Postgraduate study

2019–2020 ENTRY

A practical guide to applying for postgraduate courses
Find your way to Imperial

Imperial is the only UK university to focus exclusively on **science, engineering, medicine** and **business**. This guide gives an overview of how to join our one-of-a-kind community, based in the heart of London.

Postgraduate study at Imperial covers both Master’s and Doctoral courses. We encourage you to explore the full range of options in our four global challenge course guides:

- Discovery and the natural world
- Engineering novel solutions
- Health and wellbeing
- Leading the data revolution

These challenges not only guide the way our researchers work across subject boundaries to tackle some of the world’s biggest problems, they’re also a blueprint for how we build our community of problem solvers – staff and students, learning from and alongside each other.

We’re seeking passionate people who can use their skills and talent to make the world a better place – regardless of where they’re from. For many of our departments, this means welcoming students from outside their exact area of expertise.

Our global challenge course guides are designed to show you what this means in practice:

- [www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/courses/global-challenges](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/courses/global-challenges)

If you already know what you want to do, learn more at:

- [www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/courses](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/courses)
Imperial College London is home to a global community of scientists, engineers, medics and business experts who are using their diverse talents to find solutions to some of the world’s biggest challenges.

You will learn from and alongside these pioneering researchers, make connections with business and tech innovators, develop your skills with education experts and have the chance to meet top employers.

Our main campus in London puts you at the heart of a city whose creative energy and cultural vibrancy is reflected in its food, fashion, arts and entertainment, and in incredible innovations in the fields of business, science and technology.

**Driving progress**
Imperial has fuelled a large number of these innovations. These pages show just a few of the ways our community has made its mark on the world since the College was founded in 1907.

| **17,500** | **4th** |
| undergraduates and postgraduate students | clinical, pre-clinical and health |
| **Four College faculties** | **Times Higher Education World University Rankings by Subject 2018** |
| Engineering, Medicine, Natural Sciences, and the Business School | 4th in the world |

**1st in the UK**
Times Higher Education Most International Universities 2018

- Development of the magnetometer, used to investigate the magnetic environment around Saturn as part of NASA’s Cassini mission.
- The invention of lenseless, three-dimensional photography called holography, and magnetic levitation – technology that gives the Shanghai maglev train its levity.
- The invention of the iKnife, an intelligent knife that can tell surgeons immediately whether the tissue they are cutting is cancerous or not.
- A major contribution to the discovery of the Higgs boson, which is believed to convey mass to the fundamental particles that form the building blocks of the universe.
- The development of one of the world’s first cochlear implants to enable deaf people to hear.

**8th in the world**
QS World University Rankings 2019, Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2018

- Most innovative university in the UK (2nd in Europe)
- Most international universities

**1st in the world**
Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2018

- Computer science 9th in the world
- Engineering and technology 10th in the world
- Life sciences 10th in the world
- Physics 9th in the world
- Clinical, pre-clinical and health 4th in the world
Find a Master’s course

Our Master’s courses are a mixture of taught, research-based and professional programmes. Most last 12 months full-time, though there are also some part-time and shorter vocational options.

The first step to finding the right Master’s course for you is to think about where your interests lie and what you care about.

Interdisciplinarity is one of our greatest strengths so you’ll find many examples of our expertise overlapping departments and collaborative projects taking place across the College.

With that in mind, when it comes to searching our courses, we encourage you to remain open minded – you might find courses that interest you in an unexpected area of the College and these may not be in an area that matches your first degree.

In addition, many of our departments welcome applicants whose background is not in the same area of science and engineering, so long as they have a relevant qualification.

Choose a subject area you’re passionate about

Explore the different ways you can follow your interests in our four global challenge course guides – available to download at:

- [www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/courses/global-challenges](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/courses/global-challenges)

Learn more about all our Master’s courses online:

- [www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/courses](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/courses)

Find the right qualification

We offer a range of postgraduate qualifications, including full-time taught and research-orientated programmes, MBA programmes and part-time professionally-focused certificates and diplomas.

