

# Welcome to Cardiff University



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ON   
CARDIFF

**Congratulations on your offer!**



# What happens next?

If you have not yet accepted your offer:

## Undergraduates

Log into your [UCAS Hub account](#). Once decisions have been issued on all of your choices, you will see a 'reply to offers' button.

If you have a conditional offer, you can accept two places: a [firm](#) and an [insurance](#) choice.

## Postgraduates

Log into [SIMS](#) to view and accept your offer. Any conditions or deposit deadlines will be also be available to view in SIMS.



# Securing accommodation

You are guaranteed accommodation in university residences if you meet the required deadlines and conditions as stated in your offer letter and the accommodations webpages. You can apply via [SIMS](#) once you've accepted a firm offer.

## Undergraduates

Task	Deadline
<b>Firm applicants</b> must submit their online application	Friday 24 July 2026
<b>Full session</b> Exchange students must submit their online application	Friday 24 July 2026
<b>Insurance applicants</b> must submit their online application	Wednesday 19 August 2026
Receive/accept your unconditional offer to study	Monday 31 August 2026
Accept your room offer (online)	Within five days of your room being allocated
Collect your room key	Within the dates/times specified in the arrival information

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# Accommodation

- Accommodation in University residences is guaranteed for all international students\*.
- The University has 17 residences, each with different facilities, in different locations and at different costs.
- Almost half the cost of renting in London.
- Most residences being less than 2km to either the Cathays Park Campus or Heath Park Campus.
- 24-hour assistance.
- Residence Life team is a fun and friendly community to your university student accommodation with an exciting blended calendar of social events, drop-in sessions and helpful workshops throughout the year.

\*Providing you meet the required deadlines.



## How much does it cost?

- Self-catered residences range from £138-£175 a week.
- Part-catered residences range from £156-£179 a week.
- Rooms with private bathrooms are generally more expensive than rooms with shared bathrooms.

## What do University residences provide?

Every student has their own bedroom. Each room has:

- a bed, desk, chair, wardrobe and storage;
- if you choose 'ensuite' you will have your own bathroom with shower;
- highspeed Wi-Fi network;
- a shared kitchen/dining room.

## How do I apply for residences?

After you accept an offer to study, you will be sent full information on how to apply for University residences.



Keep an eye out for our Accommodation sessions coming soon!



# Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS)

Your CAS number is your unique reference number which you will need to include in your visa application.

Your CAS will be emailed to you and is not required in paper copy.

**To get your CAS email you must have:**

- Passed all your exams and sent us copies of your qualifications or transcripts required as part of your offer
- Accepted an unconditional offer for a course at Cardiff University
- Paid your deposit (if applicable)
- Checked that all the information on your CAS email is correct.

