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Welcome to Lancaster University

an international community of scholars.
Why Lancaster?
1 Lancaster University is one of the UK’s top ten universities
Lancaster is ranked 10th in the UK in the Guardian University Guide. There are more than 120 universities in the UK.

2 We’re great at nurturing talent
Our commitment to Doctoral Training Centres represents a new approach to postgraduate study, attracting and nurturing talented and skilled researchers to secure the future supply of graduates in specific disciplinary areas.

3 We invest in our campus
We have invested over £450m into our campus buildings and facilities in the last ten years with a further £135m planned for the next three years. This investment includes a new Engineering building, the refurbishment of the Library, Physics and Chemistry facilities and a £20m sports centre and sports facilities.

4 We’re global
Lancaster has a huge number of teaching and research links around the world which provide exciting opportunities for students to study or work abroad. There are strong links with universities in the US and China. Lancaster also operates in Ghana, India, Pakistan and Malaysia. In total, the University has 5,000 students studying for Lancaster degrees outside of the UK.

5 We’re collegiate
Lancaster is one of a small number of leading UK universities to operate a college structure. All students (and staff) join one of our nine colleges – Bowland, Cartmel, County, Furness, Fylde, Grizedale, Lonsdale, Pendle and as a postgraduate student you would join our Graduate College. Each college has its own history and traditions. This creates a more supportive student environment AND more opportunities to get involved in activities.
Inspiring research and teaching

Our high quality research feeds into our high quality teaching. 12 of our outstanding teachers have been recognised as winners in the prestigious National Teaching Fellowship Scheme organised by the Higher Education Academy.

But it’s not just the league tables and awards that confirm our standing, the projects that follow are testament to the passion for world changing research at the heart of Lancaster University’s ethos. They’re also a taste of what’s to come should you choose to study here.

Conquering cancer

Lancaster University is taking part in a UK research initiative which is bringing significant improvements in the diagnosis, treatment and prognosis of three of the world’s most common forms of cancer. Prostate, cervical and oesophageal cancers can be treated successfully, if diagnosed early enough, but new techniques are needed to accurately diagnose the three cancer types much earlier than any current conventional tests allow.

This major collaborative project funded by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) and involving four leading UK Universities and three NHS hospital trusts, is being carried out at the Science and Technology Facilities Council’s (STFC) pioneering ALICE accelerator facility.

The instruments on the ALICE accelerator enable the team to look at cancer cells in a new way, revealing the character and chemical processes that underlie the malignant behaviour of these three cancers.

The findings from these studies will be used to develop a new generation of portable and affordable cancer diagnosis instruments, in addition to aiding the development of new treatment therapies.

Pioneering research into materials of the future

Graphene is the world’s strongest, thinnest and most conductive material. New research, published in *Nature Physics* by an international team including Lancaster University academics, has found that combining black and white graphene can change the electronic properties of the one-atom thick material. These findings are likely to increase the opportunities for using graphene in electronic applications.

The researchers from Lancaster University include Professor Vladimir Falko, Dr Xi Chen and Dr Leonid Ponomarenko (who is also based at Manchester). The team is led by Nobel Laureate Sir Andre Geim and Dr Artem Mishchenko from the University of Manchester.

This research is part of a 10 year European ‘Graphene Flagship’ project, which started in 2013, with a €54m budget for 76 academic institutions and companies in 17 countries. It will unfold into a €1bn program in the EU Framework Horizon 2020.

The fundamental studies of extreme materials at Lancaster extend far beyond graphene, into the next generations of two-dimensional atomic crystals including boron nitride and various metal calcogenides.
New social sciences centre opens
Lancaster University has recently added a new £4.1m Centre for Corpus Approaches to Social Sciences (CASS) funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC). CASS was formally opened in July 2013 by former Home Secretary Charles Clarke who is also a visiting professor at the University.

CASS is designed to bring a new method in the study of language – using computers to analyse patterns in large collections of naturally occurring speech and writing – to a range of social sciences.

Through its research, the Centre is providing insight into the use and manipulation of language in society in a host of areas of concern including: climate change, hate crime and education.

Examining how the NHS works
Lancaster University Management School has led the largest analysis ever of the culture and behaviours in English NHS. The findings indicate that the desire for high quality care within the English NHS is often mired in excessive box ticking and regulation, unclear goals and variable staff support.

The two-year research programme, whose findings were published online in BMJ Quality & Safety, used a wide variety of sources to accrue more than 650 hours of observation. This included 300 interviews with senior level executives, managers, and frontline staff; numerous patient and carer surveys; hundreds of sets of board minutes and published datasets on performance in all types of NHS trust; and cultural (ethnographic) case studies of hospital wards, primary care practices and emergency care departments.

The authors made several recommendations for improvement, which informed government reports on patient safety in England. These recommendations included having clear and explicit goals, coherent from ward to Whitehall; obtaining, and acting upon, good intelligence on their performance; constantly reviewing, strengthening and improving all their systems – including developing person-centred cultures.

The study emphasised the need for coherence of national direction, essential for avoiding dispersion of responsibility and accountability, especially with the formation of new bodies including NHS England and Clinical Commissioning Groups.

Calculating carbon loss in the Amazon
An international team of researchers, led by Lancaster University, has found that the human impact on the Amazon rainforest has been grossly underestimated. New research indicates that selective logging and surface wildfires can result in an annual loss of 54 billion tonnes of carbon from the Brazilian Amazon, equivalent to 40% of the yearly carbon loss from deforestation.

This is the largest ever study estimating above and below ground carbon loss from selective logging and ground level forest fires in the tropics, based on data from 70,000 sampled trees and thousands of soil, litter and dead wood samples from 225 sites in the eastern Brazilian Amazon.

So far, climate change policies on the tropics have focused on reducing carbon emissions from deforestation only, not accounting for emissions from forest degradation. This research, published in Global Change Biology and carried out by ten researchers from 11 universities and research institutes in Brazil and the UK, demonstrates the importance of a wider assessment of carbon loss.
Global University

Now in our 50th year, we are proud of our international reputation as a centre for excellence in teaching and globally significant research.

On campus

Our academic staff provide the highest standards of teaching to more than 12,000 students. We have a diverse academic community, with a third of our staff originating from overseas. More than half of our postgraduate students come from outside of the United Kingdom.

