

## Further information

### Learning support

Each student is provided with a personal tutor, who is a member of academic staff. Your personal tutor will take an interest in your general well being and provide general academic guidance and direction through regular meetings during the year.

There is also a staff-student liaison committee which provides an opportunity for student representatives to raise issues of concern and to make suggestions to improve the administration of degree programmes. In this committee your representatives meet with those responsible for managing the degree programmes.

### Living costs

A single student at the University should allow between £7,500 and £10,000 per calendar year for living expenses. This would cover a modest student life and does not include the cost of travel from home to Birmingham, the cost of a mobile telephone, the cost of running a car and holidays. Visit the [Fees and funding \(/students/fees/index.aspx\)](#) page for more details.

### Accommodation

There is a wide variety of University accommodation within easy reach of the campus, including flats and lodgings in the residential areas of the City. Accommodation for families is limited and we recommend that students travel ahead of their families to find accommodation. Information about accommodation and a booking form is included with offer letters. For more information view the [accommodation at the University of Birmingham \(/undergraduate/accommodation/indexold.aspx\)](#) page.

### The Careers Service

The University has dedicated staff able to provide advice on how to realise your career objectives. The careers service and the school provide guidance on writing a CV and interview technique.

The University will also provide guidance about options for international students including the Science and Engineering Graduate Scheme, which provides an accelerated path to obtain a work permit for one year after graduation.

The Careers Service also provides a series of career management events, many of which are given by senior consultants and representatives from industry.

[www.careers.bham.ac.uk](http://www.careers.bham.ac.uk) (<http://www.careers.bham.ac.uk/>)

### Childcare

There are two day-care nurseries and a holiday club (for children aged 4-8 years) on campus. Visit the [nursery and childcare facilities \(/http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/community/facilities/oncampus/Nurseryandchildcarefacilities.aspx\)](#) page for further details.

### The International Students Advisory Service (ISAS)

ISAS advises on a wide range of issues of interest to international students – these include immigration, employment, financial and academic matters in addition to facilitating social activities and networks.

[www.as.bham.ac.uk/studentlife/international/](http://www.as.bham.ac.uk/studentlife/international/) (<http://www.as.bham.ac.uk/studentlife/international/>)

### Language support

Support to develop English language skills is provided, free of charge, throughout the academic year to assist international students.

This service is provided by the English for International Students Unit (EISU). EISU also offers pre-sessional English courses for students who wish to develop their academic language skills before commencing their studies.

[www.eisu.bham.ac.uk](http://www.eisu.bham.ac.uk) ([http://www.eisu.bham.ac.uk](http://www.eisu.bham.ac.uk/))

### Health care

Students, their families and children under eighteen years of age are eligible for free medical treatment under the National Health Service. Medical and dental facilities are available at the University.