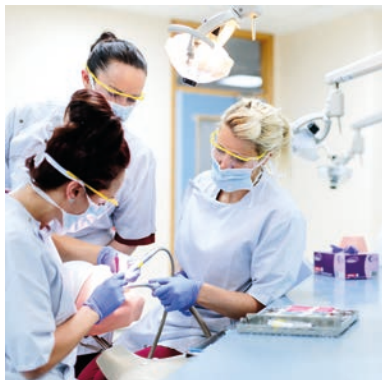




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A GUIDE TO  
POSTGRADUATE STUDY  
2017

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## LEEDS, THE CITY

- Largest financial and business service sector in the UK outside London
- One of the greenest cities to live in Europe with more than 4,000 hectares of green space
- Competing to be European Capital of Culture 2023
- Host city for Le Grand Départ, the start of the 2014 Tour de France

Leeds city centre – only a 10-minute walk from the campus

The Edge sports centre

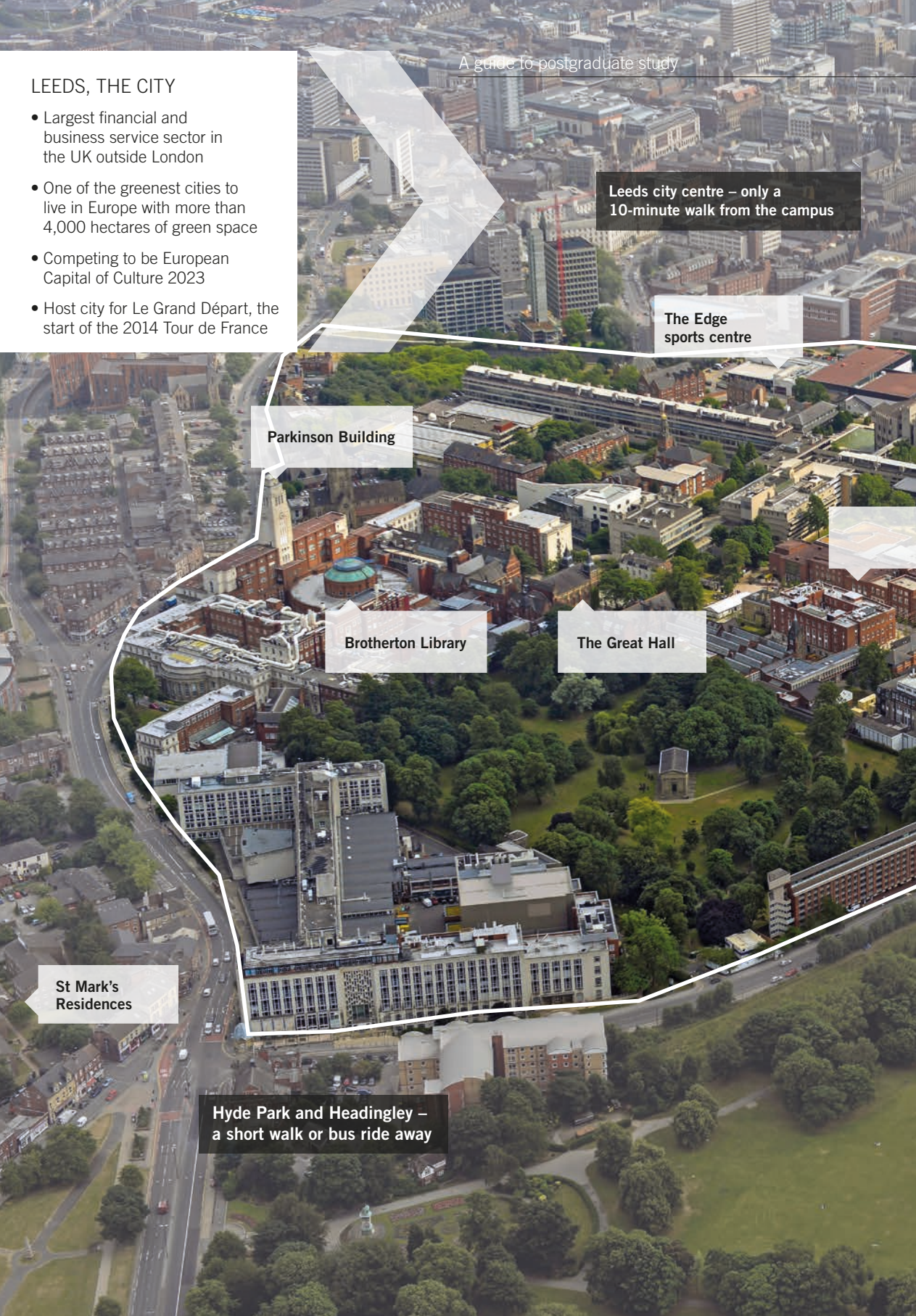
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Brotherton Library

The Great Hall

St Mark's Residences

Hyde Park and Headingley – a short walk or bus ride away





Leeds University Union –  
our students' union

## OUR CAMPUS

- 8,000+ postgraduates choose to study with us each year
- One single campus, right next to the city centre
- Each year 3,500+ students give their time to volunteering projects
- The new Laidlaw Library has 50,000 bees living in hives on the roof

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# WELCOME TO LEEDS

Our postgraduate degrees will take you to the next level. Whether you want to deepen your knowledge of a specific subject, enhance your career prospects or take a new direction in life, we have a postgraduate course to suit you.









## LEEDS, THE RIGHT CHOICE

Internationally recognised as a centre of excellence in a wide range of subjects, we are known for the quality of our postgraduate teaching and research. We have more than 5,500 postgraduate students completing Masters courses, Postgraduate Diplomas and Certificates, and more than 2,500 postgraduate researchers. As a student at Leeds, you will benefit from our outstanding resources, including one of the country's leading academic research libraries, a specialist Language Centre and state-of-the-art laboratories.

This guide will give you an idea of what it's like to study here. It covers everything you need to know, including the opportunities available to you and the groundbreaking research happening right here on campus. You'll also find information about our facilities, accommodation and the city, as well as details of how to apply and the scholarships you may be eligible for. You'll learn about what our graduates have achieved and what our current students say about studying here.

For the most up-to-date information on our courses, entry requirements, fees and student funding call us on **+44 (0)113 343 2336**, email **study@leeds.ac.uk** or take a look at our website at **www.leeds.ac.uk/masters**

To find out when a University of Leeds representative will be visiting your country go to **www.leeds.ac.uk/visittoyourcountry**

You could also meet us at a postgraduate study fair, held throughout the UK. Find out where at **www.leeds.ac.uk/postgraduatefairs**

Better still, come and visit us on our postgraduate open day to get a feel for life on campus, meet our academic staff and chat to some of our current students.



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postgraduate courses  
to choose from

**£520m**

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campus facilities  
between **2015** and **2020**

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Fellowships

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England, Northern Ireland and Wales –  
reflecting the excellence of our teaching

**8TH LARGEST**

university in the UK  
in terms of income at  
**£640m** (2014/15)

**WINNER**

**University of the Year**  
(The Times and The Sunday Times Good  
University Guide, 2017)

**TOP 100**

university in the  
**world**

(QS World University Rankings, 2016)

Member of the prestigious  
**RUSSELL GROUP**  
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**32,000**  
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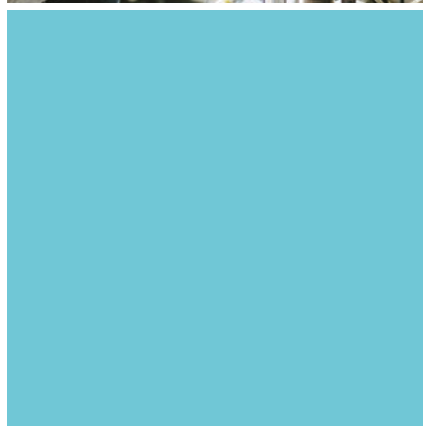
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union in the UK  
to hold 'Excellent' status  
(NUS Quality Students' Unions accreditation)



# ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Established in 1904, the University of Leeds is one of the UK's largest universities, world-famous for its teaching and research and located in the heart of a vibrant, affordable and student-friendly city.







## INSPIRATIONAL TEACHING

As a postgraduate student at Leeds, you are joining a community of outstanding academics who are engaged in world-leading research. You will be studying among internationally renowned academics, working at the forefront of their fields, who are as passionate about your subject as you are. They will challenge you and encourage you to explore, question and discover.

We have been awarded more National Teaching Fellowships than any other institution in England, Northern Ireland and Wales, which backs up our commitment to teaching excellence. By the end of 2017, we will have invested £100m in recruiting 250 new members of academic staff – adding to our 3,200-strong academic community – who will develop major interdisciplinary research projects and deliver innovative research-based teaching.

Integrating research with learning and teaching is at the heart of the Leeds approach. Our world-leading research feeds directly into our courses so you are benefiting from the latest knowledge and thinking in your subject. This means that your lectures and seminars will be highly engaging and very relevant to today's world. Our breadth of research expertise means we can offer a wide choice of specialist postgraduate courses and an interdisciplinary curriculum that draws on our strengths across different subjects.

Studying a Masters course at Leeds will not only equip you with expert subject knowledge, based on leading research, but you'll also gain important professional and transferable skills that employers are looking for.

## Industry-relevant education

Many of our academic staff are also consultants and practitioners in their particular fields, so you'll receive an industry-relevant education that is up to date and informed by internal and external collaboration.

We have strong links with industry, both in the UK and overseas, and industrial advisory boards provide an employer focus on our courses, ensuring they reflect the needs of business and industry both now and in the future. Some of our courses also hold professional accreditations and exemptions, recognising that they meet the quality standards established by industry.

## How you will learn

Our academics are continually exploring new and exciting ways to communicate their own research and introducing you to fresh insights and approaches to learning.

You'll be actively engaged in learning through a combination of lectures, seminars and tutorials, with additional time allocated to private study, independent projects, and laboratory practicals or fieldwork where relevant to your course.

We have invested over £2m in a new state-of-the-art lecture capture and multimedia management system, so you can access video and audio recordings of many of your lectures and other teaching activities through the University's Virtual Learning Environment.

