



Your Offer



POSTGRADUATE
RESEARCH 2022



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

Our campus by the city

Parkinson Building

The iconic landmark building of the University

Edward Boyle library

Includes a postgraduate-only Research Hub

Leeds Doctoral College

Coordinates postgraduate research support and activities

The Edge

Swimming pool, gym and sports halls

St George's Field

A beautiful green space in the heart of campus

North-east quarter

Brings together engineering, computing and physical sciences

Leeds University Union

Shops, cafés, music venues and home to our clubs and societies

Western campus

Home to our Business School and School of Law



Leeds city centre

Only a 10-minute walk from campus

Leeds train station

Parkinson Building

The Edge

Leeds General Infirmary

Leeds Doctoral College

Edward Boyle Library

St George's Field

Leeds University Union

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Western campus



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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 www.leeds.ac.uk/pgr. Please check this website before making any decisions.

Welcome to Leeds.

Congratulations on your offer. We're delighted that you are considering the University of Leeds as your next step.



Top 100 university in the world

QS World University Rankings 2022



Join us

A postgraduate research degree at Leeds will give you a solid grounding for career progression, whatever your next step.

This guide will provide you with important information about your offer. You'll find details of our leading research facilities, your developmental opportunities, accommodation and more. Discover everything we can offer you and what you need to do next.

When you come to Leeds you'll be part of a prestigious, research-intensive university in one of the UK's most diverse cities.

Our postgraduate researchers are integral to our world-class research.

We hope that by the time you're ready to start your studies with us the situation with COVID-19 will have eased. We'll continue to review our courses and other parts of the student experience in response to COVID-19 and we may need to adapt our provision to ensure the safety of our students. Keep checking our website for the latest updates at www.leeds.ac.uk/pgrcovid19faqs

Postgraduate events

Explore your subject, meet our academic staff and chat to some of our current students and researchers at our postgraduate fairs and virtual events.

www.leeds.ac.uk/pgevents

Chat to us

Learn about postgraduate life at Leeds from current students and researchers, through chat, blog posts and live events.

www.leeds.ac.uk/linktoleeds

Contact us

Contact our Doctoral College to discuss being a researcher at Leeds.

doctoralcollege@leeds.ac.uk

Next steps.

Choose Leeds as your university. Here's everything you need to know about your offer and how to accept your place.



Your offer explained

Accepting your offer with us is just the beginning of your journey and we'll be there to support you every step of the way.

Conditional offers

If you have received a conditional offer from the University, your place here is dependent on meeting the conditions outlined in your offer letter, which you will have received with this guide. To send further documents or accept your offer, visit www.leeds.ac.uk/acceptonline

Once you have met the conditions of your offer you will be sent an unconditional offer. You do not need to accept this offer again, as long as the start date is the same.

Unconditional offers

If you have received an unconditional offer from us, you will have met all the relevant academic requirements. You can accept this offer at www.leeds.ac.uk/acceptonline

You may need to provide original or certified true copies of your academic qualifications and (if applicable) translations of them when you come to register with us. Your offer letter will state if you need to show any original documents. Contact your faculty graduate school if you need to change your start date.

You'll find a summary of the process in a flow chart on page 10.

View and accept your offer at www.leeds.ac.uk/acceptonline



Information for international researchers

If you are coming to the UK to study, there are some additional things to consider. Most international students require a student visa to study in the UK.

Applying for a visa

There are two types of visa for our students and researchers:

- student visa (previously called a Tier 4 visa) – the most common
- visitor visa – for study visits of less than six months. Read more at www.leeds.ac.uk/researchvisits

A student visa is valid for the full length of your course plus a short period before and after study. It can be extended in certain circumstances and may allow employment in the UK depending on the level and length of study. It may be possible for family members to be your dependants if you hold a student visa.

To apply for your student visa you will need a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) from the University. The earliest we can issue a CAS is six months before the start date of your studies. The earliest you can make a visa application is six months before the start of your studies, but you should only make a visa application and travel to the UK if your start date is the same as that on your offer letter. Contact your faculty graduate school if you need to change your start date. Read more about applying for your visa and the documents you will need at www.leeds.ac.uk/studentvisa

If your research is in a science, engineering or technology discipline, you must have an Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) certificate before you apply for your student visa. If this applies to you, further information will be sent to you. Even if you have not yet decided to accept your place at Leeds, you can still apply for an ATAS certificate. It can take several weeks for an ATAS certificate to be approved and issued, so make sure you apply in good time.

www.fco.gov.uk/atas

Read more about visas, immigration and your responsibilities at

www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice

www.gov.uk/student-visa

Immigration advice

The University's immigration advisors can answer questions about visa applications and advise on documents required at any stage in the process. Contact them at

studentvisaadvice@leeds.ac.uk

or visit

www.leeds.ac.uk/immigrationadvice



Postgraduate pre-sessional English courses

If English isn't your first language, our Language Centre can help you improve your academic English before your research degree starts and prepare you for life and research in the UK.

Our courses are full time with start dates throughout the year.

What to expect:

- we'll help you improve your academic English to the level needed to be successful in a UK research degree
- you'll develop the skills you need for research at a doctoral level, such as sourcing information, academic writing, critical thinking, participating in discussions and other academic practices
- you'll study with other students also preparing for research degrees

How we teach

You'll be taught by academics who contribute to research into teaching languages. Their findings influence how we teach our pre-sessional courses, so you can be sure the teaching on your course reflects the latest thinking and practices to help you get the most out of your learning.

