

Guidance for prospective **non-exchange visiting students (non-degree)** applying to Imperial College London

Admissions for the period 2025-26

If you are intending to apply as a **non**-exchange student during 2026-27, we advise that you await the guidance for 2026-27 (published January 2026.)

Contents	
Considering the options available at Imperial College London	1
Tuition fees	2
Planning a non-degree study programme (study period) at Imperial	2 - 3
How to apply (<i>including advice on completing the on-line study application</i>)	3 - 6
Who will consider your application at Imperial and when/how shall you hear the outcome?	6
Immigration: guidance for students requiring entry clearance to the UK for study purposes	7
Accommodation information	7 - 8
Other useful information (term dates, disabilities, financial Issues, Imperial College Union)	8 - 9
Our orientation information	9 - 10

Considering the options available at Imperial College London

Read **this guidance note** carefully.

This guidance note can be downloaded from <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/apply/visiting-students/>.

This web portal provides access to Imperial's on-line application site for visiting students (non-degree).

It is very important that a prospective applicant checks the above webpage (to review the item entitled "exclusions") **since Imperial may not offer you the study option you are seeking**. For example, Imperial does not operate a semester system, and for this and other reasons Imperial's provision may not necessarily fit with your current study at your home institution.

You are welcome to investigate the options which are available and if, after any further discussion with Imperial, you are subsequently invited to apply (normally by the department in which you wish to study), then the guidance in this document will be of assistance.

Please note:

- Our alternative name for a visiting student is an "occasional" student.
- If you are a student planning to undertake a research period within the framework of the Erasmus "traineeship" scheme (*which is a non-reciprocal/non-exchange activity*) please read [Erasmus Traineeships at Imperial](#), and follow the guidance provided.
- There is a separate application procedure for [clinical \(medicine\) elective periods](#) for penultimate and final year medicine undergraduates (*therefore this guidance document is **not** relevant to those students*). *Clinical (medicine) elective periods are not compatible with Erasmus Traineeships.*

Tuition fees

- All non-exchange visiting students who are offered admission to Imperial **are liable to pay a tuition fee.**
- If an application is successful the tuition fee which a student will be required to pay (and method and timing of payment) will be quoted in the correspondence from Imperial confirming their offer of admission.
- While the admitting (host) academic department can decide to reduce or waive the applicable tuition fee (*and it is the admitting academic department's decision alone, i.e. a student cannot petition to have their tuition fees reduced*), a non-exchange student holding an offer of admission must assume – *until they are advised otherwise* - that they will be required to pay the full tuition fee applicable for the period they would be in attendance.
- Advice on tuition fees for non-exchange visiting (non-degree) students can be addressed to tuition.fees@imperial.ac.uk.
- See also page 9.

Planning a non-degree study programme (study period) at Imperial

What should you do first?

- Seek the advice of someone at your home university who can provide academic guidance (*this presumes that you are registered as a student elsewhere, although some applicants may not be.*)
- **If you wish to make enquiries about undertaking a study period comprising courses (modules) leading to examinations and other assessments** (on a non-degree basis) you should contact the Imperial's Admissions team before applying on-line: <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/apply/contact/>
- Imperial's Admissions team will forward your enquiry to the relevant academic department. **Please note** that you would only be able to apply to a single academic department.
- **If you are seeking a research-based project or research period** at Imperial, then we would normally expect you to find a suitable project supervisor (*and to have obtained their provisional approval/willingness to host you before applying on-line (please also refer to the note above about Erasmus Traineeships if you are intending to be mobile under that programme).* You would only be able to apply to a single academic department.
- **Academic recognition and credit transfer** (where relevant): it remains the responsibility of a student's home university to consider whether a study period at Imperial can be recognised as part of a student's home degree programme and, if so, how academic workload and grades can be transferred from the Imperial system to the system of the home university. However, please remember that not all "projects" undertaken at Imperial will be assessed by Imperial (often they are formally assessed only by the home university, with the co-operation of the "supervisor" at Imperial). **Consult your own university for further guidance.**

Curriculum

- Imperial's undergraduate curriculum provides detailed information on courses/modules at bachelor and master level (BEng/BSc curriculum & MEng/MSci curriculum). A curriculum is provided for each academic department and is available on the department's website. Departmental websites can be accessed via: <http://www.imperial.ac.uk/faculties-and-departments/> (*plus contact details for the department's undergraduate student/teaching/education offices can also be found on the department's website.*)
- Information on Imperial's graduate master level programmes can be found in our "study" section: <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/courses/>. For assistance contact the relevant departmental postgraduate office (see next item).

