

# Information for European Students

To help you make your final university choices, we thought we would answer some of the frequently asked questions by **European Students** about **student life** in **Cardiff University**.

## Are EU students still welcome in the UK?

Yes! You help us to create the diverse and creative environment that makes the UK such a great place to live and study. Cardiff University has around **1,300** non-UK EU students and **7,000** international students in total from a student population of **30,500**. Cardiff, the most ethnically diverse area of Wales, is a thriving, cosmopolitan capital city known for its warm Welsh welcome. It's an outstanding place to live and study - **come and see for yourself!**

## How are European students supported at Cardiff University?

It's very important to us that you settle in as soon as possible. We offer advice, events and activities to help you feel at home. We'll provide you with practical advice about travel, accommodation, finances, health, enrolment and shopping. Support is available to help you improve your English before and during your studies.

Student Support and Wellbeing offers free, impartial and confidential advice about money, careers, counselling, health and disability matters throughout your studies. Our highly successful Students' Union is a student-led, independent organisation that represents students and provides a diverse range of activities and services.

These include advice, training, skills development, volunteering opportunities and employment. A focus for social activity, it supports more than two hundred student societies and sixty sports clubs.

## Do EU students need a visa to study in the UK?

EU nationals do not need a visa to live, work or study in the UK. While students do not need a visa, they do have the opportunity to apply for a Registration Certificate to prove that they are in the UK in accordance with the Immigration Regulations. This is not a mandatory document, but is helpful as evidence of the right to stay and to study in the UK. The EU referendum outcome will not lead to any immediate change to the immigration status of EU nationals. What happens in the future is subject to negotiations.

## What will EU students pay for tuition fees for Entry 2018?

The Welsh Government have announced that EU students who enrol on an undergraduate course in 18/19 will not be charged more than £9,000 tuition fees in their first year of study. Fees in subsequent years of the course could increase subject to legislation but this has not yet been determined. This is the same as home/UK students.

Tuition Fees for postgraduate courses have not yet been confirmed. These do vary depending on the course. However, it is expected that EU students who enrol on a postgraduate course (taught or research) will be charged the same tuition fee as a home/UK student.

**Further details about tuition fees can be found on the Cardiff University website.**

## Am I eligible for any financial support as an EU student?

### Undergraduate Funding

The Welsh Government have confirmed that EU students who begin a course in 18/19 will be eligible for tuition fee support. While the funding package for students starting a course in 18/19 has not yet been confirmed, it is expected that EU students will have access to a repayable tuition fee loan (subject to terms and conditions) to meet the cost of their tuition fees in all years of their course. Students only start to repay the loan when they have finished their course and are earning over a specific threshold. Details about repayment of tuition fee loans, for students who begin a course in 18/19, will be made available from: [www.studentloanrepayment](http://www.studentloanrepayment) when they are confirmed.

### Postgraduate Funding

For some postgraduate courses we expect EU students who enrol in 18/19 to be able to apply for a postgraduate loan from Student Finance Wales (subject to terms and conditions). This has yet to be confirmed but as soon as it is, details will be available from our website and from Student Finance Wales. For postgraduate research students, funding opportunities may be available via Doctoral Training Partnerships (DTPs). More details about DTPs can be found on the Cardiff University website.

### Health-care Related Courses

EU nationals who have lived in the EEA for three years before starting their course who are awarded NHS funded places for undergraduate healthcare courses (Dental Therapy/Hygiene, Midwifery, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Operating Department Practice, Physiotherapy, Diagnostic Radiography & Imaging and Radiotherapy & Oncology) can have all of their tuition fees paid by the NHS, subject to terms and conditions.

Please visit the NHS Students Awards Service (Wales) at: [www.nwsspstudentfinance.wales.nhs.uk/home](http://www.nwsspstudentfinance.wales.nhs.uk/home)

### Cardiff University Scholarships and Bursaries

Unfortunately, EU students aren't eligible for Undergraduate scholarships and bursaries offered by the University.

## Are EU students able to take part in the Erasmus programme abroad opportunities?

Yes, we encourage all of our students to consider spending time abroad whilst studying at Cardiff. Future participation in the Erasmus programme will depend on negotiations.