Find out about entry requirements and how to apply at www.leeds.ac.uk/pgpreessional

Accepting your offer

Confirming your place

I have been given a conditional offer

This means that you have not yet met the requirements for the course. The conditions of your offer are in your offer letter. You need to upload the documents to meet these conditions (see page 7).

It is important that you accept your offer.

Accept your conditional offer at www.leeds.ac.uk/acceptonline

I have been given an unconditional offer

Once you have met the conditions of your offer you will receive an unconditional offer (see page 7).

If you are unable to accept your offer online or have any questions, email rp_applications@leeds.ac.uk

If you have previously accepted a conditional offer, you do not need to accept the new unconditional offer, as long as the start date is the same.

Additional steps for international researchers

ATAS clearance

Check your offer letter to see if you need to apply for ATAS clearance. You need to have received your ATAS clearance before you apply for your student visa (see page 8).

Apply for your visa

Once you have received your CAS (and ATAS clearance, if appropriate) you can apply for your visa (see page 8).

Student visa (previously Tier 4 visa)

Read more at www.leeds.ac.uk/studentvisa

Visitor visa

Read more at www.leeds.ac.uk/researchvisits

What we need from you

In addition to the evidence to meet your conditions, make sure you also provide any other information requested (eg passport details and any previous UK CAS, BRPs and visas), as well as information to clarify your fee status, if we asked you for this.

Fees and funding

Investing in a postgraduate research degree is about investing in your future career and life beyond Leeds.

There are two main costs to factor into your financial planning: academic fees and living costs. You will need to provide evidence that you have the necessary funding to cover these costs and you'll need to pay them when asked to do so by the University. You'll find more information in your offer letter.

Financial support

Postgraduate study is a big investment, but you may be able to get financial support from the University of Leeds or other funding bodies. Find out more at

www.leeds.ac.uk/research-funding

Postgraduate Doctoral Loans

The UK government offers Postgraduate Doctoral Loans to students who meet the eligibility criteria. If you are eligible you will be able to apply for a loan to help contribute towards course fees and living costs while you study. Check your eligibility and find out more at www.gov.uk/doctoral-loan

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 government office.

Scholarships

The University and external funding bodies, such as research councils, offer a range of scholarships to UK or international students that cover full or partial course fees and/or maintenance payments. Scholarships are very competitive, so it is important you make enquiries and apply to all relevant sources as soon as possible.

www.leeds.ac.uk/researchdegreesfunding

The University has a range of scholarships available for specific projects through our Centres for Doctoral Training (CDTs) and Doctoral Training Partnerships (DTPs). We also offer doctoral scholarships across the full range of disciplines. Individual faculties and schools offer scholarships and awards too.

External funding bodies offer scholarships through the University. You will find funding opportunities advertised through external sources too.

You can search the funding section of our research opportunities directory for information about the wide range of scholarships we offer. To be eligible to apply for scholarship funding, you must apply for, or have an offer of, a place of study.

phd.leeds.ac.uk

Alumni bursary

If you are a former undergraduate or Masters student from the University of Leeds, you may be eligible for a 10% alumni tuition fee bursary. Check your eligibility and the application deadlines at www.leeds.ac.uk/alumnibursary

Paying your academic fees

Your academic fees have been included with your offer letter. If you have any questions, contact your faculty graduate school.

Bench fees may be charged as an additional fee to cover the use of laboratory facilities and activities associated with a particular field of study. These fees will be assessed by your school on an individual basis. If they apply to you, they will be included in your offer letter. In some faculties, scholarships may be available to cover all or part of the bench fee.

International fees are fixed at the point when you start your studies. This means your fees will not rise in subsequent years, making it easier for you to plan your personal finances.

For UK postgraduate researchers fees may increase each year, but only in line with inflation, calculated according to the Retail Price Index.

For up-to-date fee information, visit www.leeds.ac.uk/pgrfees

Self-funding researchers

If you're a self-funding postgraduate researcher, you can pay your fees in full during registration or in two instalments.

If you pay in two instalments, 50% must be paid when you register and 50% is payable by direct debit from a UK bank account, approximately five months after your start date.

If you are receiving a Postgraduate Doctoral Loan from Student Finance England, you can set up an alternative instalment plan in line with your loan payments. This alternative instalment plan will only be available if we have received confirmation from Student Finance England that your Postgraduate Doctoral Loan has been approved.

students.leeds.ac.uk/waystospay

Sponsored researchers

If you are going to be supported financially by your government, employer or other sponsor, you must provide a letter from the sponsor (on headed paper), either before or on your arrival at the University. The letter must state the amount to be paid in pounds sterling (GBP) and the address for invoicing. The letter should also be emailed to

sponsors@leeds.ac.uk

Sponsors must pay fees in full when invoiced, as no instalment arrangement is available. If you are a sponsored researcher, you will be unable to register until the sponsor letter has been received and confirmed by our Student Fees team.

www.leeds.ac.uk/sponsoredstudents

If you have any enquiries, contact Student Fees on **+44 (0)113 343 6700** or email pgfees@leeds.ac.uk

Living costs

In addition to academic fees, you will need to budget for living costs. Leeds is a relatively low-cost city compared to some areas of the UK but you'll still need to budget carefully. Get money advice and budgeting tips at

luu.org.uk/help-support



Research Excellence.

Challenge current thinking.
Explore pioneering
research. Contribute to
research that matters.