Our qualifications:
- Master of Science (MSc)
- Master of Research (MRes)
- Master of Education (MEd)
- Master of Public Health (MPH)
- MBA programmes
- Postgraduate Certificate (PG Cert)
- Postgraduate Diploma (PG Dip)
- Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)

Learn more about all our qualifications:
- [www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/apply/about-our-degrees](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/apply/about-our-degrees)

Think early about how to fund your studies

Find out more about tuition fees and financial support on pages 14–17 of this guide.

Consider applying for one of our integrated PhDs – a four-year training programme, which usually starts with a one-year MSc or MRes leading straight into a three-year PhD.

See Doctoral courses on page 6.

Remember to ask lots of questions!

Visit the Study website to find out more about upcoming open days, webinars, campus tours and in-country visits:

- [www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/open-days-and-visits](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/open-days-and-visits)
Find a Doctoral course

We offer a number of routes to gaining an advanced research qualification, from traditional PhDs to Professional Doctorates.

We offer three types of Doctoral course:

- **PhD**
- **Professional Doctorate**
- **Integrated PhD** available via our Research Council-funded Centres for Doctoral Training (CDTs) and Doctoral Training Partnerships (DTPs), and within Wellcome Trust-funded centres of excellence.

Each course gives you the chance to create original knowledge in your chosen field through a programme of in-depth research and the production of a thesis.

The route map here outlines the different Doctoral routes available, whether via a funded research project or through completing your own self-proposed project.

If you have a research idea, find a research group whose objectives best match it by exploring the websites of our academic departments, multidisciplinary centres and institutes:

- [www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/courses/doctoral-courses/phd](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/courses/doctoral-courses/phd)

If you don’t have a research idea, browse our latest funded PhD projects:

- [www.imperial.ac.uk/jobs/career-programmes/phd-vacancies](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/jobs/career-programmes/phd-vacancies)

Explore our integrated PhD opportunities:

- [www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/courses/doctoral-courses/integrated-phd](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/courses/doctoral-courses/integrated-phd)

If you need to identify a supervisor before you apply, you can find details of potential supervisors on our website. Contact them directly with your research proposal. If you don’t, you can submit your research proposal when you apply online (see page 8).

If you receive a positive response, you can apply online (see page 8).

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**PhD**

**Doctor of Philosophy:** The most common type of Doctoral programme, which normally takes three or four years of full-time study to complete.

**MD(Res) and EngD**

**Professional Doctorate:** Aimed at working professionals, these programmes combine taught courses and a supervised research project associated with your current employment.

**MRes or MSc + PhD (1 + 3)**

**Integrated PhD:** Combining the depth, rigour and focus of a traditional PhD with a broader training experience for students from a broad range of disciplines.

Learn more about Doctoral study on our Study website:

- [www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/courses/doctoral-courses](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/courses/doctoral-courses)

Contact the project lead to discuss your suitability and eligibility before submitting an application.

Find out if you need to identify a supervisor before you apply.

Students working with drones in the Brahmal Vasudevan Aerial Robotics Lab in our Department of Aeronautics - the facility is the first of its kind in Europe.
How to apply

Whether you’re applying for a Master’s or a Doctoral course, you will need to apply directly through our online application system.

1 Set up your online account
To get started you first need to create an account on the Imperial online application system.

You can do this by visiting our Study website and selecting the appropriate link to start your application:

www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/apply

Once you’re set up, you can search for the course you want to apply for and start your application.

You don’t have to complete the application in one go. You can log back into the system and edit the application as many times as you want before you submit it.

Applications per place
In 2016–17 we received an average of six applications per place for postgraduate study, with some departments receiving twice that, so make sure you give yourself plenty of time to do a good job and submit the strongest possible application.

2 Show us that you meet (or are capable of meeting) our entry requirements
To show how you qualify for the course you are applying for, you will need to provide information about the higher qualifications you have achieved or which you’re currently studying.

