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Bristol BS8 1TH
Tel +44 (0)117 331 0456
bristol.ac.uk/fees-funding/contacts

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www.visitbristol.co.uk

**University guide to the city of Bristol**

bristol.ac.uk/citybristol

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Introduction and key dates

We are delighted you have accepted your offer to study with us! This booklet is designed to guide you through the next stages in preparing for university life.

If you have any questions about the content of this booklet or if you find you have questions that are not answered here, please do not hesitate to contact us. Appropriate contact details can be found on page 2. You can find more detailed information about all aspects of life at the University by visiting our website, bristol.ac.uk.

Please read these guidance notes carefully, as there are some actions that you will need to take straight away.

We have included a checklist on page 14 and a summary of key dates to the right so you can check important information at a glance.

We wish you every success with your forthcoming exams and we look forward to welcoming you here in September.

From the University’s athletics club to getting involved with charity, there are so many diverse opportunities to get involved in Bristol life.

Andrew Third year, MB ChB Medicine

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Financial information for UK offer holders

Financing your studies may seem complicated at first, but the information below will help you understand the financial side of going to university.

**What will I pay?**
Before you start university, it is worth taking the time to find out about the cost of studying and living here and the financial help you could receive from the government and University. For more information please visit bristol.ac.uk/fees-funding/undergraduate.

The main costs you are likely to incur at university can be grouped into three categories: accommodation costs, general living expenses and tuition fees.

**Accommodation and general living costs**
These will vary according to your lifestyle and the kind of accommodation you are allocated. Information on the fees payable for different types of accommodation can be found at bristol.ac.uk/accommodation/undergraduate/fees.

The estimated cost of living for a single student, assuming a stay of 40 weeks in student accommodation, is available at bristol.ac.uk/living-expenses.

**Tuition fees**
If you are from the UK, your tuition fees for any full-time undergraduate degree will be £9,000 for the 2015/16 academic year. Tuition fees are reviewed annually. You will be able to apply for a student loan to cover the full amount of your tuition fees. This loan will not be means tested.

If you successfully apply for a student loan, your fees will be paid by the Student Loans Company (SLC), direct to the University. You will only start to repay the loan once you have left your course of study and are earning over £21,000 per year. Students from Northern Ireland and Scotland have a different repayment threshold; for further details please visit www.studentloanrepayment.co.uk.

Please note that if you already have an honours degree and are undertaking a second degree you will not be eligible for the tuition fee loan, the maintenance loan for living expenses or the maintenance grant. However you may still be eligible for supplementary grants (eg Childcare Grant, Parents’ Learning Allowance) depending upon your personal circumstances and household income. In addition, you may be able to apply for a Disabled Students’ Allowance depending upon your circumstances.

The only exception to this is if you are undertaking a second degree course leading to a professional qualification, eg medical doctor, dentist or veterinary doctor, where you may still be eligible for the maintenance loan for living expenses. This will be in addition to supplementary grants (eg Childcare Grant, Parents’ Learning Allowance) or the Disabled Students’ Allowance which you may be eligible to receive, depending upon your personal circumstances and household income.

If you are undertaking a medicine or dentistry degree course, you will have a different funding entitlement later in your course when you become eligible for financial support from the NHS. This is a complex area, so please contact a student funding adviser in the Student Funding Office (contact details on page 2) for further advice.

**How do I pay my tuition fees?**
Students from England, Scotland and Northern Ireland can apply for a tuition fee loan to cover the full £9,000 tuition fees.

Students from Wales will be eligible to apply for a non means-tested tuition fee grant from Student Finance Wales of £5,190. You can apply for the non means-tested tuition fee loan to cover the remainder of your tuition fees.

If you do not wish to take out a government loan to cover your fees, you can pay your tuition fees direct to the University. We will provide you with information on payment methods before you arrive.

Alternatively, you may wish to contact the Income Office (contact details on page 2) if you have a fee payment query.
How can I apply for financial assistance?
UK students undertaking their first degree are entitled to apply for loans to cover tuition fees and living expenses. Depending on your circumstances, you may also be eligible to receive grants to help with living costs. Students should apply to Student Finance England (SFE), Student Finance Wales (SFW), Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS), or Student Finance Northern Ireland (SFNI) as appropriate. You are encouraged to apply online but you can request a paper application form if you or your parents/carers prefer.

Application deadlines
Application deadlines depend on where you normally live and consequently who you are applying to for support.

England
Students from England should apply to SFE by 31 May 2015 for financial support.

Wales
Students from Wales should apply to SFW by 15 May 2015 for financial support.

Scotland
The deadline had not been set by SAAS at the time of writing.