Research with impact

Leeds is one of the UK's largest research-intensive universities, with more than 80% of our research rated 'world leading' or 'internationally excellent' (REF 2014).

We attract significant research funding and are investing in people and facilities to create research that matters.

We were the 35th most international university in the world in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2020. Around half our postgraduate researchers come from outside the UK and our staff are from over 90 different countries. More than half our research outputs come from international collaborations.

We want to attract tomorrow's researchers to Leeds. We offer a range of scholarships to try to ensure your ability to study with us depends on your talent, not your circumstances (see page 11).

Tackling global challenges

Our research tackles the big issues affecting today's world. Here are some of the ways our discoveries are making a real difference to society.



Combining engineering and immunology

We've pioneered a technique to avoid rejection of transplant tissue by combining our medical engineering and medical immunology expertise.



Estimating sea level rises

An international team, including researchers from Leeds, are estimating sea level rises more accurately, using satellite data to generate information on polar ice thickness and melting rates.



Empowering conflict survivors

We're supporting young conflict survivors across the world through a project which helps them use creative media to understand and share their experiences.



Ultra-fast transmission of data

Our researchers were part of a breakthrough in the development of terahertz quantum cascade lasers. This could lead to ultra-fast transmission of data, potentially benefiting hospitals, research facilities and satellite communications.

Discover more about our leading research at www.leeds.ac.uk/research

Working together with experts

We bring together researchers from different disciplines and backgrounds to combine disciplinary excellence and create an environment in which world-leading research can flourish.

Interdisciplinary solutions

The world faces large and complex problems. In our drive to find answers, we bring together wide-ranging expertise to create extraordinary solutions.

We are:

- combining robotics, nanoparticles, ultrasound and lasers to develop a possible chemotherapy or radiotherapy alternative for head and neck cancers
- leading an £8m research programme, GCRF-AFRICAP, to improve policy-making and develop sustainable and productive agriculture systems in the face of climate change

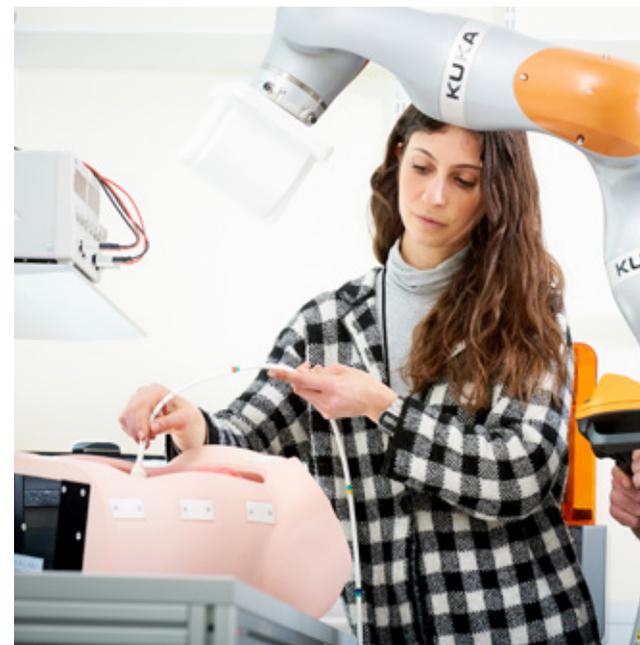
The University is home to several interdisciplinary centres, like the Priestley International Centre for Climate, the Bragg Centre for Materials Research and the Astbury Centre for Structural Molecular Biology, which brings together interdisciplinary expertise to push the boundaries of knowledge.



We also work closely with a range of partners, including:

- industry and business to develop innovative commercial solutions
- charities and the health sector to increase understanding of health challenges
- government agencies and NGOs to provide expertise and influence policy
- academic colleagues nationally and internationally to achieve more together

Whatever your specialism, there will be opportunities for you to work with others in your discipline and across disciplines, within the University and in other institutions.



Over 80% of our research is rated 'world leading' or 'internationally excellent'

REF 2014



Making your contribution

Postgraduate researchers are at the heart of the University's research – over half our submissions to REF 2014 included contributions from PhD researchers.

Choose Leeds and you'll join a community of around 4,000 postgraduate researchers. Whatever your field of interest, the scale and quality of our research gives you the opportunity to be part of internationally important work. You can work on existing projects or conduct your own independent research project. And you'll find all the facilities and support you need to excel during your time here.

Your supervisors and you

Finding the right supervisors for your project is a key part of choosing your research degree. Supervisors draw on their own experience to guide your work and to challenge, inspire and support you. They will be with you from the development of your research plan, through to the creation of your thesis and preparing you for the viva – the final stage of your PhD.

You'll usually have at least two academic supervisors, at the forefront of their discipline and with the relevant specialist knowledge for your project. They'll provide support and encouragement, whilst empowering you to work and think independently. They'll challenge your ideas, offer advice on training and development, review your progress, and provide guidance and feedback on your work.

Specialist research facilities

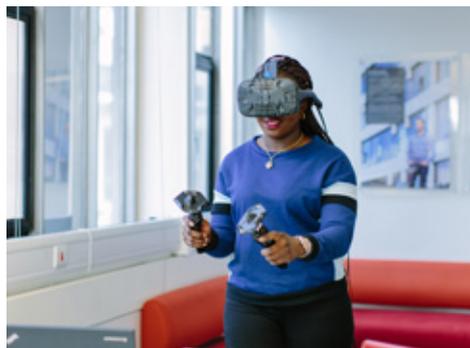
Our outstanding facilities provide an excellent platform for your research and enhance your academic experience. Some of the UK's leading research centres are based at the University and we're investing heavily to realise the potential of new technologies.

