Congratulations...

ON RECEIVING AN OFFER FROM IMPERIAL.

This guide lets you know more about what to expect over the next few months.

We’ve also included a taster of the academic and social opportunities that await you at one of the world’s best universities, alongside practical information on preparing for life in London.

3RD IN EUROPE, 9TH IN THE WORLD
Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2019

130+ countries represented in our student community

370+ student-led clubs, societies and projects

Imperial has an age-old tradition of mascotry, with 11 mascots representing our four constituent unions, Imperial College Union and Sport Imperial.

No.1 for employability
The Guardian University Guide 2019

No.1 for graduate starting salaries
The Times/Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019

GUARANTEED ACCOMMODATION
in our halls of residence for first-year students who meet our terms and conditions

Find out more about studying at Imperial:

www.imperial.ac.uk/study/ug/offer-holders

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About your offer

If you are holding a conditional offer from Imperial, which you accept, your place will only be confirmed once you meet all the offer conditions specified on UCAS Track. This may include meeting our English language requirement and gaining ATAS clearance, as well as achieving the grades we’ve asked for in the required subjects.

REPLYING TO YOUR OFFERS

Once you have received decisions on all your applications, you will need to reply to your offers in UCAS Track:

→ If Imperial is your firm choice university you will be eligible for our first-year accommodation guarantee, subject to terms and conditions (see page 8).

SUBMITTING YOUR RESULTS

UCAS automatically sends us the exam results for A-levels, Pre-U Certificate, International Baccalaureate, Irish Leaving Certificates, Scottish Highers and STEP, if taken in the year you apply. If you are taking other qualifications, you must send us the original transcript of your results (or a copy stamped and signed by your school) by the date specified in your offer.

You must reply to your offers by the deadline given in UCAS Track.

DEMONSTRATING YOUR ENGLISH LANGUAGE ABILITY

All applicants need to show that they meet our English language requirement for entry. We have two levels of achievement – standard or higher level. If a language condition is included in your offer you will need to submit evidence that you have reached the required standard. The Admissions team must receive this by 19 July 2019. Find out more about the English language proficiency tests and qualifications that we accept on the webpage below:

IF YOU NARROWLY MISS YOUR OFFER CONDITIONS...

you need to check the UCAS Track website on Thursday 15 August 2019 (A-level results day) to see if you have still been accepted. The decisions recorded here are final and are based on careful consideration of your results.

DEFERRING YOUR OFFER

We try and accommodate all requests to take a year out before taking up your place (known as deferred entry) but sometimes this isn’t possible. If you wish to defer, please contact the relevant Admissions team as soon as possible. If you are granted a deferral you will still have to meet all the conditions set out in your offer by the specified deadlines.

CONTACT ADMISSIONS

For questions about your offer, or to let us know about extenuating circumstances beyond your control (such as illness or bereavement) that may have impacted on your academic performance, please contact the appropriate Admissions team. In the case of extenuating circumstances, you need to contact us by no later than 12 July 2019.

www.imperial.ac.uk/study/ug/contact
What happens next?

The essentials

ADVICE FOR APPLICANTS
Understand more about what happens next, including information about meeting your offer conditions.

www.imperial.ac.uk/study/ug/apply/after-you-apply

EXPLORE ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS
Get help with navigating London’s wide choice of housing options, including College accommodation to suit a range of budgets.

www.imperial.ac.uk/accommodation

STUDENT FINANCE
If you’re an EU student and you plan to apply for a Tuition Fee Loan from the UK government, make sure you apply early – you can always amend or cancel your application if your plans change (see pages 10–11).

www.imperial.ac.uk/fees-and-funding/ug

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KEY DATES

- **1 May 2019**
  - Reply to your offers in UCAS Track by this date if you’ve received all university decisions by 31 March and have a postal address in the EU

- **May 2019**
  - Imperial accommodation applications open for firm-choice offer holders (see pages 8–9)

- **6 June 2019**
  - Reply to your offers by this date, if you’ve received all university decisions by 2 May

- **30 June 2019**
  - Deadline for MBBS offer holders to submit their Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) certificate and relevant forms to our Medical Admissions team

- **5 July 2019**
  - *International Baccalaureate results day* – if you narrowly miss your offer you will need to wait until A-level results day to see whether your place has been confirmed

- **12 July 2019**
  - Deadline for letting us know about any extenuating circumstances which may have affected your academic performance

- **19 July 2019**
  - Deadline for submitting evidence to Admissions of your English language ability, ATAS clearance and qualifications already gained (if required in your offer)