We can process your application more quickly if you upload scanned copies of the academic transcripts and certificates for the higher education qualifications you already hold when you apply.

If you receive an offer we may ask you to provide evidence of your previous qualifications as part of the conditions of your offer. Where this applies, you must send the original physical documents by post.

www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/apply/after-you-apply/conditions

3 Demonstrate your English language ability
All applicants must show that they have a sufficiently good level of written and spoken English to meet the demands of our challenging academic environment. You will need to meet either our standard or higher level of English before starting your course. The level required will be included in the entry requirements for the course. As a guide, the levels you need to achieve are:

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You can show how you meet the relevant standard in one of a number of ways.

› Achieve the required score in one of our accepted English language proficiency tests.
› Successfully pass the College’s 6- or 12-week pre-sessional English language programme for Imperial offer holders (this option is not available for applicants to Imperial College Business School).
› Provide evidence of a previous qualification that confirms your English language level.
› Provide evidence that you meet one of our English language exemptions.

You do not necessarily need this evidence before you submit the application. However, if you receive an offer it may form part of your offer conditions. You should only apply if you are confident you can achieve the English language level required.

English language support
During your studies, you can access free academic language and literacy support from our Centre for Academic English.

www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/apply/requirements/english

Students researching the impact of our western-style diet on inflammation and immunoregulation using zebrafish larvae.
Upload your supporting documents
All applicants must upload a copy of their CV. This should provide a summary of your education, experience and achievements and should be no longer than two pages. Read more about creating an effective CV:

- www.imperial.ac.uk/careers/application-process/cv

Master’s applicants
You will need to upload a personal statement. It should include your motivations for applying to Imperial and for your chosen course. Read our top tips for creating a personal statement:

- www.imperial.ac.uk/careers/exploring-your-options/further-study

Doctoral applicants
If you are applying for a traditional PhD, you will need to upload a personal statement or a research project proposal which has been agreed with your potential supervisor in advance. This normally includes information such as:

- why you have chosen your research topic;
- what research issues you intend to address;
- initial ideas on the research methodology;
- references to existing scientific literature (where appropriate) and any relevant previous work that you have carried out.

The research you describe in your proposal may change following further discussions with your supervisor after you start your course. Read advice on writing a good research proposal:

- www.findaphd.com/advice/finding/writing-phd-research-proposal.aspx

Provide details of your referees
You should provide the names of two people who can provide an academic reference in support of your application. An academic reference could be from, for example:

- your personal tutor;
- your thesis supervisor; or
- your line manager in a research group.

One academic and one relevant professional reference may be acceptable – contact Admissions for confirmation before you apply:

- www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/apply/contact

Completing and tracking your application
The Admissions team need both your completed application form and all the supporting documents. If documents are missing, this will delay your application process.

You will be able to track your application through our online application system and accept your offer if you are successful.
Selection process

In the selection process, we consider all elements of your application equally.

The ideal candidate should demonstrate a balance between strong academic grades, good references, a passion for the subject they have applied for and the potential to add value to the imperial community.

Individual departments may also look for things like employability – particularly Imperial College Business School – and work experience. Where this is relevant, it will be included in the entry requirements for the course and you should make sure you cover it in your personal statement.

Interview

Master’s applicants may be asked to attend an interview as part of the selection process. Where this applies, the department you have applied to will contact you with more information. If you are based overseas, you may be offered an interview via Skype.

Interviews are a required part of the selection process for Doctoral applicants. This may be via Skype if you are not able to attend in person.

Admissions tests

Only two Imperial departments currently use admissions tests as part of their postgraduate selection process:

Department of Computing
Scores in Verbal and Quantitative Reasoning in the GRE General Test are required for all MSc Computing specialist streams, for example MSc Computing (Security and Reliability). A strong application would include test scores of:
- more than 159 for Quantitative Reasoning
- more than 145 for Verbal Reasoning

We only consider the first scores received.

