

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

Admissions for the period 2026-27

If you are intending to apply as a **non-exchange** student during 2027-28, we advise that you await the publication of the guidance for 2027-28 (set to be published by February 2027.)

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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 the study option they 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 a student's current study provision at their 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 the [Erasmus Traineeships](#) item, 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 normally available on the [department's website](#) (*plus contact details for the department's undergraduate student/teaching/education offices can also be found on the department's website*). General programme specifications (including lists of modules) can be [consulted](#).
- 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). However, admission to a postgraduate programme as a non-degree visiting student is rare.

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 26 September 2026 (i.e. the beginning of Imperial's academic year) you apply by **1 May 2026**.
 - if you are seeking to commence a programme of study at other times during 2026-27 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 preferred browser)

- 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 email address, an email will be sent to your mailbox.
- The objective is to locate the correct "course title" [academic programme]
- You can achieve this by various ways:
 - You can type the name of the department into the search box at the top and hit return. Then consult the list that is generated.
 - Alternatively, and recommended, you can apply a filter first for "Application Category": the list is alphabetical. Select "Visiting".
 - You can add an additional filter: the "department" to which you seek admission.
 - Apply the filter and see if the programme you wish to apply to as a visiting student is listed.
 - You can also filter by Academic Level: Undergraduate Occasional, PG Taught Occasional or PG Research Occasional.
 - **Read the remainder of this section 1 first.**
- Whatever options you take, hopefully you will now be able to locate the "course title" (academic programme) to which you wish to apply.
- When you have located the "course title" you wish to apply to:
 - Ensure that the "Study Mode" is Full-time.
 - **VERY IMPORTANT:** select the correct "Entry term". Read the remainder of this section first.
 - The "Delivery mode" should be "on-campus".
- **Read the remainder of this section first.** Thank you. ☺

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

- Our “course titles” (academic 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**, select the “course title” 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**.
- When you located the appropriate “course title” you need to select the appropriate “Entry term”.
 - The Entry 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 it might be during a term.
 - For admissions purposes the “Academic Terms” are normally as follows:
 - **Autumn** (2026/27) for study periods starting from or after 1 September 2026 (with the start of our regular academic year being 26 September 2026).
 - **Spring** (2026/27) for study periods starting from or after 1 January 2027.
 - **Summer** (2026/27) for study periods starting from or after 1 May 2027.
 - **Late Summer** (2026-27) for study periods starting from or after 1 July 2027 (but if your planned start date is after 31 August 2027 you will need to read the guidance for NON-exchange applicants applicable to 2027-28).
 - Our visiting student programmes require full-time attendance (i.e. the “study mode”).
 - The “delivery mode” should also self-populate when you have inserted the Academic Term. This will always be “on-campus”.
- **When you have chosen your “course title” and entered the “entry term” please click “apply”** (at the end of the appropriate line). Please ensure you click “apply” on the correct line. and you will be taken to a “programme (course)” confirmation page.
- Check the course details and if you wish to proceed with your application click on “**start application**”. The application will be saved at this point, and **you can exit and login at your leisure**.

2. Completion and submission of your application

Page: Proposed studies

- The “course details” will be stated.
- Framework: select “non-exchange.”
- Select your intended study plan. Choose the most appropriate.
- Enter your proposed start and end date. Your end date can be in a later entry (academic) term. The duration should normally not be more than 12 months.

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.
- An applicant does **not** need to provide the details of a referee (if requested.)
- When asked to confirm your past/present/current degree programme (section 9: qualifications):
 - Please note that “qualifications” covers both those awarded AND those in progress.
 - IF when you “add a qualification” you can’t find [Q]:
 - your qualification then type “other” into the search field, hit return and select “other subject not listed”, and then complete the text box which will appear.
 - your “institution” then type “other” into the search field, hit return and select “other”, and then complete the text box which will appear.
 - Don’t forget to complete the “Result details” section. The choices are “awarded” and “not yet completed”.
- **When you are on the back on the main [section 9] “qualifications” page and completing the English language ability fields, please refer to the note below on English language proficiency.**

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, for guidance.*
- (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/modules so that the person reviewing your application at Imperial is able to consider whether you have the necessary pre-requisites for any course/module options you might have listed in your proposed study plan. **Attach as a single file..**
- However, on the “supporting documents” page of the application you can also, **if you wish**, attach a non-confidential letter of support/reference. This is **NOT** compulsory
- **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 within 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/>
- All applicants should indicate their level of fluency/proficiency (native speaker; fluent; learner).
- Answer the question: *Do you have an English qualification?*
- If you answer “Yes”, then 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 English” (near the bottom of the list) and use the free-text box which will appear to provide further information OR email the relevant [Imperial's Admissions team](#) for advice.
 - **Please note** that DAAD's Certificate of English (DAAD Language Certificate) where B2 competence has been achieved in all four components required (reading; listening; speaking; writing) is an acceptable qualification that is not listed. Therefore, use the “Other English” option.
- **However:**
 - **if you have taken a test but do not know the result** select: “No – I have taken a test but not received the results yet”.
 - **if you have yet to take any test** select: “No - I'm planning to take a test soon”.
- If you consider yourself to be exempt from meeting Imperial's English requirement confirm this by attaching a document you believe makes you exempt.

