This information is relevant should Imperial College have a bi-lateral student exchange agreement with your university/college, in your subject area, for the academic year 2017-18. Please contact the relevant exchange programme co-ordinator at your home university/college for further advice.

**Important Notice: Global Innovation Design (GID):** Students attending the GID programme as exchange students from relevant partner universities will apply to the Royal College of Art, and **not** to Imperial College. However, the host department at Imperial College is the Dyson School of Design Engineering. **There is no requirement to read the remainder of this guidance document if you are applying for a non-degree exchange place on the GID programme.**

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Is Imperial College London the appropriate study abroad option for you?

You can only be considered for selection as an exchange student to Imperial College if your home university/college has a bi-lateral student exchange agreement with Imperial College, in your subject area, for the academic year 2017-18.

You should also think carefully about your own suitability for an exchange in the United Kingdom; in London; at Imperial College.

Contact the relevant exchange programme co-ordinator or office at your home university/college for advice on being an exchange student, and the process for selection for any valid/relevant exchange link with Imperial College.

Only students who are subsequently selected by their university/college may apply to Imperial College as an exchange student.

Students applying within the framework of the European Commission’s Erasmus+ Programme should note that ERASMUS institutional code for Imperial College is UKLONDON015.

Selection by your home university/college to study at Imperial College as an exchange student

You must be selected by your home university/college to study at Imperial College as an exchange student before you can apply to Imperial College as an exchange student.

NEXT STEP if you have been selected: ensure that you have READ this guidance/information note carefully, especially the section below entitled “planning a programme of study at Imperial College”

However, if you are a student planning to undertake a project as an Erasmus “traineeship” student (which is normally a non-reciprocal/non-exchange activity), please ensure you read the information on Erasmus “traineeships”, as the College would not normally consider you for admission as an exchange student and may have a different method of hosting you.

Partner universities/colleges will email the name of the selected student (and their email address) to either the Exchange Co-ordinator at Imperial College (Adrian Hawksworth) or the departmental exchange co-ordinator (see table below), and Imperial will email the student to inform them “how to apply”.

All exchange applicants to Imperial College must attach a letter from their home university/college to their on-line study application confirming their selection (“nomination”).

See later section: How to submit a formal study application at Imperial College. This includes the webpages you need to read.

Planning a programme of study (or study plan) at Imperial College

o You are advised to ask the exchange programme co-ordinator or office at your home university/college as to the normal composition of a study plan for an exchange student - in the relevant subject area - at Imperial College.

o While Imperial College will help facilitate requests to take specific courses/modules (e.g. those which your home university have indicated would match with a course/module at your home university/college) we cannot guarantee access. Access to some courses/modules is also restricted to our own students.

What should you consider first?

o You can only apply to one academic department.

o An exchange student is expected to be in full-time attendance at Imperial College (i.e. pursuing their study plan on a full-time basis).
Imperial College does not operate a semester system. A trimester system (3 academic terms) is used.

- Admission to the Faculty of Engineering and the Faculty of Natural Sciences is normally for a full academic year unless you are advised otherwise by the exchange programme co-ordinator at your home university and the departmental exchange programme co-ordinator at Imperial College. For example, a student attending to undertake a project will often attend for less than a full academic year.
- Admission to both the Imperial College Business School and the Imperial College School of Medicine are for short periods, normally no greater than 6 months.

Your study plan should focus heavily on your major degree subject. The inclusion of minor subjects (e.g. humanities, languages, management) in your study plan should be strictly limited, and you should be guided by the exchange programme co-ordinator at your home university and the departmental exchange programme co-ordinator at Imperial College.

- see later section entitled “Studying at Imperial: General Guidance (Curriculum, Credit & Timetables)” for guidance on obtaining curriculum information and asking questions.

If necessary, your exchange programme co-ordinator may contact his/her counterpart at Imperial College to discuss your proposed study plan:
- see table below for a list of exchange co-ordinators in the Faculties of Engineering and Natural Sciences;
- see further down for contacts in “other” departments at the College;

If you are seeking to undertake a study plan which will (only) be a non-curriculum (at Imperial) research-based project (i.e. an “independent” project) then we would normally expect you to find a suitable project supervisor at Imperial College (and to have their provisional approval to host you) before applying on-line to study at Imperial College. Please also note that the College does not normally allocate ECTS to “independent” projects.

Please note the Imperial College Business School does not offer access to undergraduate-level courses/modules to exchange students, unless they are provided through a host (faculty of) engineering or (faculty of) natural science department, and then on a strictly limited basis.

**Departmental Contacts**
- Departmental co-ordinators for the Faculty of Engineering and Faculty of Natural Sciences are listed below:

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**Engineering**  | Mechanical Engineering  | South Kensington  | Dr Stelios Rigopoulos  | s.rigopoulos@imperial.ac.uk

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**Natural Sciences**  | Physics  | South Kensington  | Dr Ingo Mueller-Wodarg  | i.mueller-wodarg@imperial.ac.uk  
| | | | copy to: ph.exchanges@imperial.ac.uk

- **Imperial College Business School:** Prospective postgraduate applicants from approved student exchange partners should contact Dr Sarah Wilsey, Programme Manager: sarah.wilsey@imperial.ac.uk W: www.imperial.ac.uk/business-school

- **Imperial College School of Medicine:** please note that the School has only one exchange programme (undergraduate with Tokyo Medical and Dental University) and students selected to participate from TMDU will be provided with relevant contact details at Imperial College by the School of Medicine.