Northern Ireland
Students from Northern Ireland should apply to SFNI by 17 April 2015 for financial support.

If you miss these deadlines, your application will be processed as soon as possible, but your first payment may not be available at the start of the academic year.

While you can still apply up to nine months after the first day of the academic year, (please note for SAAS the final deadline is usually earlier than for the rest of the UK), it's best to apply as soon as possible to ensure you do not face financial difficulties at the start of your course. You’ll need to make a new application for each year of your course.

Financial support from the University
We offer a generous financial support package, dependent on household income. Information about the package of financial support available from the University – including bursaries, the Access to Bristol bursary and Vice-Chancellor’s scholarships – is available from our Fees and Funding website: bristol.ac.uk/fees-funding/search.

Financial support for students from England
Student Finance England provides financial support to students entering higher education in the UK on behalf of the UK Government.

Government loans for living costs and non-repayable grants
At the same time as applying for your tuition fee loan you should apply for the student loan for living costs. 65 per cent of the loan for living costs is non-means tested. The remaining 35 per cent of the loan depends on your household income and whether or not you are entitled to receive a maintenance grant. Subject to your household income, you may also be eligible for the government maintenance grant, or special support grant (see below).

You will qualify for the full maintenance grant (£3,387) if your household income is £25,000 or below. This grant does not need to be paid back, unless you leave your course early.

Thereafter the maintenance grant reduces as the household income increases. The minimum maintenance grant of £50 is paid where the household income is £42,620. Where the household income exceeds this amount, a grant will not be paid. If you are entitled to receive any amount of maintenance grant, it will reduce your student loan for living costs.

If you have an underlying entitlement to a means-tested benefit then you may be entitled to a special support grant instead of a maintenance grant. This generally applies to single parents and students with qualifying disabilities. While the qualifying income thresholds and the amount of special support grant are the same as the maintenance grant, there is no reduction in any loan for living costs you receive.

In addition, the special support grant would not be treated as income by the benefits agency, unlike the maintenance grant.

A guide to financial support for new full-time students in 2015/16 can be downloaded from ‘section 5’ of the following website: www.gov.uk/student-finance/further-information.
Financial support for students from Wales
Student Finance Wales (SFW) assess eligibility and provide financial support on behalf of the Welsh Government to students from Wales entering higher education in the UK.

Government loans for living costs and non-repayable grants
A living cost loan is available to help you with costs such as food and accommodation. The amount you can borrow depends on where you live and study, and your household income. A loan of up to £5,376 a year will be available if you live away from home and study outside London. A loan of up to £4,162 a year will be available if you live with your parents. You may be eligible to receive a partial cancellation of up to £1,500 on your living cost loan, subject to the approval of the National Assembly for Wales.

Non-repayable Welsh Government Learning Grant
A grant is available to help with your living costs such as food, accommodation and travel. The grant does not have to be paid back, unless you leave your course early. The amount you receive depends on your household income. A grant of up to £5,161 a year will be available if your household income is £18,370 a year or less. If your household income is between £18,371 and £50,020 a year you will be entitled to a partial grant.

If you live in Bristol, you will be eligible for the 'elsewhere' rate of loan up to a maximum of £4,840, depending upon household income. You may also be eligible to receive a maintenance grant or special support grant of up to £3,475. The amount of maintenance grant you may be eligible to receive will depend upon your household income. Your maintenance grant entitlement will reduce the amount of maintenance loan which you can receive.

If you have an underlying entitlement to a means-tested benefit then you may be entitled to a special support grant instead of a maintenance grant. This generally applies to single parents and students with a qualifying disabilities. While the qualifying income thresholds and the amount of special support grant are the same as the maintenance grant, there is no reduction in any loan for living costs you receive. In addition, the special support grant would not be treated as income by the benefits agency, unlike the Welsh Government Learning Grant.

Please visit the SFW website for further information and to make an application: www.studentfinancewales.co.uk.

Financial support for students from Scotland
The Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS) assesses the financial support entitlement of students from Scotland. At the time of writing, details of the financial support package for students from Scotland were not available.

Once the financial support package has been confirmed, please visit www.saas.gov.uk for details and to make an application.

Financial support for students from Northern Ireland
Student Finance Northern Ireland is a partnership between the Department of Employment and Learning, your local Student Finance Northern Ireland Office and the Student Loans Company (SLC) to deliver financial support to students.

If you live in Bristol, you will be eligible for the 'elsewhere' rate of loan up to a maximum of £4,840, depending upon household income. You may also be eligible to receive a maintenance grant or special support grant of up to £3,475. The amount of maintenance grant you may be eligible to receive will depend upon your household income. Your maintenance grant entitlement will reduce the amount of maintenance loan which you can receive.