You will be taught on our single-site campus with access to all the resources and facilities you would expect from a prestigious university, unless stated otherwise at

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**Ruth Payne**  
**University Student Education Fellow**  
**and Lecturer in Linguistics**

*Pictured on campus in the M&S Company Archive*

I studied my undergraduate degree here in my late 30s, completed my PGCE in the School of Education and then I became a secondary school teacher and an A-level examiner. During my career I became interested in the language used by teachers in relation to behaviour in the classroom and decided I wanted to do a PhD. I returned to Leeds on a PhD scholarship and have taught here ever since.

My specialism is sociolinguistics but one of my key interests focuses on developing students' academic and study skills to help them understand what to expect from academic life. I enjoy teaching because I like the idea that I've managed to take a concept and convey it to somebody else in a way that makes it exciting for them, makes them want to understand it and retain it because it interests them. The smaller teaching groups at postgraduate level mean there's the potential for a much deeper discussion which is very rewarding. In particular, I like that I can make sure that academic thought doesn't end up being seen as something that happens separately from real life, and that's really where my work with the M&S Company Archive comes in.

Using Archive resources, including newspaper cuttings, staff magazines and advertising material, I developed teaching material for A-level English language teachers, to help with the linguistic components of the curriculum. The resources demonstrate how language has changed over time and the material I've put together has been well received by teachers. As part of my University Student Education Fellowship, I've been awarded project funding and have used this to develop the scheme further. We are employing a previous postgraduate student to help deliver the project and introduce an undergraduate module that will allow students to produce their own packs and lesson plans to deliver in schools.





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## RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

We are one of the largest research-intensive institutions in the UK. Our size and breadth means we can bring together multidisciplinary teams of researchers to help tackle some of the major global challenges of today.

From searching for a cure for Ebola and building the next generation of robotics systems to developing global climate change solutions and understanding the risks to international food security, our research community is in demand across the globe.

Our extensive research and the funding it brings means we can invest in the best facilities and attract staff engaged in pioneering research. You may even find that your course has modules taught by academics from other disciplines, giving you a greater understanding of your subject area from different academic perspectives.

Our original, innovative and creative research leads the way in many fields, including medical and biological engineering, electronic and electrical engineering, political communication, climate science, design, data analytics, medicine, structural biology, sports science, law, business and textile technologies. Here are just a few examples:

- We undertake more world-leading climate change research than any other UK institution. Based at the University of Leeds, the Priestley International Centre for Climate is a world-leading interdisciplinary centre, providing robust and timely climate research that influences international policy and underpins global climate solutions.
- Our Institute of Medical and Biological Engineering (iMBE) is one of the world's top 10 bioengineering research institutes. Its pioneering research in developing world-leading technologies is making a real difference to people's lives, including joint replacements and tissue repair to support longer and more active lifestyles for an ageing population.

- The Leeds Institute for Data Analytics (LIDA) offers secure, state-of-the-art facilities to analyse large volumes of highly complex data which needs innovative processing and interpretation before it can offer valuable information and insights. This purpose-built facility brings together researchers and data scientists from different fields to analyse data spanning a wide range of topics, from mapping consumer trends to understanding the relationships between shopping habits and health outcomes such as obesity or diabetes.
- Whether it's designing systems to help patients recover after stroke or building robots to explore previously unseen chambers in the Egyptian pyramids, we are recognised as being at the forefront of robot design and construction. The £4.3m national robotics facility based at Leeds gives our researchers and industrial partners access to an advanced suite of technologies, including one of the world's largest 3D printers.
- The new Cultural Institute, launching in autumn 2016, will provide a gateway to our unrivalled cultural treasures at the University and help boost our engagement with the cultural and creative industries. The Institute's research will address some of the most difficult issues facing humanity, while its partnerships will open up opportunities for our students to connect with some of the finest creative minds. As well as widening community involvement through cultural events and activities, the Institute will play a key part in Leeds' bid for European Capital of Culture 2023.

[www.leeds.ac.uk/research](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/research)

## Research partnerships

We have strong partnerships with industry and work collaboratively to make the most of our vast knowledge and research – creating a rich, stimulating and exciting environment in which to learn. Some of our long-term collaborations with organisations across a range of industries include Jaguar Land Rover, Opera North, M&S, Procter & Gamble, AstraZeneca, Unilever, Volvo and Yorkshire Water.



We also have partnerships with universities, companies and NGOs around the world and our alumni community of more than 240,000 Leeds graduates in over 180 countries are always keen to extend their influential policy, business and professional networks to us. Learn more about our alumni networks on page 30.

We maximise the impact of our research and innovation through international strategic collaborations. We're a member of the Worldwide Universities Network, a partnership of 18 research-intensive universities collaborating on global issues and we've also developed significant international links through our academic schools – these greatly benefit our students. This means you'll graduate with a truly global perspective, something highly valued by employers.

### Developing your research skills

You'll gain a range of specialist knowledge and advanced research skills throughout your course which you can apply in your final project, theoretical dissertation, or both.

Depending on the course you choose, your final project will either be an in-depth research project under the guidance of a supervisor or a practical project. Whichever you undertake, you'll develop a range of transferable skills, such as presentation, project management, critical thinking and analysis, skills highly sought after by employers.

If you're thinking of an academic career, the advanced skills you acquire as a postgraduate will help prepare you for your next step as a researcher working towards a PhD or MPhil. Comprehensive research training may also be available, including workshops on writing research proposals and applications for grant funding.

### Research facilities

We have impressive facilities to support our research and teaching, which you'll be able to access and use as part of your course – from specialist laboratories and equipment used to undertake innovative scientific research, to other unique resources. Here at Leeds we have one of the most high-resolution electron-beam lithography systems in Europe, which will help break new ground in nanotechnology, as well as one of the world's most advanced driving simulators to inform driver behaviour research.

We've invested £17m in a state-of-the-art laboratory to keep Leeds at the forefront of structural biology research. Led by the University's internationally renowned Astbury Centre, the facility will provide instruments for Electron Microscopy and Nuclear Magnetic Resonance that are competitive with the best worldwide. It will give researchers new insights into the structure of biological molecules and how they behave inside cells, and inform the future development of treatments for health challenges such as Alzheimer's, cancer and antibiotic resistance.

The new £1.9m Treasures of the Brotherton Gallery displays some of the UK's outstanding collections of rare books and manuscripts from the University's Special Collections. You'll be able to explore artefacts including letters from the Brontës, a copy of William Shakespeare's 1623 First Folio, a Tudor cookery book printed in the time of Elizabeth I, and a map and compass used by Bertie Ratcliffe, the first prisoner to escape back to Britain from Germany in the First World War.

The University also has a publicly-licensed theatre complex, stage@leeds, featuring a 180-seat main auditorium, dance studio and rehearsal rooms.

[www.leeds.ac.uk/researchfacilities](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/researchfacilities)

**TOP 10**  
ranking for  
**RESEARCH POWER**  
in the **UK**  
(Research Excellence Framework, 2014)

**Dr Thomas Edwards**  
**Deputy Director of the Astbury Centre**  
**for Structural Molecular Biology**

*Pictured mounting a protein crystal on the X-ray detector within the Astbury Centre*

The Astbury Centre is an interdisciplinary research centre which was founded to create greater interaction between disciplines such as physics, biology, chemistry and medicine. Working collaboratively with academics across campus generates really interesting discussion and new research ideas – by addressing the same problem from different perspectives, the research enables bigger outcomes.

There are lots of people at Leeds who want to do new things and regularly get out of their office and talk to colleagues from across campus, so whilst the Astbury Centre facilitates interdisciplinary work, it isn't unique – Leeds is a really dynamic and exciting campus with lots of great research happening.


An example of this is a recent £3.5m, five-year research collaboration between the School of Chemistry and the School of Molecular and Cellular Biology at Leeds, as well as the University of Bristol. Almost all biological processes are driven by the interaction between proteins, but classic pharmaceutical drugs don't inhibit these proteins, they deal with things like enzymes. This project is trying to develop methods to inhibit how proteins interact with each other as a new drug target – if we can inhibit these interactions, scientists might be able to prevent virus entry into cells, cancer and other diseases in a more effective way to how it is currently done.

Being involved in this kind of cutting-edge research means we can communicate the discoveries as they are happening, so students get the most up-to-date learning – when I was a student, the lectures I enjoyed the most were the ones that focused on the newest techniques and innovations – that's the most exciting way to learn.

At postgraduate level it's about the understanding and design of experiments and having that knowledge of what's currently happening in the field – so it's great to be able to share my own research experiences.





A man with a shaved head and glasses, wearing a blue and white striped shirt, is focused on a complex piece of scientific equipment in a laboratory. The equipment includes a white control box with a radiation warning symbol, various cables, and a large cylindrical component. The background shows a laboratory setting with glass doors and other equipment.

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**Shyama Ramjagsingh**  
**MSc Medical Engineering**

*Pictured in a cell culture laboratory*

The School of Mechanical Engineering ranks highly in the league tables and has good connections with the medical devices industry too, which offers good exposure and development opportunities.

I study different fields within medical engineering, from tissue engineering to designing orthopaedic implants for hips and knees. The School works collaboratively with different companies so the research and teaching on my course is heavily influenced by the needs of industry.

My dissertation focuses on a tool called a grasper, which is used in minimally invasive surgery. I'm researching how changes to the design of the grasper may minimise the amount of damage it could potentially cause to tissue if too much pressure is applied by the surgeon. The research facilities are fantastic at Leeds and there is a lot of equipment that you can use with experienced technicians like 3D printers and laser cutters. I get to work independently in the labs to test my work – I can actually apply a range of pressures to different tissues and put the theory into practice.

I have weekly meetings with my supervisor who advises on me on my work, but he's also a great support. There are normally PhD students in the labs as well who work on related topics and will offer advice and support when I need it.

The research part of my degree, and the opportunities to connect with industry to see how it can be applied to the real world, have really enhanced my course and the whole experience at Leeds. My Masters has definitely allowed me to develop and explore my potential. I'm thinking of coming back to do a PhD once I've worked in the industry and got some experience.



