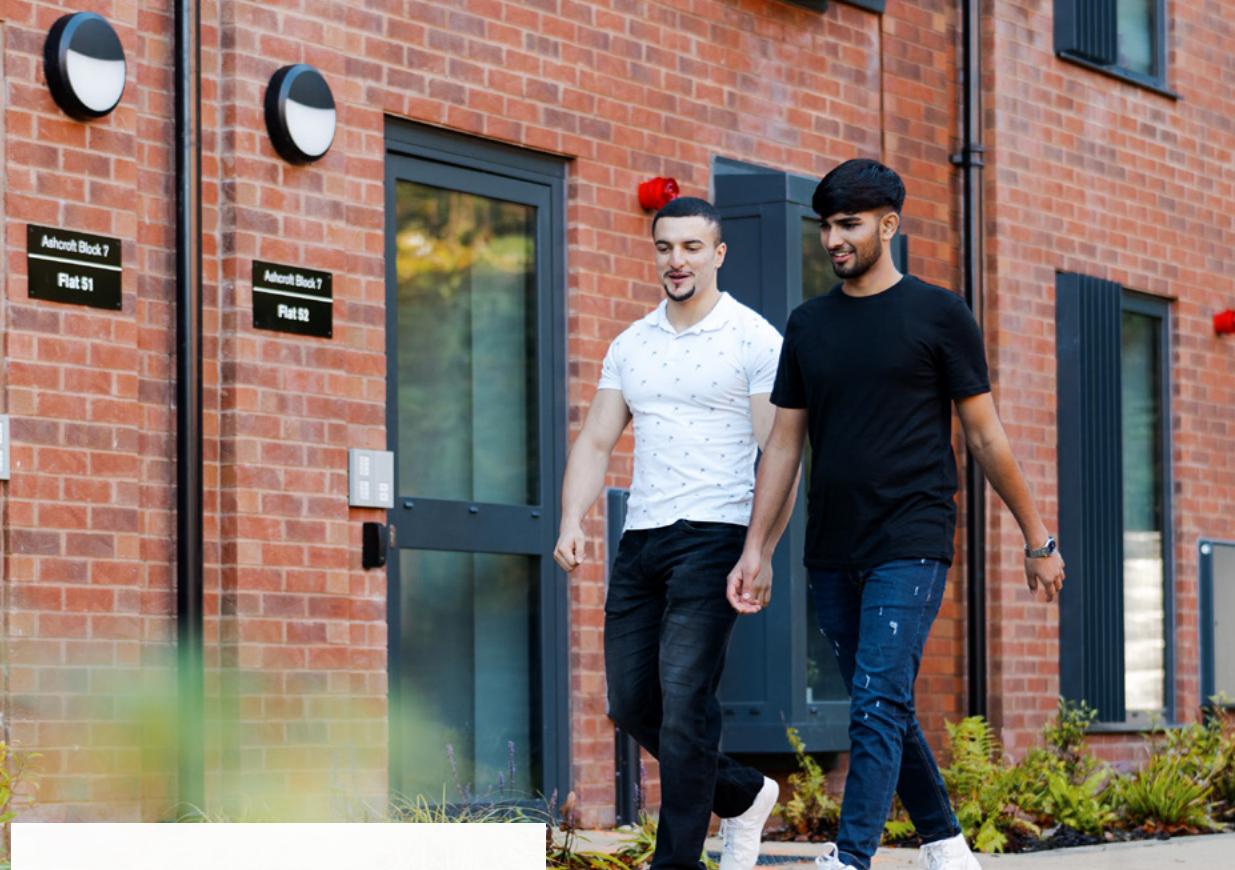


Find accommodation in Stratford: [birmingham.ac.uk/stratfordliving](http://birmingham.ac.uk/stratfordliving)

The information on this page is correct at the date of publication (September 2024), but may have changed. Please visit: [birmingham.ac.uk/accommodation](http://birmingham.ac.uk/accommodation) for the most up-to-date details.



There's plenty of opportunities to socialise and connect across our campus and accommodation villages, with over 30 places to eat and drink.



## Search for properties

To help you find a safe, comfortable place, we've built our own property search engine, Birmingham Studentpad. You can use it to connect with trusted landlords offering homes for rent in the area, for both longer and shorter term stays.

Only landlords certified by the Lettings Membership Scheme (LMS) can advertise on the site, meaning you'll be renting from a responsible landlord who does everything by a strict code of conduct.

Search for a student home:  
[birminghamstudentpad.co.uk](http://birminghamstudentpad.co.uk)

# Private accommodation

Whether you're looking for a shared house, single apartment or a family home, you'll find lots of private properties to choose from. Renting outside of our accommodation can give you more flexibility around location and budget. That's why many of our students prefer to search for their own private rental.

