YOUR OFFER
OUR CAMPUS BY THE CITY

PARKINSON BUILDING
The iconic landmark building of the University

LAIDLAW LIBRARY
Designed for our undergraduate students

THE EDGE
Swimming pool, gym and sports halls

ST GEORGE’S FIELD
A beautiful green space in the heart of campus

LEEDS UNIVERSITY UNION
Shops, cafés, music venues and home to our clubs and societies

Leeds city centre
Only a 10-minute walk from campus

Leeds train station

Leeds University Union

St George’s Field

The Edge

Laidlaw Library

Parkinson Building

Leeds city centre
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Information provided by the University, such as in presentations, University brochures and on the University website, is accurate at the time of first disclosure. However, courses, University services and content of publications remain subject to change. Changes may be necessary to comply with the requirements of accrediting bodies or to keep courses contemporary through updating practices or areas of study. Circumstances may arise outside the reasonable control of the University leading to required changes. Such circumstances include industrial action, unexpected student numbers, significant staff illness (where a course is reliant upon a person’s expertise), unexpected lack of funding, severe weather, fire, civil disorder, political unrest, government restrictions and serious concern with regard to the transmission of serious illness making a course unsafe to deliver. After a student has taken up a place with the University, the University will look to give early notification of any changes and try to minimise their impact, offering suitable alternative arrangements or forms of compensation where it believes there is a fair case to do so. The latest key information on courses, entry requirements and fees can be found at courses.leeds.ac.uk. Please check this website before making any decisions.

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GO FURTHER, COME TO LEEDS

When you choose to study here, you’ll join a welcoming community of like-minded students and outstanding academics who share your passion for your subject.

WELCOME TO LEEDS

Going to university is an amazing experience. We’re really glad you’ve applied to study with us and we hope you select the University of Leeds as your firm choice.

We’ve designed this guide to help you make one of the most important decisions in your life that little bit easier. Discover all that we can offer you and what you need to do next.

You’ll be part of a prestigious, research-intensive Russell Group university, where you’ll gain skills that will be invaluable to you, personally and professionally, for years to come.

It’s the whole experience you get at Leeds that makes us different. You’ll get the chance to take part in research and many of our courses give you the opportunity to tailor your experience with discovery modules. You’ll benefit from some of the best university facilities on offer and you’ll be supported every step of the way. All on one campus, and in the heart of a thriving, friendly and multicultural city.

COVID-19 UPDATES

We hope that by the time you’re ready to start your studies with us the situation with COVID-19 will have eased. However, please be aware, we will continue to review our courses and other elements of the student experience in response to COVID-19 and we may need to adapt our provision to ensure students remain safe. For the most up-to-date information on COVID-19, regularly visit our website, which we will continue to update as the situation changes www.leeds.ac.uk/covid19faqs

TALK TO US

+44 (0)113 343 2336
study@leeds.ac.uk
YOUR OFFER EXPLAINED

CONDITONAL OFFER HOLDERS
If you’ve received a conditional offer from us, your place here is dependent on you achieving the grades or points (and English language requirement, if applicable) outlined in your offer letter, which you’ll have received with this guide.

If you’ve applied through UCAS, you may receive up to five offers, but you can only accept two – one as your firm (or first) choice and the other as an insurance (or second) choice.

You’ll be committed to your firm choice if you meet the grades of your offer, so your insurance choice should ideally be a lower offer than your firm choice – but make sure it’s somewhere you’d still be happy to go. Remember, you can’t choose between your firm and insurance choices once you get your results.

UNCONDITIONAL OFFER HOLDERS
If you’ve applied through UCAS and you accept an unconditional offer as your firm choice, you will be committed to that university and will not have an insurance choice.

CHANGING YOUR START DATE
Most of our courses will allow you to change your year of entry, whether you applied for deferred entry originally but now want to start this year, or whether you’re now thinking about taking a gap year before starting your course next year. If you’re considering a change, you’ll need to contact your school’s admissions team directly. You’ll find contact details in the enclosed offer letter.

HOW TO REPLY TO YOUR OFFER
Once you’ve received your offers, you’ll need to indicate your firm and insurance choices via UCAS Track by the deadline confirmed to you by UCAS.