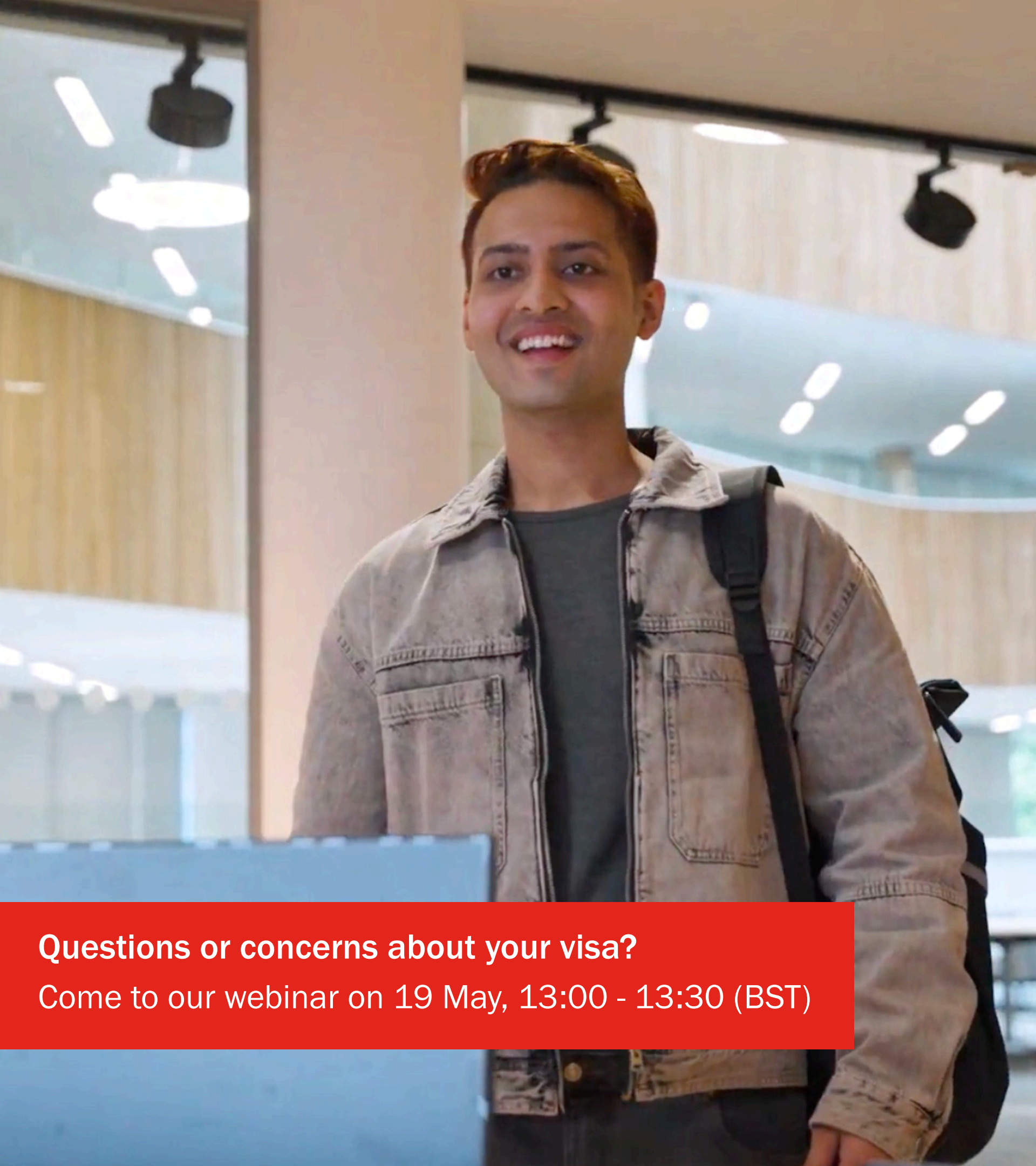
# Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS)

Before you are sent your final CAS, we will email you and ask you to check that all the details on your CAS are correct on the Online Applicant Service.

## Make sure the following are correct:

- Your personal details - for example, that your name is exactly as it appears on your passport
- All the details of the qualifications shown in the evidence section of the CAS
- Details of the course that you are coming to study at Cardiff University
- Course duration
- Any tuition fee payment that you have made to the University is recorded on the CAS.





# Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS)

You will not be emailed your final CAS until you have checked your CAS online.

Take time to check your CAS carefully and make the corrections on the Online Applicant Service (SIMS online).



CAS numbers are now being issued – check that all of your documents have been uploaded correctly, keep an eye on your email (inc. Spam/Junk).

If you're concerned, email:  
[international@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:international@cardiff.ac.uk)

Questions or concerns about your visa?

Come to our webinar on 19 May, 13:00 - 13:30 (BST)

# Postgraduate Deposit Information

Deposits are required to secure a place on the majority of postgraduate programmes at Cardiff University.

If you are required to pay a deposit you will be advised of this in your offer.

