Imperial College London
Postgraduate Graduation 2022 Terms & Conditions

It is the responsibility of the Graduand to read through and understand the terms and conditions below and to contact the Graduation Team if they have any queries. By registering to attend Postgraduate Graduation 2022, the Graduand agrees to the following:

1. **Eligibility to graduate**
   A Graduand is eligible to graduate if they meet the following criteria:
   
   1.1 Their degree has been awarded, and recorded on the College’s student system, by no later than Tuesday 1 March 2022;
   
   1.2 Any appeal relating to the award of their degree has been resolved no later than Tuesday 1 March 2022. If a Graduand has an outstanding appeal, they will not be eligible to attend graduation until it has been resolved. Should an appeal be resolved after Tuesday 1 March 2022, the Graduand will not be eligible to attend Postgraduate Graduation 2022 on Wednesday 4 May 2022, and will be invited to attend the next applicable postgraduate graduation.
   
   1.3 Any outstanding debt that they may owe to the College has been paid and cleared in full by no later than Friday 25 February 2022. Graduands with debt cleared after this date will not be eligible to graduate at Postgraduate Graduation 2022, or any future graduation ceremony. If a Graduand requires further information as to how a debt to the College may affect their graduation they should contact the tuition fees team via email at student.creditcontrol@imperial.ac.uk.

2. **Deferrals**
   If a Graduand wishes to defer their ceremony to the following year, they must:
   
   2.1 Inform the Graduation Team by no later than 12 noon (GMT) on Monday 14 March 2022 via email at graduation@imperial.ac.uk; or
   
   2.2 Log in to the registration portal following receipt of their graduation invitation, select the ‘Defer’ option, and complete the relevant form. Graduands can only defer their graduation attendance once, and only to the following year. Deferral requests received after 12 noon (GMT) on Monday 14 March 2022 will not be accepted.

3. **Date and time of ceremony**
   Any dates and times listed are **provisional** until the official confirmation is posted on the graduation website (https://www.imperial.ac.uk/graduation/). Graduands and their
guests are strongly advised not to make any travel or accommodation arrangements until the dates and times are confirmed on the graduation website (https://www.imperial.ac.uk/graduation/).

3.2 Graduands and guests are responsible for making their own travel arrangements and ensuring that they arrive for the relevant Graduation Ceremony in good time.

3.3 The College is not responsible for any costs incurred by Graduands or their guests.

4. Contact information

4.1 It is the responsibility of the Graduand to ensure that the contact details on their College record are up to date. A Graduand’s contact details are used to invite the Graduand to register for graduation.

4.2 Should a Graduand’s contact details change they should update them via the College’s student hub (https://www.imperial.ac.uk/student-hub) or student e-service (www.imperial.ac.uk/studenteservice), and then advise the Graduation Team via email once their details have been updated.

4.3 The College is not responsible for email invitations not received by Graduands who fail to advise the College of a change to their contact details.

5. Registration and tickets

5.1 Tickets for Graduation Ceremonies will only be issued to eligible Graduands. For further information about eligibility please contact the student records team via email at student.records@imperial.ac.uk.

5.2 Registration for Postgraduate Graduation 2022 will open at 12 noon (GMT) on Wednesday 16 February 2022 and will close at 12 noon (GMT) on Monday 14 March 2022. Graduands will be advised of their eligibility to register via email.

5.3 Registrations made after the Graduation Ceremony registration deadline of 12 noon (GMT) on Monday 14 March 2022 will not be accepted.

5.4 Each Graduand may request a Graduand Ceremony Ticket for the relevant Graduation Ceremony, with such tickets allocated subject to availability. Graduand Ceremony Tickets must be collected on the day of Postgraduate Graduation 2022 from such location as the College advises.

5.5 Each Graduand may request a complimentary Graduand Department Reception Ticket, with such tickets allocated subject to availability. In order to secure a Graduand Department Reception Ticket, Graduands must select and confirm the ticket during the registration process via the registration portal shopping cart.