At Lancaster you will have an opportunity to mix with people from all over the UK and abroad, bringing you a world of different ideas and experiences to broaden your horizons and develop your intercultural skills ready for a future international career.

The University is committed to solving major global problems through research and teaching. Collaborating with other universities and sharing knowledge with academic institutions and communities throughout the world is a key part of Lancaster’s mission.

Lancaster academics publish work of international significance. They also maintain strong ties to institutions across the world and participate in many of the leading networks of scholars and policy makers. For example, our scientists in the Lancaster Environment Centre work with China to tackle drought and world food shortage and their research also targets treatment for tropical disease such as river blindness; we play a leading role in graphene research and shaping future EU policy on innovation based upon this ‘wonder material’.

Building on our strong links with China, the £5.1m Lancaster China Catalyst Programme – created by Lancaster University and part-funded by the Higher Education Funding Council’s Catalyst Fund, the University and Lancashire County Council – provides a unique opportunity for students to work with businesses in both the UK and Guangdong Province, China, in multi-disciplinary teams on specific business-led research projects in Guangdong province. Graduates can major in Environmental Sciences, Computer Science, Engineering, Entrepreneurship or Design for a new MSc in International Innovation.

Overseas

Lancaster’s international community also extends far beyond the campus with research, teaching, and student exchange partnerships with leading universities and institutions in 26 countries across the world.

There are over 4,000 students studying on our dual degree programmes, these are delivered with partner universities GD Goenka World Institute India, Sunway University Malaysia and COMSATS Pakistan. Students who study one of our dual degree programmes will graduate with full degrees from both Lancaster and the partner university. In 2011, Prime Minister David Cameron highlighted the collaboration with Comsats (Pakistan) in his April visit to Islamabad.

We have recently opened the first British branch campus in Ghana which will allow students across Africa to access Lancaster’s academic excellence in teaching and research on the African continent. A wide range of both undergraduate and postgraduate courses will be available including Accounting and Finance, Business Studies, Computer Science, Economics, Global MBA, International Relations, Law, Marketing, Politics and Psychology.
We have many other collaborations around the globe including institutions in China, India, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Nigeria and Pakistan.

Lancaster has the highest level of student volunteering in the UK, and this extends to the partner institutions abroad. Students at Lancaster and our overseas partners are able to participate in a global summer school programme, where students are able to develop their skills in community, academia and politics.

Lancaster has a well-established and prestigious Confucius Institute, a major new hub for Chinese language and culture on campus which will complement the extensive China research and teaching activities across the University.

**International Alumni Network**

Upon graduation all Lancaster students join a community of alumni spread across the world with thriving in-country networks.

This international community includes high profile alumni working overseas who support the University and add value by sharing their knowledge and expertise with current students.

Our Alumni Relations Programme keep in touch with our graduates, for more information about the events that take place please visit [www.lancaster.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/alumni)
International students

Our international reputation for academic excellence, combined with our world-class facilities, attracts more than 2,500 international students from around the world. We offer a vast range of nationally and internationally acclaimed postgraduate programmes.

How to apply
All prospective international postgraduate students should follow the application procedure outlined in the section ‘Applying to Lancaster’ on page 28.

Entry requirements
We accept a range of international qualifications which can be found on our website www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/international-qualifications/

If you have any questions about qualification requirements please contact the International Office or one of our overseas representatives (see page 230). You can also find country specific information on our website www.lancaster.ac.uk/find-your-country

English entry requirements
If your native language is not English you will need to ensure that you meet our minimum English language standards. These may vary by faculty:

- IELTS: 6.5-7.0
- ToEFL: 93-100
- Pearson (PTE Academic): 62-70
- Cambridge CPE: Grade C

Please note: minimum scores in individual test elements also apply.

Pre-sessional English courses
If you have taken an approved English language test but do not meet the minimum entry requirements for your chosen degree programme, you can take one of our Postgraduate English Language Preparation Courses. The courses are designed to help you increase your English level to IELTS 6.5 or 7.0 and also develop your academic study skills.

Courses are between four and 40 weeks in length and require IELTS 4.0 overall or equivalent. If you do not meet the minimum English entry requirement for your degree programme, you will automatically be sent information about the courses that are suitable for you.

For more information please visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/international-students/pre-sessional-english-language

Official overseas representatives
We have a number of official representatives based around the world. They are able to help you to make an application to Lancaster, provide visa advice and support you with any other matters you would like to discuss.

You can find a full list of our overseas representatives on page 230.

Accommodation
www.lancaster.ac.uk/PGAccommodation

As an overseas postgraduate student you are guaranteed single on-campus accommodation for your first year of your study provided you meet all the conditions.

Details about accommodation will be sent to you automatically from May onwards once you have accepted your offer of a study place. Off-campus accommodation is also available and you can get help with finding it from the Students’ Union. Please see www.lusu.co.uk/services/housing for further information.
Support
www.lancaster.ac.uk/sbs/international

Our range of services covers pre-arrival preparations and support throughout your studies. You will receive pre-departure information on visa procedures and immigration and you’ll be offered a pick-up service from Manchester Airport.

Alongside our full range of support services for all postgraduates, we offer specific support to international students including free academic learning support, English language support, immigration advice and family support. We also organise a number of social events throughout the year.

Please also see the ‘Supporting you’ and ‘Supporting your future’ on pages 18 to 21.

Community

Our campus is located near to Lancaster city centre, and with regular buses journeying from the campus to the city centre it is quick and easy for you to get around. The university is well integrated with the local community, sharing amenities on campus such as the sports centre and health centre.

Please also see ‘Supporting you’ and ‘Supporting your future’ on pages 18 to 21.

Societies
www.lusu.co.uk/get-involved

At Lancaster University Students’ Union (LUSU) we have over 180 affiliated societies, of which around 30 are international groups, so there really is something for everyone. Societies are a great way to meet new people and try out new things. Whether you join a group or sports team, volunteer on one of our projects, or even start your own business these are great experiences which will help to enhance your CV.

Careers

Lancaster University is dedicated to ensuring you graduate with a globally recognised degree along with relevant life and work based skills. Leading employers visit our campus throughout the year to attend careers fairs, workshops and events.

