

GUIDANCE FOR PEOPLE SEEKING SANCTUARY

We want to make it as easy as possible for people seeking sanctuary to study at the University of Hull. We have gathered together the following information to help you explore the support that is available both on campus and in the city of Hull.

THINKING OF STUDYING AT UNIVERSITY?

There is a lot to consider when applying to University. Here you will find guidance on what to expect from the application process, as well as information on fees and sources of financial support.

GUIDE TO APPLYING

1. CHECK YOU ARE ALLOWED TO STUDY

Many people seeking sanctuary are allowed to study, and we would love to have you join us. Please check the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) published by Refugee Education UK to explore the higher education options available to you based on your immigration status.

If you have been granted immigration bail and the “no study” box on your BAIL 201 notice has been selected, you cannot study and you should seek legal advice.

2. RESEARCH YOUR COURSE OPTIONS

View our [undergraduate degrees](#), our [taught postgraduate degrees](#) or our [research degrees](#).

3. APPLY FOR YOUR COURSE

Use our detailed information on [Applying to Hull](#) to guide you through the application process.

If you are based in Hull, you can visit a drop-in session at [Open Doors](#), where volunteers may be able to help you complete the application.

4. ACCEPT YOUR OFFER

Provide any relevant documents to us to meet the conditions detailed in your offer.

5. ORGANISE YOUR FINANCES

University courses in the UK are not free and you will need to pay tuition fees.

If you are a refugee or have humanitarian protection, you may qualify for [Student Finance](#) and may be able to borrow money to help pay tuition fees and living costs. These [videos](#) explain the various sources of finance available and the application process.

If you are not eligible for Student Finance, you may be able to apply for one of the University of Hull's [Sanctuary Scholarships](#) to cover fees and help with study costs.

6. ARRANGE YOUR ACCOMMODATION

You will also need to ensure you have accommodation in Hull. You can consider [University accommodation](#) or housing in the city. If you are a new, full-time, unaccompanied student, and you apply for accommodation by 31 July (or 1 September if you are applying through Clearing), you are guaranteed a room for your first year in accommodation that is owned, managed or directed by the University.

WHAT FEES WILL I PAY? WHAT FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE?

The fees you will need to pay and the funding available to you will depend on your immigration status. Please see the [Refugee Education UK guidance](#) to check the fee levels and funding options that will apply to you.

Students with refugee status or humanitarian protection are normally eligible to pay fees at the home rate.

New students at the University of Hull who are in the process of seeking asylum in the UK are eligible to receive a [Sanctuary Fee Reduction](#), paying fees equivalent to the home rate rather than international fees. Note that the fee reduction applies to students who registered on or after 1 September 2018 only – students registered at the University before September 2018 will continue to pay the fee rate current at the time of their registration. Students in the process of seeking asylum may also be eligible to apply for a University of Hull Sanctuary Scholarship (see below).

If you need any further advice, please get in touch with us by emailing hefunding@hull.ac.uk or calling 01482 463002.

SANCTUARY SCHOLARSHIPS

The University of Hull offers up to three Sanctuary Scholarships per year. If you are ineligible for Student Finance because of your immigration status, then you may be eligible to apply for a University of Hull Sanctuary Scholarship. Please note that this is a competitive process and not all applications will be successful. [See if you are eligible and apply](#).

WHAT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE AT THE UNIVERSITY?

TALKING HULL

Our [Talking Hull](#) project offers free, informal English language classes for people seeking sanctuary. The classes take place on campus every week during term-time and all members of our community who do not speak English as a first language are welcome to attend.

PRE-SESSIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES

The University also offers [online summer courses](#) of six or 10 weeks for students who need to study English before starting a degree programme.

UNIVERSITY STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

All students at the University of Hull can access advice, guidance and support from specialist staff in our [student wellbeing and inclusion](#) teams. Our advisors will work alongside you to address any barriers to your learning and success – from guiding you through mental health, emotional and financial wellbeing challenges, to making sure that you have the right adjustments in place to make learning accessible.

Our Library [Skills Team](#) provide guides, workshops and personal appointments to support your academic success and development of your study, research and ICT skills.

The University's Chaplaincy team provide a place of welcome and support to all students of any faith or belief, offering a physical and emotional space to chat, reflect and, if appropriate, pray.

As a University of Hull student, you will have lifelong access to our [Careers Service](#), which offers personalised advice, practical CV and application support and jobs events to help you build your career.

HULL UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' UNION ADVICE CENTRE

Confidential and impartial advice and guidance on matters such as student finance and funding, academic issues and housing is also available through the Hull University Students' Union [Advice Centre](#).

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY: SANCTUARY ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

All Hull students have access to our state-of-the-art University Library. The Library resources and facilities are also available to sanctuary seekers within our wider community through the [Sanctuary Associate Membership](#) scheme. Membership is free of cost and provides access to more than a million books and online resources within our Library collections. Sanctuary associate members may borrow up to 10 items at a time and are able to access selected electronic resources using computers within the Library building. Sanctuary associate members may also make use of Library study spaces and IT facilities.

UNIVERSITY SPORTS CENTRE: SANCTUARY MEMBERSHIP

The University offers people seeking sanctuary the opportunity to enjoy free membership of its Sports Centre. [Sanctuary membership](#) provides unlimited access to our Sports Centre facilities, including the gym, fitness classes and racket sport courts.

VOLUNTEERING AT THE UNIVERSITY BOTANIC GARDENS

People seeking sanctuary can enjoy free membership of the [Friends of Thwaite Gardens](#), which offers the opportunity to spend time enjoying the University's Botanic Gardens in Cottingham and get involved with gardening and project work. Thwaite Gardens have been owned by the University since 1948 and comprise glasshouses containing plants from around the world as well as a hectare of lawns, trees and themed borders.

SERVICES FOR PEOPLE SEEKING SANCTUARY IN THE CITY OF HULL

WELCOME HOUSE

[Welcome House](#) offers moral and practical support to people seeking sanctuary, providing services including befriending, English language classes, welfare and employability support, and social, cultural and sports events.

OPEN DOORS HULL

[Open Doors](#) is a charity in Hull which holds weekly drop-in sessions where they offer free ESOL classes, immigration advice and material support.

COMMUNITY INTEGRATION AND ADVOCACY CENTRE (CIAC)

[CIAC](#) provides generalist advice (asylum support, welfare benefits, accommodation, education) and specialist immigration advice.

BRITISH RED CROSS

[British Red Cross](#) offer help with the urgent needs of refugees, asylum seekers and vulnerable migrants. This may include food parcels and vouchers, clothes, small amounts of cash and travel vouchers, as well as advice, emotional support and help reuniting family.

ENGLISH CLASSES IN HULL

There are lots of [English classes](#) running in the city, from ESOL classes offered by Hull College and Hull Training and Adult Education to free informal conversation classes.

NATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES AND GUIDANCE

[Refugee Education UK](#) offers personalised advice about getting into higher education as a young refugee, asylum seeker or survivor of human trafficking, as well as answers to the most [Frequently Asked Questions](#) they receive about going to university as a person seeking sanctuary.

[The Refugee Council](#) offers guidance and support for refugees and asylum seekers.

[RefuAid](#) offers loans for refugees and asylum seekers to cover the costs of UK licensing and training required to convert qualifications gained in their home country to the UK equivalent.

[The Student Welcome Letter](#) gives advice and encouragement to new students and acknowledges the barriers students seeking sanctuary must overcome.

[Right to Remain](#) offers guidance on the UK immigration and asylum system.

[UK ENIC](#) gives guidance on recognition and comparison of international qualifications.

[UKCISA](#) offers support and advice to international students.