

How to apply: the pre-Masters programmes

Below you will find information on how to apply to the Birmingham Foundation Academy pre-masters pathways.

Application to our pre-masters pathways are made online through our application portal. In order to apply you will need to:

1. Decide which **Masters programme** (</International/foundation-academy/pathways/programmes-pre-masters.aspx>) you would like to pursue in your second year
2. Consider whether you meet the entry requirements for the Pre-Masters programme, as well as the specific Masters you wish to progress to.
3. Select your preferred **Masters programme** (</International/foundation-academy/pathways/programmes-pre-masters.aspx>) from those pathways available.
4. Click 'Apply to study here' on the specific programme you wish to study.
5. You will be directed to an application specifically designed for your programme
6. Your application is specifically designed for the programme you choose to apply for and it is sensitive to the answers you provide as you proceed through the application.
7. Submit your application and supporting documents online.

Remember to check details of our **entry requirements** (</International/foundation-academy/entry-requirements/entry-requirements-pre-masters.aspx>) before you apply.

Supporting documents

When you apply for a postgraduate programme via course finder, you will have the option to upload your supporting documents. The following information will usually be needed before a decision can be made on your application:

- Two academic references (or if appropriate to the programme applied for, one could be from your employer).
- Degree transcript(s) - originals or certified photocopies:
- EU and international applicants - if you are currently studying outside the UK or have obtained your qualification(s) outside the UK
- Certificate to show competency in the English language, if English is not your first language and you have already taken a test (See English language requirements).
- Personal statement, approximately 5000 characters, explaining why you are interested in studying on your chosen programme. Alternatively, you can type this within your application.

You may also be required to submit further documents e.g. a sample of work or research proposal in support of your application. If this is necessary for a decision to be made on your application, the document will become a mandatory part of your application. See guidance notes.