When you accept the University of Leeds as your firm choice, you’re guaranteed an offer of a place in our student accommodation as long as you apply by the deadline (see page 23). If you’ve got any questions about your offer and how to respond to it, contact your school’s admissions team directly. You’ll find details in the enclosed offer letter.

If you’re an International Foundation Year or intercalating student, or you’re coming to Leeds as part of a joint degree, you can accept your offer online at acceptonline.leeds.ac.uk

If you’re an International Foundation Year student, once you have completed your qualifications, you’ll also need to email your official grades and IELTS certificate to ifyadmissions@leeds.ac.uk

FIND OUT MORE

APPLICANT EVENTS
You may be invited to an offer-holder visit experience where you can learn more about your course, and chat to academic staff and students. It’s more in-depth than an Open Day and will either be virtual or on campus.

Look out for more information sent from your academic school.

ACCOMMODATION VIEWING DAY
This year’s viewing day is planned for Saturday 21 March 2021. All our residences will be open for you to visit and explore. You’ll be able to speak to students about their time in accommodation, see the facilities and meet staff who’ll show you around and answer your questions.

If you receive an offer of study from us, look out for email updates about this event closer to the time.

If you’re not able to come to viewing day, full details about our accommodation can be found at accommodation.leeds.ac.uk
REDEFINING EXCELLENCE

Join the next generation of highly skilled, independent critical thinkers – shaping the world around you in years to come.

Top 100 university in the world
QS World University Rankings 2020

RESEARCH-BASED LEARNING

Experience the excitement of new discoveries and breakthroughs as they happen.

Research is at the heart of our teaching, so your course will be up to date with the latest developments, designed and taught by inspirational academics who are experts in their field. Together, we’ll also explore with you how research has influenced your subject and the research methods that are essential to making advances.

There are lots of opportunities for you to develop your research skills and get involved in the research happening on campus, so you’ll experience first-hand how knowledge is created.

Whatever course you choose at Leeds, you’ll carry out a research project in your final year, giving you the chance to apply your research skills and make your own discoveries.

“My lecturers were involved in the latest robotics research that impacts our lives in a big way – it’s an exciting area – I learnt the theory in the classroom and then I got to apply it practically in the lab. I enjoyed the hands-on element of working with electronics and mechanics.

For one of my projects I designed a robotic arm for a drone that could pick up and place objects. It’s great how you can think outside the box at Leeds.”

Jefferson Sanchez

“Find out more from Jefferson about his experience of research-based learning at www.leeds.ac.uk/jeffersonsanchez”

Top 10
UK university for research power
REF 2014
EXCELLENT LEARNING AND TEACHING

You’ll benefit from outstanding teaching at Leeds. Our Gold rating in the government’s Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) means our teaching is of the highest quality found in the UK.

With our support, you’ll develop your knowledge and skills and become an enquiring and independent critical thinker. You’ll learn how to define problems and how to go about finding answers – skills highly valued by graduate employers.

All our courses encourage you to understand the link between your academic study and society. You’ll engage with ethical issues in your subject area, gain an understanding of its global and cultural influences and develop the skills and attributes to help prepare you for future success.

You’ll study among inspirational academics – world experts who share your passion for your subject. They’re committed to helping you learn and develop and, in time, become an expert in your own right.

Our staff have been awarded a large number of National Teaching Fellowships, recognising their skills and commitment to outstanding teaching in higher education.

Discovery modules are a great way to tailor your study around your interests or career aspirations, helping you stand out from the crowd when you graduate.

www.leeds.ac.uk/broadening

STUDY FACILITIES

You’re continually investing in our campus to make sure you have first-class academic facilities. From new laboratories and lecture theatres to one of the largest and most impressive libraries in the UK, you’ll find everything you need for your studies right here.

We benefit from a high-quality learning experience, which includes:

• a blend of virtual and face-to-face teaching (lectures, seminars and tutorials), with time for independent study, project work, laboratory practicals or fieldwork
• the latest digital learning technology in some lecture theatres and seminar rooms to enable collaborative and interactive learning
• access to video and audio recordings of most of your lectures and other learning activities through our Virtual Learning Environment, meaning you can go back over your course content at any point in the year
• four libraries on campus, including the purpose-built Laidlaw Library for undergraduate students
• different working environments in our libraries to suit the way you work, including spaces for group work with interactive presentation equipment and silent individual study spaces
• free high-speed wi-fi and computer clusters across campus
• secure access to your resources, files and software, no matter where you are in the world, with our Desktop Anywhere service
• a dedicated Language Centre for independent study, so you can learn a new language for fun or to enhance your employment prospects
• support for academic skills, including report and essay writing, presenting and time management.
TAILOR YOUR EXPERIENCE

Explore, grow and develop with an incredible range of opportunities, meaning you really can make your time with us unique.

