

Support for disabled students at Imperial College London

The **Disability Advisory Service** is open to all Imperial College applicants and students, whether they have an established disability, or are considering the possibility of assessment for a specific learning difficulty. We offer confidential advice, support and guidance on a range of issues, including:

- Access arrangements for examinations
- Screening and assessments for specific learning difficulties
- Arranging disability-related support
- Getting additional evidence of disability (if required)
- Learning and teaching support, e.g. longer library loans, accessing assistive technology, adjustments to teaching materials, specialist one-to-one study skills support and specialist mentoring.

To arrange an appointment with a Disability Advisor, contact us at:

Disability Advisory Service

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www.imperial.ac.uk/disability-advisory-service

Disability Advisory Service Information for parents and carers

The transition from school to university can be a challenging one, and often parents and carers are left wondering what they can do to help ease this transition.

The two most important changes from school are:

- The responsibility lies with the student to be proactive about their support needs.
- Arrangements for support do not happen automatically.

How can I help my young person with the transition?

We encourage students to approach the Disability Advisory Service (DAS) as early as possible, by emailing disabilities@imperial.ac.uk or phoning 0207 594 9755. If your young person is likely to require specific adjustments for their studies, please encourage them to get in contact with the DAS as soon as possible before their course starts, preferably no later than the spring term before admission. This is especially important if there is a need for adapted accommodation. Our Disability Advisors are happy to meet with prospective students and their parents or carers at any time during the application process.

Who can I speak to for information?

The DAS team can respond to enquiries (by email, phone or in person) from prospective students and parents or carers at any time during the admissions process. Although we are able to respond to general enquiries about available support, once a student is enrolled at the College the DAS it not permitted to disclose any information about that student, their disability or their academic progress to anyone outside Imperial College. This includes parents and carers.

The DAS will not enter into any correspondence with parents or carers on any specific matter relating to a student, for the duration of their studies, without explicit, written permission from the student. In the event of a student giving consent for the DAS to discuss their needs with parents or carers, this consent will be limited to a single issue pertinent at that time. Any subsequent issues will require additional explicit permission to be given.

What if I have serious concerns about the wellbeing of my young person?

Every department has a comprehensive system of academic and pastoral care in place to ensure that students always have someone to turn to. This includes:

- A Personal Tutor
- A Departmental Senior Tutor
- A Departmental Disability Officer

In addition, a network of four tutors is there to provide confidential support to all students, independent of their academic department. They can help with all aspects of academic and welfare issues, and can be contacted in the event of any serious specific concerns:



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