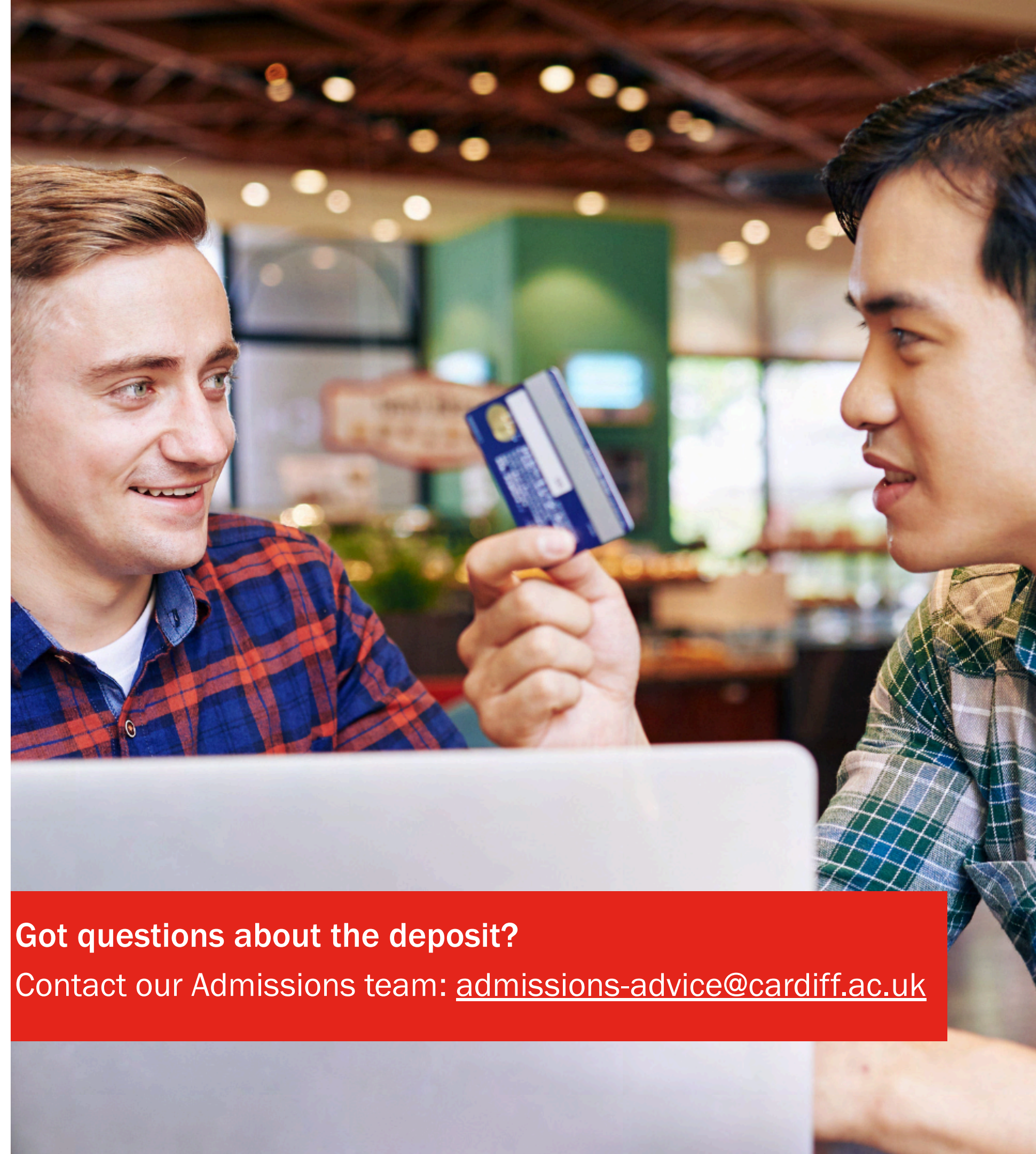
## Deposit Amounts (2026/27 entry)

- £5,000 – Clinical programmes
- £2,500 – Most postgraduate taught programmes
- £1,000 – Graduate Diploma Law

Deposit payment deadline is included in your offer letter (whether you receive a conditional or unconditional offer).

## Deposit payment methods

- Online via the [Online Applicant Portal](#) (credit/debit card)
- Bank transfer (up to 15 working days to process)
- Cash payments are NOT accepted.



**Got questions about the deposit?**

Contact our Admissions team: [admissions-advice@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:admissions-advice@cardiff.ac.uk)

# Avoiding scams

**Unfortunately, international students are sometimes targeted by scammers.**

**If you are unsure whether an interaction related to your application is genuine, please email [international@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:international@cardiff.ac.uk) and we will verify it for you.**

- We will never ask you to confirm bank details or share sensitive data, except through secure platforms like SIMS. Always verify links on our website (e.g., for tuition fee payments).
- We will never ask for your passwords or request you to validate accounts via email.
- We will never pressure you to take immediate action, such as transferring money, while on the phone.
- If you receive a call or email claiming you're a victim of fraud, facing an immigration fine, or about to have your visa revoked unless you make a payment or provide personal info, it's likely a scam.

Stay calm, don't send money or share personal details, even if the name used seems legitimate. Always ask for a reference number and verify the information yourself. Avoid clicking links in suspicious emails or texts.





# English language conditions

If you have English language conditions attached to your offer, [a pre-session course](#) could be the best way for you to meet your conditions.