- **Important:** If you happen to be a nominated exchange student seeking admission to any other department within the College you are advised to contact exchangestudents@imperial.ac.uk for relevant contact details.

- If you remain in doubt about whom the exchange programme co-ordinator is at Imperial College please email exchangestudents@imperial.ac.uk

**Studying at Imperial: General Guidance (Curriculum, Credit & Timetables)**

As an exchange student you must apply to one academic department. You cannot apply to more than one academic department.

- The curriculum (course structure and content) for a particular subject area at either undergraduate or postgraduate level is published on the website of the relevant academic department (i.e. there is no central catalogue of the College’s entire curriculum). More detail on how to make enquiries about course structure and content (courses/modules) is provided further down this section.

- While Imperial College will help facilitate requests to take specific courses/modules (e.g. those which your home university have indicated would match with a course/module at your home university/college) we cannot guarantee access. Access to some courses/modules is also restricted to our own students.

- While most academic departments teach a course/module (including project modules) over the period of a single term, some academic departments teach course/modules across two or even three terms. For further information on the teaching methods used by Imperial College click here.

- Most formal examinations take place in the third (summer) term. However, there are many exceptions and your host academic department should advise you prior to your arrival or as soon as possible thereafter.
Sometimes an exchange student might wish to undertake a course/module for which they do not have the pre-requisite prior to arrival at Imperial. This is only possible after consultation with the exchange programme co-ordinator at your home university and the departmental exchange programme co-ordinator at Imperial College. For example, it might prove possible for your study plan to include the required course/module (in Term 1) which satisfies the pre-requisite for another course/module, but naturally the former would need to be completed and the outcome of the assessment known before the start of the other course/module (in Term 2), and that cannot always be guaranteed.

- **Credit at Imperial College London (ECTS : European Credit Transfer System)**
  - The normal expectation is that an exchange student admitted to Imperial College will undertake a study plan which equals a full student “workload” (60 ECTS for a full academic year; 90 ECTS for a full calendar year; pro-rata for shorter period).
  - If your home university/college requires you to indicate in your study plan (e.g. your learning agreement) the ECTS value for each course/module (excepting “independent” projects) please note that ordinarily the ECTS value should appear in the curriculum.
  - Imperial College will also make appropriate reference to ECTS within a.) your study plan (e.g. “Learning Agreements for Studies” for Erasmus students) and b.) any transcript it issues to you detailing the results of any formal assessments (e.g. exams) you have undertaken. See later section entitled “academic recognition” below.

- **VERY IMPORTANT: Timetables** (for courses/modules in a single academic department) are normally confirmed during September, but occasionally not until the beginning of the academic year; therefore it is not normally possible to confirm any programme of study until you have arrived at the College. **Expect to have to make modifications to your initial study plan** (e.g. Learning Agreement for Studies for Erasmus students) **after** your arrival.

**Undergraduate Study Plans**

- **School of Medicine**: undergraduate exchange applicants will be advised directly by the School of Medicine as to the content of their study plan.

- **Undergraduate Curriculum in the Faculties of Engineering and Natural Sciences** provide detailed information on all courses/modules taught at bachelor and masters level (BEng/BSc curricula and MEng/MSci curricula).
  - An undergraduate curriculum is provided for each academic department.
  - Please review our curriculum portal for undergraduate exchange students’ enquiries. 
    An undergraduate curriculum might also refer to “minor” courses/modules (languages, humanities, management) which are available to undergraduate students studying in a particular engineering or science department. You can also explore language and humanities options [here](#).
  - Your study plan should focus heavily on your degree subject. The inclusion of non-degree courses/modules (e.g. humanities, languages, management) in your study plan should be strictly limited, and you should be guided by the exchange programme co-ordinator at your home university and the departmental exchange programme co-ordinator at Imperial College.
  - Your study plan should be based on courses/modules taught by the host academic department at undergraduate level.
  - **If you experience problems locating the ECTS value contact the departmental exchange co-ordinator at Imperial College.**
    - While the host academic department will consider requests to take specific courses/modules (e.g. those which your home university have indicated would match with a course/module at your home university/college), including courses/modules at postgraduate level (where such postgraduate courses/modules are not available as part of the undergraduate [MSci/MEng] curriculum) we cannot guarantee access, especially at postgraduate level. Access to some courses/modules is also restricted to our own students, and our own undergraduates cannot take a course/module which is only provided as part of a postgraduate programme so do not be surprised nor disappointed if requests are refused.
    - However, it is reasonable for an exchange student to construct a study plan which incorporates courses/modules from different years of the relevant undergraduate curriculum at Imperial College (but not normally Year 1), unless the host academic department advises otherwise. However, since our timetables are constructed (naturally) to deliver teaching for our fee-paying degree students there are likely to be timetable clashes if you select courses/modules from different years of the undergraduate curriculum. Please try to select from a single year of the undergraduate curriculum as far as is possible.
- Please do not seek to take courses/modules taught by “other” academic departments unless you gain the approval of your host academic department and your home university. Access to such courses/modules cannot be guaranteed.
  - **To repeat:** it is very important that you do not approach other academic departments for access to courses/modules unless you have the approval of your host academic department, and therefore such action normally takes place after your arrival at Imperial College when you have had an opportunity to discuss it properly with the host academic department.
  - If it is agreed that you can explore the possibility of undertaking a course/module taught by another academic department (i.e. not a course/module available to a student of your host academic department), your host academic department will normally expect you to arrange such access yourself. You will need to be responsible for ensuring that you meet the needs/demands of the “other” academic department, including a.) fulfilling the attendance requirements for the course/module (for example, we cannot guarantee that you will not incur timetable clashes); b.) the coursework requirements of the course/module; and c.) being able to attend for examinations (for example, we cannot guarantee that you will not incur exam timetable clashes).
  - Exam results and the results of other assessments for courses/modules taught by “other” academic departments (i.e. other than your “host” department) must be communicated by the “other” academic department to your “host” academic department for reporting to the College alongside your main exam results/assessments. It would be your responsibility to ensure this happens.