Here are just a few of the employers our graduates have secured jobs with:

Accenture, Audi, Bank of America, Barclays, Bentley, Citigroup, Coca Cola, Deloitte, Ernst & Young, Fujitsu, GE Healthcare, Grant Thornton, GSK, HP, IBM, Intel, Jaguar Land Rover, Johnson & Johnson, KPMG, L’Oreal, Mars, Microsoft, Tesco, Rolls Royce PLC, Unilever, Vauxhall.

Please see ‘Supporting your future’ on pages 20 to 21.

Alumni
www.lancaster.ac.uk/alumni

Once you have completed your studies you will join Lancaster’s global network of over 120,000 alumni from 160 countries. Our Alumni Relations Programme will provide continued support for you. We offer a wide range of alumni activities and networking opportunities and you will also be eligible to become part of one of our many alumni groups around the world.

Meet our staff overseas
www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/international-students/visits-to-your-region/

Our International Office staff regularly travel to over 20 countries to meet students interested in studying here. On these visits you can meet us and get advice and guidance about applying to Lancaster; check our online schedule for details.

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Cypriot Student

Lancaster University is more than a place to study. It is a place to learn more about one’s self and about people and cultures all over the world. “Studying” as a term is reinvented here, as it encompasses many aspects of life rather than just subjects that relate only to your course. This element is what makes studying at Lancaster University a once in a lifetime experience that I would not want anyone to miss!
Life at Lancaster

The University provides an outstanding and welcoming postgraduate experience. Located in a beautiful setting, our 360 acre campus is just three miles from the historic city of Lancaster.

Our location and wider region

Lancaster students not only study in one of the safest self-contained campuses in the UK, but also have some of the country’s most unspoilt spots on their doorsteps – from country villages, seaside resorts and the lush countryside of the Lake District and Forest of Bowland to the historic and vibrant City of Lancaster.

Lancaster city is buzzing with charm and friendliness and boasts trendy cafés, cinemas, nightclubs, restaurants and pubs, as well as small independent boutiques and well known high street outlets. A vibrant music scene, live theatre throughout the year and an annual literature festival add to the cultural picture.

Lancaster’s diverse mix of city, coast and countryside adds a new dimension to the student experience. Whilst those studying at Lancaster have all the benefits of a campus ‘village’ at their disposal, there’s so much more to explore and discover within the city and the local area.

Campus

Our campus has recently benefited from investment in new college, residential and social facilities, new and refurbished teaching spaces and new research facilities. Current redevelopment projects taking place across the campus include:

- The Library refurbishment project, which will increase usable technology and improve the ambience of the building, has just begun and is due for completion in 2016.
- Development of a state-of-the-art building for the Engineering Department to replace existing facilities and provide additional areas for future growth. It will open at the end of 2016.
- A £26m investment to redevelop the Chemistry facilities, namely the Faraday building. Phase 1 of the refurbishment will be complete in December 2014 and Phase 2 in September 2015.
- A £4m refurbishment of some of the University’s residential accommodation, Bowland Tower and the East and South wings. The project is now complete.

We are committed to continued investment for the future (£135m to 2017) to ensure we continue to exceed expectations.

The Graduate College

Lancaster University has a vibrant collegiate system of nine colleges. The Graduate College comprises more than 2,000 postgraduate students and provides a range of services to support you during your time at Lancaster, including affordable accommodation, social and study facilities (common room with kitchen, games room, TV room/group study room and computer lab), and its own dedicated award-winning bar (The Herdwick).

The Postgraduate Board acts as the main body for the University’s postgraduate students. College members are invited to stand for the board, which is elected annually.

The Graduate College’s friendly, international community celebrates and encourages diversity and provides members with an ideal opportunity to broaden their horizons and make lasting friendships. It also provides an unrivalled environment for members to develop academically, and the extra-curricular activities and opportunities provided ensure that each postgraduate student’s experience is rewarding.
Recreation and culture

The campus offers many opportunities for recreation and culture from our new £20m sports centre to our own cinema, theatre, art gallery and concert series.

Sports Centre
www.lancaster.ac.uk/sports-centre

Opened in 2011, the Sports Centre has an eight lane, 25m swimming pool with the latest touch pad timing equipment, as well as a fitness suite, featuring a split-level 100-station gym with an extensive range of cardiovascular and resistance machines and free weights, all supervised by a dedicated personal training team.

The 8.5m climbing wall, featuring 17 belay lines and a bouldering cave, was designed with input from renowned mountaineer Sir Chris Bonington. The sports hall has been designed to accommodate a variety of different sports in one space; from all traditional indoor sports to trampolining. Martial arts, spinning, dance, Pilates and yoga classes all take place in The Studio.

Other facilities include a sauna and steam room, four glass squash courts, a meeting room, a physio/sports injuries clinic, changing rooms for indoor and outdoor facilities, extensive grass pitches for rugby and football, eight tennis courts, five netball courts, three artificial pitches, two multi-use games areas, and a woodland walk and trim trail.
Live at LICA
The Lancaster Institute for Contemporary Arts (LICA) brings a wealth of UK and International artists of the highest calibre to Lancaster every year. A varied programme of professional theatre, dance, exhibitions and concerts has been developed for public, staff and students to experience both on and off campus.

Presenting much of its programme at the Peter Scott Gallery and Nuffield Theatre venues, situated at the north end of campus, Live at LICA’s purpose is to cultivate excellence and engagement within the performing and visual arts. Live at LICA plays a key role in the arts ecology of the North West and is linked to the courses and ethos of Lancaster University.

Follow Live at LICA on Twitter or Facebook to find out what’s on, and book tickets online at www.liveatlica.org

The Peter Scott Gallery
A small gem of a gallery that hosts the Live at LICA exhibitions and artists’ talks, which are open to the public free of charge. The Peter Scott Gallery is also home to the University’s international art collection, which includes Japanese and Chinese art, antiquities, works by twentieth century British artists, and prints by significant European names such as Dürer, Miró, Ernst and Vasarely. It’s the venue for the LICA Fine Art undergraduate and postgraduate art exhibitions.

The Nuffield Theatre
One of the largest professional studio theatres in Europe, focusing on new and experimental work, the Nuffield is “the place [in England] to see the most innovative new work.” according to The Guardian Insider’s Guide to the Arts 2010.

Live at LICA hosts public performances of theatre, contemporary dance and live art at this venue alongside public performances by Lancaster students and societies and local community organisations.