3rd in the UK for student experience
Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey 2018

DO AND BE MORE

STUDY ABROAD

“I chose Leeds because of the range of study abroad options. I went to the University of Adelaide. It was a fantastic experience.”

Read about Ben’s experience on page 14.

WORK EXPERIENCE

“I was really thrilled to have been offered a place on the IBM graduate programme, as I could look forward to a job that I’ll enjoy.”

Read about Demetra’s experience on page 16.

STUDENT ENTERPRISE

“The University of Leeds is one of the best for entrepreneurial studies. The opportunities on offer inspired me to make my business a success.”

Read about Harriett’s experience on page 17.

VOLUNTEERING

“Volunteering is a great way to meet new people and make friends. I was able to put my degree into practice, working with children in local schools.”

Read about Sophia’s experience on page 18.

There’s more to university than getting your degree. Find out how our students made the most of their time at Leeds.
STUDY ABROAD

Studying abroad as part of your degree is a great way to boost your confidence and broaden your outlook. You’ll get to experience another culture, make new friends and it’s amazing fun.

Most of our courses give you the chance to study abroad by extending your degree by a year. Our university partnerships span the globe, from New Zealand to the US. Subsidised summer schools are also available for up to six weeks in Europe, Asia or Latin America, usually after your first or second year.

You don’t need to be fluent in another language to study abroad. You can choose to go to an English-speaking country or our Language Centre can give you advice on language-learning opportunities before you go.

www.leeds.ac.uk/studyabroad

“I chose Leeds because of the range of study abroad options. I went to the University of Adelaide. It was a fantastic experience. Most of my Leeds modules were around international development and politics, but in Adelaide there was a lot about China and Africa, which was interesting. The work culture was different too. It was a great chance to see how others do it. I travelled and worked and really gained my independence.”

Ben Barrett

Learn more about Ben’s experience of studying abroad in Australia at
www.leeds.ac.uk/benbarrett

1. Ben Barrett – University of Adelaide, Australia
2. Toby Elwes – McGill University, Montreal, Canada
3. Elizabeth Wilder – Nanzan University, Nagoya, Japan
4. Madaleine Fletcher – Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand
5. Adam Bilbey – Universidad de Guadalajara, Mexico
7. Kim Maguire – Monash University, Melbourne, Australia
WORK EXPERIENCE

Getting valuable real-world experience looks great on your CV. You’ll develop commercial awareness, learn how to build professional relationships, gain the networking skills you’ll need for life after university and possibly even get a future job offer.

Most of our courses give you the opportunity to do a work placement. There are lots of ways you can do this – spend a year on a work placement, take a summer internship, or do shorter placements and project work as part of your course. You could choose a placement in the UK or overseas, or take on an ambassadorial role on campus.

Each year our students secure placements with large corporate organisations such as L’Oréal, Airbus, Goldman Sachs and Warner Bros, small-to-medium-sized enterprises such as Opera North, Bluesmith and Yorkshire Energy, and charities and not-for-profit organisations such as Mind, Great Ormond Street Hospital and Yorkshire Cancer Research.

www.leeds.ac.uk/workexperience

STUDENT ENTERPRISE

Whether you want to learn about enterprise or become an entrepreneur, you can get a head start at Leeds.

If you’ve got an idea for starting your own business, our start-up support team, Spark, can help you develop your idea into a viable enterprise. You can get business advice, mentoring and access to funding, networking events and bespoke workshops to help you through your entrepreneurial journey.

Our Centre for Enterprise and Entrepreneurship Studies runs enterprise-related discovery modules (see page 10). You’ll develop skills in commercial awareness, creative problem-solving, teamwork, leadership and communication – skills top employers look for in graduates.

