

# Student Mobility FACT SHEET 2021-22

## Contact Information:

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## Application and Admission:

| How to Apply | <ol> <li>Partner to nominate students for the exchange</li> <li>Students to submit their application</li> </ol>  |
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|              | <ul> <li>A full application should include the following documents:</li> <li>Application form (please find attachment)</li> <li>CV/Resume</li> <li>Covering letter</li> <li>Copy of your passport</li> <li>English language certificate (IELTS 6.0)</li> <li>Electronic portfolio with samples of course related work <u>Please DO NOT send CD or USB keys</u> Student applying to the Birmingham Institute of Media and English do not need to send a portfolio</li></ul> |
|              | PLEASE RETURN NOMINATIONS AND APPLICATIONS TO:<br><u>Michela.Reghellin@bcu.ac.uk</u><br>DEADLINE for application:  |
|              | PHASE 1 (September to January/All year) – 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2021<br>PHASE 2 (January-February to June) – 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2021   |
|              | On receipt of above information, we will respond to all students and we will advise on the modules for the learning agreement.   |
|              | Please note that, due to the current situation with COVID-19 and the FCO<br>advice, we are unable to guarantee whether we will be able to accept<br>student in September 2021. We will keep the situation monitored and we<br>will inform all partners and applicants as soon as possible. In the meantime,<br>students are welcome to proceed with their applications.  |

Academic Calendar 2021-22:

| Event                                | Dates                   |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| International Orientation Week       | 6 - 10 September        |
| International Student Welcome Event  | TBC                     |
| Induction Week                       | 13 - 17 September       |
| Semester 1 teaching begins           | 20 September            |
| Exchange Student Study Period Ends   | 17 December             |
| Winter vacation                      | 20 December – 7 January |
| Semester 2 begins                    | 10 January              |
| Easter vacation                      | 4 -24 April             |
| End of Year Assessment Period Begins | 25 April                |
| Academic Year Ends                   | 17 June                 |

### Visa and Immigration Requirements

| One Semester Study | Standard Visitor Visa<br>We strongly advise incoming exchange students to obtain a visitor visa to<br>study at our institution.<br>More information: <u>https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor-visa</u><br><u>https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa</u> |
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| One Year Study     | Student Visa<br>More information: <u>https://www.gov.uk/student-visa</u>  |

Health and Insurance - Please follow the Government guidelines below:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/studying-in-the-uk-guidance-for-eu-students

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/healthcare-for-eu-and-efta-nationals-living-in-the-uk

https://www.gov.uk/healthcare-immigration-application/who-needs-pay

### Accommodation:

| University Halls of Residence  | After students have been accepted, they will receive their<br>BCU student ID number and will be able to apply for<br>accommodation via our Accommodation Service:<br><u>http://www.bcu.ac.uk/student- info/accommodation</u>                                       |
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| Private Accommodation          | The University also supports students in finding accommodation<br>through Birmingham City Student Homes, a student-focused letting<br>agency, owned and operated by Birmingham City University Students'<br>Union.<br>Website: <u>https://www.bcusu.com/homes/</u> |
| Other Accommodation<br>Options | Please visit: <a href="http://www.bcusu.com/advice/housing/wheretolook/">http://www.bcusu.com/advice/housing/wheretolook/</a>  |

## Estimated Cost of Living:

Living costs will vary depending on lifestyle but it is generally cheaper to live in Birmingham than other UK cities, such as London or Edinburgh. Here is a breakdown of some general expenses for you to consider when preparing your finances:

| General expenses  | Approximate yearly cost |
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| University accommodation (40-45 weeks)                      | £145 - 155 per week     |
| Food, and other shopping                                    | £3000                   |
| Insurance for personal belongings                           | £15 - £130              |
| Laundry (using a launderette)                               | £260                    |
| Course related costs: books/stationery/photocopying/binding | £450                    |
| Bus pass – 3 terms + summer pass (travel)                   | £410                    |
| Mobile telephone  | £240                    |
| Social activity costs – depends on activities               | £600 - £960             |
| Kitchen utensils, plates and cutlery                        | £35                     |
| Police registration (if applicable)                         | £34                     |
| Total:  | £10,844 - £11,719       |

#### General Travel Information:

| Airport | Birmingham International Airport (12 miles) - BHX London Heathrow Airport<br>(114 miles) - LHR London Gatwick Airport (150 miles) - LGW |
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| Train   | Birmingham New Street Station<br>Birmingham Moor Street Station<br>Website: <u>http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/</u>                       |
| Bus     | Website: <u>http://www.networkwestmidlands.com/tickets-and-</u><br>passes/students/   |