Imperial College Business School
A score of at least 600 in the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) is required for the full-time MBA course. Scores in the 90th percentile in GMAT or GRE are also required for the five-year Doctoral programme. Although not required for other MBA or Business School MSc courses, a well-balanced GMAT result with 650 or higher overall will add weight to your application.

- www.ets.org/gre (GRE General Test)
- www.mba.com/global (GMAT)

Confirmation of Acceptance for Study (CAS)

The earliest you can apply for a Tier 4 visa is three months before you start your course. You will need to enter a reference number called a CAS on your visa application. If your application is successful, our Admissions team will send you your CAS number once you have met all of your offer conditions.

Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS)

The requirement for an ATAS certificate applies to all students who are nationals of countries outside the European Economic Area (EEA) and Switzerland, and who are applying for a postgraduate course in certain sensitive subjects.

If you need to obtain an ATAS certificate, we will specify this in your offer conditions if your application to study is successful. You can apply for an ATAS certificate up to nine months before the start date of your course; it is valid for six months from the date of issue.

The Entry Clearance Officer (ECO) will ask to see your ATAS certificate as part of your visa application.

Visas and immigration

Most students from a country outside European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland require a Tier 4 (General) student visa to study at Imperial.

Working while you study

Students who require a Tier 4 (General) student visa may only work for a maximum of 20 hours in any one week during term-time. You cannot average this over a longer period. Other working restrictions also apply.

We recommend that full-time students do not work part-time during term time. If this is unavoidable, then you should aim to work for no more than 10–15 hours per week, which should be mainly at weekends and not within normal teaching hours.

Our International Student Support team can provide specialist advice on a wide range of visa and immigration issues, before and during your time at Imperial.

- www.imperial.ac.uk/study/international-students/visas-and-immigration
Tuition fees

The fees for all of our postgraduate courses are set by the College and vary by course.

If your course lasts for more than one year, you should expect and budget for your tuition fee increasing every year by an amount linked to inflation.

Fee status – Home or Overseas?
Your fee status determines the rate of tuition you pay. We assess your fee status after you apply using regulations provided by the UK government. These set out the conditions you need to meet to be entitled to pay the ‘Home’ rate of tuition.

If you meet all the criteria required by any one category, including any residence requirements, you may pay the ‘Home’ rate.

www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/apply/fees/fee-status

Applicants for Master’s courses
You can find the fee for all of our Master’s courses on our Study website:

www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/courses

If you receive an offer, you may need to pay a deposit to secure your place, which is normally 10% of the first-year course fee. We deduct the deposit from the invoice for your first-year fee.

Applicants for Doctoral courses
See our Study website for fee information – you do not need to pay a deposit:

www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/fees-and-funding/ tuition-fees

Clockwise from top: A student working in our Centre for Nuclear Engineering; a postgraduate discussion group in the Imperial Centre for Translational and Experimental Medicine (ICTEM) Building at our Hammersmith Campus; Imperial College Business School MSc and MBA students explore the principles of the management of design.
Financial support

We recommend budgeting for student life well in advance to make sure that you have the funds to get the most out of your time at Imperial.

Living costs
The following table is a rough guide* to the amount that you can expect to spend to live in relative comfort at Imperial, excluding your tuition fees.

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<td>Accommodation and utilities</td>
<td>£176</td>
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<td>Food</td>
<td>£58</td>
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<td>Travel</td>
<td>£28</td>
<td>£1,116†</td>
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<td>Personal and leisure</td>
<td>£43</td>
<td>£2,236</td>
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<td>Total</td>
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* Actual costs will vary according to your lifestyle and how good you are at sticking to a budget.
† Zones 1–3 with 18+ Student Oyster card. 52-week cost is based on the cost of an annual travelcard.