- Links to Imperial's departments can be found at: <http://www.imperial.ac.uk/faculties-and-departments/> (plus contact details for the department's postgraduate office can also be found on the department's website.)

How to apply

The on-line application website for **all non-exchange** visiting students can be accessed via: <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/apply/visiting-students/>

Application deadline:

- **There is no official deadline for the receipt of an on-line study application from a non-exchange applicant.**
- **However, we would kindly ask that:**
 - if you are seeking to commence a programme of study on 27 September 2025 (i.e. the beginning of Imperial's academic year) you apply by **1 May 2025**.
 - if you are seeking to commence a programme of study at other times during 2025-26 apply at least 4 to 6 months in advance of a proposed start date, especially if you will require a visa to enter the UK (**about which please see the immigration information on page 7**) for the purpose of undertaking a study period.
- **Please note:** departments at Imperial can reject an application from a non-exchange visiting student without explanation.

Advice for completing Imperial's on-line study application (using My Imperial)

There are two stages to the application:

1. creating a My Imperial account.
2. completing and submitting an application, including attaching "supporting documents".

Throughout the on-line application please:

- read any short guidance notes available under individual data-field titles.
- answer the questions correctly/accurately as they may influence what further questions are asked and what supporting documents you need to attach.
- remember that you can save and exit the application safely and resume compilation/completion/submission.

1. Create a My Imperial account and start your application

(if the link does not work copy and paste into your browser; do not use Internet Explorer)

- When you create your account ensure you are on the **Applicant tab**.
- The Applicant tab includes applying as a **Visiting (non-degree) Student** *[visiting placement]*
- When you have created your My Imperial account, which will require you to enter your mailbox, an email will be sent to your mailbox.

After you have completed creating your My Imperial account you will see your homepage.

- Click on Applications.
 - Click on "make a new application"
- When you view our portal, you will see the word "occasional" used. It means the same as "visiting."*
- You should filter by Application Category: select Visiting.
 - You can filter by Academic Level: either Undergraduate Occasional, PG Taught Occasional or PG Research Occasional.
 - You should now be able to view a list of programmes ("course titles") and you can search for a "programme (course)" that identifies with the department at Imperial to which you wish to apply. You can narrow the search further by typing into the relevant search field the relevant subject/dept area (major).

The following notes may assist you with searching for and selecting the correct “programme”:

- Our “programmes” for Visiting Students normally correlate to the name of an academic department. However, there are exceptions in Medicine and Life Sciences.
- **If you propose to be hosted as an undergraduate student** select the “programme” with the academic level Undergraduate Occasional. A list is provided below so you can check that the department is what you are expecting:

Department	“programme” for an undergraduate visiting student
Aeronautics	Aeronautical Engineering (Occasional FT)
Bioengineering	Biomedical Engineering (Occasional FT)
Chemical Engineering	Chemical Engineering (Occasional FT)
Chemical Engineering (projects)	Chemical Engineering UG Research (Occasional FT)
Civil & Environmental Engineering	Civil Engineering (Occasional FT)
Computing	Computing (Occasional FT)
Dyson School of Design Engineering	Design Engineering (Occasional FT)
Earth Science & Engineering	Earth Science and Engineering – Earth Sciences (Occasional FT)
Electrical & Electronic Engineering	Electrical and Electronic Engineering (Occasional FT)
Materials	Materials Science & Engineering (Occasional FT)
Mechanical Engineering	Mechanical Engineering (Occasional FT)
Chemistry	Chemistry (Occasional FT)
Life Sciences (Biological Sciences)	Biology (Occasional FT)
Life Sciences (Biochemistry)	Biochemistry (Occasional FT)
Mathematics	Mathematics (Occasional FT)
Physics	Physics (Occasional FT)
Medicine	Medicine B Level Project (Occasional FT)