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## ACADEMIC FACILITIES

We have all the facilities you'll need to support and enhance your academic studies and we're investing millions of pounds each year to ensure we maintain a first-class learning environment.

From brand new laboratories and lecture theatres to one of the largest and most impressive libraries in the UK, you'll find everything you need for your studies right here on campus.

### University Library

The University Library is one of the major academic research libraries in the UK and attracts students and academics from around the world. Its rich and growing print and online collections, gathered over 100 years, include some of the UK's most outstanding rare books and manuscripts.

As well as access to 2.8 million books, you'll have a host of electronic resources at your fingertips, including over 500,000 online books, accessible from wherever you are, and more than 37,000 print and online journals.

Four libraries on campus each house a different subject-based collection and provide a range of study environments, including flexible group study areas and silent individual study spaces. All our libraries have extensive computer facilities and wi-fi throughout for mobile devices – they're open seven days a week and have a variety of opening times to suit your needs.

The £23m refurbishment of the Edward Boyle Library, due to be completed in spring 2017, will offer over 2,000 study spaces, bookable rooms for group work and a research hub with facilities dedicated to postgraduate students.

Our library staff are always on hand to help and offer a range of support to help you sharpen your skills. From academic reading and writing to referencing, computing, time management and presentation skills, you will benefit from extensive online resources, as well as workshops on areas such as researching and writing your dissertation.

[www.leeds.ac.uk/library](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/library)

## Computers and IT

We have some of the best computing resources in the country according to the Guardian University Guide, 2016.

Our IT facilities are centred on you – a single login will give you access to all the University's IT services, including our two mobile apps. You'll find over 1,800 centrally provided networked PCs available for you to use across campus in computer clusters and most of our cafés, as well as numerous specialist computer facilities that may be provided by your academic school. These clusters have a range of opening hours, with some available 24/7, ensuring you can study when it suits you. If you would rather use your own laptop, most areas have free high-speed wi-fi, and with our Desktop Anywhere service, you'll always have secure access to your resources, files and a wide range of software from anywhere in the world.

You'll be provided with an email account on the Microsoft Office 365 service, offering secure access, wherever you are, to your email, calendar, contacts and tasks. As part of the Microsoft Office 365 suite of services, you can install up to five copies of Office Pro Plus for free.

Our experienced IT Service Desk staff are available seven days a week to give you IT support by phone, email or in person.

[www.leeds.ac.uk/it](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/it)



## Language learning

At Leeds, we offer excellent language learning opportunities for all our students. Whether you want to learn a new language or improve your English language skills, having knowledge of other languages and cultures will certainly enhance your employability prospects.

You'll be able to access free, flexible online language learning through Rosetta Stone, where you can choose from up to 24 languages, from beginner to intermediate level, or brush up on your existing language skills.

Our Language Centre also offers resources for independent language study and English language courses. If you're an international student, these pre-sessional courses will help you prepare for postgraduate study in the UK. English language development and academic study skills support are also available through part-time in-sessional classes and workshops, which you can do alongside your course.

Open to all students, facilities include the newly redesigned Language Zone. The Zone has learning materials in over 45 languages, including computer-assisted language learning, a dedicated space where you can study independently, an extensive collection of foreign language films and documentaries, and access to over 50 TV channels in 20 languages. If you want to practise your conversation skills, our Language Exchange Scheme can put you in touch with native speakers.

[www.leeds.ac.uk/languages](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/languages)

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print and online  
resources available

**Hayley Reid****MA Art Gallery and Museum Studies**

*Pictured on campus in the Stanley and Audrey Gallery*

The University has connections with a range of institutions around Leeds, not just traditional museums and galleries, but there's contemporary art galleries and arts organisations as well. You're spoilt for choice in Leeds as there are lots of great places to go around the city.

For one of the group projects on my course, we developed a public art trail around campus to encourage the public to explore the art we have on campus, including the Spire outside Laidlaw Library and Mitzi Cunliffe's Man-Made Fibres sculpture. The Treasures of the Brotherton Gallery is great too because it opens up the University's Special Collections for everyone to enjoy.

On campus I usually study in the Brotherton Library. The reading room is really grand and historic – it's circular with big pillars and a dome roof. The areas for group work are handy too. I'd recommend the library induction as staff explain how to use the library and access all the online journal subscriptions, which I use a lot for my course. There's also a scheme where you can access other university libraries across the country, which is great for when I visit back home.

There's a lot of support for postgraduate students – Skills@Library run lots of workshops including the 'Shut Up and Write' session where you all work without any distractions. My School organised a professional development day which was really useful – it included talks from Leeds alumni and workshops on networking, CV writing and interview techniques.

There are plenty of computer clusters around campus, but I tend to use my laptop as there is free wi-fi, plus I can access the library and all my files when I'm not on campus with the Desktop Anywhere service.






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# WIDER OPPORTUNITIES



Whether you are planning for progression in your career or for continued study, a postgraduate degree from the University of Leeds makes you stand out. Our courses will not only increase your technical and academic knowledge but also develop the key transferable skills much valued by employers.



## Aiping Xu MA New Media

*Pictured in the Clothworkers' North Building Cinema*

I was working at a film distribution company when I decided to do a Masters degree. I wanted to increase my knowledge, learn new skills and experience something new.

During the induction week I found out about the University's Careers Centre. They provide all kinds of career-related services like checking your CV, or if you want to start your own business they have experts who can help you.

I had the idea of providing media consultancy, translation services and Chinese subtitling for filmmakers and distributors who are looking to license their programmes in China. The Careers Centre put me in touch with a business advisor from Spark, the University's business start-up service. All the support I've been given has been free – I've attended lots of workshops and received guidance on all aspects of starting up my own business, including legal advice, financial support and learning how to market and promote my business. They helped me to shape and develop my business and encouraged me to enter the University's business plan competition – I won first place in the 'pre-trading' category and received £2,000 to put towards my business.

It's sometimes difficult to balance my studies with starting a business, but it's brilliant to think I can go from having an idea one day to actually owning my own company. I wouldn't have achieved this without the help and support of Spark. Starting my own business has been a great way to meet other young entrepreneurs from across the University too. We've formed a network where we meet up to exchange information and ideas and socialise together.

Leeds offers lots of opportunities for you to get involved and to help you find out what you're interested in – not just in your future career but in all aspects of life. I've even tried rugby and fencing through the clubs in the students' union.





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## PROFESSIONAL AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

At Leeds, we help you make the most of your time by offering a wide range of opportunities, so you're ready for whatever you choose to do next.

### Career planning

Whether you're just starting out, an experienced professional or changing your career, there are plenty of resources and support to help you understand your strengths, shape your career and market yourself to employers.

A Masters degree can really help you stand out in today's competitive job market and is the ideal investment in reaching the career you want – either strengthening your specialist knowledge and skills or taking you in a new direction, where you'll still significantly advance the transferable skills so highly sought after by employers.

From day one, you will have access to support and advice from our expert career advisors, who will help with your job search and make sure you market yourself to employers by showcasing your skills and personal qualities.

Postgraduate students can access a range of Careers Centre services including career guidance appointments, advice on CV writing, job applications and interview skills, plus a range of online resources. Experienced staff can also talk you through what's involved at graduate assessment centres and provide advice on what employers are looking for and how to prepare for them.

You'll also be given the opportunity to network with employers and get industry advice through careers fairs, presentations, workshops and drop-in events, providing valuable insight into graduate employment. Your academic school may run its own employability programme specific to your subject, with bespoke events.

More than 650 national and international employers target our students and visit campus each year including Teach First, PwC, Unilever, European Civil Service, John Lewis Partnership, Leeds City Council and L'Oréal. As well as having a dedicated job site advertising hundreds of vacancies targeted at University of Leeds students, the Careers Centre can also put you in touch with our graduates for careers advice through the Leeds Network.

[www.leeds.ac.uk/careerweb](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/careerweb)

### Enterprise at Leeds

If you have a business idea or want to develop your entrepreneurial skills, we can provide dedicated support through the Careers Centre.

Spark, our innovative business start-up support initiative, is there to guide you as you develop your idea into a viable business. Our experienced team offers bespoke workshops, business advice and access to funding, networking events and mentoring support to help you through your entrepreneurial journey. You could enter our business plan competition, with a chance to win up to £2,000 to get you started, or apply for a £3,000 enterprise scholarship. The University also offers the opportunity to apply for alumni-funded enterprise scholarships.

To develop your enterprise skills, we offer an MSc Enterprise and a specialist enterprise course in fashion. Leeds University Union also runs some great enterprise-focused student societies where you can develop your skills and get practical experience.

[www.leeds.ac.uk/enterprise](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/enterprise)

### Developing professional skills

Throughout your course you'll develop the professional skills that employer's value. As well as gaining an in-depth subject knowledge from your studies, many courses also offer dedicated modules in professional skills development, so you'll develop high-level transferable skills such as critical thinking, team-working and project management, helping you stand out from the competition.

## Leeds for Life

Leeds for Life is a University-wide initiative, designed to ensure you get the very best personal development support during your time here.

At the heart of Leeds for Life is personal tutoring. You'll have regular and structured meetings with your personal tutor who will guide your academic and personal development. They'll help you to talk clearly and confidently about your experiences and the knowledge and skills you develop.

The initiative also brings together lots of co-curricular opportunities, including access to the Leeds Network, where you can make contact with our alumni community. They can help your career planning by providing you with an invaluable insight into their career path and chosen industry.

The Leeds for Life website enables you to explore all the opportunities available to you, and to record and reflect on all your experiences and achievements, helping you to be confident and articulate when talking to potential employers.

**[www.leeds.ac.uk/leedsforlife](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/leedsforlife)**

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**YEAR**

(Times Higher Education Awards, 2015)



## YOUR ALUMNI COMMUNITY AND NETWORKS


Joining us at the University of Leeds is also the start of a lifelong relationship. When you graduate you will automatically become part of our community of more than 240,000 Leeds alumni in over 180 countries.


Leeds alumni make an important contribution to the life of the University. They'll give you practical careers advice and talk to you about their own careers. Some of our alumni also offer internships and work experience, and fund scholarships and other projects to enhance your experience at Leeds.