Sources of funding

Funding from Imperial

Scholarships
We offer a wide range of scholarships, including 50 President’s PhD scholarships each year covering tuition fees and an annual contribution to living costs, and sports scholarships for Master’s or Doctoral students who are aspiring to compete or who already compete at a national or international level.

Use our online search tool to search for Master’s and Doctoral scholarships you may be eligible for:
- www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/fees-and-funding/scholarships

Fully funded PhD projects
Known as ‘studentships’, these projects are available across our academic departments. Search for the latest opportunities via our Jobs site:
- www.imperial.ac.uk/jobs/career-programmes/phd-vacancies

Funding from Imperial

UK Research Council 1 + 3 studentships
Imperial offers a limited number of UK Research Council-funded studentships via a new style of PhD training known as a 1 + 3 or integrated PhD (see page 6). These are available via:
- Doctoral Training Partnerships (DTPs), which are allocated to different Imperial departments and may be used to fund a broad range of projects.
- Centres for Doctoral Training (CDTs), which are more focused than DTPs and recruit students for research in target areas.

The loan amounts for 2019 have not yet been confirmed by the government. As a guide, in 2018–19, they were £10,609 for the Master’s loan and £25,000 for a Doctoral loan – both to cover the whole course. Funding for loans is different if you normally live in Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland.

Professional and Career Development Loans
British citizens who apply to this scheme before it closes on 25 January 2019 may be able to borrow between £300–£10,000. These bank loans are usually offered at a reduced interest rate, which the UK government pays while you’re studying.

Other sources of funding

External scholarships
A number of external organisations offer scholarships to Imperial Master’s and Doctoral students to help them successfully complete their studies.
- www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/fees-and-funding/scholarships/further-funding-opportunities/external

Charities and Trusts
Use the Alternative Guide to Postgraduate Funding to search for funding for Master’s and Doctoral study from charities and trusts.
- www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/alternative-guide-to-funding

Teaching opportunities
Doctoral students can explore opportunities to earn extra money as a Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA) within their department.
- www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/courses/doctoral-courses/integrated-phd

International students
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‡ The UK government has confirmed that access to government funding will remain unchanged for EU students entering the university in 2019 throughout the duration of their course.

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Support for entrepreneurs
Our Enterprise Lab and Advanced Hackspace offer state-of-the-art spaces for building prototypes or co-working, and provide support for aspiring entrepreneurs including ideas surgeries and mentoring, skills-building programmes, enterprising student societies and competitions for funding.

www.imperialenterpriselab.com

Professional development
Separate programmes for Master’s and Doctoral students cover a wide range of free training courses, such as interview preparation, note taking, writing a literature review, networking, presentation skills and project management.

www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/graduate-school/professional-skills

Expert careers advice
Students in every department have access to support, advice and skills training from the moment they start at the College and after they graduate (see websites below for full details):

www.imperial.ac.uk/careers and www.imperial.ac.uk/business-school/programmes/career-service

Jobs and careers fairs
The Careers Service publishes around 10,000 vacancies a year through its online vacancy service, JobsLive. It also runs a rolling programme of employer events where Imperial students can meet recruiters and find out more about opportunities in different organisations.

www.imperial.ac.uk/careers/opportunities

Alumni mentoring
PhD students can take advantage of our alumni mentoring scheme to gain a first hand insight into different professions. Our 200,000-strong community of former students represent a huge range of industries across the globe.

www.imperial.ac.uk/careers/opportunities/networking/mentoring

From top: A skills seminar in our Careers Service; the Careers Service’s information room at our South Kensington Campus; a student speaking to an employer at an on-campus careers fair

Where could an Imperial degree take you? Our postgraduates launch global business ventures, shape public health policy and expand our knowledge of the universe. Here are just a few of them:

Rishi Nalin Kumar (PhD Mathematics Research 2017) is the founder of Decide Together, a data science consultancy based in London, where he helps large companies to scale their data science practices. He also works as the Data Science Practice Lead for Spotify and focuses on improving their science of user behaviours to develop more personalised features.

