

Terms and Conditions 2026/2027

1. About the contractual relationship between you and Imperial

- 1.1. When you accept the offer of a place at Imperial, you and the university enter into a legally binding contract. Our contractual relationship is governed by:
 - a. these terms and conditions;
 - b. any conditions included in your offer;
 - c. the relevant programme specification and handbook; and
 - d. the body of rules, regulations, policies and procedures (as may be updated from time to time) which are referred to in this document.

Please read this information carefully, particularly those parts which are relevant to your studies.

2. Who should read this document

- 2.1. Prospective students should read this document to understand the terms which apply to our application process and, separately, the terms which will apply should you accept your offer to be a student at Imperial.
- 2.2. Current students should read this document to understand the terms which apply to their studies. This document contains information which applies to undergraduate and postgraduate students. A student means any individual formally enrolled or registered on a programme of study leading to an award of the university, including undergraduate, postgraduate taught and postgraduate research programmes.
- 2.3. Some of the information in this document will not apply to other types of students who have been informed of other terms and conditions that apply specifically to them, including some students on our summer schools and visiting students.

3. About Imperial

- 3.1. Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine is an independent corporation whose legal status derives from a Royal Charter with Royal Charter number RCO00231 and registered charity number X2361. Our principal office is at The Faculty Building, Exhibition Road, South Kensington, London SW7 2AZ. Our VAT number is GB 649 9266 78 and our EORI number is GB 649 9266 78 000. Our UKPRN is 10003270. On this page we refer to ourselves as Imperial or the university.

4. Admissions

- 4.1. Find detailed information on how Imperial will handle your application and our admission policies and procedures (including details of our deferment policy and on your right to cancel) on our [Admissions Terms and Conditions page](#).
- 4.2. Please also see the provisions in relation to admission in the [Regulations for Taught Programmes of Study](#), [Regulations for Research Programmes of Study](#), and [regulations for specialised research degrees](#), referred to under “Student regulations.”
- 4.3. You become a student when you accept our offer, meet any conditions attached to it, and register at the start of your programme of study. There may be limited circumstances where our offer can reasonably be withdrawn by us after it has been accepted, in accordance with our policies; we will let you know if this happens.

5. Registration

- 5.1. You must complete our registration process and subsequently enrol at the start of each academic year of your programme. Full details on registration can be found on our [Online Enrolment page](#).
- 5.2. Please also see the provisions in relation to registration in the [relevant regulations](#), which apply to your programme of study, referred to under “Student regulations”.
- 5.3. You must ensure that your personal data is kept up to date at all times; this includes your home, term time, and certificate address; and emergency contact details.
- 5.4. Students studying on campus are required to hold a valid university identification card at all times and may be required to present it when accessing university facilities or services. You must ensure that any photograph provided for your identification card is a true and accurate likeness of you and has not been altered or manipulated. We will use your image for identification and security purposes in accordance with our data protection obligations. Your identification card is for your personal use only. You must keep it secure and must not allow it to be used by any other person. Loss, theft or misuse of a card must be reported promptly.
- 5.5. To find out more about teaching delivery, see further information about your department and your degree programme on departmental webpages.
- 5.6. Students are expected to attend and actively engage in their academic modules and meet the attendance requirements set by the university. Imperial may use attendance and engagement data, in line with its privacy policies, to support student wellbeing, academic progress, and to meet regulatory and visa compliance obligations.

6. Student regulations

- 6.1. Our student regulations describe the academic rules by which Imperial manages and awards degrees, including the requirements you must meet to complete your degree, comprising:
- a. [The Academic Regulations](#) - these apply to your programme of study, which will depend on your year of entry and the type of programme.
 - b. Management of assessments – these are the rules and procedures that explain how all assessment (such as formal exams, coursework, practicals or fieldwork) is managed and the expectations on you to ensure that you follow good academic practice (academic integrity). It also includes how Imperial will investigate and consider Academic Misconduct (plagiarism, collusion, examination offences and dishonest practice).

Read the following webpages for [Exam and Assessment Policies](#) and [further information and advice around the examination process](#).

- c. [Changes to Registration](#) – rules which apply if you wish to withdraw, interrupt your studies or transfer to a different programme or mode of study.
- d. Other regulations as the university may from time to time approve.