Here are just some of our research facilities:



Priestley International Centre for Climate

This Centre brings together the world leading expertise of researchers from across the University of Leeds to collaborate on all the key strands of climate change research.



Centre for Immersive Technologies

This Centre works in the areas of human-centred design, education, decision-making, cultural engagement and improving wellbeing, helping companies and organisations use virtual reality and augmented reality.



Special Collections

From medieval manuscripts and a First Folio of Shakespeare's plays, to valuable business archives, the University's Special Collections is a unique resource for primary research.

Academic study facilities

You'll find everything you need to support your research – from one of the largest libraries in the UK to extensive IT resources and skills support.

University Library

The University Library is one of the major academic research libraries in the UK. It offers four libraries on campus, open throughout the year, at a wide range of times. You can choose from different working environments, equipped with the latest technology. You'll also benefit from expert support from library staff in literature searching, referencing, bibliometrics, open access and research data management.

The postgraduate-only Research Hub in the Edward Boyle Library offers space for individual and group work, bookable study rooms with large LED screens and lockers. It has extra-large study desks with wi-fi, individual lighting and power sockets – especially useful when you're writing up your research.

library.leeds.ac.uk

Computers and IT

Through your University account, you'll be able to access the technologies and services to support your studies, including: a wide range of standard and specialist software and services; free access to licensed copies of Office Pro Plus; a suite of tools and services provided through Microsoft Office 365, seamlessly linked to your University account and securely available from anywhere in the world; free high-speed wi-fi across campus and IT help and support.

it.leeds.ac.uk



Language learning

If English isn't your first language, our University Language Centre offers pre-sessional English courses to international postgraduate researchers (see page 9).

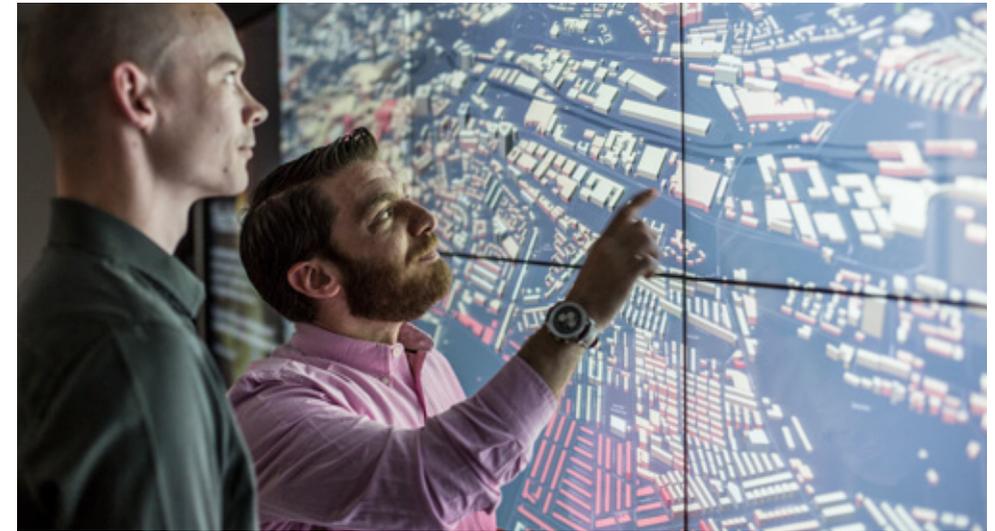
Once you're studying here, you can access workshops and advice to continue improving your academic English language skills alongside your research.

If you want to improve your skills in a different language, our Language Zone has learning materials in more than 50 languages.

www.leeds.ac.uk/languagecentre

Develop and connect.

Share your research and connect with experts. Build your profile, networks and skills to shape your future.



Develop your profile

Building your professional profile is a key part of success as a postgraduate researcher. You'll need to develop new skills and networks to share and further your research. You'll be able to connect with experts and access personal and professional development opportunities to help you realise your professional goals.

Making connections

We understand the importance of meeting others in your field, both in advancing your research and your future career. You'll be able to network with colleagues from the University and wider academic community, as well as industry experts, at national and international conferences and research events.

You may have opportunities to present and publish your research and provoke academic debate. Your supervisor will help point you in the right direction and our research collaborations mean you're well placed to meet academic and industry experts. You may also have chance to widen your professional network by working on industry projects and internships, and on large-scale collaborative research partnerships. Our commercialisation team identifies, evaluates and develops commercial opportunities for research conducted at the University.

As a researcher at Leeds, you can access one of the biggest alumni communities of any UK university – a global network of around 300,000 Leeds graduates in 192 countries.

Your development and careers support

As a postgraduate researcher, you'll gain transferable skills that will be invaluable, whatever your chosen career – analysing and communicating complex information, working independently and as part of a team, and many more.

With a huge range of personal and professional development opportunities on offer, you can focus on what you need.

Find out more at researchersupport.leeds.ac.uk

Your personal development plan

Your personal and professional development is agreed between you and your supervisor. It reflects your previous experience and personal and professional aspirations. It includes both specific research-related development and broader experiences, like challenging ideas and presenting at conferences.

An online record system, the Graduate Record of Achievement and Development (GRAD), helps you plan which conferences, courses and workshops to attend. It records meetings with your supervisors and development activity taken, with milestones to track your progress right up to completion of your research degree.