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For full details of the financial support available for 2015/16 and to make an application, please visit www.studentfinanceni.co.uk.

Funding guides in accessible formats
You can order guides to financial support for higher education students from England, Wales and Northern Ireland in 2015/16, in braille, large print or audio. Please email your name, address and customer reference number, along with the format you require, to: brailleandlargefonts@slc.co.uk or telephone +44 (0)141 243 3686.

If you are from Scotland, you can request forms or guides in Braille, large print or audio format, by calling the SAAS helpline on 0300 555 0505.

If you have any questions about Student Funding, please contact:
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Email student-funding@bristol.ac.uk
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Financial information for Channel Islands and Isle of Man offer holders
Financing your studies may seem complicated at first, but the information below will help you understand the financial side of going to university.

What will I pay?
Before you start university, it is worth taking the time to find out about the cost of studying and living here and the financial help you could receive from the government and the University of Bristol.

The main costs you are likely to incur at university can be grouped into three categories: accommodation, general living expenses and tuition fees.

Accommodation and general living expenses
These will vary according to your lifestyle and the kind of accommodation you are allocated. Information on the fees payable for different types of accommodation can be found at bristol.ac.uk/accommodation/undergraduate/fees.

The estimated cost of living for a single student, assuming a stay of 40 weeks in student accommodation, is available at bristol.ac.uk/living-expenses.

Tuition fees
For more information, please visit bristol.ac.uk/fees-funding/ tuition-fees/islands and contact your relevant Island Education Authority for more details.

How can I apply for financial assistance?
Please contact the following sources for information on the financial support available.

**Students from Guernsey**
Education Department
PO Box 32
St Peter Port
Guernsey GY1 3AU
Tel +44 (0)1481 733000
Fax +44 (0)1481 714475
Email grants@education.gov.gg
www.education.gg/unifunding

**Students from Jersey**
Student Finance
Careers Jersey
Philip Le Feuvre House
La Motte Street
St Helier
Jersey JE4 8PE
Tel +44 (0)1534 449457
Email studentfinance@gov.je
www.gov.je/education

**Students from the Isle of Man**
Student Award Section
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Peel Road
Douglas
Isle of Man IM1 5EZ
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or +44 (0)1624 693838
www.gov.im/education

If you have any questions about Student Funding, please contact:
Tel +44 (0)117 331 7972
Email student-funding@bristol.ac.uk
bristol.ac.uk/fees-funding
Financial information for EU offer holders

Financing your studies may seem complicated at first, but the information below will help you understand the financial side of going to university.

What will I pay?
Before you start university it is worth taking the time to find out about the cost of studying and living here.

The three main costs you are likely to incur at university can be grouped into three categories: accommodation costs, general living expenses and tuition fees.

Accommodation and general living costs
These will vary according to your lifestyle and the kind of accommodation you are allocated. For information on the fees payable for the different types of accommodation, please visit bristol.ac.uk/accommodation/undergraduate/fees.

The estimated cost of living for a single student, assuming a stay of 40 weeks in student accommodation, is available at bristol.ac.uk/living-expenses.

Tuition fees
Tuition fees for any full-time undergraduate degree will be £9,000 for the academic year 2015/16. Tuition fees are reviewed annually. You can apply for a non means-tested tuition fee loan from the UK Government, which will be paid direct to the University. You should apply as soon as possible to the Student Finance Services Non UK Team for a tuition fee loan to cover the full £9,000 tuition fees.

Alternatively, you can arrange to pay the University direct. Information on payment methods will be provided to you before you arrive.

Alternatively you can call the Income Office for advice. Their contact details can be found on page 2 of this guide.

Please note that as a non-UK EU student you are not eligible for any other grants or loans from the UK Government, unless you meet very specific residence criteria (eg residence in the UK since 1 September 2012, or you are an EU Migrant Worker or a ‘relevant family member’ of an EEA Migrant Worker). You can download application forms and guides on applying for finance from www.gov.uk/student-finance-forms, or request paper copies by contacting:

Student Finance Services Non-UK Team
Student Finance England
Student Loans Company
PO Box 89
Darlington
DL1 9AZ UK
Tel +44 (0)141 243 3570

If you have any questions about Student Funding, please contact:
Tel +44 (0)117 331 7972
Email student-funding@bristol.ac.uk
bristol.ac.uk/fees-funding
Confirmation information

After months of hard work, waiting for results day can be an anxious period. We’ve pulled together all of the information you’ll need to confirm your place when the big day arrives.

When will my place be confirmed?
If your offer is unconditional, your place is already confirmed and we look forward to welcoming you to the University.