7. Student conduct and discipline

- 7.1. You must comply with the university's rules and procedures governing your conduct and behaviour. These are set out in the [Student Disciplinary Procedure](#).
- 7.2. Imperial has approved a [Student Code of Conduct](#) which sets out expectations for behaviours.
- 7.3. You must also comply with the other rules and instructions we give you and the rules which apply in specific circumstances. These include, but are not limited to, your obligations under our:
- a. [Information Security Policy and codes of practice](#) govern and guide the access to, and management of, data and the use of College's IT facilities and networks.
 - b. [Research Data Management Policy](#).
 - c. [Student Substance Use Policy](#).
 - d. [Library Regulations](#).
 - e. Imperial's [health and safety policies and procedures](#) are designed to keep you and all individuals who may be affected by our activities safe. These apply across all campus locations
 - f. [Freedom of Speech Code of Practice and Events Procedure](#)
 - g. Policies and procedures relating to [external interests](#), which potentially conflict with the research and teaching at Imperial should be declared to your department i.e. setting up a start-up company or a consultancy related to your research project.

- 7.4. If you are enrolled on a programme which leads to a professional qualification, for example the MBBS/BSc Medicine, you will also need to comply with the rules of the relevant professional or regulatory body. We may need to disclose information about your studies to those third parties. In addition, we are required to ensure that medical students are fit to practise medicine. Further information on our [Procedure for the Assessment of Fitness to Practise Medicine](#).
- 7.5. Programme and department-specific rules and regulations. Please speak to your departmental contact if you have any questions about these.
- 7.6. If you are under police investigation or have been charged with or convicted of a crime, you must disclose this during enrolment to the university's Student Casework Team. Information on returning or planning to return to the university after serving a custodial sentence is available in the [Policy on the Admission, Registration and Enrolment of Ex-Offenders](#).

8. Tuition fees and programme costs

- 8.1. You must pay the tuition fees and additional charges which are due for your programme of study. The fees you pay will depend on your fee status. Information about our fees and additional charges, our payment terms, and how we manage non-payment is available on our [Fees and Funding webpages](#).
- 8.2. Any student who has not paid their tuition fees or tuition-related charges in full may be subject to action in accordance with the University's [Tuition Fee Policy](#). This may include enforced interruption of studies, restriction on progression or enrolment, and withholding of awards or certification until outstanding debts are settled in full.
- 8.3. Your fee status is determined at the point of application and is confirmed in your offer letter. By completing enrolment, you confirm that you accept your fee status as correct.

If you are assessed as liable to pay fees at the Overseas rate and your circumstances change during your programme of study such that you become eligible for the Home rate of tuition fee, you may apply to have your fee status reassessed. If your eligibility for the Home rate is confirmed following reassessment, the Home rate will apply from the start of the following academic year.
- 8.4. Please note that there may be additional costs associated with your programme of study. Any additional programme costs are set out in the [programme specification](#) for your programme. You are strongly advised to read through this information to ensure you understand all the costs associated with your programme.
- 8.5. In addition to tuition fees and programme costs, you are advised to ensure you have sufficient funds to cover your living costs while studying at Imperial. Indicative living costs are set out on the university [fees and funding webpages](#).

9. Scholarships and bursaries

- 9.1. You may be eligible for scholarship, bursary or other funding to support your studies at Imperial. Funding may be withdrawn in accordance with (or by reference to) the terms upon which such funding has been made.
- 9.2. Information about the rules that apply if you would like to apply for a scholarship, bursary, or other funding from Imperial (including our funding terms and conditions) is available on the [Scholarships and bursaries webpages](#).

10. Accommodation

- 10.1. If you live in university accommodation, this will be provided on the basis of a separate accommodation licence. You must comply with the terms and conditions of the accommodation licence you enter into with the university for the relevant academic year. Information on the university's accommodation licence is available on the [accommodation webpages](#).

11. Imperial College Union

- 11.1. Imperial College Union is a student-led, democratically run charity, committed to enhancing the student experience for all of its members. Every registered student of Imperial is automatically a member of Imperial College Union unless, under the provisions of the Education Act 1994, you have formally opted out of students' union membership by recording that decision with the Academic Registrar. Full details can be found on the [Imperial College Union website](#).

12. International students, visas and ATAS

- 12.1. Unless you are studying on a programme delivered fully online, you must have the right to enter, live and study in the United Kingdom. Where required, you must provide information and documentation that the university considers satisfactory to verify your right to study.
- 12.2. If applicable, you must hold a valid UK visa and Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) certificate for the duration of your programme. The university may also request information to verify your identity and the source of funds used to pay your fees, which you must provide when requested.
- 12.3. If we sponsor you under a Student Visa, you must comply with the responsibilities and restrictions attached to it. We are not liable for any cost that may be incurred by you to comply with immigration and programme of study regulatory requirements.
- 12.4. You must comply with all relevant policies for international students and visa holders. This includes responding to communications regarding your immigration status, providing original

documentation when requested, and notifying the us promptly of any changes to your current or prospective immigration status.