- **VERY IMPORTANT:** The majority of engineering and physical science students who are studying at their home university in engineering/physical sciences at masters level (including if you expect to be a masters level student by the time you plan to be studying at Imperial College as an exchange student) will be instructed by either the exchange programme co-ordinator at their home university or the exchange programme co-ordinator at Imperial College to select from the final year (Year 4) of the relevant Undergraduate Curriculum. This is the norm.

**Postgraduate Study Plans**

- If you are a *doctoral level (PhD) student* then your study period will normally be research-focused.
  - Access to postgraduate courses is not normally allowed as part of a research-focused study period, unless agreed to by the relevant academic staff (and if agreed, then it is normally restricted to attendance at lectures, with no access to formal exams/assessments). Speak to your proposed supervisor at Imperial College if this is a concern.

- If you are a *masters level student* (including if you expect to be a masters level student by the time you plan to be studying at Imperial College as an exchange student) and have been instructed by your home university and by the relevant departmental exchange co-ordinator at Imperial College to base a study plan on attendance as a non-degree student on a postgraduate programme (MSc or MBA curriculum) then you can find the relevant curriculum information via the Postgraduate Prospectus at: http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/.
- Applicants to the Imperial College Business School should contact Dr Wilsey (see above for contact details).
- **Please do not** seek to take courses/modules taught by other academic departments unless you gain the approval of your host academic department and your home university. Access to such courses/modules cannot be guaranteed.
  - **To repeat:** it is very important that you do not approach other academic departments for access to courses/modules unless you have the approval of your host academic department, and therefore such action normally takes place after your arrival at Imperial College.
  - If it is agreed that you can explore the possibility of undertaking a course/module taught by another academic department (i.e. not a course/module available to a student of your host academic department), your host academic department will normally expect you to arrange such access yourself. You will need to be responsible for ensuring that you meet the needs/demands of the “other” academic department, including a.) fulfilling the attendance requirements for the course/module (for example, we cannot guarantee that you will not incur timetable clashes); b.) the coursework requirements of the course/module; and c.) being able to attend for examinations (for example, we cannot guarantee that you will not incur exam timetable clashes).
  - Exam results and the results of other assessments for courses/modules taught by “other” academic departments (i.e. other than your “host” department) must be communicated by the “other” academic department to your “host” academic department for reporting to the
College with your main exam results/assessments. **It would be your responsibility to ensure this happens.**

- Please note that the majority of engineering and physical science students who are studying at their home university in engineering/physical sciences at masters level will be instructed by either the exchange programme co-ordinator at their home university or the exchange programme co-ordinator at Imperial College to select from the final year (Year 4) of the relevant Undergraduate Curriculum in the admitting department. They would apply to study at Imperial College as an undergraduate. This is the norm for exchange students.

**Academic Recognition and Credit Transfer**

- **Academic Recognition**: it is the responsibility of your home university/college to consider whether a study period (plan) at Imperial can be recognised as part of your home degree programme.

- **Credit Transfer**:
  - It is also the responsibility of your home university/college to consider how academic workload (i.e. time spent studying at Imperial College) and any grades/marks (i.e. official outcomes of any formal assessments/examinations a student undertakes at Imperial College) are transferred from the Imperial system to the system of your home university/college.
  - A student who undertakes formal assessments/examinations will have a transcript sent by Imperial College (two hard copies) to their home university/college (no earlier than August). One of the copies is intended for the student. The transcript will formally list the outcomes of any formal assessments/examinations, including the ECTS credit awarded if a course/module has been passed, the student has undertaken at Imperial College. ECTS is not awarded when a course/module is failed. The “pass” mark is 40%.
  - However, please remember that “independent” projects (i.e. projects which are not identified on Imperial College’s curriculum) will not be assessed by Imperial. Therefore, “independent” projects would be formally assessed by the home university/college (including the allocation of credit).
  - **Consult your own university/college for further guidance.**


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**How to submit a formal study application at Imperial College**

All exchange students who are nominated to study at Imperial College London should apply using the on-line application site (for visiting non-degree students). The on-line application website can be accessed via:

- (Undergraduate) [http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/ug/apply/how-to-apply/visiting/](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/ug/apply/how-to-apply/visiting/)
  - Remember: If you are a master level student you will normally apply as an undergraduate to Imperial College unless you are told otherwise. Please refer to previous section if you are unsure.

