

Travel and conferences

The School of Mathematics recognises the need for students to advance their knowledge of the research community and keep abreast of new developments in mathematics. Students also need to strengthen their interpersonal and presentational skills. Conference attendance is encouraged by the School. Students must complete a Conference/Travel Application form (available from the Graduate School Office 216) with a signature from their supervisor and from the Head of School.

Travel insurance

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Travel insurance is provided via the University (no other insurance will be refunded). To obtain this (this must be done before travelling) log on to the [website \(http://www.travel.bham.ac.uk/\)](http://www.travel.bham.ac.uk/).

Expenses

To reclaim expenses after a conference you need to keep all receipts for the expenditure and upon returning fill in the form FIN7N (pink form) available from the Graduate School Office (room 216). The receipts need to be submitted with the form..

Conference attendance & participation - MRes students

At the MRes level the School expects that students may benefit from attending certain national mathematics meetings. Meetings flagged for attendance should be approved by the student's MRes supervisor and must be approved by the Head of School.

Conference attendance & participation - PhD students

PhD students are expected to participate in conferences both at the national and international level. Attendance should be approved by the student's PhD supervisor and must be approved by the Head of School.

KAUST collaboration

King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST) in Saudi Arabia are keen to facilitate Birmingham PhD students to visit KAUST, for up to 6 months, in order to carry out experiments which relate to their mathematical modelling in fluid mechanics. KAUST are prepared to pay travel and accommodation costs.

Please contact [Dr Jamal Uddin \(/staff/profiles/math/uddin-jamal.aspx\)](http://staff/profiles/math/uddin-jamal.aspx) for further details.

Conference suggestions

Increasingly postgraduates across the country organize conferences specifically for postgraduates normally focused on a particular branch of mathematics and consisting of two or three invited lectures given by established mathematicians and many short talks or posters given by the other research students. These are excellent opportunities for postgraduates to get used to attending conferences and to gain experience in presenting their work to a wider audience particularly those in their first year. Postgraduates are strongly advised to attend (and ideally present their work at) these conferences, if possible.

In a typical year the following conferences are available to attend.

- The Postgraduate Combinatorial Conference (usually June)
- The Postgraduate Group Theory Conference (usually April)
- The European Postgraduate Fluid Dynamics Conference (usually July)
- The Student Conference in Operations Research (usually March)
- Galway Topology Colloquium (usually September)
- Postgraduate MAGIC conferences (various times)
- Various LMS/EPSRC short courses (see <http://www.lms.ac.uk/>) and summer schools
- The British Mathematics Colloquium and the British Applied Mathematics Colloquium (both usually April).