## Close to campus

A five-minute walk from campus, Selly Oak is the closest residential area, with weekly rent costing around £100–£175, excluding utilities.

Host Student Apartments also offer ensuite rooms and premium studios just a few minutes walk away. Prices start from £215 per week, while Host The Metalworks have a range of rooms on the edge of campus from £203 a week.

You can find more studios across the street from campus on Bristol Road, such as Battery Park and Athena Studios.

## Live in the city

Many postgraduates choose to live in the centre of Birmingham. In the heart of city life, it's only a short train ride to campus, direct from New Street to University Station. To find you a place in the city, we work with accommodation providers who offer a wide range of options.

If you feel more at home in the suburbs, Moseley and Harborne are two nearby villages very popular with students. Each has a lively feel, with a variety of bars, restaurants and cafés. Just next to Moseley is Kings Heath, where rents are a little cheaper.

## Community Living

If you're renting privately in Selly Oak, our Community Living service brings students and locals together with a dedicated hub offering free drinks, renting advice and contract checks.



Learn more  
about Community Living:  
[community-living.org.uk](http://community-living.org.uk)



Explore your  
private renting options:  
[birmingham.ac.uk/renting](http://birmingham.ac.uk/renting)

# Life on campus

We've created the ideal place for you to live and study. From new accommodation to new teaching and study facilities, we've transformed our beautiful campus close to Birmingham city centre.

At the centre of our campus, you'll find the Green Heart that has 12 acres of lush parkland. It's a unique and rejuvenating space where many of our students enjoy meeting, studying and performing.



Explore life on campus:  
[birmingham.ac.uk/  
campus-life](http://birmingham.ac.uk/campus-life)



## The Student Hub

Our friendly teams at the Student Hub will support you and your development throughout your journey at Birmingham. Here at the heart of our campus, you can get the information and support you need. As well as being able to access our Careers Network, Registry, and Student Services, you can talk to us about everything, from visas and ID cards, to thesis submissions. We also provide counselling, wellbeing coaching and specialist learning support workshops.

## Improving your campus

We've enhanced the teaching and study facilities at our Edgbaston campus to provide you with a modern learning environment.

- **Teaching and Learning Building**  
This purpose-built hub for education has lecture theatres and space for 1,000 students to carry out group or individual study.

- **Collaborative Teaching Laboratory**  
Home to labs and practical teaching spaces for STEM subjects, along with our state-of-the-art School of Engineering building.

- **Molecular Sciences Building**  
A designated hub for the School of Chemistry and facilities for the School of Geography, Earth and Environmental Sciences.

# Your Guild of Students

There are many ways to get involved with our student community. At the heart of it all is the Guild of Students, helping everyone connect and thrive together.



Learn more about your students' union:  
[guildofstudents.com](http://guildofstudents.com)



## Your social community

### Representation

**The Guild of Students** is your students' union. Study with us and you'll automatically become a member. Our community elects a team of seven full-time and seven part-time student Officers to lead the Guild each year. This includes a Postgraduate Officer who'll represent your interests, both on and off campus.

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

### Groups and societies

With over 300 active student groups and societies, you're sure to find one that fits you. Covering interests, activities, charities and causes, they cater for our entire student community; a great way to make new friends.

Added to this, each School runs its own social activities, research fora, seminars and groups for postgraduates, all available to you the moment you start your course.

### Get involved

Represent your student community by becoming a Student Rep or Guild Officer. You can fight for the causes you believe in, or campaign for changes you want to see. On campus, or in the world.

## Your global community

### Helping you feel at home

To help you adjust to life as a postgraduate, the Guild also offers free, impartial and confidential advice. There's welfare support for all students, and our Global Buddies scheme to help international students settle in.

From making new friends, to getting the most out of life at Birmingham, you'll have the full support of our friendly student community, including after you graduate.

Our global network of over 300,000 alumni spans more than 190 countries. With local alumni groups from the USA to Hong Kong, it's a way to keep in touch, share memories and build work connections, wherever the future takes you.

### Jobs, skills and volunteering

Earn money and build skills while you study. Guild Jobs gives you access to part-time vacancies across the University and city.

You can also boost your CV by volunteering in the Guild, University and local community. There are thousands of projects to choose from, all flexible around your studies.

The Guild also hosts a wide range of events and workshops to develop your academic and vocational skills. From Employability Fairs, to masterclasses and postgraduate networking events, they've got everything covered.

### Get in touch

[postgraduate@guild.bham.ac.uk](mailto:postgraduate@guild.bham.ac.uk)

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# Supporting you

As a safe, inclusive community, your wellbeing is our top priority.

If you're facing any concerns or challenges, you can get assistance from The Student Hub on campus, or online through Student Help. Whether you're looking for information, guidance, emotional support or a specific service, The Student Hub is a great place to start.