- **If you are a master level student** and propose to be hosted at Imperial as a postgraduate. For example, to undertake a master level project or a study period based solely on postgraduate curriculum (in both cases to ordinarily contribute towards a home degree elsewhere) **select the “programme” for your subject area which has the academic level PG Taught Occasional.**
- **If you are a doctoral level student** and propose to be hosted for a period of research (ordinarily to contribute towards your home degree) then **select the “programme” which has the academic level PG Research Occasional.**
- Then focus on the appropriate “programme” and **select** the Academic Term.
 - The Academic Term is the period in which your proposed study period would commence (start). Ordinarily this would be the beginning of the term, but for project and research periods might be during a term.
 - For admissions purposes the “Academic Terms” are as follows:
 - Autumn (2025/26) for study periods starting from or after 1 September 2025 (with the start of our regular academic year being 27 September 2025).
 - Spring (2025/26) for study periods starting from or after 1 January 2026.
 - Summer (2025/26) for study periods starting from or after 1 May 2026.
 - Late Summer (2025-26) for study periods starting from or after 1 July 2026 (*but if your planned start date is after 31 August 2026 you will need to read the guidance for exchange applicants applicable to 2026-27*).
 - Our visiting student programmes normally require full-time attendance (i.e., the delivery mode). The “Delivery Mode” will self-populate when you have inserted the Academic Term.
- When you have chosen your programme and entered the Academic Term and clicked “select” you will be routed to a “programme” confirmation page. Check the details and if you wish to proceed with your application click on next. **The application will be saved, and you can exit and login at your leisure.**

2. Completion and submission of the remainder of your application

Page: Proposed studies

- Framework: select “non-exchange.”
- Then answer the question regarding Erasmus Traineeships.
- Select your intended study plan. Choose the most appropriate.
- Enter your proposed start and end date. Your end date can be in a later academic term.

The remainder of the application pages ought to be straight forward to complete. You are requested to provide the usual range of personal information, higher education history and evidence (where necessary) of English language ability.

- If asked to complete a field that you do not feel is entirely relevant to your application and by leaving it blank, it does not stop you from progressing to the next page then it is OK to leave that field blank.
- When you are asked to confirm your present/current degree programme (qualification) IF you cannot find your qualification then select “other qualification not listed above” and complete the text box which will appear. Similarly, when asked to confirm the name of your present/current university IF you cannot find your university then select “other” and complete the text box which will appear.
- An applicant does **not** need to provide the details of a referee (where requested on the “references” page of the application.)
- However, **when you are completing the “qualifications” page, please refer to the note on English language below.**

Eventually you will reach the “supporting documents” page. Below is a list of documents you should attach as a non-exchange applicant. **Therefore**, if a document is listed on the “supporting documents” page but is not listed below here, you do not need to attach it.

- A letter of application (**compulsory**).
- Your proposed study plan (**compulsory**).
- An English certificate (even if you think you are exempt please attach a document that confirms this). *Read section 3 below, including about exemption.*
- (All applicants: **compulsory**) A **transcript** of your current or last degree programme. A transcript is an official document produced by a university listing the courses/modules attended, examinations/assessments taken and results/grades achieved. Please attach a version in English.
 - (If relevant) If the transcript does not include the courses/modules which you are currently undertaking but have yet to be examined on please ensure you include a list of these courses so that the person reviewing your application at Imperial is able to consider whether you have the necessary pre-requisites.
- You can also, if you wish, attach a non-confidential letter of support/reference.

- **Always attach each document** (to the “supporting documents” page) **as a single file.**
- You must attach all the documents for your application to be considered “submitted,” and for your application to be considered by the academic department to which you seek admission.
- *Should an applicant have an issue when logging back into an application, for example, when landing on the “supporting documents” page they may find their ability to upload a document is not available. If unresponsive you are advised to select the “Previous” button, to take them back a page. Then select Next, which should resolve the page from being unresponsive.*

3. English language proficiency

Guidance on completing the “English Language Ability” section of the application (*on the same page as “Qualifications”*):