Concert Series
Live at LICA facilitates a classical music programme on Thursdays at the Great Hall venue during the autumn and spring terms. The BBC Philharmonic, Opera North and Tchaikovsky Symphony Orchestra of Moscow Radio are just some of the orchestras who’ve performed over the years. Recent seasons have welcomed world-renowned pianists Pascal Roge and Nikolai Demidenko playing on Lancaster University’s Steinway grand piano, acquired in 2012.

The Students’ Union (LUSU)
www.lusu.co.uk

We look after all of the societies and sports clubs on campus as well as putting on big events like Roses and Grad Ball. And of course, we’re here to help you expand your social network.

LUSU sports
www.lusu.co.uk/get-involved/sport/

Our LUSU sports clubs compete in the British Universities and Colleges Sports (BUCS) leagues, competitions and tournaments. We have over 35 sports clubs ranging from American Football to Korfball as well as the staples of rugby, netball, football and hockey, who all compete against other institutions regularly.

The ‘Roses’ weekend, a varsity tournament pitting Lancaster University against rivals York University, is an annual highlight of the inter college sports calendar. There are also plenty of weekend opportunities to play sport.

Take 2 Cinema
www.cinema.lusu.co.uk

Lancaster University is one of the few universities with its own student 3D cinema located on campus. The best equipped student cinema in the country, it shows a broad range of movies from recently released blockbusters through to world cinema films and old classics. Run by the LU Film Society, the cinema shows films five nights each week during term time at affordable prices.

Societies
http://lusu.co.uk/get-involved/societies/

Nearly half of our students are members of one of our various student groups. There are now over 180 LUSU affiliated societies (around 30 international groups). They exist to support the interests and hobbies of students. Societies are available to join all year round, with more groups forming on a weekly basis. If we don’t currently offer a society you’re interested in, it’s very easy to set one up. They are a great way to make friends and get involved.
Accommodation

Many of our postgraduate students live on campus in the purpose-built Graduate College, on Alexandra Park. Lancaster University Accommodation retained the prestigious title of 'Best University Halls' in the National Student Housing Survey of 120 UK institutions for the fifth year in 2014. We are also one of only 11 institutions to hold the International Accommodation Quality Mark, awarded where satisfaction among International students was at 90% or higher.

Accommodation guarantees
If you are a full-time postgraduate student from outside of the EU you are guaranteed single on campus accommodation for the first year of study if you complete your online application by 15 August (having already sent firm acceptance of a place on a full-time course of nine months or more, beginning in September or October).

EU students receive the same guarantee if a residence application is returned by 1 August.

Families and couples
The campus has a limited number of self-contained, furnished family flats ranging from one to four bedrooms. We are not able to offer accommodation guarantees for couples and children but Lancaster University Students' Union (LUSU) can help you find suitable alternatives as required.

Letting periods and residence charges
Rooms are let on a 50 week basis (late September-September) or a 40 week basis (late September-July). Payment is termly, in advance, by invoice.

2014-2015 weekly rents including heating, lighting, water, network connection and cleaning (townhouses and studios do not have a cleaning service):
- Standard rooms, £100.80
- Standard townhouse rooms, £112.56
- En suite rooms, £119.70
- Superior en suite rooms, £122.85
- Single studios, £146.55
- Double studios, £164.50

Checklist
- All rooms are self-catered, single bedrooms with study space
- All rooms have Wi-Fi and wired data points for access to email, Internet and the campus network
- Most rooms are en suite
- Shared kitchen facilities include cooker, microwave, fridge and freezer
- Campus has shops, eateries, social facilities and laundrettes

Most bedrooms in the College are en suite, with private shower and toilet facilities and between four and nine students share the kitchen facilities. There are also some self-contained studios with a larger bed, small kitchen and dining area available too.

Specifically adapted accommodation is available to students with disabilities, including ground floor rooms for wheelchair users or students with restricted mobility. Please specify your needs when applying.

Award-winning accommodation
Lancaster has retained the accolade of Best University Halls for the fifth year running in the 2014 National Student Housing Survey. Our accommodation was also found to have the best value for money in the survey.
Applying for campus accommodation

We’ll send you details about the application process once you confirm acceptance of our study offer (from April onwards). You apply for your room in Graduate College or Family Flats online, you will then be sent an offer and will need to pay a refundable accommodation deposit of £200.00 for a single study room or £275.00 for a family flat, all deposits are paid online using a credit card.

Contacts

Graduate college accommodation enquiries:
The Graduate Residence Officer
Graduate College
Lancaster University
Lancaster LA2 0PF
Email: gcro@lancaster.ac.uk
Tel: +44 (0)1524 593342

Campus flat enquiries:
The Flats Administration Officer
Accommodation Office
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Email: flats@lancaster.ac.uk
Tel: +44 (0)1524 593554

Off-campus accommodation

LUSU Living is a dedicated housing service for postgraduates wanting to live off campus; we offer a range of good quality houses and flats throughout south Lancaster for individual students and students with families.

Our postgraduate housing options are released immediately after Easter, which means you can start looking for a property as and when it’s convenient.

We manage 250 properties throughout Lancaster, making us the city’s largest landlord, and you can apply by visiting our offices on-campus and in the city centre, emailing us, or completing our online registration form.

All of our LUSU Living properties are accredited or licensed through Lancaster City Council and benefit from a comprehensive repairs service, homecare cover for our boilers and an emergency out of hours service.

Shared houses (approx £85/week/student)
Shared houses typically have a shared lounge and bathroom facilities, and a private bedroom. All our shared household rents include utilities, wireless broadband, personal contents insurance, a TV licence, a regular cleaning service and are let on a standard 50 week fixed term lease. We have some great shared houses which offer real value for money.

Modern shared flats (approx £100/week/student)
LUSU Living also manage shared flats, such as the luxury two bed flats in Lancaster’s Kingsway development. These usually have en-suite facilities and rent includes utilities, a cleaning service and broadband.

Small houses/flats (approx £115 – £130 per property/per week)
Our affordable self-contained properties for couples/families have one, two or three bedrooms. Rents typically include water charges and any service charges, but exclude all other utilities and taxes, although we can provide broadband at an extra cost if required.

