

Applications

There is an application form in Microsoft Word format, which is available on the right-hand side of this page

It can be returned as an email attachment or printed, filled in by hand and posted to the London address right.

- *Do NOT write to the University of Birmingham* . Please apply as early as possible.
- If you are applying for funding via the application form, your application form must be returned by **Friday 31 March 2014** to guarantee consideration. Decisions on the award of bursaries will be made by Wednesday 25 April.
- The deadline for all other applications is **Monday 12 May 2014**
- Late applications may be considered, but the chances of acceptance, will be considerably reduced and accommodation cannot be guaranteed. Early applications are encouraged as each course will be limited to fifteen participants.

STUDENT VISITOR VISAS FOR NON-EU CITIZENS

Early application is essential in the case of all those who are not citizens of a European Union country. Most non-EU participants in the Summer School are required by current UK immigration law and the Regulations of the University of Birmingham to obtain a Student Visitor Visa. If your non-EU country of nationality is on the "Visa nationals" list, then you must obtain a Student Visitor Visa; if it is not on the list (e.g. the USA), then you do not need a visa (though it may help to have one, and you will still need an invitation letter from the University of Birmingham). To check if your country is on the list **[click here and select "Are you a visa national?"](#)** (<http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas-immigration/visiting/student/visa/>)

Please note that holding certain types of long-term UK visas actually prevents you from attending short courses at UK universities. If you already have a UK visa which covers the period of the Summer School, you must send full details to Anthony Hirst and ask for advice.

In some countries the visa application process can take up to three months, despite what you may be told when you start the application. You cannot start the application until you have been accepted for the Summer School and have received a "Visa Letter" from the University of Birmingham. To speed up the process it is essential that non-EU citizens enter their date of birth in Question 5 of the Application Form.