You could apply for an Enterprise Scholarship to help with business, training and transport costs, and win up to £2,000 to get you started in our annual business plan competition.

www.leeds.ac.uk/enterprise

"Having studied analytical philosophy as part of my course, I was able to put this into practice during my year at IBM. I learnt how to code and ran workshops to teach others how to do it. A real highlight was being part of IBM’s team at Wimbledon, analysing matches and looking at how players were performing. I was really thrilled to have been offered a place on the IBM graduate programme, as I can look forward to a job that I knew I’d enjoy."

Demetra Brady

"The University of Leeds is one of the best for entrepreneurial studies. The opportunities on offer inspired me to make my business a success. The support I received was absolutely amazing – I got an office and industry experts as mentors. It’s great to get feedback from business professionals – it’s helped me learn how to be commercially aware. This incredible opportunity has helped me turn my dream into reality."

Harriett Howe

1. Demetra pictured in IBM’s Client Centre, South Bank, London
2. Harriett pictured presenting her business idea in a University boardroom

Find out more from Demetra about her work experience at www.leeds.ac.uk/demetrabrady

Find out more from Harriet about how she started up her own business at www.leeds.ac.uk/harrietthowe
PREPARE FOR YOUR FUTURE

Make the most of the opportunities at Leeds, have an amazing experience, and give yourself the skills and confidence to stand out from the crowd.

VOLUNTEERING

You could become one of around 3,500 students at Leeds who make a difference to the lives of others each year. Volunteering is a great way to give something back to the local community, enhance your CV and broaden your life experience, as well as meet people and have fun.

Whether you have a few hours to spare or much more time to volunteer, there’s something for you to get involved in. You could support young people in local schools, coach your sport, help refugees or asylum seekers improve their English, get involved in a Leeds University Union volunteering society, or join a great local community project. Leeds for Life Foundation grants are also available if you wanted to start your own project.

www.luu.org.uk/volunteering

“Volunteering is a great way to meet new people and make friends. I was able to put my degree into practice, working with children in local schools. I’m aiming to be a full-time music therapist and volunteering is a great way to get relevant experience. Music psychology is a new discipline and we’re finding out more about the way the brain works. It’s great to have that background knowledge to support what you’re doing outside your studies.”

Sophia Omarji

Learn more about Sophia’s experience of volunteering at www.leeds.ac.uk/sophiaomarji

1. Sophia pictured volunteering at a local primary school
LEEDS FOR LIFE

Start preparing for your future from day one of your course with our University-wide initiative, Leeds for Life, the first of its kind in higher education.

Leeds for Life helps you to get the most out of your time at university by supporting your personal and academic development. You’ll have regular, structured meetings with a personal tutor, who’ll help guide your academic and personal development.

It’s also where you can connect with Leeds alumni through the Leeds Network, to gain real-life insights and contacts in professions or industries you’re interested in.

leedsforlife.leeds.ac.uk

“University is about learning and self-development, preparing you for the world beyond education. Leeds helped me do this. We had great guest speakers, industry experts and alumni on campus to give us lectures, run workshops and talk to us about career progression. I had access to the Leeds Student Radio studios, allowing me to develop my craft, and my work placements let me build essential industry experience.”

Robert Bruce, Leeds graduate, DJ and presenter at Capital XTRA

You’ll also be able to get support from our international network of alumni. From practical careers advice through the Leeds Network to delivering talks and offering one-to-one mentoring and work placements, our alumni are actively involved in supporting your studies.

alumni.leeds.ac.uk

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

You’ll get expert career development support throughout your course, and after you graduate, from dedicated careers and employability teams.

Our staff help you with career choices and options after graduation, as well as offer advice on finding work experience, writing job applications, preparing for interviews and further study.

As well as considering a career-related discovery module (see page 10), you can access one-to-one appointments, events and a jobs site advertising hundreds of vacancies to our students. Over 650 graduate recruiters target our students through fairs and events each year, including Allen & Overy, Civil Service Fast Stream, HSBC, Marks & Spencer, Network Rail, PwC and Teach First.

Dedicated employability teams in your academic school or faculty can also give you sector-specific support and advice.

careerweb.leeds.ac.uk

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BE TARGETED BY THE TOP GRADUATE RECRUITERS, INCLUDING:

- Allen & Overy
- Civil Service Fast Stream
- M&S
- Teach First
FINDING YOUR NEW HOME

Choosing a university is also about choosing your new home. You’ll meet new people and discover the benefits of living independently. We’re here to help you feel safe and at home from day one.