Our graduates can be found in all professions throughout the world – Nobel laureates and newspaper editors, politicians and policymakers, entertainers and entrepreneurs, High Court judges and scientists, faith leaders and Olympians. We regularly hold networking events with Leeds graduates who have been particularly successful in their fields and invite them back to campus to give career presentations and help you to understand your career options.

You will always be welcome on campus and can continue to use our libraries, take advantage of the Careers Centre and access Leeds University Union, plus you'll receive a special membership rate at our indoor sports facility, The Edge.

[www.alumni.leeds.ac.uk](http://www.alumni.leeds.ac.uk)

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 Leeds Alumni

**240,000+**  
alumni – one of the  
**BIGGEST**  
alumni communities  
of any UK university



**Richard Watts**  
**University of Leeds alumni and**  
**Founder/Director of people make it**  
**work and Change Partners.**

*Pictured outside his office in London*


My Masters has shaped and influenced everything I've done since – that experience was all about self-direction and exploration for me, which really aligns with being an entrepreneur. It taught me how to explore ideas, connect with people and quickly analyse situations. These skills are really important when engaging with the organisations we work with, as our value comes from understanding the world from their perspective and helping them to imagine how their organisation can be changed and transformed through working with us.

People make it work has been running for 16 years now and we've maintained relationships with nearly every client we've ever worked with. When I talk to students back in Leeds, they're really interested in what it takes to build those consultancy relationships, establish longstanding trust and really create value for clients. They always want to know practical insights to build their own businesses.

I've shared my experience of work through teaching on Masters programmes and talking at University alumni events, where graduates from around the world are invited to reconnect. I recently ran a workshop on how we evolve from focusing on getting our first job to thinking about our global impact and the role that relationships and networks play in realising our personal goals.

At Change Partners we've developed a collaboration with Leeds University Business School, working with the Executive Education team to help their corporate clients translate the great academic knowledge they get from the Business School into real business results through our consulting, change management and coaching support. Together we're developing something that's quite revolutionary.

My advice to students is to really think about what you want to do in life and what your values are, then seek out employers who will enable that. Interview them as well as they interview you.



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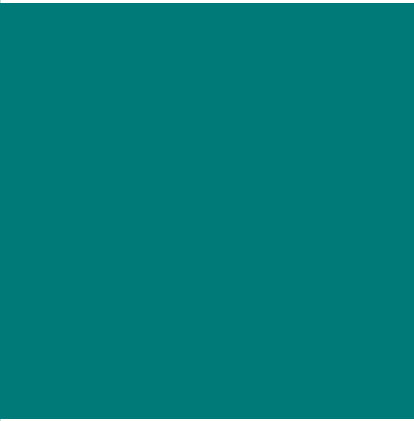


# CAMPUS AND ENVIRONMENT

Our vibrant single-site campus on the edge of Leeds city centre has all the facilities and services you need to ensure you have the best possible student experience – our students love the fact that everything is in one place and it's really easy to get around.







## POSTGRADUATE LIFE

Our postgraduates benefit from being part of a diverse student community and are able to take advantage of all that the University and the students' union has to offer.

### An international experience

If you choose the University of Leeds, you'll be part of our global community of students from 147 different countries, making our University campus one of the most diverse and multicultural in the UK.

Meet the world over a coffee at the Global Café, discover new global and cultural perspectives at the World Unite Festival, explore the UK through organised sightseeing trips, or network with students who share your interests by joining one of over 40 internationally-focused student clubs and societies.

If you want to contribute to the University and develop valuable employability skills at the same time, you could apply to be one of our Intercultural Ambassadors, who create exciting new projects to enhance the international experience of all our students.

[www.globalcommunity.leeds.ac.uk](http://www.globalcommunity.leeds.ac.uk)

### A creative and cultural campus

The University is a creative community with a vibrant and distinctive cultural life. We aim to enrich your cultural experience through our ambitious public art strategy. This sets out how the University can engage with public arts through our research, campus development and creative collaborations, as well as through links with local communities and partnerships that reach far and wide.

There are plenty of opportunities to enjoy the arts, including some renowned visitor attractions, without having to leave campus. They're also available for you to use as part of the research for your course. Here are just some of them:

- The Stanley & Audrey Burton Gallery – an Arts Council England-accredited museum displaying innovative and contemporary art exhibitions as well as items from the University Art Collection.
- stage@leeds – the University's very own theatre complex, which is open to the public and one of the city's newest venues.
- M&S Company Archive – a living archive offering a fascinating insight into a national institution housed in the stunning purpose-built Michael Marks Building.
- An exciting public art trail that explores some of the University's impressive collection of artworks, some of which have been designed and created by our own students.

[www.leeds.ac.uk/aroundcampus](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/aroundcampus)

### Leeds University Union

When you study at Leeds, you'll have the chance to become a member of one of the best students' unions in the country – Leeds University Union – which offers you great services, support and opportunities, including a wide range of clubs and societies and lots of places to meet, relax and study.

Leeds University Union is run by students for students and ensures that the 32,000-strong student community is represented. You'll be supported by a dedicated network of postgraduate representatives, who will discuss any suggestions or issues you may have while you are here. They're appointed from different subject areas to represent the views of students, liaise with teaching staff and promote student-led change.

The Union building is located right at the heart of campus and boasts a variety of shops where you can buy just about everything you'll need, plus there's a variety of food outlets too. Currently undergoing a substantial £20m upgrade, Leeds University Union's refurbished building, which is due to be completed in April 2017, will be even better equipped for helping students love their time at Leeds.

[www.luu.org.uk](http://www.luu.org.uk)

- Treasures of the Brotherton Gallery – a new gallery displaying some of the most interesting, precious and rare treasures from the University's Special Collections, including letters from the Brontës and Shakespeare's First Folio.



## Clubs, societies and volunteering

Leeds University Union runs over 300 student-led clubs and societies, bringing like-minded students together. Whether you want to pursue an existing interest or try something completely new, there is something for everyone – from football to chess, wine tasting to sky diving, a cappella to stage musicals. The Give it a Go sessions are a great way to try a club or society and there's no pressure to join afterwards, or you could even set up your own.

Joining a society is a fantastic way to enhance your employability and develop new skills such as team-working and project management, helping you stand out from the competition.

There's a dedicated society for postgraduate students that meets regularly, plus many academic schools have their own society, which is a great way of getting to know people on your course and meeting others from different disciplines. As well as organising social events, many societies work with staff to host special interest talks, industry guest speakers and discussion groups, as well as arranging careers events, giving you the opportunity to network with industry professionals.

A fantastic way to enhance your employability and develop valuable new skills is to get involved in volunteering. Even if you have just a few hours to spare, there will be something to suit your interests, skills and availability, plus it's a rewarding way to make a difference. Find out more at [www.leeds.ac.uk/volunteering](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/volunteering)

## Sport and fitness

Whatever your level of fitness, the University provides excellent opportunities to keep healthy and get active. There are over 60 sport and outdoor pursuit clubs to choose from, so whether you want to participate for fun, at club level or to the highest national or international standard, we'll help you reach your potential and improve your health and wellbeing.

Leeds Sport also offers a range of top-quality coaching, officiating and leadership development courses, as well as opportunities to broaden your horizons by volunteering, to help raise aspirations and access to education through community sports projects in Leeds or South Africa.

The Edge is our flagship £12.5m indoor facility, providing excellent fitness, sport and wellbeing opportunities, all located on campus.

Facilities include:

- 250-station state-of-the-art fitness suite, complete with the latest Technogym equipment and Sky TV
- 25m, eight-lane swimming pool with moveable floor
- sauna and steam room
- squash courts
- strength and conditioning room
- three studios offering over 140 classes per week during term time – covering everything from yoga and Pilates to circuits and group cycle
- climbing wall.

We also have excellent outdoor facilities at Sports Park Weetwood, which offers one of the largest areas of playing field space of any university in the UK. If you're looking for an adrenaline rush, we also have two dedicated outdoor centres in the Lake District and the Yorkshire Dales, perfectly located for hiking, caving, mountain biking and climbing. [www.leeds.ac.uk/sport](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/sport)

**300+**  
**CLUBS AND**  
**SOCIETIES**  
for you to join

**Toke Dahler**  
**Union Affairs Officer (2015/16),**  
**Leeds University Union**

*Pictured in foyer of the students' union building*

In Denmark there aren't any student unions so I was very aware when I came to Leeds, with one of the most active unions in the UK, that it offered a unique opportunity to make the most of it. I completed my Masters degree in Political Communication here at Leeds, which has really helped me in my role as Union Affairs Officer – especially when I was campaigning to be elected. The other five Exec Officers are all elected students too and it was this concept of students working to represent students' views that interested me.

The Union is there to respond to the needs of all students and offers independent advice and support, as well as all kinds of different clubs and societies for you to experience and enjoy. The Postgraduate Society is a great way to meet up with other postgraduate students and get involved in research and careers events, day trips or you can just take a break from your studies and have a catch up at the Hidden Café.

We also work to have a student representative on every course and in every school – these are fellow students who will support you and represent your views, to ensure you have the best possible academic experience. Before I was elected I was a student rep for the School of Media and Communication and with the support of the Union, I helped bring about changes to the dissertation module so all postgraduate students benefited.

The postgraduate community at Leeds is incredibly diverse. There are students from all over the world here and because they might only be at Leeds for a year, it's important that postgraduate students are aware of the academic support, opportunities and activities that are available right from the beginning. That's what Leeds University Union does.



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## STUDENT WELLBEING AND SUPPORT

Our students benefit from a network of specialist services centred on you and your wellbeing, which all work together to ensure that any problems you have are carefully resolved.

### Support services

The Student Education Service brings together support and information services with lifestyle help and opportunities for students. Our For Students website directs you to those support services, making it easier for you to find the right help when you need it, as well as quick links to useful information including financial advice, health concerns and disability support. Once you've started at Leeds, the Student Services Centre counter service, located in the Marjorie and Arnold Ziff Building, can help and advise you on a range of areas such as accommodation, student administration, fees and funding, registration, student ID cards and many other student enquiries.