- (Postgraduate) [http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/apply/how-to-apply/visiting/](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/apply/how-to-apply/visiting/)

**Application Deadlines**

- **Study Periods commencing at the start of the academic year at Imperial College**: Applications from students wishing to commence their programme of study on 30 September 2017 should be submitted on-line by **[15 May 2017]**:
  - **This is very important** if you are requesting admission for a full academic or full calendar year (from 30 September 2017).
  - If you are applying for undergraduate study and you have not submitted your on-line application by 15 May it may affect your eligibility for accommodation.
  - Please note that the College will still process on-line study applications submitted after 15 May 2017. However, the accommodation guarantee for undergraduates may not apply if you are seeking admission for a full academic or full calendar year. See Page 13.

- **Study Periods commencing at other times during 2017-18**: There is no application deadline for students wishing to commence a study period at other times, although students are greatly encouraged to apply at least 4 to 6 months in advance of a proposed start date especially if they know they will require a visa to enter the UK for the purpose of undertaking their study period.

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**Advice: completing the On-Line Application**
Get organized: Be ready to complete the On-Line Application!
The following guidance (“notes”) will be of use when completing the on-line application.

You will first need to create an account for the on-line application: (the direct link is) https://apply.imperial.ac.uk/login (if the link does not work; copy and paste into your browser)

When you have created your account, please ignore the instructions on the main landing page, and go straight to the TAB at the top of the landing page entitled Visiting (Non-degree) Students. Follow the instructions provided.

Throughout the on-line application please ensure:
- You read any short guidance notes available under individual field titles.
- You answer the questions correctly/accurately as they influence what further questions are asked and what documents you need to attach.
- You remember that you can save and exit the application at any time, and then go back and resume compilation/completion/submission.

Within 5 days of having submitted your on-line application you will receive an email acknowledgement from Imperial College (quoting a unique 8 digit reference number called a College Identifier Number or CID which you will retain throughout and beyond your time at Imperial College).

Note 1: Selecting a Programme (Initial Screen and TAB/Screen 1 of the application: “Personal”)
- You need to search for a programme by typing the course name in the ‘Find your programme’ search box and then select the ‘apply’ button. Please note that you should search by your subject area (e.g. Aeronautics). This will then populate a list of all available programmes and their respective study levels (e.g. Undergraduate level, Master’s or Doctoral level). You can amend as you go.
  - Important: Please remember that you should apply as an “undergraduate” if you are a masters level student at your home university (who is studying an engineering or physical science subject) but who has been advised by either their home university or Imperial College to propose a study plan from the MEng/MSci undergraduate curriculum.
- You may only select one Programme Title, i.e. one host academic department.

Note 2: Are you an Exchange Student or a non-Exchange Student? (TAB/Screen 1 of the application: entitled “Personal”)
- You are asked a Question about your status (Exchange or Non-Exchange). Please ensure you complete this question precisely as it changes the subsequent fields to be completed.

Note 3: Documents which an Exchange applicant should attach to TAB/Screen 1: “Personal”
- A statement from your home university confirming your nomination to study as an exchange student (Compulsory).
- Attach your proposed study plan (Compulsory). For example, an Erasmus applicant would attach their “learning agreement for studies”.

Important:
Imperial College DOES NOT normally allow study periods which require contributions of formal teaching from more than one academic department and/or from both the undergraduate curriculum (BEng/MEng/BSc/MSci) and postgraduate curriculum (MSc/MRes) unless:
1) that formal teaching provided by the non-admitting academic department is normally available to full-degree students of the admitting academic department,

or
2) you are an Erasmus or other exchange student and you have been advised by the exchange programme co-ordinator at your home university and the relevant departmental exchange programme co-ordinator at Imperial College that such access can be arranged.

However, you still can only apply to one academic department.

Note 4: Documents which an Exchange applicant should attach to TAB/Screen 2 (“Experience”)
- (All Applicants: Compulsory) A Transcript of your current studies at your home university/college. A transcript is an official document produced by your home university/college listing the courses attended, examinations/assessments taken and results/grades achieved. Please attach a version in English if at all possible.
Note 5: Guidance on English Language Proficiency PLUS the Documents which an Exchange applicant should attach to TAB/Screen 3 (“Additional Questions”: English Language Ability):

- It is very important that an exchange student’s English language skills (reading, listening, speaking and writing) are sufficient for them to study successfully at Imperial College. Therefore, the College requires all students to submit acceptable evidence of their English language proficiency (at the time of their application to study at Imperial College). For an exchange applicant this might include their English grade in their high-school leaving certificate plus any English tests taken at their university or independently.
- Please insert appropriate information about any existing English language qualifications or test-scores and attach a copy of a document or documents evidencing this. The College will consider the evidence provided. If an English Qualification Type is not listed or you have more than one qualification which you would like to present as evidence then select “other qualification not listed above” from the drop down menu. Attach one or more documents as evidence as a single file.
- If your home university is in Australia, Canada or the United States of America the College will consider you to have met the College English Language requirements. However, please still attach the evidence requested above.
- If, on the basis of the evidence supplied, the College has concerns about a student’s English proficiency this may be discussed with their home university/college. As part of any offer of admission a student may be required to achieve a particular grade in an approved English test.
- Please note: The College is committed to supporting the English language needs of its students once they are with us. Please note that Imperial College’s Centre for Academic English is available free of charge (subject to assessment and certain conditions) to all registered/enrolled non-native English speaking students: http://www.imperial.ac.uk/academic-english

Note 6: Documents which an Exchange applicant will need to attach to TAB/Screen 4:

- “Optional” an “open” (i.e. non-confidential) academic reference/testimony.
- (Compulsory for Exchange) a self-prepared list of the courses/projects currently being undertaken at the student’s home university/college but for which they have not yet been assessed.
- (Compulsory for Exchange) a self-prepared list of courses and/or projects the student plans to take when they return to their home university/college. If a student is unsure as to their plans then they should simply provide a brief statement indicating this.