- **22 July 2019**
  - Application deadline for our pre-sessional English course (see page 15)

- **26 July 2019**
  - *Imperial accommodation guarantee deadline for firm-choice offer holders*

- **1 August 2019**
  - Accommodation applications open for insurance-choice offer holders

- **15 August 2019**
  - *A-level results day* – log into UCAS Track to see if your place has been confirmed

- **Early September 2019**
  - Accommodation offers start going out

- **2–20 September 2019**
  - Pre-sessional English course dates

- **28 September 2019**
  - Moving in day and start of Welcome Week
Visas and immigration

Most students from a country that’s not in the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland will require a Tier 4 (General) student visa to study at Imperial. The earliest you can apply for this visa is three months before your course start date.

ACADEMIC TECHNOLOGY APPROVAL SCHEME (ATAS)
Check your offer conditions on UCAS Track to see if you need to get an ATAS certificate before you apply for a visa for your course.

- Apply for the certificate at the web address below up to nine months before your course start date – you will need your course’s CAH-L3 code and descriptor (your department will supply this).
- Applications can take up to 30 working days to process.
- Certificates are only valid for six months.
- You need to submit evidence of ATAS clearance to our Admissions team by 19 July 2019.

Find out more about your responsibilities online:
www.imperial.ac.uk/study/visas

WORKING WHILE YOU STUDY
Tier 4 visa students 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 apply. We recommend that you do not work part-time during term-time if you are studying full-time. If this is unavoidable you should aim to work no more than 10–15 hours per week, which should be mainly at weekends and not within normal teaching hours.

YOUR VISA RESPONSIBILITIES
You must comply with the rules attached to your visa to protect your immigration status. You must also co-operate with the College to help us meet our duties as your visa sponsor. Your responsibilities include:
- Uploading a copy of your visa and passport to our online application system
- Attending all scheduled classes, laboratory sessions, etc.
- Registering with the police when you arrive in the UK (if required)
- Informing the Home Office of any change in your circumstances

CONFIRMATION OF ACCEPTANCE FOR STUDY (CAS)
This is a reference number which you need to enter on your visa application. Our Admissions team will send you your CAS once you have met all the conditions of your offer – this will be after 15 August 2019 (A-level results day) in the case of most applicants. You must apply for your visa within three months of your course start date once you receive your CAS.

VISA ADVICE FOR EU STUDENTS
In a referendum held in June 2016, the UK voted to leave the European Union. Your right to study in the UK won’t change as a result of Brexit. At the time of going to print (February 2019), the visa arrangements for EU students post-Brexit have not been confirmed. Our trained visa advisers within our International Student Support team will be updating their advice for EU students as information about Brexit is confirmed by the UK government.

CONTACT INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT
Our International Student Support team can provide specialist advice on a wide range of visa and immigration issues, even before you arrive.

www.imperial.ac.uk/study/visas
Finding accommodation

Fun, friendly and with a healthy dose of independence, it’s no surprise that over 90 per cent of our undergraduates choose to spend their first year living in our student accommodation. Here are some of the reasons why:

**First-year guarantee**
There’s a place waiting for you in our halls of residence if you want it – you just need to make sure you meet the terms and conditions.

![www.imperial.ac.uk/accommodation/guarantee](www.imperial.ac.uk/accommodation/guarantee)

**A welcoming environment**
Immerse yourself in the Imperial experience from your very first day, living alongside students from different courses and countries.

**All-inclusive rents**
Covering utilities, high-speed internet and contents insurance — making it easier for you to budget.

**24/7 on-site support**
Provided by experienced residential support teams.

**ABOUT OUR HALLS**
All of our halls of residence are:
- self catered
- mixed gender (twin rooms are single gender)
- available on a **minimum 39-week contract** (covering the Christmas and Easter vacations)

**HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?**
As a guide, our cheapest room is currently £102/week* for a twin room in Woodward Buildings, which is 40 minutes from campus on public transport. Our most expensive is £281/week* for a premium single en suite room in on-campus Eastside and Southside halls. All rents include a mandatory £2/week contribution to your hall’s Activities Fund to pay for social activities.

**HOW DO I APPLY?**
We email firm choice offer holders in May to invite them to apply via our online system. You can select up to five accommodation preferences, specifying your preferred hall, room type and price, which are all ranked equally. You won’t be able to edit your choices after you’ve applied so do your research in advance. Applications for insurance-choice applicants open in August. We start allocating rooms in early September, using your preferences as a guide.