5.6 Graduands may initially request up to two Guest Ceremony Tickets and two Guest Department Reception Tickets, with such tickets allocated subject to availability. To
be eligible for the allocation of such tickets, Graduands must confirm their attendance at Postgraduate Graduation 2022 by 12 noon (GMT) on Monday 14 March 2022.

5.7 Graduands may request a complimentary Graduand Department Reception Ticket and purchase a maximum of two Guest Department Reception Tickets, subject to availability, from 12 noon (GMT) on Friday 11 March 2022 until 12 noon (GMT) on Friday 25 March 2022. Any orders received or processed after this date, or exceeding the allocation stated above, will be cancelled.

5.8 The price for each Guest Ceremony Ticket purchased is £24.99 (including booking fee). Tickets will be available from the Royal Albert Hall website, with purchase instructions to be provided in the invitation email sent to Graduands. There are no price reductions for children, senior citizens or otherwise. Please note that Guest Ceremony Tickets cannot be held at the Royal Albert Hall Box Office.

5.9 The price for each Guest Department Reception Ticket (including any additional tickets issued) is £25.00. These tickets are available to purchase via the registration portal, with instructions to be provided in the invitation email sent to Graduands, and on the graduation website (https://www.imperial.ac.uk/graduation/). There are no price reductions for children, senior citizens or otherwise.

5.10 If there are additional guest tickets available for a Graduation Ceremony or Department Reception, Graduands will be notified via email by 12 noon (GMT) on Monday 28 March 2022. Additional Guest Ceremony Tickets are sold on a ‘first come, first served’ basis and cannot be held.

5.11 Additional Guest Department Reception Tickets must be requested through the registration portal prior to 12 noon (GMT) on Friday 25 March 2022, and will be subject to availability. Requests received after this time will not be accepted.

5.12 Additional tickets will be sold when the booking system re-opens and cannot be guaranteed until payment has been made in full. Payment must be made in GBP via the registration portal for Guest Department Reception Tickets, or via the Royal Albert Hall website for Guest Ceremony Tickets. All such tickets must be paid for by credit or debit card at the time of booking. Additional tickets must be purchased before the additional ticket application deadline outlined in the notification email. No additional tickets can be allocated after this date.

5.13 Entry to a Graduation Ceremony and Department Reception is subject to Graduands and their guests producing the correct ticket(s) upon arrival. The College reserves the right to refuse entry without a ticket.

5.14 Graduand and guest tickets cannot be transferred to another ceremony or to another Graduand.

5.15 If a Graduand opts to ‘graduate in absentia’ on the registration portal, they will not be permitted to attend a future ceremony for the same degree.
6. Seating and special requirements

6.1 Graduands agree that any request relating to their guests’ special requirements, including but not limited to wheelchair access and sight or sound facilities at the Royal Albert Hall, must be made by calling the Royal Albert Hall box office directly on +44 (0)20 7589 8212 (open 09.00 – 21.00 UK time daily).

6.2 Graduands further agree that any request relating to their own special requirements must be made via email to the Graduation Team at graduation@imperial.ac.uk prior to the Graduation Ceremony.

6.3 There are a limited number of car parking spaces available on campus which are reserved for ‘Blue Badge’ holders. Graduands must request car parking spaces through the registration portal. The time periods during which the car parking spaces may be used will be confirmed following registration. Please note that car parking spaces cannot be guaranteed.

6.4 Requests relating to special requirements that are made after the registration deadline will only be granted in exceptional circumstances and are dependent on availability.

7. COVID-19 prevention

7.1 On the date of Postgraduate Graduation 2022 the College may require that each Graduand registered to attend provides evidence, via the relevant GOV.UK website, of a negative COVID-19 lateral flow test taken on Wednesday 4 May 2022.

7.2 Any Graduand unable to provide evidence of the above stated negative COVID-19 test may not be permitted to participate in Postgraduate Graduation 2022.

7.3 The College may also require that each Graduand takes a further COVID-19 lateral flow test 24 hours after their Graduation Ceremony.

7.4 Any lateral flow test results must be submitted via the following GOV.UK website: https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result

7.5 Graduands may be required to wear face coverings in indoor spaces both at the College’s South Kensington Campus and the Royal Albert Hall.

