

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. The Refugee Council offers [guidance on immigration bail](#).

2. RESEARCH YOUR COURSE OPTIONS

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

If you have sought sanctuary in the UK and are now eligible for undergraduate student finance, but due to previous education undertaken outside of the UK are not able to take out the Tuition Fee Loan for all years of study then you may be eligible to apply for the University's [Undergraduate Refugee Scholarship](#).

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 1 September, you are guaranteed a room for your first year in accommodation that is owned, in partnership, 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).

The University offers an [Undergraduate Refugee Scholarship](#) to support students who have sought sanctuary in the UK and are now eligible for undergraduate student finance, but due to previous education undertaken outside of the UK are not able to take out the Tuition Fee Loan for all years of study.

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 a [range of formal courses](#) for students who need to study English before starting a degree programme.

We offer a year-round course, University of Hull English Language Programme (UHELP), and shorter summer courses of 4, 8 or 12 weeks, which are full time courses. The programmes are also open to those who need to update their language skills to live in the UK.

UNIVERSITY STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

All students at the University of Hull can access advice, guidance and support from specialist teams in our [Student Support Services](#).

Personal appointments with advisors specialising in areas such as mental health and wellbeing, disability inclusion, learning support, immigration, financial support, and careers and employability are available by contacting Student Services on 01482 462222 or through the [MyHull portal](#).

The University Library [Skills Team](#) provide guides, workshops and personal appointments to support students' academic success and development of 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.

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 the 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 grants for refugees and asylum seekers to undertake accredited English language tuition and examinations required for entry into higher education or a profession in the UK.

[The Student Welcome Letter](#) gives advice and encouragement to new students, and acknowledges the barriers students seeking sanctuary have to overcome. The letter is from students who have received an Article 26 scholarship but it is relevant to all students with a sanctuary seeking background.

[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.