Off-campus accommodation enquiries:
Bowland College
Lancaster University
Lancaster LA1 4YT
Tel: +44 (0)1524 592170
Email: lusu.living@lancaster.ac.uk
www.lusu.co.uk/living/

Family Life

On campus, there is a strong community of postgraduate students with young families and a whole host of support services available.

To find out more about the support and services available for students moving to Lancaster with their families, visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/students-with-families

For more information please go to www.lancaster.ac.uk
Postgraduate study

Study facilities

Our students have access to excellent study facilities. From the Library and the Learning Zone to our e-learning resources, we have invested in the latest technology and equipment in support of your learning experience. This is all backed up with unrivalled service and support provided by our Information Systems Services team.

**IT facilities**

[www.lancaster.ac.uk/iss](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/iss)

Access to IT is crucial to postgraduate life at Lancaster, and Information Systems Services (ISS) is dedicated to providing you with the best IT facilities. You will have access to:

- High bandwidth connection to the IT network and Internet in your room on campus
- Wi-Fi access in your room and across campus
- University email with access to calendars and the University address book
- Secure personal network storage space on the University network (also accessible off campus)
- Online collaboration spaces for joint research work
- Online learning spaces to submit assignments, view lecture recordings, access interactive reading lists, and more
- Student portal, providing personalised access to your online learning spaces, and access to your timetable and online student record

- A wide range of academic, business and accessibility software, with many applications available for you to install on your own PC
- Over 1,000 PCs across campus plus scanners and printers, accessible 24/7, located in the Library, PC Labs, departments and colleges
- The iLancaster mobile app providing access to resources including your course timetable, bus timetables, campus locations, sports centre bookings, personal library and finance account information
- Flexible informal learning spaces in the Learning Zone and Library
- A laptop loan service, so you don’t always have to carry your own
- Support and assistance from the ISS Service Desk and access to free online or face-to-face IT training
- IT support at ‘The Workshop’, a campus-based service providing cost-effective support if your laptop, PC or Mac breaks

**The Library**

[www.lancaster.ac.uk/library](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/library)

Our Library offers you access to more than 30,000 e-journals, 300,000 e-books plus a wide range of other electronic and physical resources.

The Library building is currently undergoing a substantial refurbishment, which is due to be completed by the start of 2016. During the period of the refurbishment the number of Wi-Fi enabled reader spaces within the building will temporarily be reduced to around 530 and the number of PC workstations to around 200, with additional study spaces made available elsewhere on campus. Please refer to the Library’s webpages for full details of interim arrangements and the enhanced facilities to be introduced from January 2016.

Our discovery service, OneSearch ([http://onesearch.lancs.ac.uk/](http://onesearch.lancs.ac.uk/)) will help direct you to the materials you need, and online guidance is available from our webpages to help you with specific services, collections and information resources ([http://lancaster.libguides.com/](http://lancaster.libguides.com/)).
The Ruskin Library
www.lancaster.ac.uk/ruskin

The Ruskin Library houses the foremost collection of the nineteenth century’s most famous English critic of art, architecture and society – John Ruskin (1819–1900). The main holding of the Ruskin Library is the Whitehouse Collection of material relating to John Ruskin and his circle. The Collection, which belongs to Education Trust Ltd, is in the care of the Ruskin Foundation, based at Lancaster University. The Foundation also manages Brantwood, Ruskin’s home on the eastern shore of Coniston Water.

In the public galleries we display changing selections from over 2,000 drawings, of which 1,000 are by Ruskin. Others are by his friends and associates, including Samuel Prout, Edward Burne-Jones and Francesca Alexander. We also regularly exhibit work by contemporary artists inspired by Ruskin. Electronic and digitised resources include the Library Edition of Ruskin’s Works as well as Ruskin’s diaries, Venetian Notebooks and other manuscripts. It is now combined with the former Ruskin Centre, offering postgraduate seminars and teaching, mostly through the Department of English and Creative Writing.

Student Portal and online learning
www.lancaster.ac.uk/portal

The Student Portal gives you access to your email, timetable, notes and much more. You can even check when your library books are due back or sign up for learning activities.

One of the useful things you will find on the portal is a list of your taught or research training modules and access to related online resources.

Your interactions with the portal will differ according to your tutor’s preferences but it will usually include library resource lists, video and audio materials, discussion boards and collaborative activities.

For more information please go to www.lancaster.ac.uk
Supporting you

Lancaster University supports every student in making the most of their education and life at Lancaster. We offer a range of services that are free and easy to access throughout your time here.

The Students’ Union (LUSU)

www.lusu.co.uk

We provide representation, advice, services, and opportunities for students and ensure that students’ voices are heard within the University. And of course, we’re here to help you expand your social network.

There are many ways for postgraduates to get involved – from attending our forums to becoming a departmental academic representative; it’s a good way of meeting people and developing skills. You can also be involved by standing for an elected position on the Postgraduate Board, run jointly by LUSU and Graduate College.

LUSU Education and Support is part of the Union which works to support students at Lancaster University and its partner institutions across the globe. The service is solely for the benefit of students; it is central to representing and promoting the interests of both individual students and the student body as a whole.

LUSU Education and Support has a professional and experienced team of staff and officers who provide students with free, independent and confidential advice. Members of our team have their own areas of expertise, however, any of our advisers will be able to deal with any issues you may have. We can help solve problems you may face as a postgraduate student, including academic, accommodation, welfare, money, consumer and employment issues.

Student Based Services

www.lancaster.ac.uk/sbs

Student Based Services provides easy access to support that enhances your postgraduate experience. We work closely with colleagues across the University to provide advice and guidance on a range of academic and non-academic issues from welfare to funding, health to accommodation.

All services are available via The Base, our one stop enquiry desk at the front of University House, where friendly staff will do their best to help you or arrange an appointment with a specialist adviser.
**Counselling and mental health**
www.lancaster.ac.uk/sbs/counselling
www.lancaster.ac.uk/sbs/mentalhealth

Our private and confidential service covers all aspects of mental health and well-being.

**Disability**
www.lancaster.ac.uk/sbs/disabilities

Support is available on disability issues relating to all aspects of living and learning at Lancaster, including assessment and support for dyslexia, assessments for study aids, funding applications and social care support.

**Funding**
www.lancaster.ac.uk/sbs/funding

We can provide information, advice and guidance on student funding and financial aid, including help with Government and University funding, administration of financial aid schemes, guidance on living costs, and help with budgeting.

