



Participant Information Pack

We trust you will find this information useful and if you have any questions please contact Jennie Law
on gs2015sponsor@hotmail.com

Section 1: How to Find Us

Venue address:

Great Hall, Aston Webb Building
University of Birmingham
Edgbaston
Birmingham B15 2TT

Accommodation address:

Shackleton Hall
The Vale
Edgbaston Park Road
Birmingham
B15 3SZ

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 to the UK

If you travel to the UK you will probably arrive by flying to London Heathrow, London Gatwick or Birmingham International airport.

Finding your way to the University Campus

Please read the following information to help you plan your journey to our campus.



BY AIR

Arriving at Birmingham International Airport

Option 1: Taxi - costs approximately £25, takes approximately 30 minutes

Signs in the airport will show you where you can get a taxi, and the taxi can take you directly to your University accommodation at the Vale or to the University Main Entrance where you can make your way to the Great Hall for registration. A map of the campus is included in this pack.

Option 2: Train – costs approximately £15, takes approximately 60 minutes

There is a free monorail service between the airport and Birmingham International train station. At Birmingham International train station you will need to take a train to Birmingham New Street. Trains also run between Birmingham New Street and University train station, however you may find it more convenient with heavy luggage to take a taxi from New Street Station directly to your University destination. There are regular trains between 06:00 and 23:00 (search the train timetable).

Arriving at any other UK airport

Birmingham is very well connected to other parts of the UK by rail and is a 1.5 hour journey from London by train. You can view train timetables on the national rail website at: www.nationalrail.co.uk. The University has its own train station – called 'University' which brings you straight into the centre of campus.



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:

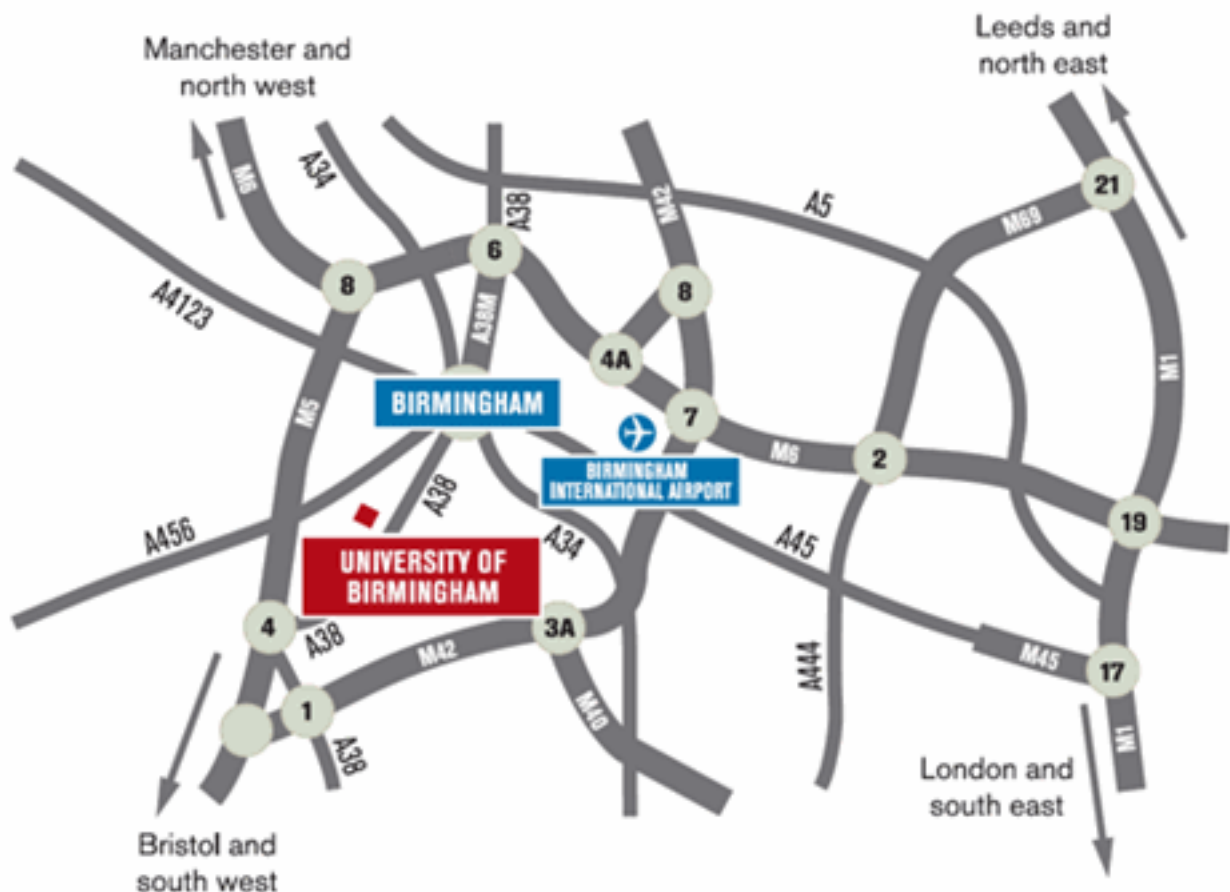
- Leave at Junction 8 to join the M6 northbound and follow the instructions above