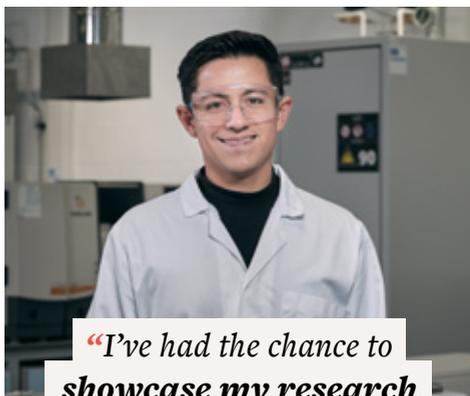
To develop your teaching skills, we offer a series of workshops which focus on the essentials for demonstrating, lecturing, small-group teaching and assessing student work, and there are opportunities to develop your teaching practice through lectures and practical sessions.

Leeds' student enterprise opportunities are also available to you as a postgraduate researcher.

www.leeds.ac.uk/enterprise

Training opportunities

Specialised workshops on topics from academic writing to advanced research computing are run by services across the University.



"I've had the chance to showcase my research at international conferences. I've also published in some open access journals, with the help and support of the University and my supervisor."

Vicente Merida

PhD Food Science and Nutrition

A range of self-directed resources are available through the University's Virtual Learning Environment (VLE). Our Doctoral College also offers courses to help you at all stages of your research, including opportunities for you to develop your project management and time management skills. Through LinkedIn Learning, you'll be able to access research-related resources that are specific to Leeds, as well as over 5,000 courses on topics from software and coding to personal and professional development.

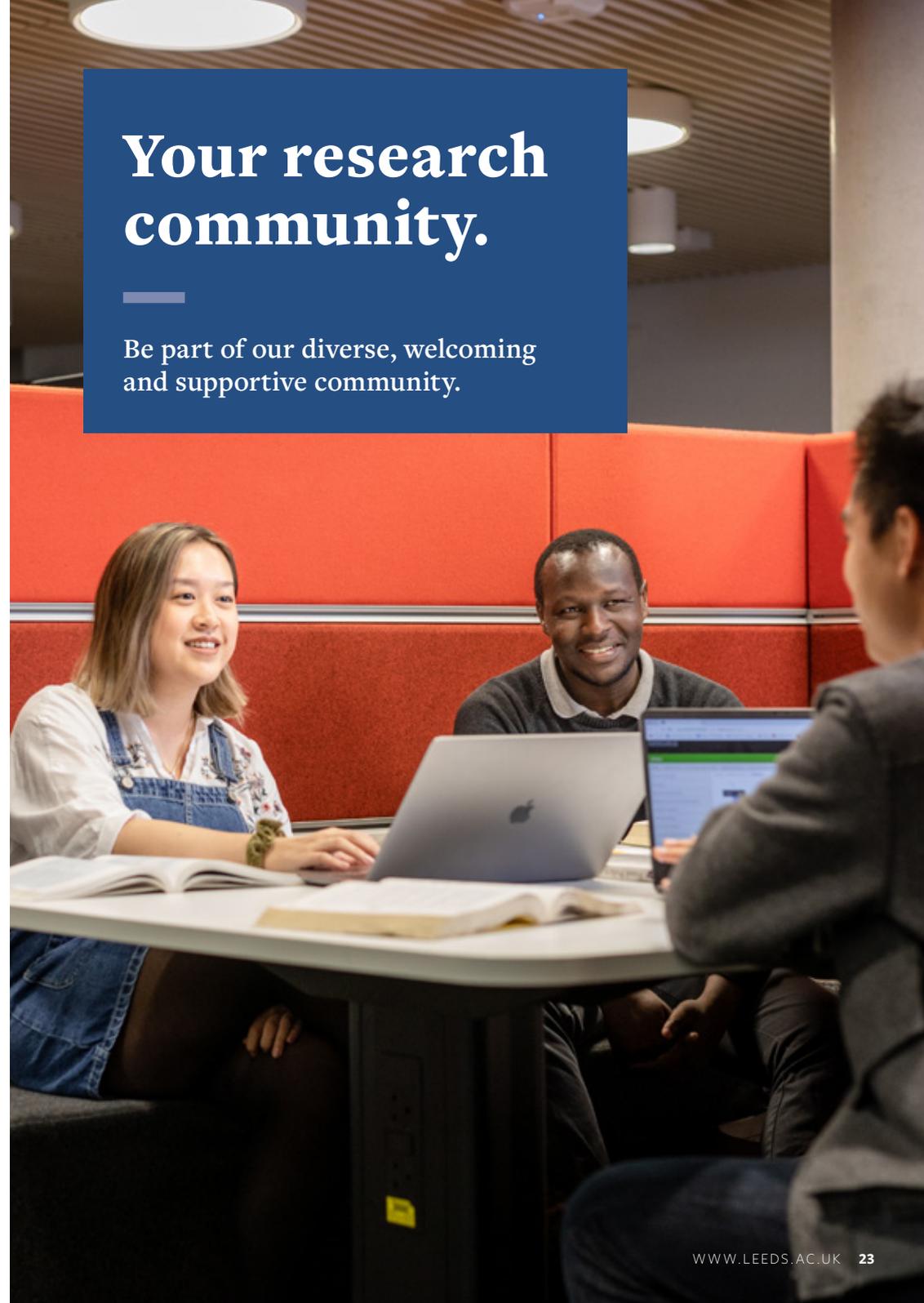
Careers support

Our Careers Service offers a range of events, online resources, personal advice and support. They'll help you understand your strengths and market yourself effectively.

careerweb.leeds.ac.uk

Your research community.