- 12.5. The university reserves the right to refuse or withdraw sponsorship of your Student Visa if you fail to comply with UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) requirements.
- 12.6. To meet our obligations as a licensed UKVI Student Sponsor, we may need to provide information relating to you to the Home Office (regardless of whether we sponsor your visa), including information on your immigration status, attendance, and any changes in your circumstances. The university may also liaise with UKVI to verify information relating to any pending visa applications, your previous immigration history, or other relevant details concerning your immigration status. Find out further information on our dedicated [webpages for international students](#).

13. Complaints and Appeals

- 13.1. If you wish to complain about your application to study at Imperial, you should refer to our [Procedure for Dealing with Complaints by Applicants](#).
- 13.2. If you wish to complain about your experience as a student at Imperial, you should refer to our [Student Complaints Procedure](#). Upon completion of our complaints procedure there is a subsequent right to appeal to the [Office of the Independent Adjudicator for Higher Education \(OIA\)](#).
- 13.3. If you are a taught student and wish to appeal against decisions made by the Board of Examiners about an assessment, progression decision or final classification you should refer to the [Academic Appeals Procedure for Taught Programmes](#). You should also use this procedure if you wish to appeal a decision about your mitigating circumstances.
- 13.4. If you are a research student and wish to appeal against decisions made by the examiners of your degree, such appeals are governed by the [Academic Appeals Procedure for Research Programmes](#).
- 13.5. For details of the procedures referred to above, please visit our [Complaints, Appeals and Discipline webpages](#) which include the policy and procedural documentation in relation to student casework.
- 13.6. Appeals against penalties imposed under our [Student Disciplinary Procedure](#) or under our [Academic Misconduct Procedure](#) are dealt with in accordance with that procedure.

14. Student Support

- 14.1. Information on all the support we offer is available on our [Student Support Zone](#).
- 14.2. In addition to support available to all students, research students can access a range of support provided by the [Early Career Researcher Institute](#).

- 14.3. Independent advice and support on academic regulations, Imperial accommodation, and university complaints and discipline procedures is also available from [Imperial College Union](#).
- 14.4. Information for students who may be disabled or who may have a specific learning difficulty, including the adjustments and support we offer, is available from our [Disability Advisory Service](#).
- 14.5. Information on what you should do if you are concerned about the wellbeing of members of the university who may be vulnerable to radicalisation is available on our [Prevent pages](#).

15. Relationships between staff and students

- 15.1. Where you have a pre-existing relationship with a member of staff, such that there is a potential conflict of interest, you and the member of staff must declare this to your Head of Department at the start of the programme of study. The university prohibits close personal and intimate relationships between staff and students where the staff member has direct responsibility for, or supervisory, tutoring, teaching, pastoral care or assessment responsibility for that student. Students who are employed as members of staff or engaged as a casual worker on a part-time or temporary basis alongside their studies are prohibited from having a close personal or intimate relationship with another student that they have direct responsibility for, or supervisory, tutoring, teaching, pastoral care or assessment responsibility for as part of their employment or engagement. The full policy on personal relationships is available on our [personal relationships webpage](#).

16. Student Protection Plan

- 16.1. Our [Student Protection Plan](#) sets out what students can expect to happen should a programme, campus, or institution close.

17. Changes to our programmes and to the information on this page

- 17.1. There may be circumstances in which we may need to make changes to our programmes. View our approach to [changes to programmes](#).
- 17.2. The body of rules, regulations, policies and procedures which regulate our relationship may change from time to time. In particular, our academic regulations are reviewed, updated and published prior to the start of each academic year (and are available in pdf format for you to download). Where practicable, we will give you notice of any planned changes that we regard as significant. Please re-visit [programme changes webpage](#) to find the most up-to-date versions of the information.

18. Your personal information

- 18.1. Information on how Imperial uses your personal data and rights is available in our privacy notices. Please see in particular our [Privacy Notice for Students and Prospective Students](#).
- 18.2. View more [general information on data protection at Imperial](#).
- 18.3. You must ensure that all the information which you provide to the university is true, accurate, complete, and not misleading.