CHOOSING YOUR ACCOMMODATION

Living in University accommodation in your first year is a great introduction to student life. It’s a fantastic way to make new friends and experience a new city or even a new country and culture.

Most of our accommodation is off campus, close to the city centre or in the popular student areas of Headingley or Hyde Park – within walking distance or on frequent bus routes to the University.

You can view photos of each residence and find out more information about their size, facilities and location at accommodation.leeds.ac.uk/residences

* Restrictions apply relating to deadlines, residence and academic offer status. Find out more about our guarantee at accommodation.leeds.ac.uk

Our guarantee

We guarantee* an offer of single University accommodation for your first year (and for all years for international undergraduates), as long as you apply by the deadline.

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OUR RESIDENCES

Explore our impressive range of accommodation, from modern, purpose-built apartments to converted mansions. There are catered and self-catered options and residences with en-suite or shared bathrooms.

CATERED RESIDENCES

In catered halls your meals are provided – ideal if you don’t want to cook for yourself – and the cost is included in your rent, making budgeting easier. All our catered residences have fully equipped kitchens, handy if you want to make any light meals or snacks. If your catered residence is on campus you will be given a pre-paid meal card, allowing you to purchase your meals from the Refectory, right next to the students’ union. At Devonshire Hall, our catered off-campus residence, meals are served in the dining hall allowing you to eat socially with your friends.

SELF-CATERED RESIDENCES

Self-catered residences are a great alternative. You’ll still enjoy the benefits of being part of a student community, but you can prepare your own food, eat when you want and plan your own food budget. If you follow a vegetarian, vegan, kosher or halal diet let us know so we can try to place you with students with similar requirements.

Discover our full range of accommodation online at accommodation.leeds.ac.uk
WHAT’S INCLUDED
Whichever residence you live in, you’ll get your own room, which comes with a bed, wardrobe, desk, chair and bookshelves. En-suite rooms also include a toilet, shower and washbasin. There’s a range of facilities available including on-site gyms, music practice rooms, cafés, bars, pool tables and picnic and barbeque areas. All of our residences have:

• free high-speed wi-fi
• all utility bills included in your rent
• use of a washing machine or laundry credits
• secure bike storage
• Edge Club gym and sports membership
• 24-hour security service
• an efficient, responsive maintenance service
• free basic insurance cover for your belongings
• an experienced Residence Life Warden to give advice or help with any problems.

ACCESSIBLE ACCOMMODATION
Whatever your disability or long-term health condition, we’ll work with you to find accommodation that suits your requirements wherever possible.
accommodation.leeds.ac.uk/specialrequirements

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?
The costs of accommodation for 2021 entry were not available at the time of printing, but 2020 entry prices range from £98 to £215 per week, depending on the type of accommodation. Don’t forget that utility bills, basic contents insurance cover, wi-fi, laundry credits and Edge Club gym and sports membership are all included in your rent.

Flexible payment methods
Budgeting for university can be difficult, so we have made it as easy as possible for you to pay your accommodation fees.

There are no hidden extras, so the price you see on your contract is what you pay. A £200 deposit is payable on acceptance of your contract. Your rent can then be paid in either one, three or eight instalments – the first instalment isn’t due until November, so you don’t have any rent to pay until after you move in.

HOW TO APPLY
You can apply for accommodation through our website after 1 November 2020, but you must have accepted Leeds as your firm choice with UCAS (or accepted your offer online if you have applied for an International Foundation Year). We don’t operate a first-come, first-served policy, so you have time to make your choice, but you must apply for accommodation by 1 July 2021 to be guaranteed an offer of accommodation.

Find out how to apply at accommodation.leeds.ac.uk/prospectivestudents

WANT TO STAY AT HOME?
Many of our students choose to stay at home and commute to campus and you may decide this is the best option for you. You can still embrace the exciting opportunities that student life brings and you will be able find out more during our Freshers’ Experience.
CAMPUS LIFE

Join our global community and immerse yourself in student life at Leeds. Experience the arts, take part in sport and socialise with friends without having to leave campus.