Be part of our diverse, welcoming and supportive community.





A welcoming community

Your time with us is about more than your academic research and professional development. When you come to Leeds you're joining a diverse, welcoming and supportive research community. You'll find a host of opportunities to connect with others to share ideas and experiences, and we're here to help if you need it.

Leeds Doctoral College

Our Doctoral College supports you throughout your postgraduate research journey. It brings together all the support services and opportunities to enhance your research, your development and your overall experience. It also celebrates your achievements.

There are regular training sessions, seminars and other events. Keep up to date with postgraduate researcher events and news via our dedicated Doctoral College Teams space.

Meet your fellow researchers and learn about the breadth of postgraduate research at the University at Research Live, a programme of informal talks and discussions by our postgraduate researchers.

www.leeds.ac.uk/doctoralcollege



Connecting with others

Formal and informal collaboration with other researchers can help you gain new perspectives. Besides the opportunities through our Doctoral College, you'll find there are multiple ways to connect with your fellow researchers at Leeds.

You will:

- have access to workspace in a shared office and/or laboratory. You'll work alongside researchers, academics and support staff and quickly become part of your school's community
- be part of a research group and, beyond this, an academic team. Their social events and coffee sessions are a relaxed way to meet and share ideas with academic colleagues
- be part of a faculty graduate school which will support you and offer opportunities to connect across schools and departments through conferences, seminars and socials. Your graduate school staff will advise you on everything from registration to examinations, and can point you to the wide range of University support services
- have access to University-wide seminars and events, where you can network and discuss your work with academics and fellow researchers

Global engagement

As a researcher in an outward-facing, global institution, you'll have opportunities to engage with international researchers here and abroad.

You'll work alongside staff and students from many countries, with the richness of perspectives and insights this brings.

There are also lots of opportunities to socialise with people from different countries and cultures, as part of our Global Community activities. You could also join one of the international student societies run through Leeds University Union (see page 36).

If you're an international researcher, our international student support teams provide specialist immigration advice along with ongoing support (see page 40).

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.



Discover Leeds

Our campus is just a 10-minute walk from the vibrant city centre.

Leeds has everything you'd expect from one of the UK's largest and fastest-growing cities, making it an exciting place to live and learn. It's also surrounded by lots of green space and stunning countryside to escape to.

If you're relocating to Leeds we're confident it won't be long before you're calling it home.



Belgrave Music Hall and Canteen in Leeds city centre



County Arcade, one of the city's many historic shopping arcades



Leeds Central Library and Art Gallery



Restaurants and bars at Granary Wharf

Find out more about what Leeds has to offer at www.leeds.ac.uk/citylife



Kirkgate Market, one of Europe's biggest indoor markets



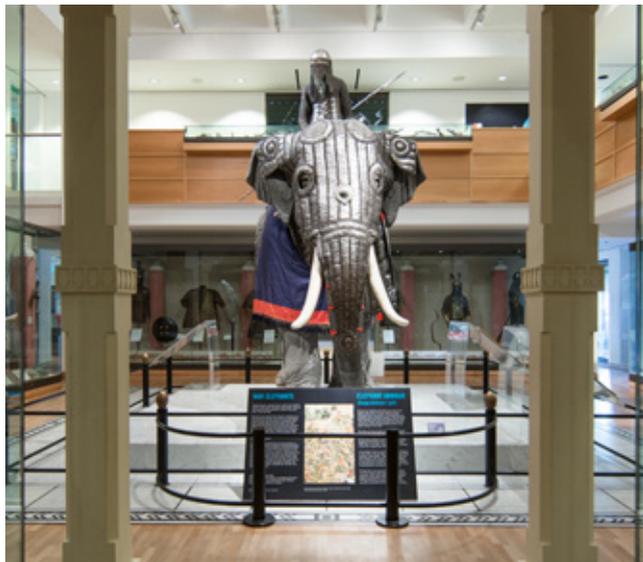
Live at Leeds music festival



Light Night Leeds, the UK's largest annual arts and light festival



Trinity Kitchen, a mix of restaurants and street food vans



The Royal Armouries, a national museum of arms and armour, with live jousting displays



Woodhouse Moor parkrun



Tour de Yorkshire cycle race



Taking a rowing boat out on the river is a great way to see Knaresborough



Kirkstall Abbey, ruins of an 800-year-old Cistercian monastery



Scarborough, a seaside resort on Yorkshire's east coast

Leeds
One of the Best Places to Live in 2021 (North and Northeast)

The Times and Sunday Times

Finding your new home.

Starting postgraduate study may mean finding a new home. There is expert advice to help you find University or private sector options.

Living in Leeds

You'll soon feel at home here in Leeds. We're sure you'll find something to meet your needs, whether you're looking for a flat, a shared house or family accommodation.

University accommodation

All our postgraduate accommodation is self-catered, with a well-equipped kitchen you share with a few other residents. All residences have launderettes or washing machines. There are different sizes and types of rooms to suit different budgets, including en suite or with shared bathrooms. Rooms with a shared bathroom may also have a washbasin. All rooms have a bed and mattress, wardrobe, study table, chair and shelves.

If you are a new, single postgraduate researcher paying international fees and you apply before the deadline, we guarantee* an offer of University accommodation. Find out more about our guarantee at accommodation.leeds.ac.uk

If you are a UK researcher, we can't guarantee you University accommodation but don't worry, there is lots of good-quality private housing in Leeds.