<http://students.leeds.ac.uk>

### Student mental health and wellbeing

We recognise that there may be times when you might experience stress, emotional problems or upsetting life events that make it hard to cope academically and/or personally. To help you deal with those difficult times, we provide free professional and confidential counselling and mental health support. We also promote emotional wellbeing through groups, workshops, drop-in sessions and web-based self-help. Other activities are run throughout the year to help you during potentially stressful times such as revision and exam periods.

If you have an existing moderate to severe and enduring mental health diagnosis, we have professionals who will help you by providing one-to-one support and developing appropriate support plans. They'll also act as advocates between you and the University and liaise with external referral agencies.

<http://students.leeds.ac.uk/supportandwellbeing>

### Support for students with a disability, learning difficulty or long-term medical condition

If you experience a disability, learning difficulty or long-term medical condition, you'll be able to access a comprehensive range of support services. We'll work with you, your school, other University services and any external organisations to help you organise the support you need, including one to one support from a disability adviser, modified examination arrangements, extended library loan facilities and access to computers with assistive technology.

You may be able to apply for funding for additional support such as transcription services, sign language interpretation and study assistance. We have experienced staff who can advise you on sources of funding and eligibility, and help you fill in any forms.

It's better if you contact us before you start your course, so we can discuss your needs and arrange the right support for you before you get here.

<http://students.leeds.ac.uk/supportandwellbeing>

### Independent student advice

Leeds University Union offers a professional and confidential help and advice service. Although specialising in housing, financial and academic concerns, the Union can support you with any issues or concerns you may have and all help is free and completely impartial.

[www.luu.org.uk](http://www.luu.org.uk)

### Healthcare

Leeds Student Medical Practice is an NHS practice specialising in all aspects of student health. It's located close to campus and, as well as the usual GP services, you can access a wide range of specialist services including sports medicine, travel advice and immunisation, contraception and sexual health services, and asthma and diabetes management.

[www.leedsstudentmedicalpractice.co.uk](http://www.leedsstudentmedicalpractice.co.uk)

If you require a visa to study in the UK, you will be required to pay an annual immigration health surcharge when you make your visa application, which will entitle you to free health services under the National Health Services (NHS).

[www.gov.uk/healthcare-immigration-application](http://www.gov.uk/healthcare-immigration-application)



### Childcare on campus

Bright Beginnings Childcare Centre offers a range of services for students with children, including childcare for children between the ages of three months and five years (preschool) and a playscheme during school holidays for children aged between three and 11 years.

The award-winning Centre, based on campus, is registered with Ofsted and complies with the early years foundation stage.

[www.brightbeginningschildcare.co.uk](http://www.brightbeginningschildcare.co.uk)

### Faith-based support and contemplation

The University has a number of spaces on campus available for prayer and quiet contemplation, whether you practise a particular faith or not. If you practise a faith, you can be confident that you will be able to follow your beliefs in Leeds and find support and information related to your faith. For more information visit

<http://students.leeds.ac.uk/prayerandcontemplation>

### Support for international students

We are one of the most popular destinations in the UK for international students – more than 6,000 international students choose to study with us each year. We have over a century of experience of welcoming international students to our University. From the moment you accept our offer and throughout the duration of your studies, we provide a range of specialist services to help you, such as travelling to Leeds, what to bring with you, settling in and adapting to British culture, and advice on visas and immigration. You'll also have many opportunities to take part in social events, go on regular trips or visit a host family for a weekend, ensuring you make the most of your time in the UK. To find out more about being an international student at Leeds visit

[www.leeds.ac.uk/internationalstudents](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/internationalstudents)

Staff regularly travel overseas to meet with prospective students and to give advice about life as an international student in Leeds. You can find out whether we'll be visiting your country in the near future at

[www.leeds.ac.uk/visitsyourcountry](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/visitsyourcountry)

If you would like to talk to some of our current students about their experiences or have any questions about being a postgraduate student here visit [www.leeds.ac.uk/linktoleeds](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/linktoleeds)

### Arriving in Leeds

We know that settling in at the beginning is really important for the success of your time here, so we offer a comprehensive range of international welcome and orientation services. When you arrive in Leeds, our International Welcome team will give you all the information you need to settle in during your first few days. If you arrive in September when our free Meet and Greet service is running, the team can meet you at Leeds Bradford Airport or Leeds train station. Find out more at [www.leeds.ac.uk/meetandgreet](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/meetandgreet)

Before teaching starts in September, you'll be invited to our International Welcome Week, a free programme of useful information sessions and social events. This includes an orientation programme, welcome talks, tours, days out, café events, film nights and a taste of what our clubs and societies have to offer. They're a great way to introduce you to British culture and help you make new friends.

[www.leeds.ac.uk/internationalarrival](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/internationalarrival)

### International student societies

Students from all countries are represented in our international student societies. They're a great way to meet other international students, learn about new cultures and meet new people.

Find out more at [www.luu.org.uk](http://www.luu.org.uk)

**1st**  
among participating  
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**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT  
SATISFACTION WITH  
'LEARNING OVERALL'**  
(International Student Barometer, 2014)

**Christopher Mbah**  
**MSc Electrical Engineering and  
Renewable Energy Systems**

*Pictured (far right) at a Global Café event*

When I was looking for a University I wanted a school with expertise in renewable energy systems and was really impressed with Leeds. After applying I received so much support from the University – I got lots of help with sorting out my accommodation and really useful information on flights and working out what my living costs would be. The pre-departure briefing in my home country was really useful too.

The best recommendation was to book the Meet and Greet service for when I arrived in Leeds. I travelled from Nigeria and it was a relief to arrive in a new city and have someone from the University there to meet me and help me get a taxi to my accommodation. I was given a welcome pack with a sim card in it so I could call home and tell them I had arrived.

I arrived in time for International Welcome Week and Freshers' Week so it was nice to walk over to campus each morning and see what was going on. I went to the Global Café quite a lot and just started chatting to some people over drinks and biscuits – I met my best friend there. The clubs and societies offer lots of opportunities to try different things. I signed up for orienteering, mountain climbing and rugby – things we don't really do in my country.

University accommodation has been a great experience – I'm living with people from the Bahamas, Japan, South Korea and Australia. We just hang out and talk, but I've learnt so much like different styles of cooking and different cultures. Some of us went on a road trip to the Netherlands at Christmas!

I'm a Link to Leeds ambassador so I get to talk to prospective students and answer their questions through live chat. It's really improved my communications skills and it's good to be able to share my experiences and help new students coming here.



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## ACCOMMODATION

Leeds is a great place to live, with a varied mix of accommodation on offer. Whether you are looking for family accommodation, a shared house, flat or studio, you will find something to suit your budget.

### Our guarantee

We guarantee\* to provide University accommodation to all new, single postgraduate students paying international fees who apply before the deadline. Unfortunately, we are unable to extend this guarantee to UK or EU students; however, there is an extensive selection of good-quality private accommodation available to students in Leeds.

\*Restrictions apply relating to deadlines, residence and academic fee status.

### University accommodation

Our University-owned accommodation for postgraduate students is mainly self-catered. We provide kitchen facilities that you share with a small number of other residents. All rooms have a bed, wardrobe, desk and chair. Around two-thirds of the rooms are en suite, and where there is a shared bathroom, rooms may also have a washbasin. All residences have launderettes or provide washing machines.

It's our aim to ensure you enjoy your time in our accommodation and feel safe and supported while you're there. Our two main residences exclusively for postgraduates are St Mark's Residences and Grayson Heights. Each have experienced wardens and resident sub-wardens to provide advice and support, plus our security service is on call 24/7.

St Mark's Residences is a new development conveniently located less than a five-minute walk to campus, with the city centre only a short 10-minute walk away. St Mark's offers 529 en suite rooms, a fitness zone, a communal lounge area and 51-week contract lengths.

Grayson Heights comprises 110 rooms in smart, modern apartments on a direct bus route or 30-minute walk to campus. Each apartment has five bedrooms which share two bathrooms, a kitchen and a comfortable living room. Close to the popular areas of Headingley and Kirkstall, both with excellent local amenities, Grayson Heights offers 51-week contract lengths.

Accommodation costs for 2017 were not available at the time of printing, but the cost of University accommodation for 2016 entry ranged from £92 to £132 a week – your rent includes all utility bills, wi-fi, basic contents insurance and off-peak gym and sports membership at The Edge.

For more information about our postgraduate residences visit

[www.leeds.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/accommodation)

### Private sector accommodation

Leeds has a wide range of good-quality private accommodation to suit all lifestyles and budgets, ranging from family and shared houses to studios and en suite accommodation in private, large developments. Whether you're looking to live in the city centre or in the popular student suburbs of Headingley or Hyde Park, you'll still just be a short walk or bus ride from campus.

Depending on the type of property you choose and the location, the average cost in 2015 for student properties rented from private landlords, as advertised by Unipol, a student homes charity, was around £74 for a shared house and £94 for a self-contained property (both figures are per week per person and exclude bills).

For independent help and advice on all aspects of private accommodation visit

[www.unipol.leeds.ac.uk/leeds](http://www.unipol.leeds.ac.uk/leeds)

[www.luu.org.uk/helpandadvice/housing](http://www.luu.org.uk/helpandadvice/housing)





**Sistha Halim**  
**MA Childhood Studies**

*Pictured at St Mark's Residences*

I chose to apply for St Mark's because it's a residence just for postgraduates. All my flatmates are Masters students, so it's been great living together because we all get along and it's good to be able to talk about university life. I really appreciate spending time in the communal kitchen and living area and it's great to have friends over for dinner or just watch TV on the sofa. Living in University accommodation is great way of getting the whole student experience – I also have an en suite bathroom which is a bonus.


One of the perks of St Mark's is how close it is to campus, so I can go back to my room and have a quiet place to study. It's also within walking distance of the city centre and Hyde Park Corner is nearby with nice cafés. The common room is great and I use it quite a bit to meet friends and play table tennis or board games. There's also a printing room and an onsite gym too.

I'm the President of the Hall Exec committee and that has been another great way to meet people and make new friends. The committee organises lots of events for all the students in St Mark's including a trip to Manchester and a visit to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park; it's nice to get out and explore the country and the Yorkshire region. We have a Facebook group too so people can keep up-to-date with the events and activities we've planned.

