Welcome

When your loved ones are applying to university for the first time, we understand that it can be difficult to know how to help.

Inside this guide you’ll find all the information you need to support your son or daughter along the undergraduate journey.

This guide is also available as an interactive PDF on our website:

nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/downloads
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Why go to university?

Education transforms lives

Studying at university level will not only help your son or daughter to develop in-depth subject knowledge and transferable skills – it will open up a world of opportunity.

Our world

The University of Nottingham is a place of possibility and opportunity – where the extraordinary happens everyday and the potential of every student is unlocked.

By delivering outstanding teaching, inspirational surroundings, a dedicated support network and diverse extracurricular options, we’ll ensure your child is prepared for whatever direction they choose to take.

Their future

Our students have access to a more fulfilling career, as well as better salary prospects. We also offer a wide range of options for study abroad or industrial placements to enhance their experience.

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* Graduate labour market: statistics 2017, April 2018.
Key dates for 2020 entry

What’s happening, when

Make a note of these key dates. More information about the application process can be found on pages 10-11.

2019

21 May
Undergraduate courses for 2019 entry are live on ucas.com/search

4 September
Completed applications can be submitted to UCAS.

Applications can only be sent when all sections are complete, the reference is added, and the application fee has been paid.

2020

15 October*
Application deadline for Oxford and Cambridge, and for medicine, dentistry and veterinary science.

15 January*
Application deadline for the majority of undergraduate courses, to ensure equal consideration*.

February-April
Offer-holder events take place at the University of Nottingham – invitations are sent to students via email.

February/March
Applications open for student finance in England. See gov.uk/studentfinance

2 March
Accommodation booking opens at the University of Nottingham.

We recommend students book early to have a good chance of getting their preferred choice.

May
The deadline for applying for student finance in England is this month.

31 May
Deadline to apply for a guaranteed room in University of Nottingham accommodation.

30 June
Last date for applications to UCAS. Those submitted after 6pm GMT go into Clearing.

13 August
A level exam results are released.

The outcome of your child’s application will be available online in UCAS Track.

17 September
International student welcome begins.

21 September
First day of term; registration, induction and welcome for EU and UK students.

nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/applicationprocess

All undergraduate applications to UK universities have to be made online via UCAS, which has strict deadlines. For full details, including information about UCAS Extra, Clearing and Adjustment, please see ucas.com

* It may still be possible to apply for courses after the 15 January and 15 October deadlines. However, due to the competitive nature of many courses, they may become full, therefore it is highly advisable for students to apply by the relevant deadline.
Choosing where to apply

Making the right choice

The huge number of options for what to study, and where, can be overwhelming at first.

Encourage your son or daughter to think about:

- if graduates usually work in a specific field, or go on to further study, after completing a certain course
- whether studying abroad or industry experience is something they would be interested in
- how a course differs from one university to another – even if they have the same title
- whether a rural location or city life would suit them best
- if specific subjects are required at GCSE or A level
- how easy it is to travel to and from the university, in case they want to visit home often
- any personal interests or hobbies that they might want to do more of, either through the university or in the local area

League tables

Universities can be rated according to a range of different criteria, such as research quality, employability rates, teaching standards, sports performance or student satisfaction.

nottingham.ac.uk/go/leaguetables

If your son or daughter is struggling to choose a subject area, it can help to talk to current students at an open day about what they are studying.

We also have a range of videos which bring our subjects to life.

Visit our YouTube channel: NottmUniversity
Applying to university

The journey

All undergraduate applications to UK universities have to be made online via UCAS. The UCAS website has a range of resources to help with all stages of the application process.

1 Complete the application

There are seven parts to the application form and it has to be filled out online, via UCAS.

The personal statement can be the most difficult part for most students. This outlines their personal ambitions, skills, and experience.

2 Submit the application

If your son or daughter is applying through their school, the application may go to the school before it is sent to UCAS.

Students can check the status of their application at any stage by logging in to UCAS Track.

3 Wait for a response

Each university will look at your child’s application and may make one of the following offers:

- **Conditional** – there are entry requirements they still need to meet, based on exam results for example
- **Unconditional** – they have already met the entry requirements

UCAS alerts applicants when a decision is made by a university.

4 Reply to all offers

After all universities have responded, your son or daughter needs to reply to any offers by a specific deadline. To accept an offer, they can choose from:

- **Firm** – this is their first choice.
- **Insurance** – this is a back-up choice

5 Securing a place

When an applicant meets the conditions for their firm choice (by receiving their exam results for example) their place on that course will be confirmed by UCAS.

6 Clearing and Adjustment

If your child is unsuccessful or exceeds the conditions of their firm choice, they may be able to apply for another course through Clearing or Adjustment.

ucas.com
Fees and funding

You might be nervous about the costs of studying at university, but there’s a lot of help out there for students who need it.