There is still time to apply for the 10- and 8-week pre-session programmes:

Course	Delivery	Dates	Cost	Entry Requirements
12 week (6.5 entry)	Online	08 June to 28 August 2026	£6,240	IELTS 5.5 overall with 5.0 in Writing and Speaking and 4.5 in all other sub-scores.
	On-campus	22 June to 11 September 2026	£6,240	Applicants required to achieve 6.5 in Writing for their academic offers must join with 5.5 in this sub-score.
6 week (6.5 or 7.0 entry)	Online	16 July to 28 August 2026	£3,710	IELTS 6.0 overall with 5.5 in Writing and 5.0 all other sub-scores. Applicants required to achieve 6.5 in Writing for their academic offers must join with 6.0 in this sub-score.
	On-campus	23 July to 04 September 2026	£3,710	Applicants required to achieve IELTS 7.0 overall for their academic offers must join with IELTS 6.5 overall with 6.0 in Writing and 5.5 in all other sub-scores.

Contact [elt@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:elt@cardiff.ac.uk) for more information.

# What to expect at Cardiff University

Established in 1883, Cardiff University is a traditional institution that combines a prestigious heritage with modern facilities, innovative research and an international outlook.

- One of the largest universities in the UK
- 3 Colleges encompassing 24 Academic Schools
- More than 350 courses to choose from
- Member of the elite Russell Group
- Ranked 181st in the world\*
- Many programmes consistently ranked in the top 5 and top 10 in the UK.



# #WeAreInternational

7,530 international students from 130+ countries

200+ partnerships around the world

Global research agreements

Student exchange and mobility opportunities

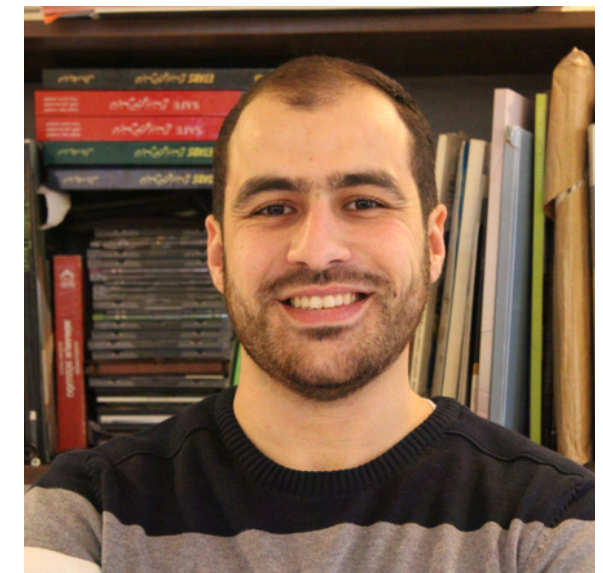


“ I appreciate the cultural diversity and friendly atmosphere in Cardiff. I get to enjoy one of the most famous and historical media school’s in the world in one of the safest cities in the UK.

Cai Zhuoduo,  
China. MA Journalism Media And  
Communications

“ Cardiff is a warm, small city with friendly people, and you can easily explore it on foot or by bike. Cardiff University holds an excellent reputation globally, which is crucial for my future career in academia and clinical practice.

Louay Hanafi,  
Syria. Doctor of Philosophy in Dentistry



# International Student Support

## Academic support

- Pre-sessional and in-sessional English language support
- Personal tutor support for all students

## Arrival and Induction

- Airport coach collection
- Comprehensive induction (virtual and in-person)
- Guaranteed accommodation

## International Student Support Centre

- Visa advice
- Dedicated Careers and Employability service
- Financial advice
- Welfare and settling-in.





# Working while studying

- Most international students can work up to **20 hours per week** during term time.
- If you are aged 21 and over, you are legally entitled to at least the National Living Wage of **£12.71 per hour**.
- If you are aged 18 to 20, you are legally entitled to at least the National Living Wage of **£10.85 per hour**.
- Income tax applies to earnings over £12,570 per tax year (a tax year runs from the 6 April to the 5 April of the following year).

**Cardiff University Jobshop** is a free student employment service which aims to find paid work for registered Cardiff University students.

Our **Student Futures team** offers specialised careers support to international students and can help you prepare for professional life during and after university.



# The campus: Cathays Park

## Cathays Park:

- Home to 22 of our 24 Academic Schools.
- Several libraries including some 27/4 study facilities.
- Location of the main Centre for Student Life and Students' Union building.
- Less than half a mile from Cardiff city centre.
- Short walk from several halls of residence- Aberdare Hall is the closest but many others are just a 10–15 mins walk.
- Journalism building is in the city centre, about 15mins walk from the Main Building.