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

- 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 attached, 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 subsequent correspondence with Imperial.**
- Your “submitted” application will then be assessed by Imperial's Admissions team before they 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.
 - It is advised that the student double-checks 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

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 the study period at Imperial.

- **Student 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 further 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.
- **Standard Visitor (for short-term study):** If an applicant has accepted 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 UK immigration for standard visitors coming to the UK for short-term study/research is provided by our International Student Support team: <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/students/international-students/visas-and-immigration/coming-to-the-uk-as-a-visitor>
 - Nationality will dictate whether an individual needs to apply for a Visitor visa before travel to the UK (*i.e. a Visa National*) **or** whether the individual can enter the UK without a visa (*i.e. a non-Visa national*):
 - **Visa-national:** Your acceptance letter can be used when applying (before travel) for a Visitor visa. From January 2026, most individuals who are successful in obtaining a visitor visa will receive an eVisa as well as a visa sticker in their passport (*however, later in 2026, the use of visa stickers will cease.*)
 - **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 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 enrol with Imperial. **Don't throw boarding passes/tickets away.**

Please note that Electronic Travel Authorizations (required for relevant individuals to travel to the UK: <https://www.gov.uk/eta>) are not in any way relevant to the requirement a student has to have the relevant immigration clearance as described above.

Accommodation information

Information is correct at the time of writing (January 2026)

Imperial halls of residence

- **Postgraduate non-exchange** visiting students **cannot** apply for accommodation in an Imperial hall of residence because Imperial does not have halls of residence for postgraduates.
- **Undergraduate REP students from NTU Singapore** will receive housing instructions from Imperial's Faculty of Engineering education team.
- **Undergraduate non-exchange** visiting students **who accept admission (unconditional) for a full academic year** can normally make enquiries with Imperial's (SAO) Student Accommodation Office (accommodation@imperial.ac.uk) concerning accommodation in an Imperial hall of residence but are not guaranteed to be offered a room.
- **Undergraduate non-exchange** visiting students who accept admission (unconditional) for a period other than a full academic year can normally make enquiries with Imperial's SAO (accommodation@imperial.ac.uk) concerning accommodation in an Imperial hall of residence but are not guaranteed to be offered a room.
 - There is normally a zero chance of such a student obtaining such housing when their admission commences in the autumn.
 - There is some chance (if vacancies exist) of a student obtaining such housing when their admission commences in the January to May period, however, any room that might be offered to an undergraduate student by the SAO would be until the end of the fixed licence period which corresponds to end of the academic year (25 June 2027) #. Typically, the SAO will not be able to provide any sort of decision until sometime during the two-month window before the proposed start date of the study period at Imperial.

[#] Please note that if you are to be hosted at Imperial as an "undergraduate" and the proposed study period includes any part of the following period (26 June 2027 – c.20 Sept 2027) then 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.

Imperial cannot accommodate the partners, dependants or children of exchange students in its halls of residence.

Private housing

- For assistance, please review the information about Private Housing at <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/students/accommodation/private-accommodation/>
- This includes the specialist assistance provided by Imperial Home Solutions: <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/students/accommodation/private-accommodation/private-accommodation/>

Ordinarily, any student who needs or prefers to source private housing (accommodation) would wish to do so prior to arrival or to arrive in advance of their study period (with regards to relevant UK immigration rules) in order to have sufficient time to look for suitable accommodation.

Useful information

Imperial's official term dates (2026-27)

<https://www.imperial.ac.uk/admin-services/registry/term-dates/>

- **Term 1 (Autumn Term):** 26 September 2026 to 11 December 2026
- **Term 2 (Spring Term):** 2 January 2027 to 19 March 2027
- **Term 3 (Summer Term):** 24 April 2027 to 25 June 2027

Approved attendance can also include part or all of the period of 26 June 2027 to September 2027 (~ "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.

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: Imperial does not provide 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.

The host academic department should contact a Visiting Student by email in advance of their arrival with a welcome and induction timetable (including when and where to arrive on the first day.)

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/>

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 Society (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 2026*).