## Your wellbeing

If you're having any practical, emotional or psychological issues, our confidential service can help. Staffed by professional counsellors and wellbeing advisors, it offers one-to-one sessions, online counselling, and a range of support groups. The Guild also runs a free confidential advice service, led by fully-trained advisors offering practical guidance on every aspect of student life.

## Practicing your faith

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

## Disability support

Birmingham is an inclusive learning community where we want everyone to have the best experience. So, if you have a disability – including long-term health conditions, specific learning disabilities such as dyslexia, or mental health difficulties – you can get help from our Student Disability Service.

Disclosing a disability won't affect your academic course admission, but it will make sure you get the support or adjustments you need. Our professional team offer specialist advice, including help getting any disability funding support you may be entitled to.

## Personal enrichment

During the summer term, you can enjoy a three-week programme of activities designed for you to learn and develop new skills, connect with like-minded people and unwind in the sunshine.

Your student timetable will host a programme of core activities within your college that runs alongside extra-curricular activities for the full three weeks.

So whether you want to chat to our Careers team about the future, gain additional skills and certificates from one of our workshops, or just relax at the outdoor cinema, there is something for everyone to enjoy!



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



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The standout feature of my time at Birmingham has been the exceptional support. The high level of support creates a nurturing environment, fostering a holistic educational experience that prepared me not only for academic excellence but also for success beyond the classroom.

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MSc Accounting and Finance

# Meet us

## Attend an Open Day

If you're in the UK, you can visit our Open Days and explore our campus. They typically take place in March, June and November, but please check our website for details. [birmingham.ac.uk/pgopenday](http://birmingham.ac.uk/pgopenday)

## Chat to us online

Can't make it to campus? Chat to our team online. Our regular webinar series is a good opportunity to find out more about your course and studying at Birmingham. Find upcoming online events. [birmingham.ac.uk/pgonlineevents](http://birmingham.ac.uk/pgonlineevents)



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pgevents](http://birmingham.ac.uk/pgevents)

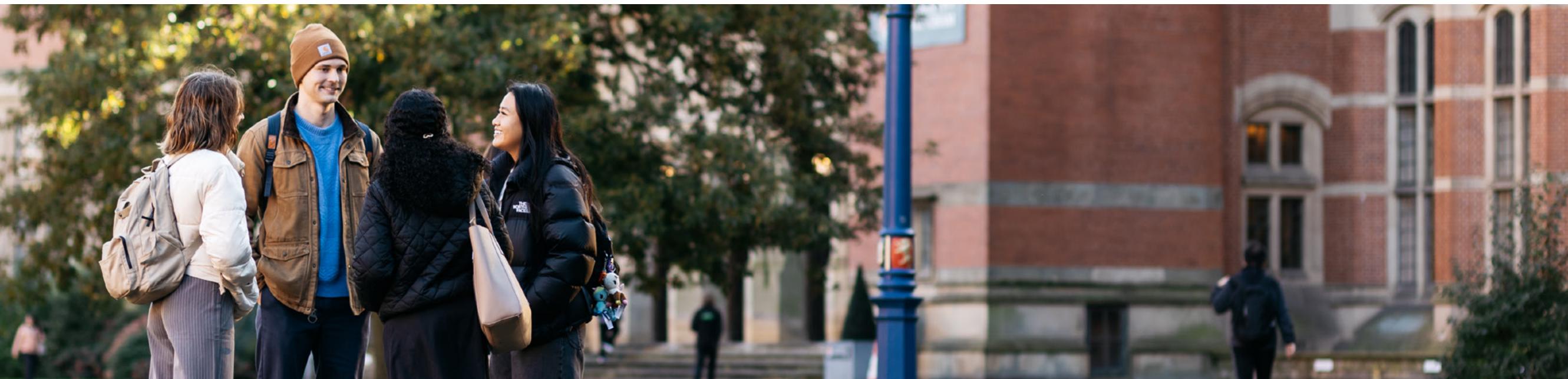
## Travelling to and from campus

From bike lanes to canal paths, our campus is well connected to the wider city.

Thanks to Birmingham Cycle Revolution, cycling is easy here. A 4km, fully segregated cycleway links Selly Oak and the University with the city centre. It's a safe, healthy and green way to get around Birmingham.

It's also convenient to get to our campus by bus, with the 61, 63, X21 and X22 services running frequently to and from the city centre. The 1 and 41 bus routes from Moseley stop right outside the University, while the 48 and 11A buses from Harborne stop close to our campus.

We even have our own railway station, 'University'. Regular trains will take you from Birmingham New Street to campus in under eight minutes, making trips to and from the city centre quick and easy.





Find out more:  
[birmingham.ac.uk/  
pgopenday](https://birmingham.ac.uk/pgopenday)

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