- It is very important that a student’s English language skills (reading, listening, speaking and writing) are sufficient for them to study successfully at Imperial. **Therefore, Imperial requires all students to submit acceptable evidence of their English language proficiency** (at the time of their application to study at Imperial).
- An applicant should view the relevant link below for a list of acceptable qualifications/tests and the scores and/or grades required: <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/apply/english-language/>
- Additionally, DAAD’s Certificate of English (DAAD Language Certificate) is acceptable where B2 competence has been achieved in all four components required (reading; listening; speaking; writing).
- Please insert information about any existing English language qualifications or test-scores. If your “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” and use the text box which will appear OR email the relevant [Imperial's Admissions team](#) for advice.
- If you consider yourself to be exempt from meeting Imperial’s English requirement confirm this by attaching a document you believe makes you exempt.
- If you have taken a test but do not know the result, then select: “No – I have taken a test but not received the results yet.”
- If you have yet to take any test, then select: “No - I’m planning to take a test soon.”

Guidance on attaching the document(s) evidencing your English language ability to the “Supporting Documents” section, and what happens next:

- When attaching your English language supporting documents always attach as a single file.
- Imperial will consider the evidence provided.
- When evidence is considered unacceptable, but Imperial wishes to offer you admission, Imperial will inform you as a condition of entry/admission that you need to provide further evidence of English language proficiency.

Please note: Imperial is committed to supporting the English language needs of its students once they are enrolled. Please note that Imperial’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>

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

- Once you have submitted your on-line application with all relevant supporting documents, your application will be reviewed by Imperial’s Admissions team. If your application has been completed satisfactorily, the Admissions team will record your application as having been submitted and confirm this to you via email, along with your Imperial ID number (CID), which will be your unique ID for all your interaction with Imperial. **It is helpful if you could include your CID number in all correspondence with Imperial.**
- Your application will be assessed by the Admissions team who will then send your application to the relevant academic department. The academic department is responsible for making the decision as to whether an offer of admission can be made, which will include a.) whether the study plan which has been proposed is viable (*subject to possible modification due to curriculum and timetable restraints*) and b.) whether the applicant is academically prepared to undertake the proposed study plan (*including their English language competence*). **Please note:** departments at Imperial can reject an application from a non-exchange visiting student without explanation.
- Imperial’s Admission team would normally expect to communicate a decision to the applicant within 8 weeks of receipt of a “submitted” application. 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 all required information. If additional information is required the academic department will request it from the applicant.
- **The outcome (decision) of an application and any relevant admission conditions of an offer will be made available to applicants via their My Imperial account, including a copy of their offer (admission) letter.** The decision will indicate whether Imperial considers the applicant to be an “undergraduate” or “postgraduate” student. If the student does not plan 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 [Admissions team](#) if necessary.
- If Imperial sets an applicant a “condition or conditions of entry” (e.g. ATAS and/or an English language “condition”) then the applicant must have satisfied these “conditions of entry” before their admission can be confirmed as unconditional. *See also later sections on immigration and accommodation.*
- **If an applicant is offered admission by Imperial, they will need to reply to their offer via their My Imperial account, accepting or declining the offer.**
- If, at any stage, an applicant wishes to withdraw their application they should email Imperial’s Admissions team responsible for their application: <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/apply/contact/>
- Visiting students enrolled at Imperial are covered for **insurance** purposes by Imperial’s employer and public liability insurance policy while on campus (and off-campus if part of their study plan, e.g., a site visit).

Immigration: guidance for students who require entry clearance to the UK for study purposes

Guidance on entry clearance (visas etc.) is provided by Imperial's International Student Support team: <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/students/international-students/visas-and-immigration/>

Questions concerning visas can be addressed to the International Student Support team: international@imperial.ac.uk

The **type of entry clearance** will normally depend on the length of study period at Imperial.