**Registry**
www.lancaster.ac.uk/sbs/registry

Staff can provide assistance with academic record matters, registration, module enrolment, academic review and appeals and provide student status letters.

**International Student Advice Service**
www.lancaster.ac.uk/sbs/international

Our International Student Advice Service can help with pre-arrival needs, cultural adjustment, visa information, social activities, financial issues, debt problems, and working in the UK.

**Chaplaincy Centre**
www.lancaster.ac.uk/chaplaincy

The Chaplaincy Centre is a place where you can pray and worship, reflect and contemplate, explore faith issues and ask questions. You can also come to meet others and find support and encouragement.

**Pre-School Centre**
www.lancaster-preschoolcentre.co.uk

With excellent Ofsted reports, fully qualified staff and 158 places split between two age groups – three months to two years and over two years – the Pre-School Centre is here to provide high quality childcare in support of students and staff with young children. Whilst fees are charged, we can advise you on how to claim back some of the costs.

**Health services**
www.lancaster.ac.uk/sbs/health
www.naturalhealthcare.org.uk

All students must register with the Bailrigg Health Centre (surgeries on campus and in Lancaster) or with another local GP. We also have a DENPLAN-accredited dentist and a pharmacy on campus. The Natural Health Care Centre offers complementary health treatment including Acupuncture, Alexander Technique, Aromatherapy and Reflexology.
Supporting your future

Whether you wish to open the door to faster career progression or lay the foundations for a bright future in academia, the University offers many levels of practical and specialist support to get you there.

**Departmental support**

From the simple, practical things like photocopying, computer, telephone and fax facilities to specialist support such as research supervision and personal development planning, your department will play a pivotal role in your postgraduate experience.

You can expect excellent resources, high quality supervision, access to world-class academics (Lancaster’s own and visiting), expertise and experience of producing world-changing research, and a departmental and faculty research seminar series at which leading researchers from other universities present their latest work.

Your department can help with funding to support your research activities (external training courses and conference attendance, for example). And, of course, you will always have full student representation in the University’s decision making through departmental and faculty committees.

**Personal development**

[Lancaster University provides structured support for you to reflect on your learning and development through an online personal space. This provides opportunities to write about and reflect upon your experience – learning, research, and teaching – and to share with peers, tutors, supervisors and even people external to the university. It provides you with a means to enhance your awareness of the skills and qualities you are developing, gain feedback from others on your progress, and develop a record to inform future research and career choices.](www.lancaster.ac.uk/portal)

**Research Training Programme**

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Careers
http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/careers

Lancaster University is proud of its reputation for creating highly qualified, employable postgraduates. Our careers support will help you negotiate and succeed in an ever more complex and competitive job market.

We provide an extensive range of services and activities to help you make informed decisions about your career options:

- A range of career development programmes designed to meet the specific needs of postgraduate students
- Individual Careers Adviser support in career choice, job search, recruitment and selection processes, psychometric testing, self-employment, enterprise skills and commercial awareness development
- Access to job vacancies, work experience and placements
- Careers resources online, accessible through our website
- We work with many of the top graduate employers, maintaining close relationships with industries and businesses to ensure we can keep you up to date with the latest recruitment opportunities and required competencies
- Access to thousands of vacancies from all sectors, via our online job board TARGETconnect and through our on campus Employment and Recruitment Service
- An annual Career Opportunities Fair and a programme of employer presentations and bespoke events throughout the year

The Lancaster Award
www.lancaster.ac.uk/careers/award

The Lancaster Award recognises your extra-curricular achievements and demonstrates your skills to employers. You take the award alongside your postgraduate studies by completing activities in: employability and career development; campus and community involvement and work experience.

Employment and Recruitment Service
http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/employment-and-recruitment-services

Finding flexible part-time work whilst on campus, or on your vacation break, can provide you with excellent work experience as well as extra funds. The Employment and Recruitment Service will help you find work on campus, in the local area or further afield. You can sign up to join our recruitment pool and get alerts from the online jobs board TARGETconnect. There are hundreds of temporary opportunities to explore, as well as a host of graduate schemes, paid placements, work experience or internships.

Lots of postgraduate students manage to combine work and study effectively but if you have concerns pop into Careers in the Base to find out more about how to find the right opportunity to suit your needs.

Alumni network
www.lancaster.ac.uk/alumni

You can take advantage of the alumni network for professional and social networking during your time as a student and beyond. With over 120,000 graduates in more than 160 countries worldwide you’ll find an active alumni network across the globe. Find out more online – we’re on the main website and you’ll find us on LinkedIn (linkd.in/LancasterUni) and Facebook (facebook.com/LancasterUniversityAlumni).

Education and support
www.lusu.co.uk/services/advice-support/

LUSU also have a specialist team of advisers with expertise in supporting postgraduates with educational issues. We offer guidance and support regarding your rights and responsibilities and can help with a broad range of issues from research students’ supervision to taught students’ teaching provision.

LUSU opportunities
www.lusu.co.uk/get-involved

LUSU offers worthwhile and interesting volunteering and enterprise opportunities to students such as helping in schools and community organisations, working with museums and charities or volunteering with young offenders. Green Lancaster is another initiative in which you can volunteer to make a positive difference to the environment and gain valuable transferrable skills in the process. Many of our events are run at the weekend so that you can fit your participation around your studies.

LUSU can also support you in becoming an entrepreneur if you are thinking of setting up your own business. We can help turn your ideas into reality with start-up-funds and links to business professionals.

Our international opportunities are about much more than a simple ‘exchange’ with our partner institutions around the world. You’ll gain a real understanding of the country you visit by volunteering on established projects, meeting with local government, networking with major corporate companies and learning about important international issues from leading academics.
Study Options

1. Research degrees
Our postgraduate students are an important part of our research culture and make up a third of our student population.

Internationally acclaimed as a research led university, we pride ourselves on our ability to produce world-changing research that is recognised to be cutting-edge, innovative and relevant by government, funding bodies, policy agencies and industry. Our postgraduate students are vital to our research activities and derive the benefits of working alongside experts at the forefront of their specialist fields.

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
Most doctoral students at Lancaster work on a traditional PhD by Research, including research training and an emphasis on conducting original research leading to a written thesis.

