

Preparing to Study at the University of Bath

Dear contact.nickname,

Hello Again!

I hope that your preparations are going well, and that you are as excited as we are that you will soon be joining us. Today, I am sending you some more details of the things to think about ahead of your arrival, as well as more information on your first weeks at Bath and the services that are here to support you. This email may be a little on the long side, but it is packed with stuff that will hopefully answer many of the questions that you may have.



Before you arrive

Remember, we have prepared a [handy checklist](#) to help you prepare before you arrive.

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.

If you haven't already then don't forget to accept your offer. If you have a conditional offer, please upload any documents you need to show you've met the conditions of your offer. Should you need to defer your offer of a place for 2025/6 or if your start date is likely to be delayed for any reason, please contact the [admissions team](#) so that they can revise your offer.

Once you've accepted your offer, you will receive an email in September, [inviting you to register](#). This is crucial to ensure you can use University facilities, get into buildings around campus and start your studies.

We also encourage you to reach out to your supervisor and plan your first meeting for when you arrive.

When you arrive

As well as meeting your supervisor, a key first step is to take part in the [induction programme](#).

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Induction is an essential step in getting your programme on to a good start. Please take some time now to familiarise yourself with your induction programme and the dates and times of the compulsory sessions and activities. Once you have completed registration you will be able to book onto sessions and access online activities.

Your Doctoral Programmes Administrator will be in touch soon to introduce themselves and give you the opportunity to ask any questions that you may have. They will look after you for the duration of your doctorate. They then 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.



Campus Life

Your Doctoral College

The Doctoral College is an expert hub dedicated to supporting you and your development within our community of doctoral researchers.

We will support you as you progress through your doctoral journey and navigate your formal milestones, helping you to complete your studies in a timely manner.

- Once you register with us, you'll gain access to our comprehensive **Doctoral Resource Hub**, designed to support you throughout your studies.
- We deliver a **researcher development programme** to help you thrive during your research and prepare for your future success.
- We will support you in developing your skills and expanding your networks through free skills training and regular events, including:
 - The **Doctoral Festival of Ideas** – celebrating doctoral research across the University.
 - The annual **Three Minute Thesis competition** – challenging you to present your research to an audience in three minutes using only one slide.
 - The **Annual Celebration Event** – recognising and rewarding excellence within our doctoral community.

We make available a range of [social and study space reserved for doctoral researchers](#) in the building where Doctoral College is located (10 West), as well as 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](#).

Advice and Support

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

In most programmes, you are also eligible for support from a [Peer Mentor](#). They can give you informal advice about studying in Bath and share their experiences as a doctoral student.

[Student Support](#) provides you 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 you if you have 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.

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](#).

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. There is also a [social sports programme](#) offered by the Students Union.

Languages and culture

There are many [language learning opportunities](#) at the University. 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.



Getting to Know 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.

Doctoral College Contacts

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

With very best wishes,

Shyeni Paul, Director of Doctoral College Operations



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