- **Student Route Visa for a period of study lasting more than 6 months:** If an applicant is offered admission **for more than 6 months** and once they have met any offer conditions (*i.e. the applicant possesses an unconditional offer of admission*) Imperial's Admissions team will send the applicant a "**confirmation of their acceptance for studies (CAS)**" number and details (*for inclusion in their application for a student visa*). **A CAS number must be quoted in a student visa application.**
 - **VERY IMPORTANT: A student visa must have been obtained prior to a student travelling to the UK for the purposes of undertaking a study period at Imperial.**
- **Visitor (for short-term study):** If an applicant is offered admission **for 6 months or less** and once they have met any offer conditions (*i.e. the applicant possesses an unconditional offer of admission*) Imperial's Admissions team will make available to the applicant an (unconditional) **acceptance letter** on My Imperial.
 - Information on short-term study is provided by our International Student Support team: <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/students/international-students/visas-and-immigration/short-term-study/>
 - Your nationality will dictate whether you need to apply for a Visitor visa before travel to the UK (*i.e.*, you are a Visa National) **or** whether you can enter the UK without a visa (*i.e.*, you are a non-Visa national):
 - **Visa-national:** Your acceptance letter should be used when applying (before travel) for a Visitor visa.
 - **Non-visa national:**
 - If you are a non-visa national and are not required to obtain a Visitor visa prior to travelling to the UK then entry to the UK is normally approved (*i.e.* passport stamped) by the immigration officer at the airport or train terminus, and amongst the documents you may be asked for (see the webpage above) would be your unconditional acceptance letter from Imperial.
 - However, if you are eligible to enter the UK via e-gates you will not normally speak to an immigration officer nor be provided with any stamp in your passport, so you must **retain** proof of your date of entry to the UK (boarding pass or train ticket) and upload when you enroll with Imperial. **Do not throw boarding passes/tickets away.**

Accommodation information

Information is correct at the time of writing (January 2025)

Postgraduate non-exchange visiting students cannot apply for accommodation in an Imperial hall of residence. Further information on accommodation options can be found at: <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/students/accommodation/private-accommodation/>

Undergraduate non-exchange visiting students can normally make enquiries concerning accommodation in an Imperial hall of residence but are **not** guaranteed to be offered a room. Undergraduates should carefully select the option below which applies to them.

- (Option 1) An **undergraduate non**-exchange student who has been offered admission for a **full academic year commencing 27 September 2025 cannot** be guaranteed Imperial accommodation.
 - Please note that applicants will not be eligible to be invited to apply on-line for accommodation (*i.e.*, receive an email from our Student Accommodation Office) until Imperial has offered admission on My Imperial and the student has accepted the offer.
 - Therefore, if you have accepted an offer of admission on My Imperial by 30 June 2025 **and** the **Student Accommodation Office** has also emailed you inviting you to apply for Imperial accommodation, you are advised to complete the on-line accommodation application form as

directed by the deadline indicated **just in case** Imperial can assist. *Please note that Imperial does not guarantee to confirm the admission of any applicant by 30 June 2025.*

- Imperial's Student Accommodation Office (SAO) will only offer you accommodation in an Imperial hall of residence if it is available **and** you have satisfied any conditions of admission (e.g. English) by the advertised deadline in August 2025. If a room in an undergraduate hall of residence is offered to you, the communication from the SAO would be sent by early September, and you would be given a deadline to respond in order to secure it (normally only a couple of days).
 - 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 that they may have sufficient time to look for suitable accommodation [#]. For assistance, please review the information about **private housing** at: <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/students/accommodation/private-accommodation/>
 - Please note that if your proposed study period includes any part of the following period (27 June 2026 – c.20 Sept 2026) that the Student Accommodation Office can advise you as to how and when to apply for “summer vacation undergraduate student accommodation”. NB: do this after arrival at Imperial.
- (Option 2) An **undergraduate non-exchange** visiting student who is offered admission for a.) **a period of study commencing during the academic year** (i.e. start dates other than the beginning of the academic year) or b.) **from the start of the academic year but for less than a full academic year cannot** be guaranteed Imperial accommodation **if they are invited to apply**.
- You are welcome to contact the Student Accommodation Office about vacancies (typically no earlier than two months before your proposed start date).
 - Imperial's Student Accommodation Office will only allocate accommodation if it is available and to be considered you must have accepted an offer of admission on My Imperial and subsequently you must have fulfilled any conditions of entry (e.g. English).
 - Therefore, students 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 that they may have sufficient time to look for suitable accommodation [#]. For assistance, please review the information about **private housing** at <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/students/accommodation/private-accommodation/>.
 - Please note that if your proposed study period includes any part of the following period (27 June 2026 – c.20 Sept 2026) that the Student Accommodation Office can advise you as to how and when to apply for “summer vacation undergraduate student accommodation”. NB: do this after arrival at Imperial.