Families

The University has a limited amount of family accommodation. accommodation.leeds.ac.uk/family

Chat to our current students and researchers about accommodation www.leeds.ac.uk/linktoleeds

We guarantee* an offer of single University accommodation to all new, single postgraduate researchers paying international fees who apply before the deadline.

Benefits of University accommodation

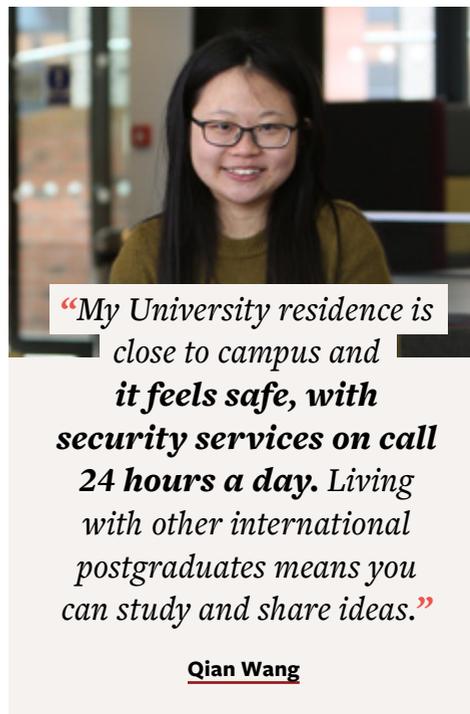
Our postgraduate-only residences are designed with you in mind, offering:

- a safe and supported environment, with a 24-hour security service
- help and support from Residence Life Wardens
- a quiet place to study
- comfortable relaxation spaces
- opportunities to meet other people at a similar career stage
- flexible payment methods

And don't forget, your rent includes:

- all utility bills
- wi-fi
- laundry facilities or credits
- basic contents insurance
- free Edge Club gym and sports membership

* Restrictions apply relating to deadlines, residence, academic fee status and level of study.



“My University residence is close to campus and it feels safe, with security services on call 24 hours a day. Living with other international postgraduates means you can study and share ideas.”

Qian Wang

Costs to consider

The cost of your University accommodation will depend on the location you choose and the facilities on offer, with prices ranging from £105 – £153 a week (in 2021/22 academic year)*. Don't forget that basic contents insurance, wi-fi, all utility bills, free use of a washing machine or laundry credits and free Edge Club gym and sports membership are all included in your rent.

Flexible payment methods

We've made it easy to pay your accommodation fees. There are no hidden extras, so the price you see on your contract is what you pay. You can pay in full, or in three or eight instalments. The first instalment isn't due until October, so other than a £200 deposit payment on accepting the contract, you don't have any rent to pay until after you move in.

How to apply

You can apply for University accommodation once you have accepted your academic offer from Leeds. Remember you must apply for University accommodation by 1 July 2022. Apply online at **accommodation.leeds.ac.uk**

* It is possible that the prices quoted may change.

Pre-sessional courses

If you are attending a pre-sessional course, apply online through our accommodation website.

If you continue to study at the University after your summer pre-sessional course ends you must make another (second) online application for September's accommodation. Make sure you apply by the accommodation deadline of 1 July 2022.

Accommodation if you start mid-session

If your course starts outside the normal September or October dates, you should apply for accommodation at least two months before you arrive.



Private accommodation

Leeds has a wide range of good-quality private accommodation to suit all lifestyles and budgets.

The city centre offers smart, modern apartments perfect for city living. Suburbs such as Chapel Allerton and Horsforth with their local amenities, bars and restaurants are popular with young professionals. The student suburbs of Headingley and Hyde Park are just a short walk or bus ride from campus and are popular with both students and academics.

If you are relocating with your family, you will find that Leeds has many family-friendly amenities and activities available alongside good schools. Many suburbs of Leeds offer semi-detached and detached family houses.

Independent help and advice on all aspects of private accommodation is available from:

- Unipol, a student housing charity that works closely with the University
- the independent advice centre in the students' union

www.unipol.org.uk
luu.org.uk/student-advice

Campus life.

Our single-site campus has everything you'd find in a small town and it's just a short walk from the centre of our thriving, multicultural city.



On campus

Join our global community and immerse yourself in life at Leeds.



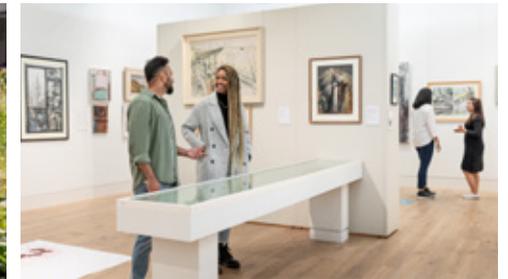
Spaces to relax or work in Leeds University Union



Precinct in front of Leeds University Union and the Refectory



Learn about growing food in our sustainable garden



The Stanley & Audrey Burton Gallery



The gym at The Edge, our indoor sports facility

Explore campus

[virtualcampustour.
leeds.ac.uk](https://virtualcampustour.leeds.ac.uk)



Students' Union

As a postgraduate researcher at Leeds you'll join one of the best and most active students' unions in the country – Leeds University Union. It offers great services, support and opportunities, and lots of places to meet and relax. It's also home to over 300 clubs and societies, including a dedicated postgraduate society.