**CAN I MOVE INTO HALLS EARLY?**
The earliest date you can move into most halls is **28 September 2019**. If you need accommodation before this date, please contact reservations@imperial.ac.uk for help finding short-term accommodation.

For answers to questions such as what to bring, moving in, parking and lots of other common queries, see our frequently asked questions (FAQs) page:

![www.imperial.ac.uk/accommodation/faqs](www.imperial.ac.uk/accommodation/faqs)

![www.imperial.ac.uk/accommodation/thehalls](www.imperial.ac.uk/accommodation/thehalls)

**PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION**
If you’re considering going straight into private accommodation, our Student Hub can provide lots of advice and practical help even before you arrive. For questions about accommodation, please email: accommodation@imperial.ac.uk

We also run an online property search website exclusively for Imperial students (Imperial Home Solutions).

![www.imperial.ac.uk/accommodation/privatehousing](www.imperial.ac.uk/accommodation/privatehousing)

* based on 2018–19 prices. We will publish prices for 2019–20 on our website once they have been confirmed.
Every year thousands of students decide that investing in a university education in London outweighs the cost of life in the capital. Find out what help is available from the UK government and from Imperial towards your budget.

EU STUDENTS

TUITION FEES

£9,250
is the Home rate of tuition for the 2019–20 academic year at Imperial. This fee is capped by the UK government, which has confirmed that EU students starting at an English university in the 2019–2020 academic year will continue to pay the Home rate of tuition for the duration of their course, even if the UK exits the EU during this time. The fee you pay may increase annually by an amount linked to inflation and approved by Parliament.

UK GOVERNMENT FUNDING

2019 entry EU students (who have lived in the European Economic Area for at least three years prior to study) can apply for a government-funded Tuition Fee Loan to cover their tuition fees for every year of undergraduate study. EU nationals who have lived in the UK for over five years can also apply for a Maintenance Loan towards their living costs.

You must pay back your student loans, but not until the first April after you have left your course and only if you are in employment, earning over a certain amount per year.

www.imperial.ac.uk/study/ug/fees-and-funding/loans-and-grants

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The College sets its own fees for international students. They vary per course. You can find the 2019–20 fee for the course(s) you have applied for on our Undergraduate Study website.

www.imperial.ac.uk/study/ug/courses/2019

LIVING COSTS

Students applying for a Tier 4 visa for study in London need to prove to the Home Office that they can cover living costs of £1,265/month for up to a maximum of nine months.

This figure is useful as a guide for all Imperial students budgeting for the year to cover accommodation, utilities like internet and electricity bills, food, travel and personal/leisure costs. It does not cover tuition fees and any additional course costs.

Don’t forget that an academic year only lasts 39 weeks and actual costs will vary according to your lifestyle and how good you are at sticking to a budget.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Our range of scholarships includes sports scholarships, music awards and a range of subject-based scholarships via our academic departments.

www.imperial.ac.uk/study/ug/fees-and-funding/bursaries-and-scholarships
Settling in

If all goes well on results day, we’ll be in touch to let you know more about preparing to study here, including what to do before you arrive and where you’re going to live (if you’ve applied for Imperial accommodation). Here’s what to expect from those first few weeks.

REGISTERING FOR YOUR COURSE
Once your place has been confirmed, you need to register at the College online, before the start of term. We’ll email you details of how to access this website after results day. You also have the option to upload a photo to be printed on your ID card for collection on arrival.

If you’re from a country that’s not in the European Economic Area (EEA) you will need to upload details of your passport and visa (where it applies). You will also need to register in person when you arrive at the College – we’ll email you about this. Additionally, you may need to register with the police.

MOVING IN DAY
If you’ve applied for a place in Imperial accommodation you can move in from Saturday 28 September 2019 (moving in day). Woodward and Costume Store residents can choose to move in earlier on Thursday 26 or Friday 27 September 2019 but need to book an arrival time slot in advance.

Moving in day also marks the start of Welcome Week, so there will be students on hand to help you with your luggage and show you around your new home. Your hall’s Residential Support team (which includes returning students) will also be on hand to help you settle in and look after your wellbeing throughout your stay.