# The campus: Heath Park

## Heath Park:

- Home to Healthcare-related courses (excluding Pharmacy and Optometry).
- Dedicated healthcare campus shared with the University Hospital of Wales.
- Next to 100 acres of parkland and playing fields.
- Students' Union and support services on site.
- Sport and fitness facilities (including swimming pool).
- 24/7 study areas and IT facilities.
- Lecture theatres, seminar rooms, libraries and operating theatres are also on campus.



# The Students' Union

Student life is often centred around the Students' Union- and Cardiff has one the best in the UK!\*

- Consistently ranked in the top 3 in the UK- currently placed 2nd by WhatUni student Choice Awards 2025.
- Led by an elected full-time student officer team who represent students interests and shape activities and services.
- Hub for everything related to Student Life - events, services, social and study spaces, shops and restaurants.
- Branches on both Cathays and Heath campuses.

\*WhatUni Student Choice Awards 2025



# Societies

Choose from more than 200 societies, including a number of international communities



Pakistani Society  
Cardiff University



International Students' Network  
Rhwydwaith Myfyrwyr Rhyngwladol





# Sports Clubs

Choose from more than 65 sports clubs



Cardiff University



Equestrian Club

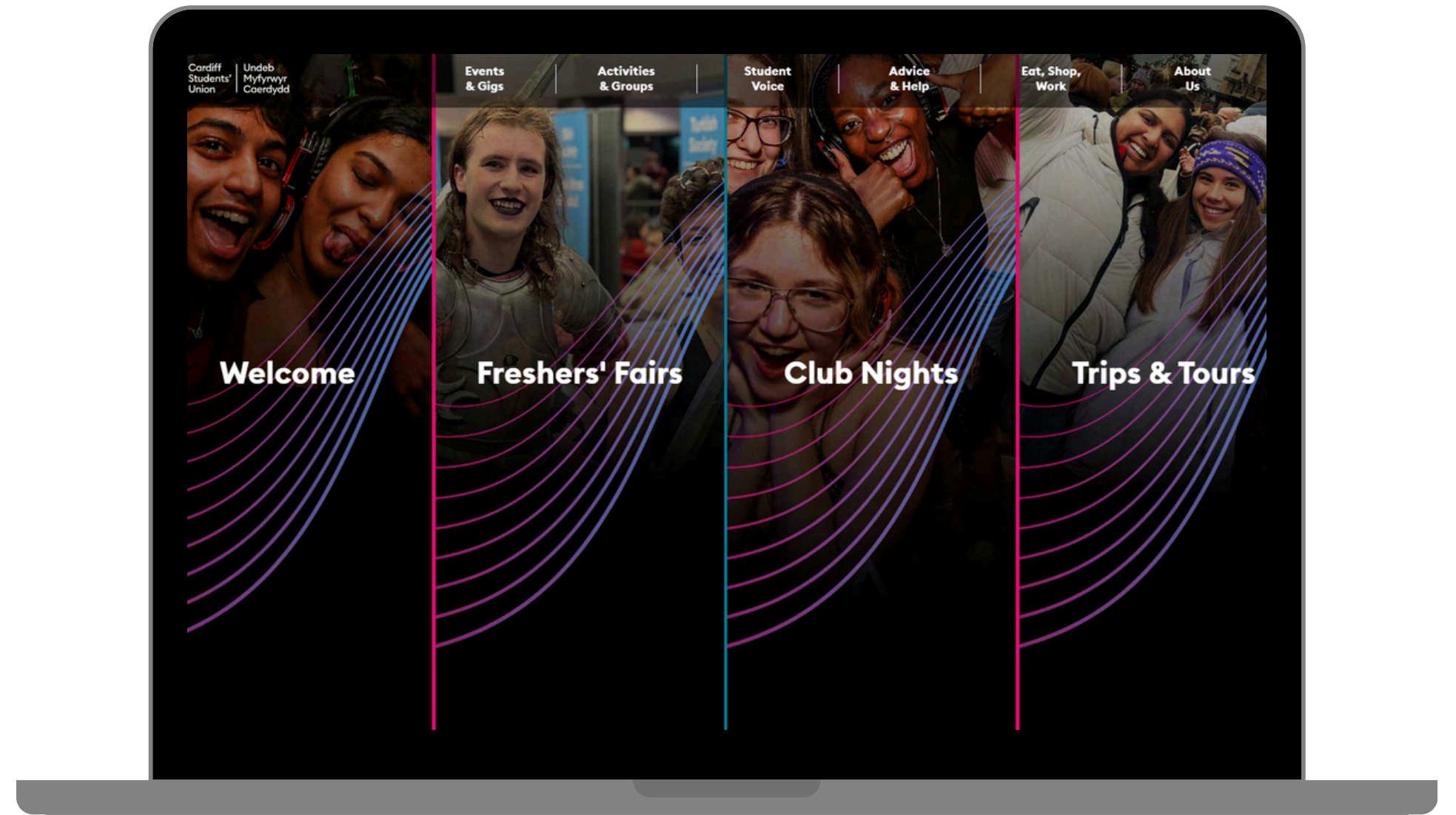


# Welcome Week

AKA 'Freshers Week', this is your chance to dive right into university life!

What you can expect:

- Clubs and Societies Fair
- Plenty of social events to suit all tastes
- Lots of freebies!
- 'Give it a go' sessions
- Campus tours
- Shopping trips- the SU organise a special bus for an Ikea trip to get everything you need for your room





# A Capital City

# Safe, affordable, friendly and multicultural.

- Voted the best city in the UK\*
- An estimated 94 languages are spoken across our multicultural city
- Many religious and cultural facilities including mosques, synagogues, churches and temples
- International cuisine - superb restaurants, international supermarkets and food festivals
- Small and friendly population, made up of approximately 20% students
- One of the safest regions in the UK
- One of the UK's most affordable cities\*\*



\*Conde Nast Traveller Readers' Awards 2023

\*\*NatWest Student Living Index 2024

# Money and living expenses

- Cardiff is one of the most affordable student cities in the UK, and has fourth lowest average rental costs.
- The city is compact and flat with the university located in the city centre, making it easy to walk and cycle rather than paying for public transportation.