Applying for University accommodation was really simple – you can compare the different residences on the website and then apply online.







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## LEEDS AND YORKSHIRE

Situated in the middle of the UK, Leeds is also the regional capital of Yorkshire. Our campus sits on the edge of the city centre and a short 10-minute walk will take you to the heart of Leeds. Renowned as a hub for arts, sport, leisure and entertainment, Leeds is a lively, multicultural city. It has everything you would expect from the UK's third largest and fastest-growing city, and is surrounded by beautiful, accessible countryside. With over 60,000 students living within the city boundaries, there's a real student focus, making it an exciting place to live and learn.

### Arts and culture

The city has a vibrant cultural life, so whether you are a fan of cinema, opera, live music or theatre, Leeds has something to suit you. Throughout the year, the city is transformed by outdoor concerts in Millennium Square, street theatre and performance art, various European-themed festivals and markets, even an ice rink in the winter.

### Shopping

Leeds is one of the UK's top shopping destinations and has an eclectic mix of high street favourites, independent boutiques and vintage stores, all within easy walking distance of our campus. From the beautiful architecture of the Victoria Quarter and the Grand Arcade to the stunning domed roof of Leeds Corn Exchange, Leeds is a true haven for anyone who wants to shop somewhere different. Trinity Leeds is a fantastic retail and leisure development in the heart of the city centre, and is home to more than 120 shops, cafés, bars, restaurants and the Everyman Leeds cinema.

### Sport

Leeds has a proud sporting tradition and was chosen as the host city for Le Grand Départ, the start of the 2014 Tour de France. Whatever your sport of choice, Leeds is home to famous teams such as Leeds United Football Club, Yorkshire County Cricket Club, and Leeds Rhinos and Leeds Carnegie rugby clubs. If spectating isn't enough and you want to get active, one of the country's biggest real snow slopes is within easy reach, and the city has plenty of gyms and health clubs, including our very own fitness suite and swimming pool, The Edge (see page 37).

### Eating out and entertainment

Leeds offers an extensive choice of places to eat and drink to suit all culinary tastes and budgets. Leeds' music scene can be experienced in every corner of the city, every night of the week. Live music venues include the 13,500-capacity First Direct Arena, the O<sub>2</sub> Academy, The Wardrobe, Brudenell Social Club and the University's own Refectory, which has played host to some of the world's most famous bands, including The Rolling Stones, The Who, Led Zeppelin and Queen.

Numerous events throughout the year are held in the city, such as the Leeds International Film Festival, the Northern Art Prize and the Leeds Food and Drink Festival. Many of the events on offer are family-friendly and offer discounted rates for students. Find out more at [www.leeds.gov.uk/leisure](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/leisure)

### Transport links

Leeds is well connected to the rest of the UK by affordable, frequent and extensive coach and rail services. You can reach London in around two hours and Edinburgh is just three hours away by train. Leeds Bradford Airport is only 30 minutes from campus and provides regular flights to major international destinations.

### Exploring Yorkshire

Sitting in the heart of Yorkshire, Leeds is one of the greenest cities in Britain and within easy reach of traditional cities, towns and villages such as Beverley, York, Malton, Ilkley, Harrogate, Ripon and Saltaire. It also has many areas of natural beauty and historic interest, such as Roundhay Park, Temple Newsam, Harewood House and Kirkstall Abbey.

From the Yorkshire Wildlife Park to the National Coal Mining Museum and the Royal Armouries museum, there is an abundance of things to see and do in Leeds and across the region. Spectacular countryside is within easy reach of Leeds, including the Lake District, Peak District, Yorkshire Dales and North York Moors, as well as East Yorkshire's stunning coastline. Discover more at [www.yorkshire.com](http://www.yorkshire.com)





1 Leeds' First Direct Arena has seen acts as diverse as Michael Bublé, Bruce Springsteen, Kasabian, Miley Cyrus, Ed Sheeran and Jack White perform since opening in 2013 / 2 Headingley Stadium is the home of Yorkshire County Cricket Club, Leeds Rhinos rugby league team and Yorkshire Carnegie rugby union team / 3 Leeds Kirkgate Market is the largest covered market in Europe / 4 Trinity Leeds offers shopping, dining and leisure experiences / 5 Harewood House, a majestic 18th-century stately home and gardens, situated just north of Leeds / 6 The Yorkshire Dales National Park is on our doorstep.

**Harry Holmes****MSc Engineering Geology**


*Pictured (far left) in Otley Chevin Forest Park, West Yorkshire*

In the first week of my Engineering Geology course we had a three day field trip to the Yorkshire coastal towns of Whitby, Scarborough and Bridlington. My course covers the engineering of foundations and excavations so we created geological models to see how the geology of the area would affect the built environment. We also looked at how to mitigate landslides and coastal processes, so it's really handy that these places are within easy reach of Leeds.

Leeds is not far from the countryside, which is great for me because I do a lot of fell running up on the Moors. I also take part in a lot of races which explore the surrounding villages, like the Withins Skyline race which starts at Penistone Hill Country Park near Haworth. It covers the Brontë country and you run past the farmhouse from Wuthering Heights which is a really popular place to visit. It's brilliant, I love it.

There are so many places you can visit to take a break from studying. I've been able to explore a lot of the region through climbing too – there's some nationally significant climbing spots in Yorkshire and some of the best crags in the country. My favourite is Brimham Rocks in North Yorkshire which has been shaped by water, ice and wind into loads of random boulders. Malham Cove is a great place to visit too. It's a huge curved amphitheatre shaped cliff that features in one of the Harry Potter films.

Leeds is in a great location – it's so easy to get around Yorkshire and the added benefit is that the campus is really close to the city centre. I can just pop in to Leeds whenever I need something, especially to the Trinity shopping centre – it's got everything there.



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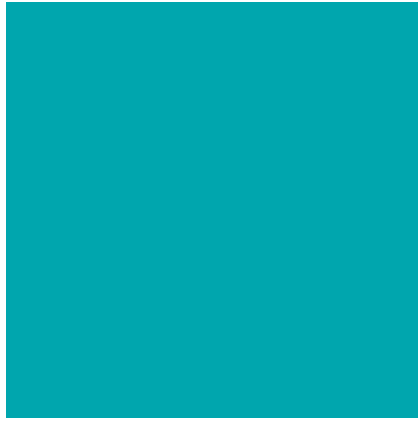


# FEES, FUNDING AND APPLYING



Choosing the right university is an important decision and an investment in your future. At Leeds we offer a number of scholarships and bursaries to help you fund the cost of postgraduate study.





## COSTS TO CONSIDER

Postgraduate study is a major investment in your future, but there may be some support available to help ease the financial pressure.

### Tuition fees

The cost of a taught postgraduate degree varies depending on the course and our fees are reviewed each year. Tuition fees for 2017 will be confirmed in September 2016 and will be available on our website at

**[www.leeds.ac.uk/coursefinder](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/coursefinder)**

If you are studying part time, the full-time fee is usually split so that payment is divided equally across each year of study, but this is not always the case so you should check with the relevant admissions team. Most part-time postgraduate Masters fees are fixed at the point of entry and will not rise in subsequent years of the course. This means you can more easily plan your finances at the outset.

### Paying your fees

If you are a UK or EU student, you may be eligible for a postgraduate loan from the UK government to help with the cost of your tuition fees. If you have a confirmed postgraduate loan at registration, you can set up a payment plan based on when you receive your loan payments.

Alternatively, you can pay your fees in full or in two instalments. If paying in two instalments, 50% must be paid when registering and 50% is payable by direct debit from a UK bank account approximately five months after your start date.

If you are an international student and need a Tier 4 student visa to study in the UK, you will need to pay a tuition fee deposit of £1,500 unless you are sponsored by a University-recognised sponsor.

You can find out more at

**[www.leeds.ac.uk/tuitionfeedeports](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/tuitionfeedeports)**

For more information and updates on fees visit

**[www.leeds.ac.uk/mastersfees](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/mastersfees)**

### Living costs

In addition to your tuition fees, you must also budget for living costs such as accommodation, food, clothing, books, transport and social activities. While costs will vary depending on individual lifestyles, we recommend a living costs budget of £650 to £800 per month. For money advice and tips on budgeting visit **[www.luu.org.uk](http://www.luu.org.uk)**

If you need to top up your income during your studies, there is a service called Joblink, provided by Leeds University Union, where you can find part-time work with a trusted, student-friendly employer that fits around your studies. Working not only puts money in your pocket, it also helps you gain valuable experience.

If you're an international (non-EU) student, you should check whether your visa allows you to work part time. When you apply for your visa, you'll have to prove that you can support yourself financially while in the UK. For more information visit **[www.leeds.ac.uk/immigration](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/immigration)**

## STUDENT FUNDING

Postgraduate study is a big investment, but you might be able to get financial support from the UK government, the University of Leeds or other funding bodies.

### Funding from the UK government for UK and EU students

If you study a taught or research Masters course full time, part time or by distance learning, you may be able to apply for a postgraduate loan of up to £10,000 to contribute to the cost of your postgraduate study. This is a repayable loan, but it isn't means-tested, so it doesn't depend on your personal or family income.

For more information and to see if you are eligible to apply visit [www.leeds.ac.uk/postgraduateloans](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/postgraduateloans)

Other information about government funding for postgraduate study can be found at [www.gov.uk/funding-for-postgraduate-study](http://www.gov.uk/funding-for-postgraduate-study)

### Funding for international students

If you are an international student, you may be able to apply for funding from your own government, independent sponsors or other award-paying bodies to study in the UK. You may also be eligible to apply for one of our postgraduate scholarships.

### Funding from us

If you have the talent, drive and potential to succeed, we want to make sure you can study with us, whatever your financial circumstances. We offer one of the most generous funding packages in the country and, best of all, any funding you may receive from us does not need to be repaid.

### Alumni bursary

If you are a former student of the University of Leeds and you are studying for a full Masters degree, you may be eligible for a 10% alumni tuition fee bursary. To see if you are eligible and to check application deadlines visit [www.leeds.ac.uk/alumnibursary](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/alumnibursary)

### Postgraduate scholarships

Postgraduate students at Leeds benefit from around £10m of funding from the University and external sources. Additional scholarships may also be available from some individual academic schools.