Leeds University Union hosts activities exclusively for postgraduates, as well encouraging you to make full use of the general events programme. There are volunteering opportunities and community projects you can get involved in, as well as a huge range of societies around different sports, interests, countries and activities. Explore which might suit you at findyourfit.luu.org.uk

The Union building is at the heart of campus. It contains a number of cafés, bars and food outlets, as well as performance and meeting spaces. You can buy most things there – from your everyday groceries, health food and University clothing to stationery and cards. There's even a farmers' market right outside the Union building during term time.
luu.org.uk



Sport and fitness

Keep fit, unwind and socialise with a whole range of sports and fitness opportunities.

The Edge, our indoor sports facility on campus, has a 250-station gym with the latest Technogym equipment and Sky TV, a 25m swimming pool, sauna and steam room, squash courts, sports halls, climbing wall and lots of exercise classes in term time and virtual classes on demand.

There are excellent outdoor sports facilities at nearby Sports Park Weetwood and Bodington Playing Fields, including a 1.6km outdoor-lit cycling circuit.

There are more than 70 sports clubs at Leeds, so whether you're into aikido or triathlon there's a club or social league for you.
sport.leeds.ac.uk/sport

Wellbeing and support.

You'll have a network of support and wellbeing services dedicated to helping you.



Support services

There are lots of resources and information to provide the support you need to help you flourish in your time at Leeds. Your faculty graduate school and the Doctoral College will help you find what you need.

You'll find quick links to useful information on our For Students website, including money advice, health concerns, disability support and more. students.leeds.ac.uk/researchdegrees

Help and advice

Leeds University Union offers impartial help and support with any problems you have with housing, money and academic concerns, but they can support you with anything. Their help is free and completely independent of the University. luu.org.uk/student-advice

Mental health and wellbeing

You can access free professional and confidential counselling, wellbeing and mental health support in a range of ways, including through groups, workshops, single-session consultations, short-term counselling and web-based self-help resources.

students.leeds.ac.uk/supportandwellbeing

Disabled students

Our Disability Services team works with your academic school and other University services to ensure that your needs are met and any reasonable adjustments are put in place. Get in touch as soon as you can so we can put in place any reasonable adjustments.

students.leeds.ac.uk/disabledstudents

Medical care

Leeds Student Medical Practice is a large National Health Service (NHS) doctors' practice which cares for students and their immediate families. It's close to campus and offers all the usual general practitioner (GP) services and some specialist services.

www.leedsstudentmedicalpractice.co.uk

If you need a visa to study in the UK, you will have to pay an immigration health surcharge when you make your visa application. This entitles you to health services under the National Health Service (NHS). The amount of the surcharge is based on the length of your visa.

www.gov.uk/healthcare-immigration-application

Childcare on campus

The Bright Beginnings Childcare Centre, on campus, offers places for children between the ages of three months and five years (preschool). There's also school holiday provision for children between three and 11 years old.

www.brightbeginningschildcare.co.uk

Faith and spiritual

There are spaces on campus for prayer and quiet contemplation, whether you practise a faith or not. Faith spaces on campus are places of welcome and friendship that can offer you support while you're here. Join in with regular events or talk in confidence to one of the chaplains, who come from a range of faith backgrounds.

students.leeds.ac.uk/prayerandcontemplation



Support for international researchers

You'll join a friendly and diverse global community here at Leeds.

We've been welcoming international students for over 100 years, so you can be sure of experienced help.

Our international student support teams provide specialist immigration advice along with ongoing support to help you adapt and settle in to life in the UK.

You can contact our immigration advisors at studentvisaadvice@leeds.ac.uk www.leeds.ac.uk/immigration

Before you arrive

Our team of student visa experts can give you free specialist immigration advice. There's also ongoing support to help you adapt and settle into life in the UK. You can contact our immigration advisors at studentvisaadvice@leeds.ac.uk www.leeds.ac.uk/immigration

We'll provide information and services to help you prepare for travel to the University and to welcome you on arrival. You'll get practical advice such as how to organise your accommodation and what to bring with you. www.leeds.ac.uk/travel

We hold pre-departure briefing sessions for international students, both online and in some countries, to help you prepare for your time at Leeds. Invitations to these events will be sent to you by email.

We also hold and attend a range of virtual and in-country events to give advice on life as an international student in Leeds. www.leeds.ac.uk/visitstoyourcountry

We have offices in China, India, Japan, Malaysia and Nigeria, as well as a global network of representatives who can advise you about studying here. www.leeds.ac.uk/meetus

Link to Leeds

Discover more about the Leeds student experience. Talk directly to some of our current international students about being a postgraduate researcher here. Connect with our Link to Leeds ambassadors through live chats, instant messaging or social media. www.leeds.ac.uk/linktoleeds



Arriving in Leeds

When you arrive in Leeds, our welcome team will give you all the information you need to settle in. Find out more about how we can help with a smooth arrival in Leeds at www.leeds.ac.uk/arrival

Settling in

There are lots of ways to make friends at the University. Enjoy your favourite interests and hobbies or try out new ones through the many clubs and societies at Leeds University Union.

You can also meet students from all around the world at our weekly Global Café.

Ongoing support

There is lots of support to help you throughout your time at Leeds, including visa and immigration advice and activities specifically for international students. Find out more about support and being an international student at Leeds at www.leeds.ac.uk/internationalstudents



"Leeds is a fantastic city, it's a very welcoming place."

I'm from Bangladesh and the International Student Office helped me bring my family with me. When I arrived, everything was really well organised."

Rumana Hossain

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