

## Campus life



Living and working at Birmingham offers you the best of both worlds – a peaceful yet thriving campus community on the doorstep of one of Europe's most dynamic cities.

### A relaxing atmosphere

Our beautiful campus is one of our greatest assets, being a campus university, where all our buildings and amenities are on a single site, we are like a city within a city.



Our campus' striking architecture and 250-acres of parkland will inspire you to make the most of your time here. The campus is not only a pleasant working environment but also a wonderful spot for picnics and walking.

The campus has all the amenities of a small town, with the added benefit of a full-time security team. You will find bars, shops, a hair salon, opticians, travel agents, a concert hall, our fine art gallery, geology museum and major banks on campus. You will also be able to take advantage of the regular Farmer's Markets that take place here.

**Dave Ash, Deputy Director of Legal Services** "The best thing about working for the University is the friendly atmosphere and collective identity; knowing that the University's purpose is so worthwhile."

### Investing in our campus

The University currently spends around £1 million each week on developing its campus. We have an ongoing commitment to invest in projects that enhance the experiences and quality of life for our students and staff.

With the official launch of the Bramall Music Building in November 2012, the £16 million facility not only completes Joseph Chamberlain's original architectural vision - 100 years after the opening of the original Aston Webb building - but also provides state-of-the-art teaching, research, performance and rehearsal facilities appropriate to its reputation.

Over the next four years, our estate development plans aim to deliver 21st century educational, research and sports facilities for our staff and students, as well as benefiting the local community. These will include:

- A new sports centre situated on the corner of Bristol Road and Edgbaston Park Road, which will be a large multi-sport facility for students, staff and the local community, and will boast the city's first 50-metre swimming pool.
- A new library, overlooking the 'green heart' of campus, will embrace new and emerging technologies for an enhanced user experience, and to provide a more efficient use of space, energy and staff resource. The 'cultural gateway' will be a space that can showcase our cultural collections and open up access to all.
- The Student Services Hub will see part of the interior of the red-brick Aston Webb Building remodelled to house a number of different services including employability, careers and a 400-seat lecture theatre. This facility will bring together all student services in one place greatly enhancing the student experience here at Birmingham. All undergraduate students starting in 2013 will benefit from this.

Our beautiful campus is constantly evolving, making it a truly exciting and inspiring place to be.



**Alison Jinks, Head of Shared Services, Human Resources** "Until you visit the campus and see it for yourself it's difficult to convey a sense of the atmosphere that exists here. There can be around 20,000 people passing through the campus every day which provides a tremendous sense of energy."