7.6 Graduands will be required to follow all safety guidance as imposed by the College and/or Royal Albert Hall, which may include the wearing of face coverings, and any other measures deemed necessary, at both the College’s South Kensington Campus and the Royal Albert Hall.

7.7 Graduands may be required to provide evidence of a negative COVID-19 lateral flow test or vaccination status by the Royal Albert Hall in order to gain entry to the venue.

7.8 All of the above guidelines regarding COVID-19 prevention are subject to change due to changes in U.K Government requirements.
8. Cancellations and refunds

8.1 If a Graduand can no longer attend the Graduation Ceremony they have registered for, they must inform the Graduation Team as soon as possible via email at graduation@imperial.ac.uk.

8.2 In order to receive a refund on Guest Ceremony Tickets, Graduands must contact the Royal Albert Hall no later than five weeks prior to the ceremony.

8.3 In order to receive a refund on Guest Department Reception Tickets, Graduands must make a ticket cancellation and refund request to the Graduation Team in writing (including email) by no later than 12 noon (BST) on Friday 8 April 2022. Refund requests made after this date will not be accepted.

8.4 Please note that refunds will be made to the card used to purchase the ticket(s) and can take up to thirty days.

9. Children and babies

9.1 A Graduation Ceremony is a formal occasion and as such may not be suitable for young children. A Guest Ceremony Ticket and Guest Department Reception Ticket (if applicable) must be purchased for any child of two years of age or older. Tickets are not required for children under two years of age if they do not require their own seat.

9.2 Children under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult at all times whilst at the College’s South Kensington Campus and the Royal Albert Hall.

10. Crossing the stage

10.1 During the Graduation Ceremony, each Graduand will be directed to the stage. At the foot of the stage the Graduand will hand their placement card to a staff member. The Reader will read out the Graduand’s name and the Graduand will be asked to cross the stage and shake hands, if offered, with the College’s Chair, President, Provost or Dean.

10.2 If, for personal reasons, a Graduand attending a Graduation Ceremony does not wish to shake hands as they cross the stage, if offered, they should carry a copy of the Graduation programme as they process. A copy will be located on the Graduand’s chair when they enter the venue.

10.3 The College will endeavour to ensure that Graduands attending a Graduation Ceremony cross the stage with their cohort but cannot guarantee this and accepts no liability for disappointment or distress in the event that a Graduand is not presented with his or her cohort.
10.4 The College will endeavour to ensure that Graduands attending a Graduation Ceremony will be presented in alphabetical order by surname but cannot guarantee this and accepts no liability for disappointment or distress in the event that the order is not alphabetical by surname.

10.5 Readers will endeavour to pronounce the name of any Graduand attending a Graduation Ceremony correctly on stage but the College cannot guarantee that names will be pronounced correctly and accepts no liability for disappointment or distress in the event that pronunciation is not correct. To help the Reader, we request that Graduands attending a Graduation Ceremony use the relevant box on the registration portal to indicate the Graduand’s preferred way of their name being read out.

11. Academic dress

11.1 Academic Dress is compulsory for all Graduands at a Graduation Ceremony.

11.2 By confirming attendance, Graduands agree to wear official College academic robes provided by our robing company Ede & Ravenscroft Ltd at the relevant Graduation Ceremony.

11.3 Gown bookings can be made once the Graduand receives their graduation invitation email. Bookings can be made until three weeks before the relevant Graduation Ceremony.

11.4 The College reserves the right to refuse admittance to Graduands who are not wearing Academic Dress supplied by Ede & Ravenscroft Ltd, or who are inappropriately dressed. Graduation is a formal occasion and the appropriate attire must be worn. Shorts, jeans and trainers are not permitted.

12. Filming and photography

12.1 Each College Graduation Ceremony is professionally filmed and the footage is live streamed and posted on the College’s website after the Ceremony. Footage may also be used by the College for media publications and advertising, including on the College’s website, social media channels, the College intranet, in press releases and mailings, on event posters, on TV screens on campus, or in magazines or prospectuses. All Graduands and guests should be aware that they may feature in this footage.