If your offer is conditional on meeting specific requirements in forthcoming A-level, AS-level, Scottish Higher, Advanced Higher, Welsh Baccalaureate, Irish Higher or BTEC examinations, the University will be notified of your results by UCAS as soon as they are publicly available. If you meet the terms of the University’s offer, your place will be confirmed automatically. You will receive official notification of this from UCAS within a few days. In these circumstances, there is no need to contact the Undergraduate Admissions Office to confirm that you have a place.

If you are taking examinations other than those specified above (for example, International Baccalaureate, IELTS or other international qualifications), you must ensure that the Undergraduate Admissions Office is supplied with copies of your official results or transcripts as soon as they are available. Please do not send original documents. Once we receive your results, we will aim to make a decision as quickly as possible, and if you have met the terms of the University’s offer, your place will be confirmed automatically.

If you do not meet all the terms of your offer and the University still has places available, your application may be reconsidered by the relevant admissions team. Your place may still be confirmed if you have marginally failed to achieve the required grades, or you may be offered an alternative programme of study.

The process of reconsideration may take several days, but we aim to make a decision on most applications by 2pm on Friday 14 August 2015.

If we do not receive all of your final results by 28 August 2015, we may not be able to confirm your place with us.

We strongly advise you not to be away from home during the period when your examination results are released.

If there are special circumstances which are likely to affect your performance in examinations you are about to take, please write to the Undergraduate Admissions Office using the extenuating circumstances form (bristol.ac.uk/applicants/applied/extenuating-circumstances) before the results are published. In the case of illness, a doctor’s certificate should also be provided. Please note, it is not the policy of the University to consider special circumstances if we are notified of these after results are published.

Application verification (for EU applicants only)
The University has a legal and moral responsibility to ensure that all its students have valid academic qualifications. If you are taking UK A- or AS-levels, Irish Highers, Scottish Highers or BTEC qualifications, these will be verified by UCAS. If you are taking any other qualifications, we will ask you (whether you hold a conditional or unconditional offer) to bring the original certificates, and copies, with you when you register in September.

We will email you later in the year to tell you which certificates we want to see.

Please note: If you are unable to produce valid original documents at registration, you may not be permitted to register as a student of the University.
Accommodation

Our Accommodation Office will help you find somewhere to live that suits your budget or lifestyle – wherever you choose, you’ll have the opportunity to join a community where you will study, socialise and make lifelong friends.

You will able to apply online for accommodation from 20 April 2015.

The accommodation web pages at bristol.ac.uk/accommodation/undergraduate provide information on your accommodation options and explain how the University’s residential accommodation is allocated.

Information regarding how to apply may be found at bristol.ac.uk/accommodation/undergraduate/apply.

If you plan to live at home or in private accommodation, you will have plenty of opportunities to meet new people at the University’s welcome events. The student network Brunel also organises social events for students living at home or in private accommodation.

Applications for accommodation

If you meet the terms of your offer of study, are eligible for guaranteed accommodation and submit your application by 31 July 2015, you can expect to receive an offer of accommodation by 6pm on 25 August 2015.

If you submit your accommodation application after 31 August 2015, you will not be covered by the guarantee and will be considered for any vacancies remaining after places have been allocated to those covered by the guarantee.

Details of the accommodation guarantee can be found on the Accommodation Office website: bristol.ac.uk/accommodation/undergraduate/guarantee.

If you have any questions about accommodation, please contact:
Tel +44 (0)117 954 6640
Email accom-office@bristol.ac.uk
bristol.ac.uk/accommodation

I absolutely loved living in halls – the sense of community was great, everyone was so friendly and there was always someone around to hang out with.

Maddy Third year, BA History of Art
Registration and arrival

There can be a lot to organise in the period between confirming your place and arriving at university. We shall provide you with information which explains what you need to do both before and after you arrive.

What information will I receive from the University?
After the University has confirmed your place in August you will receive information about registration and the activities that will take place during Welcome Week (please see page 13).

It is important that you read this information straight away, as you will need to complete a number of tasks before you come to Bristol. You may also receive separate information from your academic school(s) about introductory activities and your teaching timetable.

What do I need to do before I arrive?
You will need to upload a recent digital passport-style photograph, which can be reproduced on your student card. Provided you upload a suitable photograph by the specified date, your student card will be ready for you to collect when you arrive.

Registering at the University is a two-part process. The first step is to complete the online registration process in mid-September 2015.

When you arrive at the University you will then need to register in person and collect your student card.

EU offer holders only
Don’t forget to bring your passport and original examination certificates to registration.