Note 7: Academic Reference

- On TAB/Screen 3 an applicant is requested to provide the name and (university/college) email address of a professor/academic tutor (a “referee”) who is able to comment confidentially on their academic performance to date (i.e. provide an academic reference/testimony). The “referee” will be contacted by the academic department which is considering the student’s study application only if required.

Who will consider your application and when/how shall you hear the outcome?

- The College will confirm (by email) receipt of an on-line study application. This email will quote an 8 digit CID Number (College Identifier Number). At the same time the applicant will also be advised by email how to access the College’s Student e-Service, where they will be able to track their on-line study application and view any decision made by the College.
- A study application will be considered by the academic department in which the applicant wishes to study. The academic department is responsible for making a decision, which will include a.) whether the study plan which has been proposed is viable (subject to possible modification due to curriculum and timetable constraints) and b.) whether the applicant is academically prepared to undertake the proposed study plan (including their English language competence);
- Failure to complete the on-line study application fully or to provide supporting documentation may delay consideration of an application;
- If upon review of an on-line study application the College decides that it has all the information required to make a decision, the College’s Admission Team would normally expect to communicate that decision to the applicant within 8 weeks of receipt of the on-line study application. The applicant should receive an email prompt (to check their e-Service account) when this occurs.
However, if the academic department to which the applicant seeks admission requires further information in order to make a decision on their admission, the 8 week period will not commence until they have received that information. If additional information is required the academic department will request it from either the applicant or their home university/college.

The decision of the academic department will be communicated to the applicant on Student e-Service. The decision will indicate whether the College considers the applicant to be an “undergraduate” or “postgraduate” student. If the exchange student plans to attend for the full academic year they should double check that the dates offered for attendance are correct (see term dates below), and query them with the College’s Admissions Team if necessary.

If the College sets an applicant a “condition or conditions of entry” (e.g. a language “condition”) then the applicant must have satisfied these “conditions of entry” before their admission can be confirmed. See also later section on accommodation.

If an applicant is offered admission the College may ask them to formally accept or decline the offer. However, this is normally only for those applicants who need a visa to enter the UK, since the College normally assumes that nominated exchange students who do not need a visa to enter the UK are planning to attend.

If an applicant is required to “accept” an offer of admission Student e-Service will also ask them “who is paying your tuition fee?” Of course, students admitted to the College as exchange students do not pay any tuition fee to Imperial College (up to a maximum period of 12 months). Therefore, we ask the applicant to answer “self-funded” to this question.

An applicant should quote their CID number in all correspondence with the College.

Please note that the College does not send letters confirming admission unless an applicant formally requests such a document by email or the applicant requires a short-term study visa to enter the UK to undertake their study period at Imperial College. See visa information below.

If, at any stage, an applicant wishes to withdraw their application they should email the College Admissions Team responsible for their application (copying to exchangestudents@imperial.ac.uk)

- Undergraduate: https://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/ug/apply/contact/
- Postgraduate: https://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/apply/contact/

Exchange students enrolled at Imperial College are for insurance purposes covered by the College’s employer and public liability insurance policy while on campus (and off-campus if part of their study plan, e.g. a site visit).

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Full Guidance on visas is provided by our College’s International Student Support Team (which forms part of the College Academic Registry) at: http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/international-students/visas-and-immigration

Specific questions concerning visas can be addressed to the International Student Support Team: international@imperial.ac.uk

The type of visa (which Imperial College will act as sponsor to) will normally depend on the length of the study period at Imperial College.

- **TIER 4 (General) Student Visa** for a period of studies lasting more than 6 months: If an applicant is offered admission (on Student e-Service) for more than 6 months and once they have met any conditions of entry (i.e. they have an unconditional offer of admission) the College will send the applicant an email notification that their Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) number and details (for inclusion in their application for a TIER 4 Student Visa) are available on their Student e-Service account. A CAS number must be quoted in a TIER 4 Student Visa Application.

  - **VERY IMPORTANT**: A TIER 4 visa must have been obtained prior to a student travelling to the UK for the purposes of undertaking a study period at Imperial College.
- ATAS (UK’s Academic Technology Approval Scheme): Certain applicants who require a TIER 4 Student Visa to enter the UK to study certain subject areas at either undergraduate or postgraduate level will also need to meet ATAS requirements. **If this affects an applicant they will be notified on e-Service as a condition of entry, i.e. that ATAS certification is required.** ATAS certification is required before Imperial College can issue a CAS number and therefore before the applicant can submit their visa application.