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 and 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

If you have booked a place to stay with us at the University, there is limited parking by the accommodation but it is subject to availability and may be extremely restricted. We would advise using one of the other University car parks.



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 station is in the middle of campus, but to reach the Great Hall, you will need to turn left out of the station, walking straight ahead past the large 'Faraday' statue. Keep walking straight ahead past 'University Centre' on your left, under an arch and you will come into the green heart of campus. To the right are the red brick buildings of the Law School, and behind that, the clock tower, 'Old Joe'. Head for Old Joe and you will see the semicircular 'Aston Webb' buildings ahead of you. The main doors lead into the Great Hall.



By bus from the city centre

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.



Maps

Please find a campus map attached at the end of this document. You can also use our interactive campus map available at: <http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/contact/directions/map.aspx> or you can print your own copy of the campus map from here: <http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/Documents/university/edgbaston-campus-map.pdf>

Section 2: Staying with us

Accommodation

If you have booked accommodation with us, this will be at Shackleton Hall on the Vale (the student residence site) about 10-15 minutes walk from campus. The Vale is a large landscaped area with a lake and is very pleasant, and Shackleton Hall has a bar, restaurant, shops and a cash machine all on site.

Please note that there is one other major conference group staying at the same time, but your breakfast times will not clash – however there will be significant numbers of other guests in the facility at this time.

The room costs are £38 per night.

Checking in

Because we expect the majority of you will arrive shortly before the conference starts, we ask you to **come straight to the conference venue at the Great Hall**. We will store your luggage in a secure room, and you will be able to pick up your keys for the accommodation when you register for the conference. At the end of the day's proceedings, we will all walk together with luggage to the accommodation where you can find your rooms, and we will then have an outdoor BBQ at the Vale (weather permitting! If the weather is poor we will hold the event inside).

If you would prefer to stay in the city centre please do let us know and we can help you to arrange other accommodation there.

For our help in arranging accommodation please contact Hannah Eno
H.L.Eno@bham.ac.uk

Section 3: Conference Details

Conference Registration

Conference registration is scheduled for 1pm on Monday 7th September and takes place in the foyer of the Great Hall (Aston Webb) building, and you will also be able to register for your accommodation and collect the keys at that time.

Lunch will be served in the Great Hall from 1-2pm and you will have a chance to visit our Sponsor stands during that time, and view conference posters if you wish.

You will be given a conference pack which will include the programme, sponsor details, meal vouchers for the conference dinner and other useful information.

Conference BBQ and Dinner Events

There will be a drinks reception on Monday at 6pm followed by a BBQ at the Vale from 7pm. All delegates from the conference are welcome to attend both events.