1. The Stanley & Audrey Burton Gallery
2. Common Ground café, a space to relax in Leeds University Union
3. The gym at The Edge, our £13.5m indoor sports facility
4. Café space outside the Edward Boyle Library
5. Learn about growing food in our sustainable garden
SPORT AND FITNESS

Whether you want to keep fit, play sport socially or compete at a high level, you’ll find everything you need at Leeds.

The Edge, our flagship on-campus indoor sports facility, has state-of-the-art fitness, sport and wellbeing facilities. These include a 25m, eight-lane swimming pool, fitness suite, squash courts, a climbing wall and three dedicated class studios.

We also have outdoor facilities nearby, including an international standard hockey pitch, county standard cricket wicket and squares, two floodlit 3G pitches and several excellent quality grass pitches. Bodington Playing Fields are home to The Brownlee Centre – the UK’s first purpose-built triathlon training centre with a 1.6km outdoor-lit cycling circuit for all abilities.

The University Boathouse on the Aire and Calder Navigation Canal gives access to 4km of rowable water.

More than 300 clubs and societies for you to join

If you want to find out which might suit you, try LUU’s 60-second quiz at findyourfit.luu.org.uk

You’ll get the chance to become a member of LUU during online registration.

And make sure you attend one of their welcome talks, which will give you the opportunity to discover exactly what your students’ union is all about, more about clubs and societies and how they’ll support you through your studies.

Find out more at the dedicated welcome site at welcome.luu.org.uk and at luu.org.uk

Students’ Union

We hope you’ve already heard lots of great things about Leeds University Union (LUU), your award-winning students’ union right at the heart of campus.

LUU’s mission is to help you ‘Love Your Time at Leeds’ – any student can join for free and membership includes things like free, confidential student advice, student-focused representation, wellbeing and social activities.

There are also over 300 student-led sports clubs, faith and culture groups, volunteering and special interest societies you can join to meet new friends and socialise with your flatmates and people on your course.

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Our social leagues are a great way to play competitively with friends against other student or staff teams each week. Our weekly social sport sessions offer non-competitive fun without a regular commitment.

You could join one of more than 70 sports clubs and become a Leeds Gryphon by representing the University of Leeds at one of several levels. If you’re an elite athlete, our Sport Scholarships programme will support you to achieve both sporting and academic excellence.

Sport isn’t all about playing. Take advantage of opportunities to develop your skills and broaden your horizons through our officiating and leadership programmes, coaching courses and international volunteering opportunities. sport.leeds.ac.uk

The Edge Education Facility of the Year

National Fitness Awards 2018
CITY LIFE

Leeds has one of the largest student communities in the country, making it an exciting place to live and learn. It also has lots of green space and nearby countryside to escape to.

SHOPPING

Leeds is famous for its historic shopping arcades, including the Victoria Quarter, Queen’s Arcade and Thornton’s Arcade.

You’ll find all your favourite designer and high-street brands under one roof in Trinity Leeds.

FOOD AND DRINK

Leeds has a thriving independent food and drink scene, hosting the popular Leeds Indie Food festival each year.

You’ll find everything from quirky cafés and beer halls to rooftop bars with views of the city, as well as restaurants that feature in the Michelin Guide.

Leeds city centre – one of the UK’s Best Places to Live
The Sunday Times 2019

1. Thornton’s Arcade
2. Street food at Kirkgate Market, one of Europe’s largest covered markets
3. Victoria Leeds shopping centre
4. Restaurants and bars at Granary Wharf
MUSIC
Leeds’ nightlife is legendary, with clubs and bars offering music to suit all tastes.
First Direct Arena attracts some of the world’s biggest artists to its theatre-style music venue.

ARTS AND CULTURE
Leeds is one of the few cities outside London to have resident opera and ballet companies.
You’ll find several theatres, art galleries and museums including The Grand Theatre, the Carriageworks, Leeds Playhouse, Leeds City Museum and Leeds Art Gallery.

SPORT
The famous Emerald Headingley Stadium is home to Leeds Rhinos rugby league and Yorkshire Carnegie rugby union teams, Yorkshire County Cricket Club and international Test Matches.
Leeds United Football Club is based at nearby Elland Road Stadium.

FURTHER AFIELD
Leeds has amazing parks and spaces such as Roundhay Park, Temple Newsam, Harewood House and Kirkstall Abbey.
You’ll find traditional towns and cities nearby like York, Ilkley, Harrogate, Saltaire and the village of Haworth, home of the Brontës.