UK and EU students

Tuition fees

Full-time UK and EU undergraduate students starting in 2019 will be charged an annual fee of £9,250 to study at the University of Nottingham. Most of these students will not have to pay their fees upfront, as they can take out a tuition fee loan from the government to cover this cost.*

* Eligible students only – for details, please see gov.uk/student-finance

Maintenance loans

For 2020/2021, it is likely that the UK government will continue to offer loans to help with living costs too. While students are studying, the interest rate on student loans is charged at the Retail Price Index (RPI) plus 3%.

It is likely that students will repay government loans after they leave university and are earning over £25,000 per year. They will repay 9% of any earnings over £25,000. Please refer to the UK government's official guidance on student finance.

gov.uk/student-finance

Support from the University of Nottingham

We provide a generous package of bursaries to support UK students from lower-income households and a range of scholarships.

nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport

International students

Tuition fees at the University of Nottingham vary from course to course for non-EU students. At the time of printing, fees remain fixed for the duration of the course (except for medicine and foundation programmes) and can be paid in instalments.

We offer a range of scholarships for outstanding students from selected countries, schools, colleges and with international qualifications.

nottingham.ac.uk/go/international-scholarships

Cost of living

Nottingham is a very affordable city for students. There are plenty of discounts for students at shops, restaurants and bars, as well as cheap bus and tram travel around the city.

Note:

At the time of going to print, fees and funding for 2020 entry were yet to be finalised.

For up-to-date information, please check

nottingham.ac.uk/fees

financialsupport@nottingham.ac.uk
Why Nottingham?
Studying at the University of Nottingham transforms futures

46,000 students from over 150 countries across all our campuses

2 Nobel Prizes since 2003

The University of Nottingham is consistently ranked among the world’s top 100 universities
QS World University Rankings 2019.

The Graduate Market in 2013-2019, High Fliers Research.

Awarded a TEF Gold rating for our outstanding teaching

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Over 300 clubs, societies and opportunities for students to choose from

In the top 20 in the UK’s three major league tables

A founding member of the prestigious RUSSELL GROUP of leading UK universities

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Teaching and learning

Welcome to our world

We provide the perfect environment to unlock our students’ potential and prepare them for the future.

Inspiring people

Many of our academic staff are actively engaged in research which is changing the world.

Amazing spaces

Students are at the heart of all we do and we make sure they have the learning spaces, facilities and resources that they need.

We continuously invest in our libraries, sports facilities, lecture halls and laboratories. The Students’ Union building has recently been transformed and a Teaching and Learning Hub has now opened – providing purpose-built social and study spaces.

The lecturers are very passionate about their subject areas and genuinely want to help their students.

— Robert Day, BA Geography with Business

* The University’s student evaluation scores for modules (SEM) and teaching (SET) are consistently high, with an average aggregate score of 21.72 out of 25 for semester 1 in 2016/17.
Accommodation

A place to call home

Most students live in University-arranged accommodation in halls of residence for their first year.

At the University of Nottingham there are over 9,000 furnished rooms available in catered, part-catered and self-catered halls of residence. Room options include shared, studio flats or en-suite facilities.

Security

All of our halls are accessed by key or keycard entry, giving you and your loved ones peace of mind. There’s also 24-hour security, site managers, and pastoral support if it’s needed.

Costs

For the academic year 2019/20, the cost of accommodation ranges from around £4,620 to £8,221.40 depending on the type of accommodation.

Please see the accommodation website for up-to-date fees for the year your son or daughter will be studying.

All fees include internet access, personal contents insurance, access to a launderette, all utilities and storage facilities for bikes. 19 meals per week are also included in the fees for catered halls.

Private accommodation

There is a wide range of choice for private accommodation in Nottingham. Many students move into privately-rented houses with their friends in the second and third years.

Read our website for useful guidance on what to look for: nottingham.ac.uk/yourcommunity

Additional requirements

Students with a disability are guaranteed a suitable room in University-arranged accommodation for the duration of their studies.

All our sites are mixed-sex occupancy but we’ll do our best to provide accommodation in a single-sex area if requested.

We guarantee University-arranged accommodation for one year to all new full-time undergraduate students, providing they firmly accept their offer to study, and apply by the deadline*.

* For full details see nottingham.ac.uk/go/accommodationguarantee
Their future

Careers and employability

96.5% of our students were employed or in further study six months after graduation.

Known destinations of full-time home undergraduates, 2016/17.

We offer the Nottingham Advantage Award – a programme of over 150 modules focusing on skills, employability and personal development.

Some students know exactly what career they want in the future, but others need a little more flexibility. It might be reassuring to know that, for many of our degrees, there are a range of possible career paths.