We offer a wide range of scholarships for UK, EU and international students to help towards paying tuition fees or living costs, but eligibility depends on a number of factors, such as where you live in the UK or your home country, your academic achievement, your personal circumstances or your household income.

Scholarships can be very competitive, so it's important you make enquiries and apply to all possible sources of funding at an early stage, as soon as you have your University Student ID number.

[www.leeds.ac.uk/postgraduatescholarships](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/postgraduatescholarships)



**Sophie Randall**  
**MRes Climate and Atmospheric Science**

*Pictured next to the interactive globe in the Earth and Environment foyer*

Without a scholarship I wouldn't have been able to afford to study a Masters and I definitely wouldn't be at Leeds right now. I started researching environment courses at Leeds, as loads of people recommended it and the faculty is ranked highly, and I found out about the Leeds Masters Scholarship scheme.

It was an easy process to apply for the Scholarship – I had to show that I met the financial criteria, explain why I wanted to study the course and how the scholarship would benefit me. The Scholarship was paid in instalments and I used it to pay towards my tuition fees and accommodation costs as I am living away from home.

There's other funding that you can apply for once you're here. I'm presenting at a conference later in the year with some students from my course and I'm going to apply for a Conference Award from the Leeds for Life Foundation. It will help with the cost and anyone can apply.

The University advertises lots of little jobs you can apply for that will fit around your studies – I work part time as a student ambassador for extra spending money. I've worked on open days and I help to run workshops and give children a tour of campus when schools visit which is great fun. It's really good for professional development and it's helped to improve my confidence too. Joblink is incredible for short term and temporary jobs that you don't have to tie yourself down to every weekend.

I'm really good at managing money and keeping track of what's coming in and going out. To keep costs down I go to the discounted sports sessions organised by the University, such as yoga, spin, kayaking and climbing. There's a lot more funding out there for postgraduate students than people expect – just make sure you do your research get applying.



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## APPLYING TO STUDY HERE

### Entry requirements

The normal entry requirement for a Masters course is the equivalent of a good bachelor degree in the British system. The University of Leeds welcomes a wide range of international qualifications for entry to postgraduate study. Entry requirements vary depending on the course you choose, so for the most up-to-date information visit [www.leeds.ac.uk/coursefinder](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/coursefinder)

### English language requirements

If English is not your first language, you will need a recognised English language qualification to be able to do a Masters course at Leeds. English language requirements vary between courses, so you will need to check the requirements for your course at [www.leeds.ac.uk/coursefinder](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/coursefinder)

If you need to improve your English language skills before you start your course, you may want to consider one of the pre-sessional courses provided by our Language Centre (see page 21). Our pre-sessional courses are taught by staff from our Language Centre and academic schools, so you can improve your English language skills at the same time as learning more about your chosen subject. For more information and to find out how to apply visit

[www.leeds.ac.uk/summerpreessionals](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/summerpreessionals)

If you meet the English language conditions for the pre-sessional course, a combined offer can be made for the pre-sessional and the Masters course. If you require a Tier 4 student visa, this combined offer means we can issue one Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) for both courses and you can apply for one visa covering both courses. Find out more at [www.leeds.ac.uk/combinedoffers](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/combinedoffers)

### How to apply

Application deadlines vary so you should check this directly with the appropriate academic school before you submit an application. We would encourage you to apply as early as possible, so you can apply for funding, accommodation and visas, if appropriate.

Before you apply, we recommend you take some time to read our latest admissions policy at [www.leeds.ac.uk/pgtadmissionspolicy](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/pgtadmissionspolicy)

Applying for a postgraduate course is easy. You can apply online and track your application at each stage of the process at [www.leeds.ac.uk/mastersapply](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/mastersapply)

If you are applying for a teacher training course, you should apply online via UCAS at [www.ucas.com/apply/teacher-training](http://www.ucas.com/apply/teacher-training)

### International students

All across the world, the University of Leeds works with overseas representatives who will be happy to inform and advise you about studying at the University of Leeds. More information, including country-specific advice and details of our international network of country representatives, is available at [www.leeds.ac.uk/meetus](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/meetus)

Once you have accepted an unconditional offer from the University of Leeds and provided us with all the necessary information, which may also include payment of a tuition fee deposit (see page 54), you will be issued with a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) number, which you will need to obtain your visa. For further information visit [www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration/student-visas](http://www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration/student-visas)

Our international student support teams can give you advice to help you prepare your visa application correctly. For further information visit [www.leeds.ac.uk/immigration](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/immigration)



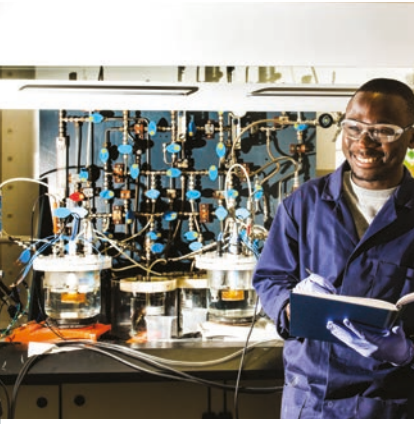




# YOUR STUDY

Whether you're just starting out, looking to broaden your options in your existing career or thinking about a career change, studying a postgraduate degree at Leeds is a sound investment in your future.





## TAUGHT COURSES

As a postgraduate student, you will combine lectures, seminars and tutorials, with additional time allocated to private study, independent projects, and laboratory practicals or fieldwork where relevant to your course.

The majority of our postgraduate courses are available full time and normally last for nine or 12 months. Assessment is typically through written examinations, essays and projects, as well as continuous coursework, depending on your course. For more information visit

[www.leeds.ac.uk/coursefinder](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/coursefinder)

### Flexible study

For those who don't wish to study full time, some of our courses offer flexible study options such as part-time attendance or study through distance learning (subject to residential status). To see if the course you are interested in has flexible study options, visit [www.leeds.ac.uk/coursefinder](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/coursefinder)

### Types of postgraduate qualifications

- A Master of Arts (MA) is usually awarded in subjects categorised as arts or social sciences such as education or history.
- A Master of Science (MSc) is usually awarded in subjects categorised as the sciences such as biology or engineering.
- A Masters of Research (MRes) is an advanced research-based degree to help prepare you for progression to a PhD or a career where research skills are required.
- A Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip) and a Postgraduate Certificate (PGCert) offer Masters-level knowledge without a dissertation. A Postgraduate Diploma is more extensive than a Postgraduate Certificate.

## RESEARCH DEGREES

Our Masters degrees can provide excellent preparation for higher-level research degrees such as a PhD. A research degree will provide you with training in relevant, transferable and research skills, which will support you in gaining expertise in a specialist area. You can find out more about postgraduate research by visiting

[www.leeds.ac.uk/researchdegrees](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/researchdegrees)

**SEARCH FOR YOUR  
POSTGRADUATE  
COURSE**

[www.leeds.ac.uk/coursefinder](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/coursefinder)





| City       | Distance  | Minimum travel time by train  |
|------------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| York       | 24 miles  | 22 minutes                    |
| Manchester | 42 miles  | 54 minutes                    |
| Newcastle  | 96 miles  | 1hr 27 minutes                |
| Birmingham | 118 miles | 1hr 55 minutes                |
| London     | 195 miles | 1hr 59 minutes (King's Cross) |
| Edinburgh  | 206 miles | 3hrs                          |

# MAPS: HOW TO FIND US

A vibrant city surrounded by countryside, Leeds is at the heart of the UK. In addition to excellent bus and rail services, the nearest international airport is just 30 minutes away. For full details on how to get here by train, bus, car and air, visit [www.leeds.ac.uk/howtofindus](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/howtofindus)