Roma Agrawal (MSc General Structural Engineering 2005) spent six years working on The Shard, the tallest building in Western Europe, to design its foundations and iconic spire. Roma is also the author of Built, a collection of stories about some of the world’s most famous buildings.

Dr Jake Dunning (PhD Clinical Medicine Research 2013) is a consultant in infectious diseases for Public Health England. He’s responsible for conducting outbreak research and ensuring that health services can identify and safely manage diseases such as Ebola, influenza and Zika.

Christina Lefkothea Tatli’s (MSc Business Analytics 2017) choice of Master’s course was deliberate, after recognising that big data is becoming an effective basis of competition in almost every industry. It proved a wise decision – she now works as a Data Scientist for online travel company, Expedia.

Want to know more?
Delve into the data about what our graduates do on our Careers website:

www.imperial.ac.uk/careers/exploring-your-options/destinations/postgraduates
Accommodation

Accommodation will account for your biggest living cost in London. Don’t worry if you don’t know where to start, we can offer you lots of help – from advice on setting a realistic budget, to a contract checking service for students renting in the private sector.

Private accommodation
London has a wide range of privately rented properties, including shared houses, flats and studio apartments.

If you're joining the College in late September, a good time to start looking for a place to live is between late June and August. The majority of properties are advertised no more than one to two months before they are available.

Learn more about popular areas for Imperial students and find guidance about average weekly rents in our area guide:

- [www.imperial.ac.uk/accommodation/private-accommodation/area](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/accommodation/private-accommodation/area)

Property search website
Imperial has its own property search website called Imperial Home Solutions. You can use it to find properties and connect with other Imperial students who are looking for somewhere to live.

- [www.imperialhomesolutions.co.uk](http://www.imperialhomesolutions.co.uk)

Postgraduate halls of residence
Imperial’s postgraduate accommodation, GradPad, offers two halls exclusively for postgraduate students at Imperial and other London universities:

- GradPad Griffon Studios – Battersea
- GradPad Wood Lane Studios – White City

Learn more, including prices, facilities and how to book, on the GradPad website:

- [www.gradpadlondon.com](http://www.gradpadlondon.com)

Students studying at our Silwood Park Campus in Ascot can choose from single and couples accommodation in five on-site halls of residence:

- [www.imperial.ac.uk/accommodation/halls/pg/silwood-park](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/accommodation/halls/pg/silwood-park)
Student life

Being a student in London is unlike studying anywhere else in the UK, from the cultural vibrancy felt across the city, to its balance of the very old and the strikingly new.

London is renowned as a centre for creativity and free thinking, with a creative energy that is reflected in every aspect of life in the capital: food, fashion, arts, exhibitions, shops and a night life that is unrivalled in the UK.

The higher living costs associated with life in the UK’s capital is offset by its power to connect you to some of the world’s biggest employers. London’s comprehensive transport system puts this job market, with its comparatively higher salaries, within easy reach – and at a 30% discount with a Student Oyster photocard.

Student activities

Our main campus in South Kensington is home to a diverse programme of student activities, including over 370 student-led clubs, societies and projects and a volunteer scheme with opportunities both in the UK and abroad.

Our on-site sports centre, Ethos, supports a busy recreational sports programme covering fitness classes, taster sessions, intra-mural leagues and individual activities such as climbing lessons and martial arts classes.

Over 100 Imperial sports teams also compete in the UK-wide inter-university league (BUCS), in which Imperial ranked number one in London in 2017–18.

Beyond South Kensington

We have a number of medical teaching and research campuses, based around leading London hospitals, including Hammersmith, St Mary’s at Paddington and the Royal Brompton in Chelsea.

Our major new White City Campus in West London is purpose built to drive innovation and entrepreneurship by bringing together world class researchers, businesses and academic partners to address the problems society most needs to solve.

