

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. See the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) section of the Student Action for Refugees website to ensure you are eligible.

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. Coram Children’s Legal Centre offer [guidance on immigration bail](#).

2. RESEARCH YOUR COURSE OPTIONS

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

3. APPLY FOR YOUR COURSE

You can apply through [UCAS](#). Guides to this process are available in [different languages](#).

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, 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 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?

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.

The rules on fee status and eligibility for student finance can be complex. The Coram Children’s Legal Centre provides a useful [factsheet](#).

You can also contact the University’s HE Finance Manager on 01482 466573 or hefunding@hull.ac.uk.

WHAT FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE?

STUDENT FINANCE

Students with certain immigration statuses are eligible for student finance: [See if you qualify](#)

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 student finance and funding, academic issues and housing is also available through the Hull University Students' Union [Advice Centre](#).

SERVICES FOR PEOPLE SEEKING SANCTUARY IN THE CITY OF HULL

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.

BRITISH RED CROSS

[British Red Cross](#) offer help with the urgent needs of refugees, asylum seekers and vulnerable migrants. Depending on your circumstances, 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. [Find out more about their services in Hull](#).

COMMUNITY INTEGRATION AND ADVOCACY CENTRE (CIAC)

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

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 Support Network](#) offers personalised advice over the phone and over email about getting into higher education as a young refugee, asylum seeker or survivor of human trafficking. They provide responses to the most [Frequently Asked Questions](#) they receive about going to university as a person seeking sanctuary. You can also order a [Thinking Ahead to Higher Education toolkit](#), which gives information on financial support sources available to different immigration statuses, the university application process, accommodation and ways to prepare for university.

[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.