19. Intellectual Property and Confidentiality

- 19.1. You will own the intellectual property generated during your studies. However, there are several exceptions to this. Our [Intellectual Property Policy](#) lists these exceptions, and there is associated guidance in our [Student IP guidance](#) document.
- 19.2. During the time you study at Imperial, you may have access to confidential, sensitive or proprietary information belonging to the university, staff, students, research partners, funders or other third parties. This may include during teaching activities, placements site visits and research, such as through access to laboratories and shared workspaces, or when using specialist facilities, systems or other materials. You must respect and protect such information and keep it confidential and use it only for legitimate educational or research purposes connected with your studies at the university. Some programmes, projects or funding arrangements may impose additional confidentiality requirements, which will be communicated to you and which you must comply with as a condition of participation. You must not, unless authorised in writing by the university, disclose, copy, record, publish or otherwise make available any confidential information to unauthorised persons, whether during or after your studies, and regardless of the format in which the information is obtained.
- 19.3. A breach of confidentiality may be treated as misconduct and dealt with under the [Student Disciplinary Procedure](#), taking into account the nature and impact of the breach. Nothing in this paragraph prevents the University from taking other lawful and proportionate action in response to serious breaches of confidentiality, where appropriate.
- 19.4. Course materials, such as lecture notes, presentations, online materials, examinations and assessments are provided to you for personal study only. These materials must not be shared, sold or distributed to third parties, including students from other educational institutions or online platforms. It is strictly prohibited to sell or offer to sell or otherwise provide any programme materials to third parties, including parties who subsequently offer university content for sale on internet sites. Doing so may be found to be a breach of the [Student Code of Conduct](#) and Imperial may take appropriate action, including under the [Student Disciplinary Procedure](#). The university reserves all its rights to seek damages in such circumstances.

20. Insurance

- 20.1. Imperial maintains Employers' Liability and Public Liability insurance policies. We strongly recommend you make arrangements for insurance to cover loss or damage to your personal possessions and, if you are not eligible for free treatment on the NHS, health insurance for your time in the UK. You can find more details about the university's insurance policies: [Imperial College Insurance Information](#) Termination - bringing our contractual relationship to an end.
- 20.2. Our contractual relationship will come to an end in the following circumstances:
- a. automatically on completion of your programme;
 - b. where you voluntarily decide to withdraw; [How to withdraw or change your registration status](#);
 - c. where we require you to withdraw from the university, for example:
 - i. under our [Academic Regulations](#)
 - ii. under our [Student Disciplinary Procedure](#)
 - iii. under our Procedure for the [Assessment of Fitness to Practise Medicine](#), and [Fitness to Study Procedure](#)
 - iv. under our [Academic Misconduct Procedures](#)
 - v. Under our [Unsatisfactory Engagement Procedure](#)
 - d. We also reserve the right to bring our contractual relationship to an end in the following circumstances:
 - i. if you lack or cease to have the required permission to study in the UK, or you fail to demonstrate that you have the correct immigration permission or if you fail to comply with any immigration conditions;
 - ii. if you are required to have an Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) certificate in respect of your studies or research with us but do not, or cease to, have such a certificate, or if you fail to comply with its terms.
- 20.3. Once our contractual relationship comes to an end, it will not affect any legal rights or obligations that either you or we have that may already have arisen, for example your obligation to pay any outstanding fees and our rules on IP. After the contractual relationship ends, you and the university will keep any rights each has under, or as a matter of, general law.
- 20.4. Separate rules apply to prospective students who have not yet enrolled at Imperial. You can find these in our [Admissions Terms and Conditions](#).

21. Additional rules, regulations, policies and procedures

- 21.1. Inevitably there will be other rules, regulations, policies and procedures which are relevant to your studies, but which are not included in this document, including those which apply to particular programmes, departments or specific issues.

- 21.2. In addition, if as part of your programme of study you spend time at another university, business or organisation in the UK or overseas (for example as your year abroad or on a research placement), the rules and regulations of that body may also apply to you when you are there.
- 21.3. Please ask us if you have any questions about this or if you are unsure about the rules which apply in any situation.

22. Circumstances beyond our control

- 22.1. Where Imperial is affected by an event caused by circumstances beyond our reasonable control (see below for examples) we shall take all reasonable steps to continue to provide educational services (including by providing them remotely if appropriate). Provided that we have acted reasonably we shall not be liable to you for delaying or failing to perform the obligations we have as part of our contractual relationship (including where parts or all of your programme are cancelled, modified or delayed, or where we provide educational services remotely).
- 22.2. Examples of circumstances that are beyond the reasonable control of the university include but are not limited to: acts of God; war; strikes or labour disputes (not involving university staff); embargoes; acts of competent government or regulatory authorities; pandemic, quarantine or widespread illness; illness of members of staff; power failure or utility interruption; actual, suspected or threatened act of terrorism; riot, civil disorder or any other 'force majeure' event.

23. General terms

- 23.1. The contractual relationship between you and Imperial is governed by English Law and either you or Imperial must bring legal proceedings in respect of this contractual relationship in the English courts.
- 23.2. If for any reason we do not enforce any part of this contractual relationship, or delay enforcing it, this will not affect our right to enforce the same part later (or on a separate occasion) or the rest of this contractual relationship.

24. Questions and contact details

- 24.1. If you have any questions about this page or the contractual relationship between you and Imperial, please use contact details on the page in question or, if you are unsure, contact academic.registrar@imperial.ac.uk.

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