Beyond London, students at our Silwood Park Campus in Ascot enjoy on-site accommodation (see page 20), state-of-the-art facilities and a range of natural habitats (woodland, streams, a lake, orchard and grassland) to support their studies in ecology, conservation and evolutionary biology.

www.imperial.ac.uk/visit/campuses

Academic and wellbeing support

We offer a range of academic, personal and wellbeing resources to ensure you feel supported throughout your Imperial experience, including:

- Departmental pastoral networks
- Disability Advisory Service for students with specific learning difficulties, enduring mental health and health conditions, Autistic Spectrum conditions, and sensory and physical impairments
- a Student Counselling and Mental Health Advice Service
- an independent Student Advice Centre
- a multi-faith Chaplaincy
- a visa and immigration advice service within our International Student Support team
- a Centre for Academic English, offering free academic language and literacy support

www.imperial.ac.uk/student-space
Important information

Information contained in this guide
This guide was printed in September 2018 and contains general information relevant to researching postgraduate course options at Imperial for courses starting in 2019–2020. We make every effort to ensure that the information is correct at the time of going to press. However, it may be necessary for the College to make changes to study options and services described in this guide following publication.

If we do so, we will try to draw them to your attention, but we are not always aware who will have seen our publications or visited our website. To make an informed decision based on the latest information available, you must check our Study website before finalising your application and after submitting it:

› www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg

You can also find our general policy on course changes on our website:

› www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/apply/about-our-degrees/potential-course-changes

Changes to our courses
For entry in the 2019–20 academic year, we are revising our taught course and assessment structures with the aim of introducing a standardised modular structure and enhanced degree provision across the College. This will include changes to academic and examination regulations for all taught Master's courses. These changes are designed to enhance your learning experience and ensure you develop a range of skills that employers value. For the latest information about our Master's courses, please refer to our Study website:

› www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/courses

Terms and conditions
All Imperial students are required to comply with the full terms and conditions and regulations of the College. Please see:

› www.imperial.ac.uk/students/terms-and-conditions

Tuition fees
The fees for all of our postgraduate courses are set by the College and vary by course. For courses lasting more than one year, the fee beyond the first year will increase by an amount linked to inflation unless specified otherwise. Before you apply, please see our tuition fee web pages for details:

› www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/fees-and-funding/ tuition-fees

Payment terms
Special payment terms apply to our postgraduate taught and research masters (MRes) courses. You may be required to pay a deposit as part of your application, unless you meet one of our conditions for exemption. If applicable, payment of the deposit will be a condition of your offer of a place at the College; failure to pay the deposit may result in your offer being withdrawn. The deposit for all programmes, unless specified otherwise, will normally be 10% of the tuition fee for the year of admission. For further information about the deposit and other special payment terms, please refer to our website before you apply:

› www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/fees-and-funding/ tuition-fees/payment-terms/postgraduates

Extra course costs
Some courses may involve extra costs that are not covered by your tuition fees, for example, stationery, printing, compulsory texts, protective clothing for lab work and field trips. Where these apply for Master's study, they are explained in our online course pages:

› www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/courses

Download our course guides
Our four global challenge course guides are designed to help you explore our study options by theme:

› www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/courses/global-challenges

Read blogs by our students
Enjoy first-hand accounts of Imperial life from current students.

› www.imperial.ac.uk/blog/student-blogs

Chat to us live
Meet us at higher education events in the UK or overseas throughout the year, or chat to staff and students live through our regular webinar series to find out more about the admissions process and life at Imperial.

› www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/open-days-and-visits/other-ways-to-meet-us

Watch videos
Our YouTube channel is bursting with videos about Imperial student life.

› youtube.com/imperialcollegevideo

Campus tours
We run year-round student-led tours of our South Kensington Campus.

› www.imperial.ac.uk/visit

Imperial Lates and Imperial Festival
Our annual public festival, Imperial Festival, and free evening series of Imperial Lates events are designed to bring our latest research to life. Our programme of public events also includes public lectures – available to stream live or download after for free.

› www.imperial.ac.uk/whats-on