- **Further information on ATAS** from Imperial College’s International Student Support Team: [http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/international-students/visas-and-immigration/atas/](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/international-students/visas-and-immigration/atas/)

  - **Short-Term Study Visa:** If an applicant is offered admission (on Student e-Service) for **6 months or less** and once they have met any conditions of entry (i.e. **they have an unconditional offer of admission**) Imperial College will automatically send the applicant a letter (using a “signed-for” postal option) for inclusion in their short-term study visa application. Normally, a short term study visa should be obtained prior to travelling to the UK for the purposes of undertaking the study period at Imperial College, although students’ with certain nationalities can obtain it upon entry to the UK (e.g. at the airport). **Check carefully.** Further information on short-term study visas from our International Student Support Team at: [http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/international-students/visas-and-immigration/short-term-study-visa/](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/international-students/visas-and-immigration/short-term-study-visa/)

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**About our Orientation Information**

For students whose admission to Imperial College is confirmed.

You should consult our orientation information prior to arrival at Imperial College

Please also see Page 13 of this document concerning accommodation.

A. Visiting students (non-degree) admitted to start their studies at Imperial College on 30 September 2017. The Orientation Information is published in early September, and will be emailed to you.

B. Visiting students (non-degree) admitted to start their studies at Imperial College at other times. The Orientation Information is published in early October, and will be available on the same webpage you obtained this guidance note.

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(A) Visiting students (non-degree) admitted to start their studies at Imperial College on 30 September 2017.

- The College provides orientation information for new exchange students. The orientation information for exchange students aims to help the new exchange student to better understand the College’s web-based information for New Students arriving at the start of the academic year (i.e. the information for new undergraduate and postgraduate full-degree students available via [www.imperial.ac.uk/students](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/students) from late summer 2017).

- The College’s orientation information for visiting students will include:
  - Pre-arrival enrolment with the College (this is an on-line process via the e-Service facility which you can normally achieve prior to arrival should the College have fully approved your admission on Student e-Service);
  - How to find Imperial;
  - In-Person Registration (upon arrival) for all students.
  - Access to College services, such as IT accounts, student learning resources, library facilities and sports facilities
  - Accessing health care;
  - How to obtain discounts on London Transport;
  - How to open a bank account;
  - How to get any certificates of attendance/arrival and “learning agreements” signed and stamped;
  - How to join the College’s Erasmus Club which will normally have exchange student specific events on during the opening weeks of term.

- Exchange students who commence at the beginning of the academic year are invited to a specific welcome event for new international students on Sunday 1 October, 2017 and are encouraged to
take part in normal orientation events for new students during the first week of the academic year, such as Faculty Welcomes; the Freshers Fair (clubs and societies); sports trails etc etc).

- Queries to: exchangestudents@imperial.ac.uk

- VERY IMPORTANTLY: Your host academic department will contact you by email during September with a welcome and induction timetable for the first 5 days (including when and where to arrive on the first Monday; the time/venue of the “initial meeting” with the departmental exchange programme co-ordinator; departmental registration; course registration mechanisms, and access to timetables and other course information).

**(B) Visiting students admitted to start their studies at Imperial College at other times**
(i.e. dates other than 30 September – 2 October 2017)

- The College provides orientation information for new exchange students. The orientation information for exchange students aims to help the new exchange student to better understand the College’s web-based information for New Students ([www.imperial.ac.uk/students](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/students))

- The College’s orientation information for visiting students will include:
  - Pre-arrival enrolment with the College (this is an on-line process via the e-Service facility which you can normally achieve prior to arrival should the College have fully approved your admission on Student e-Service);
  - How to find Imperial;
  - In-Person Registration (upon arrival)
  - Access to College services, such as IT accounts, student learning resources, library facilities and sports facilities
  - Accessing health care;
  - How to obtain discounts on London Transport;
  - How to open a bank account;
  - How to get any certificates of attendance/arrival and “learning agreements” signed and stamped;
  - How to join the College’s Erasmus Club.

- Exchange students who specifically commence at the beginning of January will have an opportunity to attend a Re-freshers Fair (clubs and societies) which normally takes place on the South Kensington campus in the 3rd week of the spring term

- Queries to: exchangestudents@imperial.ac.uk

- VERY IMPORTANTLY: Your host academic department should contact you by email during the month prior to your arrival with a welcome and induction timetable for the first 5 days (including when and where to arrive on the first Monday; the time/venue of the “initial meeting” with the departmental exchange programme co-ordinator or project supervisor (depending on the nature of the study plan); departmental registration; course registration mechanisms (if applicable), and access to timetables and other course information).

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**TERM DATES (2017-18)**

**Term 1 (Autumn Term)**
30 September, 2017 to 15 December, 2017

**Term 2 (Spring Term)**
6 January, 2018 to 23 March, 2018

**Term 3 (Summer Term)**
28 April, 2018 to 29 June, 2018
Approved attendance can also include part or all of the period of 30 June, 2018 to 30 September, 2018.

**Important notes regarding the College’s Term Dates:**

- The College does **not** operate a semester system.
- Study periods for students who are admitted to undertake projects tend not to mirror/match term-dates. Dates of attendance are normally decided after consultation with the host supervisor.
- The summer term is typically focused on examinations and project work.
- Study periods which follow the whole of a particular postgraduate programme **normally** commence 1 October 2017 BUT continue normally until 30 September 2018. Some postgraduate programmes commence at other times.

**ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

*Information is correct at the time of writing (January 2017)*

As a starting point, carefully select the option below (1 – 4) which applies to you. This will inform you as to your eligibility for a room in an Imperial College hall of residence.

1. Any student who is admitted to the College as a postgraduate for any period **cannot** apply for accommodation in a College hall of residence.
   - Therefore, students are advised **now** to consider how to secure alternative accommodation in London prior to arrival or to arrive in advance of their study period in order to have sufficient time to look for suitable accommodation. For assistance please first review the information at [http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/campus-life/accommodation/prospective/pg/](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/campus-life/accommodation/prospective/pg/) and about Private Housing (including the specialist assistance provided by Imperial College Home Solutions) at [http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/campus-life/accommodation/private-accommodation/](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/campus-life/accommodation/private-accommodation/)

2. An Exchange student **who accepts admission to Imperial College as an undergraduate** for at least a full academic year (30 September 2017 – 29 June 2018) will be **guaranteed** accommodation in an Imperial College hall of residence for the three terms between 30 September 2017 – 29 June 2018 **IF** they have:
   - submitted their on-line study applications by 15 May 2017 deadline (**important: this is an additional requirement to that listed at [http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/campus-life/accommodation/prospective/ug/how-to-apply/accommodation-guarantee/](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/campus-life/accommodation/prospective/ug/how-to-apply/accommodation-guarantee/)**);
   - been offered admission for the said period (either a full academic year or full calendar year) as an undergraduate student on Student e-Service by 15 July 2017 (**important: this is an additional requirement to that listed at [http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/campus-life/accommodation/prospective/ug/how-to-apply/accommodation-guarantee/](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/campus-life/accommodation/prospective/ug/how-to-apply/accommodation-guarantee/)**);
   - subsequently submitted their on-line accommodation application form by Friday 28 July 2016
   - and have met in full any conditions of entry (e.g. English language) and had that confirmed on Student e-Service by Friday 25 August 2016.

- Please note that you will not be invited to apply on-line for accommodation (i.e. receive an email from our Student Hub, who manage the College’s halls of residence) until the College has offered admission (with or without conditions of entry) on Student e-Service.

- **Please be aware** that (for those students who applied by 15 May) we may not offer you admission until as late as 15 July. However, if this affects you then please be rest assured that the Institutional Student Exchange Co-ordinator (Adrian Hawksworth) will ensure that all who wish to apply for accommodation are able to do so by the 28 July deadline.
o When you receive the email from our Student Hub inviting you to apply on-line for accommodation please ensure that you complete the application form as soon as possible and no later than 28 July. You are able to select up to 5 room options (but please note that you cannot list them by preference).

o You will receive a decision on your application in either late August or early September. You would be asked to accept or decline the offer of accommodation. Please note that you are normally only given 5 days to accept or decline so if you plan to be on holiday during the summer please ensure you check your email account every day so as to not miss out.

o If you accept the offer of accommodation in a College hall of residence then you will be provided with on-line support prior to arrival.

o Please note that if your proposed study period includes any part of the following period (30 June 2018 – 21 Sept 2018) that the Student Hub can advise you as to how and when to apply for “summer vacation undergraduate student accommodation”.

3. An Exchange student who accepts admission to Imperial College as an undergraduate:
   - for at least a full academic year (but applied after the 15 May on-line study application deadline)
     or
   - for less than a full academic year but still plans to commence their study period on 30 September, 2017.

   cannot be guaranteed accommodation in a College hall of residence. However, you may still apply as rooms can become available late in September or around the start of the academic year.

o Please note that you would not be invited to apply on-line for accommodation (i.e. receive an email from our Student Hub) until the College has offered you admission to study on Student e-Service. If you are offered admission to study after 15 July please email the Student Hub (quoting your CID) to ensure you receive the invitation to apply.

o You are advised to complete the on-line accommodation application form and (if at all possible) by the 28 July deadline just in case the College can assist. You would also need to have met any conditions of entry attached to your offer of admission to study at Imperial College by Friday 25 August.

o The College’s Student Hub will do its upmost to assist you, but can only allocate accommodation if it is available. Rooms in our halls of residence can become available late in September or around the start of the academic year, although if you have already arranged private accommodation by that stage this may not be beneficial.

o Therefore, you are advised now to consider how to secure alternative accommodation in London prior to arrival or to arrive in advance of your study period in order to have sufficient time to look for suitable accommodation.
  ▪ For assistance please first review the information about Private Housing at http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/campus-life/accommodation/private-accommodation/
  ▪ Please note that if your proposed study period includes any part of the following period (30 June 2018 – 21 Sept 2018) that the Student Hub can advise you as to how and when to apply for “summer vacation undergraduate student accommodation”.

4. An Exchange student who accepts admission to Imperial College as an undergraduate but who plans to commence their study period at Imperial College on a date other than 30 September, 2017 cannot be guaranteed accommodation in a College hall of residence.
   ▪ However, if you still wish to apply, then you should contact the Student Hub (typically no earlier than two months before your proposed start date).
To be considered the College needs to have confirmed your admission (having met any conditions of entry) on Student e-Service.

The College's Student Hub will do its upmost to assist you, but can only allocate accommodation if it is available.