12.2 The College’s professional photographers will be on campus to take photographs throughout graduation day. If you would prefer that your photograph is not taken, please inform the photographer. Please note, we are unable to guarantee the exclusion of any Graduand images from group photographs.

12.3 The taking of ‘selfies’ during the ceremony, particularly on stage, is strictly prohibited.
12.4 Flash photography and unauthorised video recording of a Graduation Ceremony is strictly prohibited.

12.5 Graduands will be filmed as they process across the stage and shake hands, if offered, with the presiding officers.

12.6 Any gesture to the camera or inappropriate act or use of signage is prohibited. The College reserves the right to edit any inappropriate behaviour from the footage before it is made available online and to remove any Graduand from the ceremony.

13. Mobile phones

The use of mobile phones during a Graduation Ceremony is strictly prohibited. Graduands and their guests must ensure that their mobile phones are switched off or set to ‘silent’ during the ceremony.

14. Security checks

14.1 The Royal Albert Hall reserves the right to search bags brought into the venue. Therefore we ask that Graduands and their guests are prepared for any bags to be checked for security purposes.

14.2 To ensure that all Graduation Ceremonies can start promptly, we ask that Graduands and guests:

14.2.1 do not bring large bags to the Royal Albert Hall; and

14.2.2 arrive at the Royal Albert Hall at least 45 minutes before the start time of the relevant Graduation Ceremony.

15. Right to refuse entry

15.1 The College reserves the right to refuse entry to both Graduands and guests at the Royal Albert Hall and Department Receptions.

15.2 Graduands and their guests should be seated inside the Royal Albert Hall at least 45 minutes before their ceremony start time. Entrance after a Ceremony has begun cannot be guaranteed and is at the discretion of the Graduation Team.

15.3 Where entry is refused to a Graduand and/or their guests, no refunds will be provided.

16. Degree certificates

16.1 Degree certificates are not presented to Graduands at their Graduation Ceremony. Degree certificates are posted to graduates within three months of the award conferral date.

16.2 Attendance at a College Graduation Ceremony is not mandatory and has no impact on the awarding of a degree.
17. Data protection

17.1 In accordance with the applicable data protection laws in England and Wales, including the UK’s Data Protection Act 2018 and the UK’s retained EU law version General Data Protection Regulation or equivalent laws and regulations, the Graduation Team can only discuss a Graduand’s ceremony with the Graduand. Information cannot be disclosed to anyone other than the Graduand.

17.2 All Graduands, whether or not registered to attend Postgraduate Graduation 2022 and including those graduating in absentia, will have their first name and surname printed in the graduation programme. If a Graduand would prefer that their name is not printed they must advise the Graduation Team via email at graduation@imperial.ac.uk no later than 12 noon (GMT) on Monday 14 March 2022. Exclusion requests received after this date will not be accepted.

17.3 Graduands who attend a Graduation Ceremony will have their first name and surname announced. All Graduand names used will be those submitted via the registration portal. We are unable to use preferred or abbreviated names but Graduands can register their preferred pronunciation on the registration portal.

17.4 If a Graduand would prefer that their name is not announced they must advise the Graduation Team via email at graduation@imperial.ac.uk no later than 12 noon (GMT) on Monday 14 March 2022. Exclusion requests received after this date will not be accepted.

17.5 The first name and surname of all Graduands will also be provided to the College Students’ Union for use on graduation merchandise. Graduands who would prefer that their name does not appear on merchandise must advise the Graduation Team via email at graduation@imperial.ac.uk no later than 12 noon (GMT) on Monday 14 March 2022.

17.6 Details of any special requirements provided to the College pursuant to clause 6 above will be recorded on the registration portal and, if applicable, on the Royal Albert Hall ticket website in order that any related requests may be addressed.

17.7 Personal data will be processed in accordance with the College’s Events Privacy Notice, found at https://www.imperial.ac.uk/admin-services/secretariat/information-governance/data-protection/processing-personal-data/privacy-notices/events-privacy-notice/ and the College’s Advancement Division Privacy Notice, found at https://www.imperial.ac.uk/advancement/about-us/advancement-policies/privacy-policy/.

