

# Student Mobility FACT SHEET 2021-22

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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>
	<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: <u>Michela.Reghellin@bcu.ac.uk</u> DEADLINE for application:
	PHASE 1 (September to January/All year) – 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2021 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 advice, we are unable to guarantee whether we will be able to accept student in September 2021. We will keep the situation monitored and we will inform all partners and applicants as soon as possible. In the meantime, 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 We strongly advise incoming exchange students to obtain a visitor visa to study at our institution. More information: <u>https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor-visa</u> <u>https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa</u>
One Year Study	Student Visa 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 BCU student ID number and will be able to apply for accommodation via our Accommodation Service: <u>http://www.bcu.ac.uk/student- info/accommodation</u>
Private Accommodation	The University also supports students in finding accommodation through Birmingham City Student Homes, a student-focused letting agency, owned and operated by Birmingham City University Students' Union. Website: <u>https://www.bcusu.com/homes/</u>
Other Accommodation 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
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 (114 miles) - LHR London Gatwick Airport (150 miles) - LGW
Train	Birmingham New Street Station Birmingham Moor Street Station Website: <u>http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/</u>
Bus	Website: <u>http://www.networkwestmidlands.com/tickets-and-</u> passes/students/