1. Belgrave Music Hall and Canteen in Leeds city centre
2. Live at Leeds music festival
3. Royal Armouries Museum
4. Leeds Central Library and Leeds Art Gallery
5. The famous Emerald Headingley Stadium
6. Tour de Yorkshire cycle race
7. Kirkstall Abbey, ruins of an 800-year-old Cistercian monastery
8. Staithes, a seaside village on the East Coast
Exciting, exhilarating, nerve-racking, daunting – university can be many things. At Leeds you’ll have a network of wellbeing and support services dedicated to helping you.

StUDENT WELLBEING AND SUPPORT

Support Services

It’s reassuring to know that when you choose the University of Leeds, there’s a network of specialist services centred on you and your wellbeing.

You can get advice on anything from accommodation and registration to fees and funding and everything in between from our Student Services Centre.

students.leeds.ac.uk

Leeds University Union offers help and support through a professional and confidential service – no problem is too small or trivial. The team specialises in housing, money and academic concerns, but they can support you with anything. All their help is free and completely independent of the University of Leeds.

www.luu.org.uk/student-advice

Students with Asylum Seeker or Refugee Status

Additional support is available if you’re a student with asylum seeker or refugee status. Get in touch to find out how we can help at theplusprogramme@leeds.ac.uk

Support for Disabled Students

If you’re a disabled student, we’ll work with your academic school and other University services to ensure we meet your needs and put in place any reasonable adjustments. Support can include drop-in advice and guidance sessions, modified examination arrangements, extended library loan facilities and access to computers with assistive technology. You may need to apply for additional funding to pay for specialised academic-related support (see page 39).

Don’t wait until you start your course to contact us. Get in touch early, so we can discuss your needs and arrange the right support for you.

+44 (0)113 343 3927
disability@leeds.ac.uk
students.leeds.ac.uk/settingupyoursupport

Student Counselling, Wellbeing and Mental Health Support

There may be times when you experience stress, emotional problems or upsetting life events that make it hard to cope academically or personally.

To help you deal with those difficult times, we provide free, professional and confidential counselling, wellbeing and mental health support, alongside local NHS services. We also promote wellbeing through groups, workshops and web-based self-help resources, such as Togetherall. We also run a daily drop-in and offer remote online services.

If you have an existing serious mental health diagnosis, our mental health advisors can provide one-to-one support, develop appropriate support plans, or put you in contact with other professionals in the area.

students.leeds.ac.uk/supportandwellbeing

Leeds University Union also delivers campus activities that engage students in making positive decisions about their health and wellbeing. A team of student ambassadors oversee a series of initiatives that students want – from monthly wellbeing meetups to self-defence classes and stress management workshops.

luu.org.uk
FEES AND FUNDING

Choosing the right university is an important decision and an investment in your future.

There are two main costs to consider at university: tuition fees and your living costs. There may be some support available to help with the cost of your studies.

Find out more at www.leeds.ac.uk/undergraduatefees

FUNDING FROM THE UK GOVERNMENT FOR UK STUDENTS

Tuition fee loan
You can apply for a tuition fee loan from the government to cover the full cost of your course, or you can pay your tuition fees in full or in instalments. A tuition fee loan is designed so you don’t have to pay your degree up front.

You can get up-to-date information at www.gov.uk/student-finance

Maintenance loan
If you’re an eligible UK student, you’ll be able to get a maintenance loan to help with living costs, which is paid into your bank account at the start of each term. The amount you’ll receive depends on your annual household income, where your permanent home is and where you choose to live while you’re studying. This loan is repayable, but you won’t have to start paying it back until after you graduate.

Check our website for the latest information at www.leeds.ac.uk/governmentsupport

Applying for UK government funding
If you’re eligible, you can apply online for tuition fees and living cost loans from early 2021. You don’t need a confirmed place at university to complete the application.

If you’re from England, you’ll need to apply for government funding through Student Finance England, which is responsible for assessing the funding available to you.

