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Doctoral College



## Thank you for choosing Bath

Dear contact.nickname,

Choosing to do your doctorate at Bath is a decision well made. You will join academics and researchers of international reputation, known for the originality and significance of their work. You will have a host of opportunities for intellectual stimulation, to nurture your love of discovery and you will have the help you need to gain the skills to succeed in your chosen career path. Whether you have received an unconditional offer from us or still have some conditions to meet before we can confirm your offer of a place, we hope you find the information below useful.

We look forward to welcoming you to Bath.

Best wishes

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## Before you arrive

We have prepared a [handy checklist](#) to help you prepare before you arrive.

It includes a wealth of information including Doctoral Induction activities, our guide to Registering with the University, Accommodation, Information for International students and Support Services, through to How to set-up your email and devices, Making the most of your time at University, Study Areas, and other useful links.

If you haven't already then don't forget to accept your offer. If you have a conditional offer, please upload any documents you need to show you've met the conditions of your offer.

Once you've accepted your offer, you will receive an email in September, [inviting you to register](#). This is crucial to ensure you can use university facilities, get into buildings around campus and start your studies.

We also encourage you to reach out to your supervisor and plan your first meeting for when you arrive.

## When you arrive

As well as meeting your supervisor, you should engage with the [induction programme](#). Induction is an essential step in getting your programme off to a good start. Please take some time now to familiarise yourself with your induction programme and the dates and times of the compulsory sessions and activities. You will be able to book onto sessions and access online activities, once you have completed registration.

Your Doctoral Programmes Administrator will be in touch soon to introduce themselves and give you the opportunity to ask any questions that you may have.

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## Your Doctoral College

The Doctoral College is an expert hub supporting and developing a community of high quality doctoral researchers. We provide:

- Help during the doctoral recruitment process including the allocation of funding, to help recruit quality students to undertake high impact research
- Expertise on the implementation of doctoral standards and advocate for all things doctoral within the university
- Support as you progress through your doctoral journey and navigate your formal milestones, regardless of circumstance and need, to ensure they complete in time
- A researcher development programme to help you thrive while doing your studies, and provide opportunities to enable you to flourish in the future

So far, your application will have been dealt with by our Recruitment Team but soon they will hand over to the relevant Programme Administrator for your programme. They will look after you for the duration of your doctorate. If you have an unconditional offer you will hear from them before your course start date.

Your Programme Administrator will help with any initial queries you may have. They then coordinate your progress and assessment arrangements, including any associated

paperwork, and signpost you to support when you need it throughout your time here. They will also be there at the end of your degree to receive your thesis once you are ready to submit it.

[Contact your Programme Administrator](#) if you have any queries.

You can also find a wealth of information on our website on everything from [Academic Milestones](#), to [advice and support](#), and [development opportunities](#)

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## Doctoral Development

As a doctoral researcher at the University of Bath you will be encouraged to develop your skills and enhance your networks. Within the Doctoral College we help you to do this by providing free skills development training and hosting regular events throughout the year, including:

- Doctoral Festival of Ideas to celebrate and raise the profile of doctoral research across the University
  - Annual Three Minute Thesis competition where students have to talk about their research in 3 minutes with only one slide
  - Annual celebration event to reward and recognise efforts and excellence within our doctoral community
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## Social and Study Space

There is a range of [social and study space reserved for doctoral researchers](#) in the Doctoral College's building, 10 West, and in the library. This complements the space provided by your department, giving you flexibility in where you choose to work.

You can find out more about what we offer you on [our Doctoral College website](#)

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## Advice and support

Once you register, you will have access to [support for your wellbeing and mental health](#), including Student Services, the [Students' Union](#), and our Doctoral Peer Support scheme.

In most programmes, you'll also be eligible for support from a [Peer Mentor](#) at the beginning of your studies. They'll give you informal advice about studying in Bath and share their experiences as a doctoral student

[Student Services](#) provides you with a wide range of support and guidance, including: wellbeing, counselling and mental health support, money management, disability advice and support, and international student advice.

[The Disability Service](#) provides support for you if you have disabilities and/or long term health conditions, which can include but are not limited to: specific learning difficulties (e.g. dyslexia), Autistic Spectrum conditions, mobility or sensory impairments, and mental health

conditions.

If you did not disclose a disability and/or long term health condition on your application form but would like further information, in confidence, about possible support that may be available, please get in touch by emailing [disabilityadvice@bath.ac.uk](mailto:disabilityadvice@bath.ac.uk).

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## Getting to know the University and the city of Bath

Bath is a beautiful city to live, work and study in. [Find out more about living in the city and the south west](#).

If you are moving to Bath from outside the UK, we have some information to help you in our [relocation guide](#). There is also a [programme of events](#) held in September to help you settle into life in Bath.

### Accommodation

You may already be planning the practicalities of coming to Bath, including finding accommodation. Whether you're looking for long-term options or visiting the University for a short residential course, we have [various accommodation options available](#). You can also get [advice and support on housing from the Students' Union](#).

### Sports and fitness

Our [Team Bath](#) sports facilities include a state-of-the-art Sports Training Village with Olympic-sized swimming pool, gym, fitness classes, indoor and outdoor tennis courts and athletics track. There is also a [social sports programme](#) offered by the Students Union.

### Languages and culture

There are many [language learning opportunities](#) at the University. If you are an international student, you will automatically become a member of the student-led [International Students' Association](#), which connects cultures through socials, support and representation.



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## Doctoral College contacts

If you have any questions about your offer or about the admissions process, please email our [Doctoral College team](#).





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