It is also possible to conduct original research and produce a series of peer refereed academic papers for publication, rather than a thesis. This leads to the degree of PhD by Alternative Format.

Master of Philosophy (MPhil)
An MPhil normally takes two years of full-time study, with an emphasis on conducting original research and writing up a research project that is of similar quality but smaller in size and scope than a PhD thesis.

Some faculties also offer specialised research degrees such as PhD by Thesis and Coursework, Master of Laws (LLM), and MSc/MA (by Research). You can find full details of these research degrees in the relevant academic sections of the prospectus.

Professional Doctorates
We offer three types of professional doctorates: Doctor of Medicine (MD), Doctor of Clinical Psychology (DClinPsy), and the Engineering Doctorate (EngD). Some of our PhD programmes also have variants that make them particularly suitable for part-time study.

Supervisors and research training
As a research student you will be allocated an academic supervisory team to help you formulate your research topic, offer advice as you carry out and write up your research and ensure that any problems are resolved at the earliest possible stage.

All research students will attend our research training programmes, which are designed to support you through your studies and help you to develop skills for your future career. More details of our Research Training Programme can be found in the ‘Supporting your future’ section.

You will also undergo a development needs assessment guided by your supervisor, when you first register, which will help in making sound decisions about what particular training is most appropriate for you. It will be updated annually and your training programme revised accordingly.
2. Integrated degrees (1+3)

Several of our courses offer students the option to take a bridging approach to postgraduate study. Known as Integrated degrees, or 1+3 degrees, they can be followed at a Masters level before progressing directly to PhD level. This progression is subject to reaching pre-agreed entry requirements during your Masters studies.

Although there is a taught component to these courses, they are ideal for those students who already have a clear idea of the field they would like to research and they are assessed primarily by dissertation.

Integrated degree courses are clearly indicated in our programme listings.

3. Taught postgraduate degrees

Our taught postgraduate degrees normally involve a combination of taught modules, coursework and a research dissertation. Some programmes enable you to carry out a real life research project for a company or organisation in place of the dissertation.

While most taught courses enable you to build upon your undergraduate studies some academic programmes are open to students with little or no prior academic experience in the subject.

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Doctoral Training Centres

Doctoral Training Centres aim to attract and nurture talented and skilled researchers to secure the future supply of graduates in specific disciplinary areas.

Students based in Doctoral Training Centres carry out a research project at PhD level together with taught coursework in a supportive and exciting environment.

There are real benefits to undertaking a PhD through a Doctoral Training Centre:
- An innovative, exciting and vibrant four year training programme developed to produce high quality researchers
- A funded scheme with substantial Government and industry backing providing a large number of studentships with greatly enhanced stipends
- The integral involvement of leading industry partners in both training and research
- A great student experience from training as part of a group, cooperating and interacting with like-minded peers
- Researching important cross-disciplinary problems to ensure that your research makes an impact
- The development of skills and experiences, which are required for a rapid career progression
- An environment in which students can access the best specialist research across all universities within the consortium

The following doctoral research centres offer studentships at Lancaster:

**North West Doctoral Training Centre (NWDTC)**
[www.nwdtc.ac.uk/](http://www.nwdtc.ac.uk/)

The NWDTC, a collaboration between the Universities of Lancaster, Liverpool and Manchester, was created by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and is the largest Doctoral Training Centre in England for postgraduate social science training.

Each year the Centre awards at least 63 new postgraduate studentships, across the full range of social sciences, to support research and training at a doctoral level across the three universities. Over the initial five year period this equates to more than £15m of investment.

**HighWire**
[www.highwire.lancaster.ac.uk/](http://www.highwire.lancaster.ac.uk/)

Lancaster University is home to HighWire: a Doctoral Training Centre that delivers a creative fusion between three key disciplines, namely computer science, management and design.

£5m in funding comes from the Digital Economy Innovation programme, which is part of the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC). HighWire is also supported by a range of companies including: AT&T, BBC, BT, Clifford Chance, CSMTC, HP Labs, Knowledge Partners, Microsoft, Mott MacDonald, O2 and Sony, in addition to 20 micro businesses and SMEs in the North West.

**STOR-i**
[www.stor-i.lancs.ac.uk/](http://www.stor-i.lancs.ac.uk/)

STOR-i aims to grow the national research base in Statistics and Operational Research, two areas which have long been acknowledged by EPSRC as shortage subjects.

Based at Lancaster University, with a ground-breaking approach to statistics and operational research, STOR-i’s unique training programme will develop a new generation of researcher capable of making a real impact in academic, scientific and industrial fields.

STOR-i has committed support from leading industry partners including BT, Shell, Unilever and the Met Office. The £4.3m EPSRC funding has already provided fully funded studentships to around 40 PhD students.
Lancaster University is an active partner in the North West Nanoscience (NOWNANO) Doctoral Training Centre, which builds on the world-leading expertise within Lancaster and Manchester Universities to offer a broad interdisciplinary Doctoral Training Centre. A major aim of NOWNANO is to create a cohort of researchers that are able to draw on knowledge from a broad spectrum of sciences and to work in interdisciplinary teams.

NOWNANO has 20 PhD places and holds over £2m of EPSRC grants, including the EPSRC Portfolio Partnership, and during the last four years participated in six FP6-EC and ESF networks, three of which were Lancaster led.

BBSRC Doctoral Training Partnership in Food Security

The BBSRC is a doctoral training partnership between the Universities of Reading, Southampton, Lancaster and Surrey, and Rothamsted Research.

Offering studentships in the area of food security, the research conducted in this centre focuses on the global challenges posed by an expanding population, pressure on agricultural land, climate change and the diminution of scarce resources.

The centre is funded by the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council, and offers training and supervision leading to the award of a PhD in each of its constituent universities.

In collaboration with the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), Lancaster University is working with other academic institutions in the north west of England to seek out and nurture outstanding postgraduate research students and provide world-class training in the arts and humanities.

Funded by the AHRC, PhD studentships may be based wholly at Lancaster or, where appropriate, collaboratively supervised with a partner institution. Either way, every student will enjoy access to a broad range of resources and training at Lancaster and at partner institutions across the region.