To help you, current vacancies are listed at: http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/campus-life/accommodation/current-residents/vacancies/

Therefore, you are advised now to consider how to secure alternative accommodation in London prior to arrival or to arrive in advance of your study period in order to have sufficient time to look for suitable accommodation.

For assistance please first review the information about Private Housing at http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/campus-life/accommodation/private-accommodation/

Please note that if your proposed study period includes any part of the following period (30 June 2018 – 21 Sept 2018) that the Student Hub can advise you as to how and when to apply for “summer vacation undergraduate student accommodation”.

Please note (options 2 - 4): Undergraduate exchange students for whom applying for a room in an Imperial College hall of residence is an option (whether guaranteed or not) are not compelled to do so. It is perfectly OK for an undergraduate exchange student to decide not to apply for a room in an Imperial College hall of residence, and to make their own arrangements in the private sector.

IMPORTANT OTHER INFORMATION REGARDING ACCOMMODATION

All Exchange Students: Communicating with the Student Hub about accommodation

It is in the interest of all students to reply swiftly to any correspondence received from the Student Hub, especially if you are offered a room in a hall of residence. However, the College handles a large amount of correspondence from applicants and you must be patient in waiting for a response. The Student Hub aims to respond to emails within 2 working days, so please do not expect to receive a response the same day: http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/campus-life/accommodation/

All Exchange Students: Please note the following:

- Imperial College halls of residence (for undergraduates only) are normally self-catering with the majority of the accommodation located within a reasonable walking distance of the South Kensington Campus. However, some halls of residence are located further away. For further information about College accommodation (including a useful page on comparing our undergraduate halls of residence) click on http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/campus-life/accommodation/ (specifically: http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/campus-life/accommodation/halls/ug/ and http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/campus-life/accommodation/halls/compare/)

- Imperial College halls of residence (for undergraduates only) offer a variety of accommodation, and prices vary between halls. Usually you can save money by sharing with other students; however, this solution has to be considered carefully since unless you share with another exchange student, your co-occupant may be a fresher (i.e. 18 years of age). For further information about College accommodation click on http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/campus-life/accommodation/

- If the College can not provide accommodation in a hall of residence OR you decide to reject any offer of College accommodation OR you just prefer to do your own thing your option would be to look for a room in the private sector.
  - In general, unlike in some European countries, to rent a flat in London can be an expensive option. You may need to share to keep costs down.
  - For assistance you are strongly advised to first review the information about Private Housing at: http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/campus-life/accommodation/private-accommodation/
  - Be prepared to arrive before the beginning of your study period in order to find a place to live.
  - The College is able to provide expert assistance with housing contracts (if you need advice).
Do you have a disability?

At any point during the study and accommodation application processes (and whilst registered/enrolled as a student of the College) students who have a disability should be aware that the College’s Disabilities Advisory Service is available to discuss any matter concerning access and accommodation, as well as any general concerns an individual may have. The Disabilities Advisory Service has a comprehensive website at: www.imperial.ac.uk/disabilityadvisoryservice

Tuition Fees; Other possible charges

- Exchange students do not pay tuition fees to Imperial College. However, such students can expect to continue paying any tuition fees required of them by their home institution.
- Your host academic department should indicate any compulsory miscellaneous financial charges that are applicable to you while you are a student in their department.
- Your host academic department should indicate whether any of these charges (un-refundable; refundable) are associated with items you may already have as a student of that discipline at your home university/college, and therefore are possibly not relevant to you. A couple of random examples might be a requirement to have a hard safety helmet or a lab coat.
- Most departments provide a student with a photocopying allowance.

Cost of Living

- It is important to note that living in London can be expensive and you should consider seriously how you will fund your time in London. You can find information and advice on living costs at managing your money (UG) or managing your money (pg) and for an independent viewpoint at the web site of Study London http://www.study london.ac.uk/application-advice/cost-of-studying-in-london (Please note that the Study London website is for all types of students applying to London universities and covers all sorts of issues/topics, so please do not get distracted by the “application” pages etc!!).
- It is the responsibility of your own university/college to inform you as to your eligibility for any scholarships (e.g. Erasmus Study Grant).
- It is your responsibility to ensure you have sufficient financial resources for your whole study period.
- Please note that Imperial College does not provide any specific grants/scholarships for exchange students.

Imperial College Union: ERASMUS Club

- Imperial College has an ERASMUS Club - one of the Imperial College Students’ Union’s many clubs and societies. The ERASMUS Club is run by Imperial College students and was established in 1998 to help exchange and other visiting students at Imperial College get the most out of their time at the College and assist Imperial College students planning to go abroad. The ERASMUS Club is open to everybody and has a range of activities such as club nights, excursions to other areas of the UK, pub evenings, parties, untraditional sightseeing events and much more. The Club is affiliated to ESN (Erasmus Student Network).
- Exchange students starting on 30 September, 2017 will receive information from the Club during September 2017. The College’s “Orientation Information for Visiting Students” makes reference to the Erasmus Club and provides their contact details.
- Imperial College Union’s website, containing links to its many societies and clubs is found at: www.imperialcollegeunion.org
Do you have a question? Who to contact about information in this document

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http://www.imperial.ac.uk/placements/student-exchanges/information-for-student-exchange-partner-universities/