Get tips on preparing for life in the UK on our webpages for international students:

www.imperial.ac.uk/study/international-students/international-student-experience

WELCOME WEEK
Welcome Week (also known as Freshers’ Week) takes place during the first week of term. It is our official welcome for all new students. It includes a wide variety of events to help you get to know the College and people studying and working here, from an interactive event (I-Connect), connecting you with Imperial’s key services, to a Freshers’ Ball to end the week in style.

www.imperial.ac.uk/students/new-students/welcome-week

BUDDY SCHEME
This Imperial College Union-run scheme matches new first-year students with returning students to help you meet people in different study years within your department.

WORK HARD, PLAY HARD
The pace of study at Imperial can be demanding so it’s important to find time for outside interests to maintain a healthy balance.

You could join a student society, play music in an orchestra, write for our student newspaper or sign-up for a lunchtime fitness class in our on-campus sports centre. You could become a representative for your course or run for election in the students’ union. Or you could join friends for a visit to one of the world class museums on our doorstep.

www.imperial.ac.uk/students/new-students/undergraduates/before-you-arrive/registration

www.imperial.ac.uk/student-hub
Reaching your potential

The academic and personal wellbeing of our students is really important to us. As well as making sure you’re prepared for Imperial life and look after yourself while you’re here, we encourage you to ask for help whenever you need it. You’ll find a network of people and resources you can turn to before you even arrive. Here’s what to expect...

PREPARING FOR UNIVERSITY STUDY
Our online Success Guide offers a range of advice on adjusting to life at university. Take a look before you arrive at the College to find out more about university study in the UK, including study tips, how to manage your time, using the Library and how feedback and assessment works.

More information: www.imperial.ac.uk/success-guide

Find out more about the academic and personal support available for our students on our student support website:

www.imperial.ac.uk/student-space

TUTOR SYSTEM
Through our tutor system you have people you can turn to for help with a range of personal and academic issues. This includes your own personal tutor and a senior tutor from within your Faculty.

More information: www.imperial.ac.uk/success-guide/ug/getting-started/what-to-expect/tutors

ACADEMIC ENGLISH SUPPORT
The Centre for Academic English offers a wide range of free courses, workshops, one-to-one consultations and online resources on all aspects of written and spoken communication for Imperial students studying science, engineering and medicine.

We also offer a three-week pre-sessional course for international students who have met the College’s English language requirement but who want to extend their academic and social English before starting their studies.

More information: www.imperial.ac.uk/academic-english

SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
We have a dedicated International Student Support team to help you adjust to life in the UK. They organise a range of events and trips throughout the year to help you meet people and explore London and beyond. They also offer a specialist visa and immigration advice service, which you can make the most of before you even arrive at the College.


All students should register with a local doctor (known as a GP) within the first few days of arriving. Depending on where you live, you may be able to register with the NHS Health Centre on our South Kensington Campus. All students can use this Centre during clinic hours. You should register separately with a dentist – there is a dental surgery next door to the Health Centre.
Living in London

With discounts on everything from clothes to travel, being a student at Imperial could be one of the most cost-effective times in your life to experience London living.

Like any big city, life in the capital can be expensive. But with sensible budgeting, it is possible to enjoy much of what London has to offer. Many of the city’s best attractions are free to experience, or offer reduced rates for students, so living on a student budget doesn’t have to mean missing out on a social life. The biggest challenge may actually be deciding what you’re going to do...

300 languages spoken across the city – more than in any other in the world

17,000+ MUSIC PERFORMANCES a year across more than 300 venues

250 festivals a year including the Notting Hill Carnival and London Pride

200 THEATRE SHOWS running daily in London’s West End

170+ museums many with free entry

20 PER CENT OF ALL UK CINEMA SCREENS are based in London

800 bookshops

380+ PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Source of stats: www.london.gov.uk

OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

Our South Kensington Campus is surrounded by three of the world’s most famous museums – the Science Museum, the Natural History Museum and the V&A. If you exit our students’ union by the back door you will also find yourself at the Royal Albert Hall, which is where all of our students graduate.

Find out more about living and studying in London:

www.imperial.ac.uk/study/living-in-london

Tube lines serve South Kensington where our main campus is located (Circle, District, Piccadilly)

20 million visitors a year make South Kensington one of the world’s most popular cultural destinations. At Imperial, you can enjoy the best of both worlds: freedom to enjoy the area on your own terms, as well as plenty of green space to escape the crowds, with Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens on your doorstep.
Got a question?

Contact Imperial

For general information about studying at Imperial, please contact our International Recruitment team: international-recruitment@imperial.ac.uk

For information about your offer, please contact the relevant Admissions team:

www.imperial.ac.uk/study/ug/apply/contact

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