Caution: *if you are entering the UK on a Visitor entry/visa and your study period lasts 6 months exactly, you don't have extra days to do this, as your permission to stay in the UK is 6 month maximum (and if you are a visa-national and have had to apply for a visa before you travel to the UK please check your actual visa dates). Ensure you plan appropriately.*

Useful information

Imperial's official term dates (2025-26): <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/admin-services/registry/term-dates/>

- **Term 1 (Autumn Term):** 27 September 2025 to 12 December 2025
- **Term 2 (Spring Term):** 3 January 2026 to 20 March 2026
- **Term 3 (Summer Term):** 25 April 2026 to 26 June 2026

Approved attendance can also include part or all of the period of 27 June 2026 to September 2026 (~ “late summer term”).

Important notes regarding Imperial's term dates:

- Imperial does **not** operate a semester system.
- The summer term for undergraduates normally focuses on examinations and project work.
- Study periods for visiting 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 project supervisor.
- Study periods which follow the whole of a particular postgraduate programme normally conclude at the end of September. However, some postgraduate programmes commence and end at other times. Dates of attendance are normally decided after consultation with the host department.

Do you have a disability?

Imperial's Disabilities Advisory Service (DAS) is available to discuss any matter concerning access. You can approach DAS at any stage during the process of applying to and securing admission to Imperial (and, if relevant, at any stage during Imperial's accommodation application process) and whilst registered as a student of Imperial.

The Disability Advisory Service is committed to providing the best possible support for all students at Imperial. We understand that each person's disability or impairment can affect them in different ways and therefore the support offered is flexible and tailored.

Understanding disability: <http://www.imperial.ac.uk/disability-advisory-service/understanding-disability/>

The Disabilities Advisory Service: <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/disability-advisory-service/>

Financial issues

Tuition Fees

- Refer to the statement concerning tuition fees on page 2 of this document. If an application is successful Imperial would expect the student to confirm their liability for and ability to pay a tuition fee. Further information on how fees can be paid would be available at that stage.

Cost of Living

- It is important to note that living in London may be more expensive and a visiting student should consider seriously how they will fund their time in London.
- Information and advice on living costs in London can be found in our [managing your money section](#)
- It is the student's responsibility to have access to sufficient financial resources for the whole of their study period.
- Please note that Imperial does not provide any specific grants/scholarships for non-exchange visiting students.

Imperial College Union

- All registered students at Imperial College London are automatically members of the Imperial College Union. The Imperial College Union represents the student body, and its website contains links to its many societies and clubs plus a lot of valuable advice: www.imperialcollegeunion.org

Our orientation information

For students whose admission to Imperial College London has been confirmed.

Imperial provides orientation information for new Visiting Students.

Imperial publishes a version of the orientation for Visiting Students commencing their stay at our university at the beginning of the new academic year, **AND a version for Visiting Students who commence during the academic year.**

You should consult our orientation information for Visiting Students prior to arrival at Imperial.

It is normally available alongside our admissions information at: <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/apply/visiting-students/>

Imperial's orientation information for visiting students will include **topics** such as:

- Pre-arrival on-line enrolment at Imperial.
- Reminders for international students about additional enrolment actions to be taken (immigration).
- A reminder about private accommodation guidance if you are still searching for somewhere to live.
- Access to mailbox, IT accounts, student learning resources, library, and sports facilities.

- Accessing health care in the UK.
- How to obtain discounts for travel within the Transport for London network.
- How to open a bank account.
- Having certificates of attendance/arrival and “learning agreements” signed & stamped.
- Advice on how Imperial issues transcripts (if relevant).
- How to join Imperial’s Erasmus Club which will normally have visiting student specific events on during the opening weeks of term.
- How to engage with the Imperial College Union (Student Union) clubs and societies.

The orientation information aims to help a new visiting student to better understand Imperial’s web-based information for New Students who arrive at the start of the academic year (*i.e. better understand the information for new undergraduate and postgraduate full-degree students which is updated via <http://www.imperial.ac.uk/students/new-students/> from late summer 2025*).

You can view maps of the various campuses, including South Kensington where most students will study, and directions for finding Imperial at: <http://www.imperial.ac.uk/visit/campuses/>

The host academic department should contact a Visiting Student by email during the month prior to their arrival with a welcome and induction timetable for the first 5 days (including when and where to arrive on the first day.)