

Deposits for the English for University Study programme

A full tuition deposit is required to secure a place on the English for University Study (EfUS) programme. This is to demonstrate your commitment to studying at Cardiff University and to prevent other applicants from being disadvantaged by places being held where there is no intention of study.

The amount to be paid will be confirmed to you post-offer and will cover the entirety of the tuition fee payment.

All payments are subject to anti-money laundering law in the UK and are subject to a 14-day cooling-off period. After the 14-day cooling-off period, refund requests must meet the terms of the Cardiff University EfUS deposit refund policy.

Should the University substantially change the programme, applicants will be entitled to an EfUS deposit refund when requested within 14 days of the notification of the change.

Exemptions

You are not required to pay a deposit if:

- you are in receipt of a full tuition fee scholarship from Cardiff University or a recognised sponsor or funding body (please note that there are exceptions to this as detailed in the exceptions to exemptions section)
- you are in receipt of a full tuition fee bank, student, or US Federal loan
- you are a resident of Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Indonesia, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, or USA, at the point of an offer, and can provide evidence that you have applied for external funding
- you have applied for asylum in the UK (asylum seeker).

You may be asked to provide documentary evidence to exempt you from paying a deposit, such as a letter of sponsorship.

Sponsor letters and financial guarantees must:

- be on headed paper from a recognised sponsor or funding body
- include your full name and date of birth
- include the date
- include the programme you are applying to
- be signed/stamped by the recognised sponsor or funding body
- include the academic year(s) the funding is for
- include the full amount of fees being covered.

In the case of partial sponsorship the remainder of the deposit must still be paid by the required deadline.

Requests for an exemption must be received before the deposit payment deadline and before a deposit has been paid. Requests must be sent to ELP_Finance@cardiff.ac.uk and should include evidence with the request.

Deposit payment deadline

Payment must be made within 7 days of the offer issue date, or the day before the course is due to start, whichever is the earliest. Payment must be made before a CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies) can be issued.

Missed deadlines

Your offer may be withdrawn if the deposit is not paid by the deadline specified in your offer letter.

It may be possible to retain your place even if you miss the deposit payment deadline. However, we are not obliged to honour the place for offer holders who fail to meet the deposit deadline.

Extensions [this section may not be relevant depending on the deadline section]

If you are unable to pay the deposit within 7 days of receiving your offer, you may request an extension by emailing ELP_Finance@cardiff.ac.uk. If places are still available on your chosen programme of study, your request for an extension will normally be granted. However, the duration of the extension will be dependent on the demand for places and the programme start date.

Deposit payment cooling-off period

Upon paying your deposit there will be a 14-day cooling-off period from the date the payment was made. During the 14-day cooling-off period you may request a deposit refund by contacting us at ELP_Finance@cardiff.ac.uk upon receipt of which your deposit will be returned within 30 working days minus any bank or transfer charges that were charged by the payment service you used.

If you enrol within the 14-day cooling-off period, the cooling-off period will cease at the point of enrolment, at which point the [EfUS deposit refund policy](#) for withdrawal after enrolment will apply. If you withdraw from the University more than two weeks after enrolment, you will (as per the standard [Cardiff University Tuition Fee policy](#)) be charged a pro rata tuition fee based on number of weeks enrolled.

Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies Statement

In order to receive a CAS for a Student Route visa and enrolment information you will be required to make your payment or provide evidence that you are eligible for an exemption by the stipulated deadline.

The CAS statement will include both tuition fees due and any advance payments received at the date of issue.

We advise that you accept your offer and make the deposit payment as soon as possible to prevent any delays to you arriving in time for the start of your programme. It is your responsibility to make sure you have enough time to apply for a visa, travel to the UK, and start your studies on the programme start date stipulated in your offer letter.