## Will I be able to work in the UK during my course and after graduation?

Currently, EU nationals do not need a visa to live, work or study in the UK during or after studies. The UK's approach in future is to be decided. Any changes will be updated on our website at: [www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/eu-applicants](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/eu-applicants)

### Is a Cardiff degree well-recognised around the world?

The UK has a well-deserved global reputation for providing high-quality higher education. Cardiff University is a big part of that success and is one of the UK's leading Russell Group of universities. We provide an educationally outstanding experience; our research is rated fifth university in the UK for its quality and second for impact.

We will help you to fulfil your potential. **94.1%** of our students go on to employment, further study or both shortly after graduating.

### I've heard that Cardiff is a cost-effective place to live - is this true?

Surveys of UK universities regularly place Cardiff among the most affordable cities in the UK, despite it being one of the fastest growing cities in the country.

### How do you get to Cardiff?

#### What are the transport links in and around Cardiff?

Cardiff is located on the coast of South Wales in the UK, two hours train journey from London. Both Cardiff and nearby Bristol Airports have many direct flights to UK and European cities on budget carriers, and London airports are easily accessible by both bus and train. The M4 motorway directly links Cardiff to London.

### Is Cardiff a safe city?

Yes. Cardiff is a safe city, in a safe country, and the University prides itself on building a safe, accepting environment for all its students. Figures produced by the European Union in **2016** revealed that people in Cardiff are among the happiest and most satisfied in Europe.

### What are the English language requirements for EU students to study at Cardiff University?

EU students whose first language is not English must have a standard level of English to benefit fully from their course of study. Generally, we require an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score of **6.5** or **7.0** however there are other recognised English language qualifications that can be considered for standard undergraduate and postgraduate courses.

### Are there any placements opportunities available during my course? - What about volunteering?

Absolutely! The Work Experience Team offers advice, guidance and support on extra-curricular work experience. A wide range of paid and unpaid opportunities in local organisations and schools are advertised on the University intranet, and are designed to help you develop skills to maximise your career potential. Internships are also available for recent graduates. Cardiff Volunteering offers a variety of exciting projects and one-off opportunities you can fit around your studies.

Many students volunteer on local projects to help improve the lives of others and gain new skills, experiences and friends along the way.

You can also volunteer, study or work abroad as part of your university experience, either as part of your degree or as a summer placement. We have links with over three hundred institutions in Europe and across the world.

### What student accommodation is available?

We have a range of residences to suit your preference and budget. What's more, EU undergraduates and postgraduates who accept their offer on a firm or insurance basis for September are guaranteed a place for their first year.

### Do I need healthcare insurance when coming to the UK?

If you come from the EU, you will qualify for full NHS treatment. You must obtain a European Health Insurance Card issued by your home country and valid for the duration of your studies, and/or Comprehensive Sickness Insurance with a private health insurer for the duration of your stay before coming to the UK.

### How do I apply to study at Cardiff University?

All applications to UK universities are made through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). Simply fill in a UCAS application form on the UCAS website.

### Can I come and visit the university?

Yes we'd love to welcome you. We hold a number of open days throughout the year for undergraduates and postgraduates - book your place online using the relevant links below.

#### Key Contacts

##### English Language Programme

**Web:** [www.cardiff.ac.uk/elt](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/elt)

##### Student Support

**Web:** [www.cardiff.ac.uk/studt/student-life/student-support](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/studt/student-life/student-support)

**Email:** [studentsupport@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:studentsupport@cardiff.ac.uk)

**Telephone:** +44(0) 29 2087 4844

##### Funding and Fees

##### Undergraduate Study

##### Funding

[www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/funding](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/funding)

##### Tuition Fees

[www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/tuition-fees](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/tuition-fees)

##### Postgraduate Study

##### Funding

[www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/funding](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/funding)

##### Tuition Fees

[www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/tuition-fees](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/tuition-fees)

##### Other useful contacts

##### Student Finance Wales:

[www.studentfinance.co.uk](http://www.studentfinance.co.uk)

##### For help with funding please contact the Advice and Money Team

**Email:** [adviceandmoney@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:adviceandmoney@cardiff.ac.uk)

**Telephone:** +44 (0) 29 2087 4844

##### Students' Union

[www.cardiffstudents.com](http://www.cardiffstudents.com)

##### Undergraduate Application Advice

[www.cardiff.ac.uk/applyingtocardiff](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/applyingtocardiff)

[www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

[www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/eu-applicants](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/eu-applicants)

##### Undergraduate Open Days

[www.cardiff.ac.uk/opendays](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/opendays)

##### Postgraduate Open Days

[www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/postgraduate-open-days](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/postgraduate-open-days)