18 The programme

18.1 With regard to prizes, only final year, College-level prizes relating to academic year 2021-22 will be listed in the programme and read out at Graduation Ceremonies.
18.2 The College cannot accept any responsibility for a Graduand’s prize not appearing in the programme or not being read out at the ceremony.

18.3 Every endeavour is made to ensure that the programme is correct at the time of going to print.

19 Disclaimer

19.1 If a Graduation Ceremony cannot take place or is delayed due to circumstances beyond the control of the College, including but not limited to adverse weather conditions, fire, explosion, terrorist act (or threat of terrorist act), act of God, pandemic, or as a result of any industrial action or dispute involving the College or the venue at which a Graduation Ceremony or Department Reception is due to be held, the College will not be liable for any losses, whether direct or otherwise, incurred by Graduands or their guests. This includes but is not limited to travel, accommodation and subsistence costs, or any loss of business or earnings due to the cancellation or postponement of a Graduation Ceremony or Department Reception.

19.2 The College will, where possible, make alternative arrangements for any Graduand affected by a cancellation or delay, but Graduands and their guests should ensure that they have sufficient insurance protection (where appropriate) to cover any losses they might suffer as a result of a Graduation Ceremony or Department Reception being cancelled or delayed.

19.3 We may make changes to a Graduation Ceremony or Department Reception which we reasonably consider to be necessary, including to ensure that the ceremony complies with any applicable law or to satisfy any other operational requirement, and we will notify you of any such changes that we consider to be material.

19.4 If a Graduation Ceremony or Department Reception has to be cancelled, rescheduled or postponed, the College will make every effort to contact Graduands and will post information on the College’s website and in other appropriate locations.
When registering their attendance Graduands will be asked to accept these Terms and Conditions, and will not be able to request or purchase tickets without doing so. Failure to comply with these Terms and Conditions may result in a Graduand losing their place at the relevant Graduation Ceremony and Department Reception (if applicable).

### Graduation Ceremony Glossary of Terms

**Academic Dress** - the term for the hood and gown worn by Graduands and academic staff, provided by Ede & Ravenscroft Ltd.

**Accessible Seating** - seating suitable for Graduands or guests with accessibility requirements.

**College** - Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine.

**Department Reception** - the celebration taking place immediately after a Graduation Ceremony. Applicable Graduand Department Reception Tickets and Guest Department Reception Tickets grant access to this.

**Graduand** - a student who has met all eligibility criteria and has been invited to apply to attend a College Graduation Ceremony.

**Graduation Ceremony** - a ceremony taking place in the Royal Albert Hall and presided over by the College’s Chair, President, Provost or Dean of Faculty at which Graduands cross the stage to shake the presiding officer’s hand, if offered, by way of acknowledgment and celebration of their achievement in having been awarded a degree.

**Graduation Team** - the members of College staff responsible for the administration of graduation; contactable via email at graduation@imperial.ac.uk

**Graduand Ceremony Ticket** - a designated ticket for admittance to a Graduand’s specific Graduation Ceremony, to be used solely by the relevant Graduand and not to be transferred to any other Graduand or guest.

**Graduand Department Reception Ticket** - a designated ticket for admittance to a Graduand’s specific Department Reception taking place immediately after the associated Graduation Ceremony, to be used solely by the relevant Graduand and not to be transferred to any other Graduand or guest.
Guest Ceremony Ticket - a ticket that is purchased by a Graduand for family or friends to attend the Graduand’s specific Graduation Ceremony at the Royal Albert Hall. Tickets are non-transferable.

Guest Department Reception Ticket - a ticket that is purchased by the Graduand for family or friends to attend the Graduand’s specific Department Reception on the South Kensington Campus after the Graduation Ceremony. Tickets are non-transferable.

Postgraduate Graduation 2022 - postgraduate graduation events including Graduation Ceremonies and Department Receptions taking place on Wednesday 4 May 2022.