Depending on the subject(s) you are studying, you may have further tasks to complete before arrival, eg ordering laboratory coats or submitting your preferred unit choices. Please read your school documentation carefully and return any forms requested by the dates specified.

When will I be expected to arrive?
Arrivals weekend is 19-20 September 2015. If you are allocated a place in a hall of residence or student house we will contact you to let you know which day you are expected to arrive. If you are living at home or in private accommodation please come along to the welcome events, as this will be a great opportunity to meet some of your fellow students.

Welcome Lounge for EU students
If you are coming from the EU, we invite you to visit the International Students Welcome Lounge. This will be open from 7 to 25 September 2015. Here, you will be able to come and ask questions about living and studying in Bristol, collect information about the social programme and a letter to open a UK bank account, as well as meeting both new and current students over refreshments.

Student Agreement
The University values its students and works hard to provide a high-quality learning environment as well as an effective support structure.

The Student Agreement sets out the terms and conditions that will form the basis of the relationship between you and the University. As part of the formal registration process, you will be required to confirm your acceptance of the agreement and agree to abide by the University’s rules and regulations. By working together, we can create a positive environment for learning and academic achievement.

For a copy of the Student Agreement for 2014/15, please visit bristol.ac.uk/studentagreement. The 2015/16 version will be available after 1 August 2015.
Welcome Week

Your first week at the University is kept free of teaching to allow you to attend welcome talks and complete induction activities. In your free time, you’ll be able to settle into your accommodation and discover what Bristol has to offer.

What is Welcome Week?
Welcome Week runs from Monday 21 September to Friday 25 September 2015.

We realise it may take you a bit of time to settle in to your new environment and get organised for your studies. We deliberately keep this first week free of formal teaching. Instead, your academic school will organise a programme of introductory activities to welcome you to the University and prepare you for your studies. You will also have free time for personal matters such as opening a bank account, and, of course, for meeting other students.

Welcome Week is your opportunity to get settled into your accommodation and to explore Bristol and the University campus. You will start to become familiar with your academic school(s) and libraries, and time will be scheduled for various administrative tasks and introductory events. In addition, you will be able to meet your personal tutor, sort out your teaching timetable and start using your University computer account.

Teaching starts in the week commencing Monday 28 September 2015, and we hope that by the end of Welcome Week you will be fully prepared for your studies.

Welcome Week activities
- Attend welcome talks, eg from the warden of your residence and the head of your academic school.
- Complete registration, collect your student card and pick up various handbooks.
- Check your core teaching timetable and sign up for any additional seminar groups, practical classes, etc.
- Meet your personal tutor.
- Attend a safety briefing (where appropriate).
- Collect special equipment such as laboratory coats (where appropriate).
- Take part in other activities (varies according to subject area – may include a field trip or other visit outside the University).

A Welcome Fair for EU and international students will be held on Wednesday 23 September 2015.

For mature students (aged 21 or over) there will be a separate welcome event, followed by an optional study skills session, to ease you back into formal study.

What about the social life?
The Students’ Union and residences organise a range of events during Welcome Week, so look out for posters and flyers when you arrive.

The Students’ Union’s Welcome Fair is your opportunity to join various clubs and societies (visit ubu.org.uk/activities for a complete list). There will also be several sporting activities on offer.

We look forward to welcoming you to the University in September.

bristol.ac.uk/newstudents

From mid-August onwards, we will regularly update this website with information specifically for new students. On it you will find the following information:
- deadlines for the key administrative tasks you need to complete before you arrive;
- advice on how to settle into University life;
- information about registration;
- information about Welcome Week;
- links to other useful information.

Please bookmark this website now, and check it regularly from mid-August onwards.
Have you…

☐ read your offer on UCAS Track (https://track.ucas.com) and raised any queries?

☐ made a note of your student number (see your VIP page)?

☐ applied online for accommodation (from 20 April)?

☐ applied for financial support (loans and grants) from your government, if applicable?

☐ informed the University and UCAS of any changes to your name or contact details including email address?

☐ determined if you require a Tier 4 student visa?

☐ supplied the Undergraduate Admissions Office with copies of your official results or transcript, if you have taken the International Baccalaureate or other international qualifications?

☐ made a note to bring with you originals and copies of any relevant examination results, transcripts and translations (keep these with you)?

☐ checked your VIP page bristol.ac.uk/vip for the latest updates?

☐ prepared for results day (13 August 2015)? Make sure you will be at home and bookmark the results website: bristol.ac.uk/results

☐ bookmarked our website for new students: bristol.ac.uk/newstudents?

☐ uploaded a photograph for your student card online: bristol.ac.uk/cardservices/newstudents?