- Cardiff students can make use of a free bicycle hire scheme.



“ Cardiff offers everything you could need, and it's one of the most affordable cities in the UK. The University truly cares about its students, offering wellbeing, financial, and employability support.

Liudvika Jurkovlianec,  
Lithuania. MSc Business Strategy and  
Entrepreneurship

Estimated  
Undergraduate  
living expenses:  
£10,952/year\*

Estimated  
Postgraduate  
living expenses:  
£15,000/year\*\*

\*40 weeks, based on living in university residences  
\*\* 51 weeks based on living in university residences



# Green and easy to travel in and around

- Well connected: international airport, good public transport links and 2 hours from London by train
- One of the best shopping destinations in the UK
- One of the greenest cities in the UK, with over 330 parks and gardens, like Bute Park
- Easy access to National Parks, beaches, castles, woodland, scenic cycle paths etc...





# Life in Cardiff

## World-class sporting venues and events:

- The Cardiff University Cardiff Half Marathon
- Regular international rugby, cricket and football matches

## Music venues attracting global stars

- Including Taylor Swift, Beyoncé, P!nk, Justin Timberlake, Ed Sheeran, U2, The Killers
- Many independent music venues featuring up-and-coming artists

## Theatre, arts and culture including:

- Wales Millennium Centre, The New Theatre, The Welsh National
- Opera, Chapter Arts Centre and more
- Castles, festivals, galleries, historic shopping arcades.

# Cultural events

There is always something to do in Cardiff, with special celebrations planned for most international events and occasions and well as a festivals to celebrate Welsh food, music, language and culture.

- International food festivals
- International film festivals
- International music showcases
- Open air theatre
- Pride parades
- Go Global festival
- Cardiff Mela
- Amgueddfa Cymru Food Festival
- Dathliad Cymru Affrica Festival (meaning 'Celebration of Wales-Africa' in Welsh- dance, Afro-Welsh performances, workshops, film, an art/photography exhibition, food and more)
- TAFWYL (Welsh language, music and more)



# Cultural events



Christmas Lights show at Bute Park



Medieval Fair at Cardiff Castle



Cardiff Mela



Cardiff Bay food festival



Film screening and picnic on Cardiff Castle grounds



Bute Park Foodies festival



# Chat to our students



Got a question about student life, a course or what it's really like to study at Cardiff? [Speak to our student ambassadors to find out!](#)

# Contact us

We are here to help



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