If you live in Scotland, apply to www.saas.gov.uk

If you live in Wales, apply to www.studentfinancewales.co.uk

If you live in Northern Ireland, apply to www.studentfinanceni.co.uk

Funding for disabled students
If you’re a disabled student, you may be eligible to apply for Disabled Students’ Allowances from Student Finance England (or the equivalent organisation) to pay for specialist academic-related support and equipment. You can get this extra funding on top of your other student finance. It doesn’t have to be paid back and it’s not means-tested. Our Disability Services team can advise you on sources of funding and eligibility.

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disability@leeds.ac.uk
students.leeds.ac.uk/disabledstudentsfunding

FUNDING FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Check if any funding is available from your country to study in the UK. This could be from your home government, or from companies or organisations based in your home country. Visit their websites or contact your local British Council office. See page 40 for information on University Scholarships you may be eligible for.
I came to the University through the Access to Leeds programme, with a Pathways for Potential scholarship. It meant I could really concentrate on studying. I could buy the books I needed without having to wait for my student finance. It allowed me to do a summer internship in my first year and helped support the year in industry I took in my third year, both in Germany.

Naomi Maher

Find out more about how Naomi has benefited from University financial support at www.leeds.ac.uk/naomimaher

Leeds Financial Support
We offer non-repayable financial support to UK students to help with the costs of being at university, which is linked to annual household income. If your household income is above the threshold, you may still be eligible for a scholarship from us based on academic achievement.
www.leeds.ac.uk/leedsfinancialsupport

Scholarships
We offer a range of prestigious scholarships for UK and international students. Eligibility for our means tested scholarship is based on personal circumstances including household income. We also offer them for academic achievement in certain subject areas as well as specialised sports scholarships for elite athletes.
www.leeds.ac.uk/scholarships

Some scholarships are available for students studying the International Foundation Year, including the IFY Excellence Scholarship.
www.leeds.ac.uk/internationalfoundationyear

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

At Leeds you’ll be part of a friendly and diverse global community. For more than 100 years we’ve been welcoming international students from all over the world, so you can be sure of experienced help and support. We can help with fees and funding, visas, preparing for arrival and settling in.

Find out more at www.leeds.ac.uk/internationalstudents

Find out if we’ll be visiting your country in the near future at www.leeds.ac.uk/visitstoyourcountry
ARRIVING IN LEEDS

When you arrive in Leeds, our Welcome team will give you all the information you need to help you settle in. Our Meet and Greet service runs on certain dates. Check these dates before you arrange your travel. If you want to use the Meet and Greet service, you will need to book it in advance. Find out more at www.leeds.ac.uk/meetandgreet

Your welcome information will be available when you arrive and will give you everything you need for your first few weeks, including details of talks and activities, as well as guidance on how to register at the University and how to open a bank account.

We know it’s important to settle into a new country quickly. Our International Welcome Experience is a free programme of information sessions and social events to introduce you to British culture and help you make new friends.

Our International Student Office will support you throughout your time at Leeds, providing year-round help and advice.

Find out more about planning your arrival in Leeds at www.leeds.ac.uk/internationalarrival

1. Keshav pictured at Leeds Bradford Airport

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE IN THE UK

Pre-arrival briefings

We hold pre-arrival briefings virtually and in a number of countries across the world. You’ll receive an email with more details about the briefings, which provide useful information of practical issues such as how to travel to Leeds, how to organise your accommodation and what to bring with you.

Applying for a visa

You may need a visa to be able to study in the UK. If this is the case and you decide to accept our offer, we’ll issue you with a CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies). You’ll need this to apply for your visa. Visit our website for specialist immigration advice to support you through the visa application process. www.leeds.ac.uk/immigration

Pre-sessional English courses

If you need to improve your English skills, you can prepare for study in the UK with our pre-sessional English language courses, available before you start. And once you’ve started here, you can develop your academic English through part-time classes and workshops, which you can do alongside your degree. www.leeds.ac.uk/languages

Talk to current international students about studying here. www.leeds.ac.uk/linktoleeds

“I was a bit nervous coming to university because I’d never travelled alone before. It was a big relief when I saw the University of Leeds sign at the airport. The team were very friendly and helped me get to my accommodation, where the staff helped me to settle in. The best part has been the friends I’ve made. You’ll never feel alone in Leeds because your circle of friends can become your family.”

Keshav Bansal

Learn more from Keshav about being an international student at Leeds at www.leeds.ac.uk/keshavbansal
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