The Conference Dinner on Tuesday night will be a 'streetfood' themed event held at AlfieBirds 'Eats and Beats' in the Custard Factory in Digbeth. This former Birds Custard Factory is home to some of Birmingham's coolest shops and people and our streetfood vendors include *Meatshack*, one of Birmingham's best burger purveyors; *Baked in Brick* who make and serve pizzas from the back of a converted Mini, and *Lap Fai-Lee*, one of our very own Backyard Brummies who has won various BBQ categories at the annual Grillstock BBQ competition (other members of this team include Nick Loman, the conference organiser).

Transport to the dinner will be provided, departing from the University. – Further info provided on the day.

Dietary Requirements

We will do our best to accommodate all dietary requirements. Please notify Jennie Law on gs2015sponsor@hotmail.com at least 3 weeks prior to the event of any specific dietary needs.

Edgbaston Campus Map

Index to buildings by zone

Red Zone

- R1 Law Building
- R2 Frankland Building
- R3 Hills Building
- R4 Aston Webb – Lapworth Museum (Reopening 2016)
- R5 Aston Webb – B Block
- R6 Aston Webb – Great Hall
- R7 Aston Webb – Student Hub (Opening September 2015)
- R8 Physics West
- R9 Nuffield
- R10 Physics East
- R11 Medical Physics
- R12 Bramall Music Building
- R13 Poynting Building
- R14 Barber Institute of Fine Arts
- R15 Watson Building
- R16 Arts Building
- R17 Ashley Building
- R18 Strathcona Building
- R19 Education Building
- R20 J G Smith Building
- R21 Muirhead Tower
- R22 Main Library
- R23 University Centre
- R24 Staff House
- R25 Munrow Sports Centre
- R26 Geography
- R27 Biosciences Building
- R28 Murray Learning Centre
- R29 Postgraduate Centre (under construction)
- R30 New Library (under construction)

Blue Zone

- B1 Medical School
- B2 Institute of Biomedical Research including IBR West
- B3 Wellcome Clinical Research Facility
- B4 Robert Aitken Institute for Clinical Research
- B5 CRUK Institute for Cancer Studies and Denis Howell Building
- B6 Research Park
- B7 90 Vincent Drive
- B8 Henry Wellcome Building for Biomolecular NMR Spectroscopy
- B9 Medical Practice and Dental Centre
- B10 Advanced Therapies Facility
- B11 BioHub Birmingham
- B12 Health Sciences Research Centre (HSRC)

Orange Zone

- O1 The Guild of Students
- O2 St Francis Hall
- O3 University House
- O4 Ash House
- O5 Beech House
- O6 Cedar House
- O7 New Sports Development (under construction)

Green Zone

- G1 32 Pritchatts Road
- G2 31 Pritchatts Road
- G3 European Research Institute
- G4 3 Elms Road
- G5 Computer Centre
- G6 Metallurgy and Materials
- G7 IRC Net Shape Laboratory
- G8 Gisbert Kapp Building
- G9 52 Pritchatts Road
- G10 54 Pritchatts Road
- G11 Nicolson Building
- G12 Winterbourne House and Garden
- G15 Westmere
- G18 Priorsfield
- G19 Park House
- G20 Elms Plant
- G22 Elms Day Nursery
- Green Zone Conference Park*
- G13 Hornton Grange
- G14 Garth House
- G16 Lucas House
- G17 Peter Scott House

Yellow Zone

- Y1 Old Gymnasium
- Y2 Haworth Building
- Y3 Mechanical and Civil Engineering Building
- Y4 Terrace Huts
- Y5 Estates West
- Y6 Maintenance Building
- Y7 Grounds and Gardens
- Y8 Chemistry West
- Y9 Computer Science
- Y10 Alta Bioscience
- Y11 Chemical Engineering
- Y12 Biochemical Engineering
- Y13 Chemical Engineering Workshop
- Y14 Sport, Exercise and Rehabilitation Sciences
- Y15 Civil Engineering Laboratories
- Y16 Occupational Health
- Y17 Public Health

