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Doctoral College



## Thank you for choosing Bath

Dear ,

Choosing to do your doctorate at Bath is a decision well made. You will join academics and researchers of international reputation, known for the originality and significance of their work. You will have a host of opportunities for intellectual stimulation, to nurture your love of discovery and you will have the help you need to gain the skills to succeed in your chosen career path. We look forward to seeing you on campus, as we have now returned back, allowing us to collaborate in person and make the most of the facilities available.

Whether you have received an unconditional offer from us or still have some conditions to meet before we can confirm your offer of a place, we hope you find the information below useful.

If you have a conditional offer and have been impacted by the marking and assessment boycott in the UK, please get in contact with us at [doctoraladmissions@bath.ac.uk](mailto:doctoraladmissions@bath.ac.uk). We are working to ensure that no student is disadvantaged by being impacted by the Marking and Assessment Boycott and will work with you to ensure you are able to start your programme in a timely manner.

We look forward to welcoming you to Bath.

Best wishes

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## Your Doctoral College

When you join the University we welcome you into our wider doctoral community and we have a range of activities that will enable you to engage within us. The Doctoral College is here to provide you with a single point of access to professional advice and support - from the minute you ask us about coming to Bath until your graduation. We manage administration, offer professional skills development, point you towards help and support and organise interdisciplinary events to keep you connected.

We have a wealth of information on our website covering each step of your doctoral journey - read about the [Academic Milestones within your Doctorate](#)

From October, we will be hosting an induction programme which will introduce you to the University, Doctoral College and give you all the information you need as you start your doctoral programme

You can also access our page [Doctoral Induction](#) at any time. It includes a wealth of information including Doctoral Induction activities, our guide to Registering with the University, Accommodation, Information for International students and Support Services, through to How to set-up your email and devices, Making the most of your time at University, Study Areas, and other useful links.

While at Bath, you also have access to [DoctoralSkills training](#) for your professional development, the possibility of funding to attend conferences, and resources to support your research. You can also get involved in events to share your studies and your experiences, socialise and network with other students.

There is a range of [social and study space reserved for doctoral researchers](#) available for in the Doctoral College's building 10 West and in the library. This complements the space provided by your department, giving you flexibility in where you choose to work.

You can find out more about what we offer you on [our Doctoral College website](#).

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## **Your Programme Administrator**

So far, your application will have been dealt with by a member of our Recruitment Team but soon they will hand over to the relevant Programme Administrator for your programme. They will look after you for the duration of your doctorate - if you have an unconditional offer you will hear from them before your course start date.

Your Programme Administrator will help with any initial queries you may have, coordinate your progress and assessment arrangements, including any associated paperwork, and signpost you to support when you need it throughout your time here. They will also be there at the end of your degree to receive your thesis once you are ready to submit it.

[Contact your Programme Administrator](#) if you have any queries.

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## **Joining the University**

You will need to register with the University before you start, you will receive an email in September with the details and you can find information in our [guide to registering with the University](#).

We look forward to seeing you at our induction programme in October. This will guide you through your doctorate at Bath, setting you up for success at all stages. The [induction webpage](#) will be updated shortly and will have all the information you need on when you will need to be in Bath. We encourage you to liaise with your supervisor regarding your first day on campus.

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## **How we have adapted to the Coronavirus pandemic**

While a few doctoral students are still working from home, most have returned to work in offices and labs on campus. All of our University study spaces and the Library are open across the University. Please liaise with your Supervisor to plan how you will work. You can read our [latest information and guidance on Coronavirus for doctoral students on our website](#).

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## **Advice and support**

Once you register with us you will have access to [support for your wellbeing and mental health](#), including Student Services, the [Students' Union](#), and our Doctoral Peer Support scheme.

[Student Services](#) provides students with a wide range of support and guidance, including: wellbeing, counselling and mental health support, money management, disability advice and support, and international student advice.

[The Disability Service](#) provides support for students with disabilities and/or long term health conditions, which can include but are not limited to: specific learning difficulties (e.g. dyslexia), Autistic Spectrum Conditions, mobility or sensory impairments, and mental health conditions.

If you did not disclose a disability and/or long term health condition on your application form but would like further information, in confidence, about possible support that may be available, please get in touch by emailing [disabilityadvice@bath.ac.uk](mailto:disabilityadvice@bath.ac.uk).

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## Peer mentoring

In most programmes you'll also be eligible for support from a [Peer Mentor](#) at the beginning of your studies; they'll give you informal advice about studying in Bath and share their experiences as a doctoral student

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## Accommodation

You may already be planning the practicalities of coming to Bath, including finding accommodation. Whether you're looking for long-term options or visiting the University for a short residential course, we have [various accommodation options available](#). You can also get [advice and support on housing from the Students' Union](#).

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## Getting to know the University and the city of Bath

Bath is a beautiful city to live, work and study in. [Find out more about living in the city and the south west](#).

If you are moving to Bath from outside the UK, we have some information to help you in our [relocation guide](#). There is also a [programme of events](#) held in September to help you settle into life in Bath

### Sports and fitness

Our [Team Bath](#) sports facilities include a state-of-the-art Sports Training Village with Olympic-sized swimming pool, gym, fitness classes, indoor and outdoor tennis courts and athletics track.

### Languages and culture

There are many [language learning opportunities](#) at the University, all of which you can access free of charge. If you are an international student, you will automatically become a member of the student-led [International Students' Association](#), which connects cultures through socials, support and representation.



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**Our Chancellor, His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh KG GCVO**

[Watch our Chancellor](#) explain what makes The University of Bath such a special place to study.

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**Our research community: helping to solve the problems facing us all**

3D printed knee implants, extreme space weather, oceanic dispersal, and the evolution of Coronavirus variants... [take a look at some of the latest research going on here at Bath](#). You can also find out more about [taking part in the 3MT® competition](#).





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## **International students: language tests, visas and ATAS certificates**

If you need a visa to study in the UK, you can read our latest [guidance from Student Immigration Services](#). If your offer letter indicates that the programme you intend to study is covered by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS), then you will need to apply for an ATAS certificate.

It will take at least 20 working days for your ATAS application to be processed and can take 30 days or more. Please apply for your certificate as soon as possible, in order to receive your clearance certificate in time for your visa application.

You can also find helpful information for international students from the [UK Council for International Student Affairs](#) and from [Universities UK](#).

### **English language requirements for international students**

If you have any concerns about meeting your English language requirements, we are now accepting a number of additional English language tests for 2021 entry to all doctoral degrees. Check the [full list of tests we accept](#).

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**"I looked at lots of universities, but Bath was the first place where I felt like home."**

*"Both the University and my Department have been extremely supportive of me personally and academically. As a doctoral student, you need to feel supported to make the right decisions, but also supported if you make a mistake. Knowing I've had that support behind me has encouraged me to push the boundaries and take more risks."*

Tamsyn, PhD in Health Psychology

[Read more about what makes Bath's research community so special.](#)

[Find out what other students say](#) about their time here.

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## Doctoral College contacts

If you have any questions about your offer or about the admissions process, please email our [Doctoral College team](#).



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