The Centre for Global Eco-Innovation is the only centre of its kind in Europe and is part financed by the European Regional Development Fund. It brings together the expertise, resources and global contacts of Lancaster University and the University of Liverpool, together with international commercialisation consultancy Inventa. SME-led collaborative R&D partnership with two world-ranking universities underpin the development of new products, processes and services for the global marketplace, which by virtue of their use, manufacture, raw materials, reuse or disposal, deliver positive environmental impacts.

Funded by the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC), Lancaster University is leading the initiative which brings together the Universities of Nottingham and Bangor, the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, the British Geological Survey and Rothamsted Research. The initiative also involves large multinationals, a large number of SMEs and international research centres. Students will benefit from: broad research themes, access to leading world experts, close ties with business, relevant work experience and leadership training. Envision will recruit 12 PhD students per year for the next five years – starting from October 2014.

For more information please go to www.lancaster.ac.uk
Finance and funding

Living costs and budgeting
While living expenses vary depending on your lifestyle and needs, rents and some living expenses do tend to be lower at Lancaster than in some urban centres.

There are a variety of financial awards at Lancaster for which you may be eligible to apply. Awards are strictly limited and you must make provision to meet all your study related costs for the duration of your course. Please see www.lancaster.ac.uk/pgfunding

Under the UK points based immigration system, if you are an international (Non UK/EU) student, you will be required to have a minimum amount to support yourself and additional sums for each of your dependants (adult or child). For more information please see www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk

Staff in Student Services and the Students’ Union can provide practical advice on funding, budgeting and debt. For guidance on student living costs and an interactive budget planner, please visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/sbs/funding/costsandbudgeting

Fees for postgraduate study
All candidates should ensure that they have access to sufficient funds to cover living expenses and tuition fees across the duration of their studies. During the online pre-registration process you will be required to agree to pay your tuition fees when they become due, or to provide evidence that the fees will be paid by another person or organisation.

The annual tuition fee covers registration, tuition and examination. It does not include residential accommodation, living expenses, or charges for re-examination. All fees may be revised and as much notice as possible will be given of any changes.

All fees (both standard and non-standard) are likely to increase annually. 2015-16 fees will be announced in the spring of 2015 and will be published on the University website at www.lancaster.ac.uk/pgfees

Funding and awards
At first sight, finding sources of financial support might seem daunting. However, with the advice and guidance you’ll receive from our staff, both at university level and within faculties and departments, you can be assured that we’ll do our utmost to help you in your applications for funding.

We recommend that you start planning the financing of your studies 12–18 months in advance of your programme start date, as some external awards will have application deadlines this early in the process.

Additional sources of funding are available, especially for specific programmes and for students from particular countries/regions. For detailed listings of awards available at Lancaster, and for information about how to apply for them, please consult:
- www.lancaster.ac.uk/pgfunding
- A member of staff in your subject area to find out how previous students have paid for their studies.

Charities, trust and other general funders
A wide variety of charitable and other organisations have funds they make available to intending postgraduate students at both masters and PhD level. The amounts they make available as grants range from £500 to several thousand pounds. Most award the funding on a competitive basis, and have criteria related to either academic excellence or financial need. Many have additional criteria related to the wider charitable aims of the organisation. Their application deadline dates, and application processes are very varied and some have a number of different deadlines at times throughout the year.

Further details
Visit our website for details of postgraduate funding opportunities: www.lancaster.ac.uk/postgraduate-fees
**Fee examples from 2014-15**

**Home and EU annual fees: 2014-2015 examples**

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£6,500 (Sciences) | £3,996 |
| **Full-time away from the University** | £2,975 (Arts & Social Sciences)  
£3,250 (Sciences) | £1,998 |
| **Part-time**          | £2,975 (Arts & Social Sciences)  
£3,250 (Sciences) | £1,998 |

**Overseas students annual fees: 2013-2014 examples**

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| **Full-time at the University (1)** | £17,030  
£13,520 | £16,260  
£12,940 |
| **Full-time at the University (2)** | £8,515  
£6,760 | £8,130  
£6,470 |
| **Full-time away from the University**(1) |  
**Full-time away from the University**(2) |  
Part-time |  
| as per full-time away fee |** |

* MPhil/PhD, MRes and MSc (by research).

**Applicable to those students whose research is being conducted full-time away from Lancaster and who have had this status approved.**

(1) For courses and research within the departments of LEC (Biological and Environmental disciplines; Physical Geography), Communication Systems, Computing, Engineering, Mathematics and Statistics, Physics and Psychology.

(2) Fee for LEC (Human Geographical disciplines) and all other departments.

**Please note:** the tuition fee rates outlined are only applicable to those programmes, which attract the standard fee rate. A full listing of those courses which attract the non-standard fees can be found on our website [www.lancaster.ac.uk/pgfees](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/pgfees)
Applying to Lancaster

Our aim is to make the application process as simple and efficient as possible for you. We would encourage you to apply online using the My Applications website at www.lancaster.ac.uk/postgraduate-applications

Using My Applications to apply
Using your account on the My Applications website, you are able to submit applications for the programme(s) which you wish to study, upload supporting documentation and provide us with information about referees. You may apply for all Lancaster University postgraduate programmes using this method with the exception of the Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (DClinPsy) and the PgDip/MA in Social Work. These two programmes are administered by external agencies: please refer to the course listings on pages 114 and 91 for further details.

What do I need to include with my application?
If you use the My Applications website then you will be advised which documentation you need to upload or send to us. We can automatically contact your referees once you have submitted your application, if you ask us to.

The supporting documentation screen will provide you with a list of required documents. These will usually include:
- Degree certificates and transcripts of previous higher education (college/university) degrees or other courses that you have completed/for which you are currently studying. Note that, for transcripts in languages other than English, a certified English translation will be required.
- Personal Statement
- Research proposal (for research degrees)
- References
- For those for whom English is not their first language, copies of English language test results

Current Lancaster University students may use our Fast Track application route on the MyLancaster admissions portal; these applicants will not need to provide their Lancaster degree transcript and only need to provide the name of one referee.

Current Lancaster students
If you are a current Lancaster student, or you have recently graduated from Lancaster, we can reduce the amount of information that you will need to provide as part of your application. You will need to provide only one reference and will not need to supply your Lancaster degree transcript. We will also pre-fill your personal details, ready for you to check.

Other ways to apply
If you are unable to use our online application service, please contact the appropriate Faculty Admissions Office for your intended programme of study (see right).

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