Whatever their ambitions, our Careers and Employability Service can help your son or daughter to prepare for their future.

blogs.nottingham.ac.uk/careers

Our graduates are targeted by leading employers and local, national and international organisations are regularly on campus including:

- Amazon
- Cancer Research
- The Civil Service
- Goldman Sachs
- PwC
- Rolls-Royce
- Unilever

We provide a range of services and activities for students throughout the year, such as one-to-one appointments, CV reviews, skills workshops, recruitment fairs and work placements.

nottingham.ac.uk/careers
Our support services

Here to help

Support services include:

NHS GP and dental services on University Park Campus

Student Service Centres on every UK campus, providing support, and access to specialist services, including:

- academic support for students with specific learning difficulties
- disability support, via our registered assessment centre*
- financial support
- visas and immigration

* If you wish to declare a disability, please ensure that you have ticked the appropriate box on your UCAS application form. Disclosure of this information will not affect your application.

Free confidential counselling service

Hall pastoral support within University accommodation and in some third-party accommodation

Multi-faith chaplaincy for faith support and advice

Personal tutors for academic guidance

Disability liaison officers and school welfare officers in each academic school

Mental health advisory service

Health promotion providing students with advice and information about health and wellbeing services

Security service 24-hours a day, seven days a week, all year round

Students’ Union Advice for confidential advice on issues such as housing, money, and academic and employment concerns

Students sometimes need help during their time at university. We will provide the support they need, when they need it.

At the University of Nottingham, your son or daughter will have access to a range of specialist support services such as counselling, financial guidance, careers, healthcare and more.

The Student Service Centres on every UK campus give students a place to go to when they need help. Staff at these centres listen to students’ needs and, if necessary, can refer your child to a specialist team.

nottingham.ac.uk/studentservices
Global opportunities

An international experience can benefit students in a variety of ways – by helping them develop a range of skills, enhancing their language ability, or giving them the chance to live and study somewhere different.

We have one of the biggest study abroad programmes in the UK, with 300 partners in 40 countries worldwide. We offer full year and single semester exchanges, overseas field schools, summer schools and international research placements, giving most students the opportunity to take their learning overseas.

Your son or daughter will receive comprehensive advice and support throughout the process.

Students’ Union

The University of Nottingham Students’ Union (SU) is a diverse organisation, run by students, staff and volunteers. There are opportunities for your son or daughter to get involved, make changes, and connect with others.

We have over 200 student-led groups, clubs and societies which cover a wide range of interests such as performing arts, yoga, traditional sports or something a bit different like Quidditch.

Our Volunteer Centre also offers over 100 projects, one-off events and activities on campus and in the local community.

Students can access three state-of-the-art fitness centres, over 100 weekly classes and choose from 70 sports clubs – some of which compete in intramural leagues.

Sport

Whether your son or daughter is just starting out or they’re on track to become an elite athlete, we will inspire them to get involved in sporting activities.

Good University Guide 2019: Sport's University of the Year
Further information

**Accommodation Services:**
+44 (0)115 951 3697
accommodation@nottingham.ac.uk
nottingham.ac.uk/accommodation

**Admissions Office:**
Enquiries related to existing applications
+44 (0)115 951 4749

**Careers and employability:**
Advice and information
nottingham.ac.uk/careers/students

**International and EU students:**
+44 (0)115 951 5247
nottingham.ac.uk/go/international-applicants

**Nottinghamshire life:**
Information including events, culture and places of interest
visit-nottinghamshire.co.uk
leftlion.co.uk

**NUS (National Union of Students):**
Information about all aspects of university life
nus.org.uk

**Student Finance:**
gov.uk/student-finance
nottingham.ac.uk/fees

**Student services:**
The main point of contact for current students
+44 (0)115 748 6500
nottingham.ac.uk/studentservices

**Students’ Union switchboard:**
- Clubs, societies and activities
- Student Volunteer Centre
+44 (0)115 84 68800
su.nottingham.ac.uk

**Support Hub:**
All pre-application enquiries, including open days and general information about studying with us
+44 (0)115 951 5559
nottingham.ac.uk/enquire

**The Student Room:**
Peer-to-peer community forum for students
thestudentroom.co.uk

**Which? University:**
What to study, where to go, and how to get there
university.which.co.uk

**Widening Participation:**
- Local outreach activities
- Summer schools
+44 (0)115 951 5075

**UCAS:**
General advice and guidance about applying to university
+44 (0)371 468 0468
ucas.com

**UKCISA (UK Council for International Student Affairs):**
The UK's national advisory body for international students and those who work with them
ukcisa.org.uk

**University switchboard:**
+44 (0)115 951 5151

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Connect with us through our social media:
nottingham.ac.uk/connect

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**Getting here**

Our campuses in the UK are conveniently located for rail and road connections to other major cities. We’re less than two hours from London by train, and a tram runs directly from Nottingham’s train station to the University area of the city.

East Midlands Airport is approximately 13 miles from University Park and Jubilee Campuses, and just five miles from Sutton Bonington Campus.

For more information about travelling to our campuses, please see our website.
nottingham.ac.uk/go/visitorinformation
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