



# Applying for PGT & PGR Study at Durham University

Postgraduate Admissions

October 2024

# PGT Dates and Deadlines

- The admissions cycle opens at the beginning of October each year for entry in the following September/October
- The current application deadlines are:
  - 31 July 2025 for applicants who will require a student visa
  - 31 August 2025 for applicants who will not require a student visa
- Please apply early if possible as some courses may close to admissions if they become over-subscribed
- A few courses may also have earlier deadlines which will be advertised on the relevant academic department webpages, eg MSc Management programmes

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# The PGR Admissions Cycle

- The cycle normally opens on 1<sup>st</sup> October each year
- Intakes for departments vary – October/January/April starts
- Most programmes have no official application deadlines (any deadlines will be clearly stated on relevant academic department web pages) - but applicants must consider admissions decision and processing turnaround times, especially if a student visa is required
- Encouraged to apply early if possible
- PGR applications are submitted to the Applicant Portal and considered by the department, with Admissions issuing the decision

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# Staged Admissions

- The following courses operate a staged admissions process:
  - Full-Time MBA
  - MSc Business Analytics
  - MSc Marketing
  - MSc Scientific Computing & Data Analysis (Computer Vision & Robotics)
  - MSc Conservation of Archaeological & Museum Objects
- These courses have application deadlines throughout the admissions cycle with multiple rounds of applications



# Course Search and How to Apply

- Search our courses on our website, either on academic department webpages at [Academic - Durham University](#) or the course search functionality at [Study - Durham University](#)
- Look at the relevant Entry Criteria for your chosen course
- Open the Application Portal at [Home - Application Portal \(microsoftcrmportals.com\)](#) and create an account
- Use the course search option in the portal to locate the course you want to apply for, select the academic year (2025/26 for courses starting in September 2025, or 2024/25 for any PGR courses prior to this), mode of study (full-time or part-time) and click on Apply
- Complete all sections of the application form and click on Submit (or Save it and submit later)

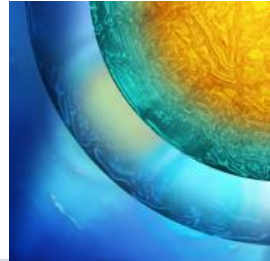
# Entry Criteria

- Academic requirements:
  - For PGT normally an upper second class (2:1) Bachelor degree or international equivalent
  - For PGR normally a Masters degree or international equivalent
  - Some courses will have degree subject and/or module requirements
  - International Office set international equivalencies
- English language requirements
  - Direct entry and pre-sessional entry requirements
  - UKVI SELT may be required (if pre-sessional only CAS needed)
  - [English Language Requirements - Durham University](#)
- Personal statement or research proposal for PGR
- References (if required)
- Programme specific requirements, eg interview or relevant experience



# Application Fee

- There is a £60 application fee for all Business School MSc programmes
- After submitting your application, you will receive an action request in your portal asking you to pay the application fee
- We will not consider your application until the fee has been paid
- You can only pay and be considered for one programme per programme suite



# Application Portal

- Apply at [Home · Application Portal \(microsoftcrmportals.com\)](https://microsoftcrmportals.com)
- View all applications either started or submitted
- View application status
- View action requests and notifications
- Raise an enquiry
- View offer
- Accept offer
- Upload documents
- Apply for a pre-sessional English language course (if eligible)
- View and approve CAS details (if required)





# Types of Application Decisions

- Unconditional Offer
- Conditional Offer
  - Academic
  - English Language (inc pre-sessional)
  - References
  - Other
- Unsuccessful Decision
- Invite to Interview
- Further Information Required



# Pre-Sessional English Language

- 6 / 10 / 20-week courses all offered on-campus in 2025
- Must be stated as an offer condition on your offer letter in order for you to be able to apply (or unconditional)
- Pre-sessional English eligibility requirements are on our website at [Pre-Sessional English Language Required - Durham University](#)
- Apply via the application portal
- Must pass in order to progress to your main Masters programme



# CAS

- Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies
- Enables international applicants to apply for their student visa
- In order to be eligible for a CAS:
  - Accept offer
  - Pay deposit (if required)
  - No outstanding offer conditions
  - Documents must meet UKVI guidelines (eg translations)
  - Can only issue CAS 5 months before programme start date
- Combined CAS possible if English Language is the only outstanding offer condition and applicant accepted onto a pre-sessional English language course
- UKVI SELT will be required if pre-sessional only CAS is needed

# Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS)

- Linked to national security & anti-terrorism legislation
- Mandatory requirement within immigration rules for students intending to enter or remain in the UK
- Students who require ATAS will not be able to register onto their programme without it
- Affects applicants planning to undertake a degree in some science, engineering or technology disciplines
- If offered a place and ATAS is required, the offer letter will include CAH3 code and ATAS statement of purpose
- Applicants apply online for an ATAS clearance certificate at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office website
- **Admissions are unable to expedite this process**

# Admissions Process

## **PGR only:**






- Contact the academic department of the programme you would like to apply for to register and discuss your research interests and to explore potential supervisor availability
- Visiting Research students need to apply and are considered in the same way

## **Application Considerations:**

- For PGT, the PG Admissions Team consider applications in close liaison with academic departments
- For PGR, academic departments consider applications

# Admissions Process

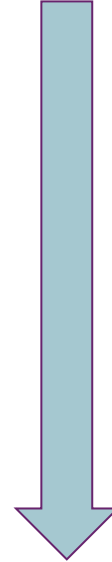
## After Applying:

1. Receive Interview Invite  attend interview  2, 3, or 4 below  
OR
2. Receive Unconditional Offer (*see over*)  
OR
3. Receive Conditional Offer (*see over*)  
OR
4. Receive Unsuccessful Decision  End  
OR
5. Receive Action Request asking for Further Information  provide requested information/documentation  1, 2, 3 or 4 above

# Admissions Process

## 2. Receive Unconditional Offer

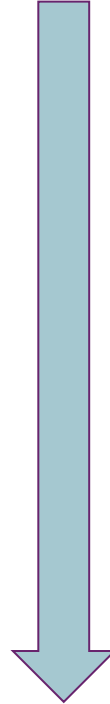
- Accept Offer in Portal
- Pay Deposit (if required)
- College membership/accommodation
- CAS/Visa (if required)
- Online Enrolment
- Arrive



# Admissions Process

## 3. Receive Conditional Offer

- Accept Offer in Portal
- Pay Deposit (if required)
- College membership/accommodation
- Meet offer conditions
  - Apply for pre-sessional English course if required
- CAS/Visa (if required)
- Online Enrolment
- Arrive





# Funding

- For PGR this will vary from department to department – contact your department directly to check what funding opportunities may be available
- The Business School offers scholarships automatically for strong PGT offer holders
- There are further scholarship/funding opportunities listed at [Postgraduate Scholarships Durham University](#)
- Further information can be provided by our Scholarships team at [scholarships.advice@durham.ac.uk](mailto:scholarships.advice@durham.ac.uk)

# Contact & Support

Ask Us & FAQs:

<https://www.dur.ac.uk/study/askus/>

Telephone: 0800 987 4120

Web: [Postgraduate - Durham University](#)

# Any Questions



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