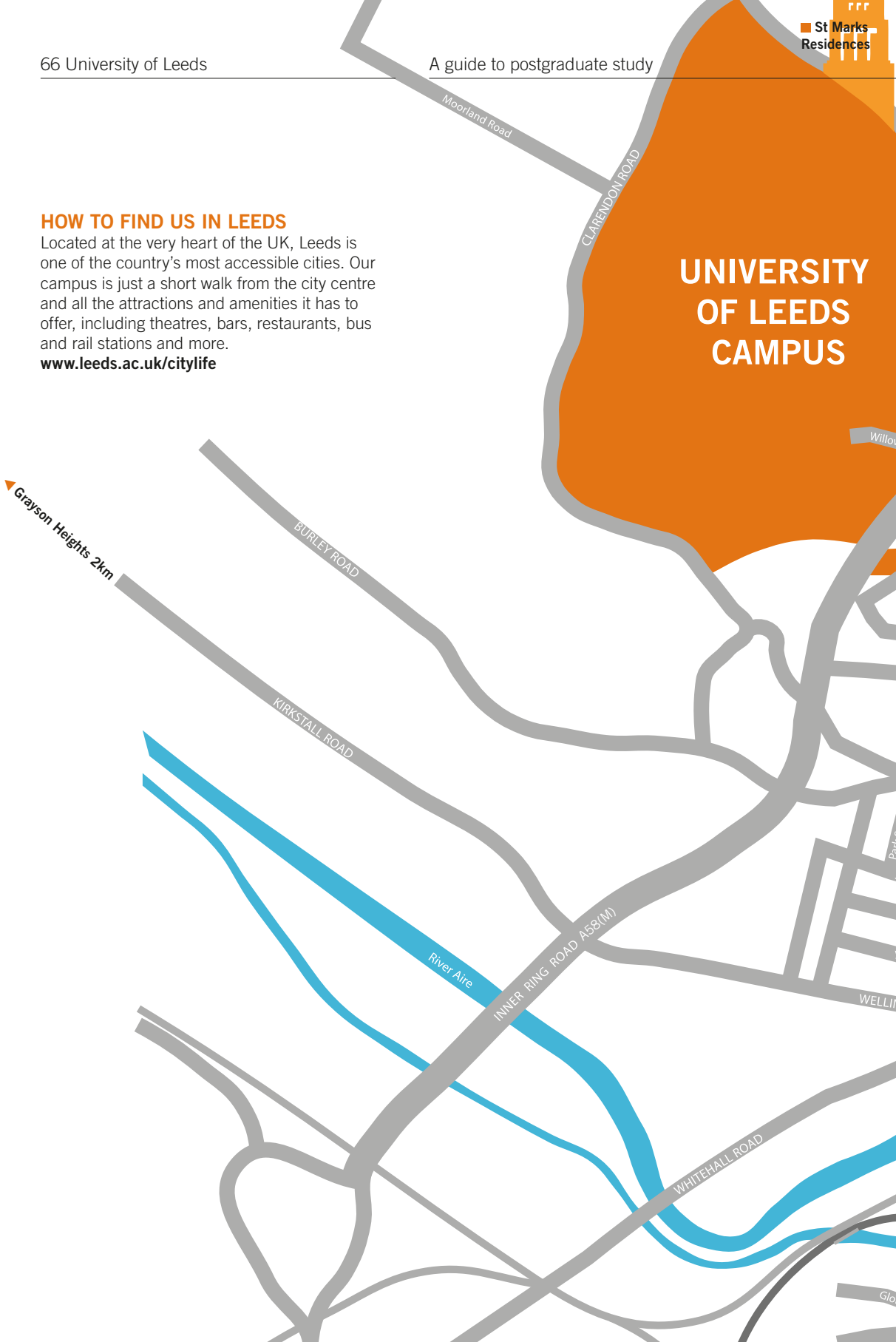


### HOW TO FIND US IN LEEDS

Located at the very heart of the UK, Leeds is one of the country's most accessible cities. Our campus is just a short walk from the city centre and all the attractions it has to offer, including theatres, bars, restaurants, bus and rail stations and more.

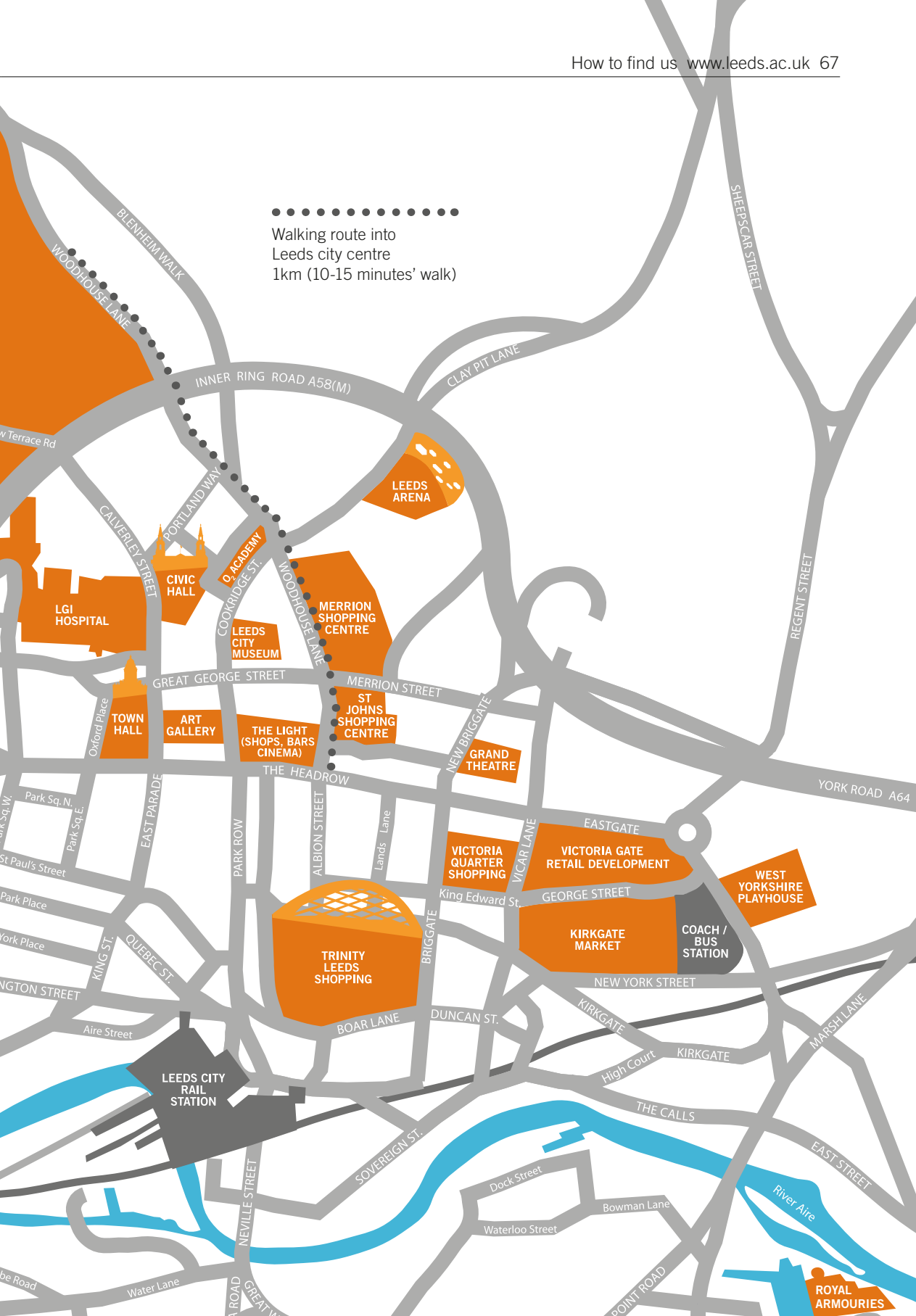
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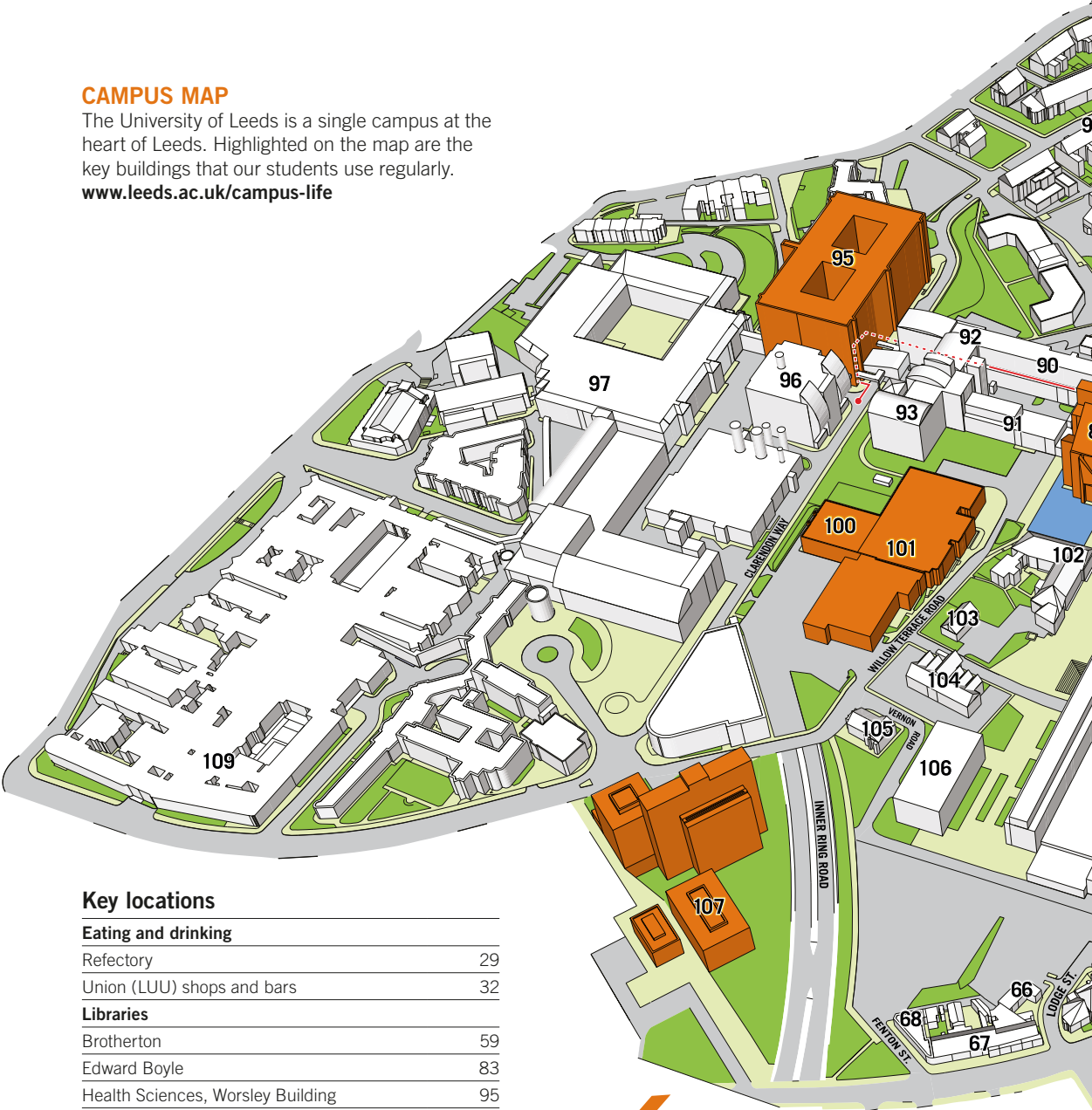
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Walking route into  
Leeds city centre  
1km (10-15 minutes' walk)



## CAMPUS MAP

The University of Leeds is a single campus at the heart of Leeds. Highlighted on the map are the key buildings that our students use regularly.

[www.leeds.ac.uk/campus-life](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/campus-life)



### Key locations

#### Eating and drinking

|                            |    |
|----------------------------|----|
| Refectory                  | 29 |
| Union (LUU) shops and bars | 32 |

#### Libraries

|                                   |    |
|-----------------------------------|----|
| Brotherton                        | 59 |
| Edward Boyle                      | 83 |
| Health Sciences, Worsley Building | 95 |
| Laidlaw                           | 63 |

#### Main lecture theatres

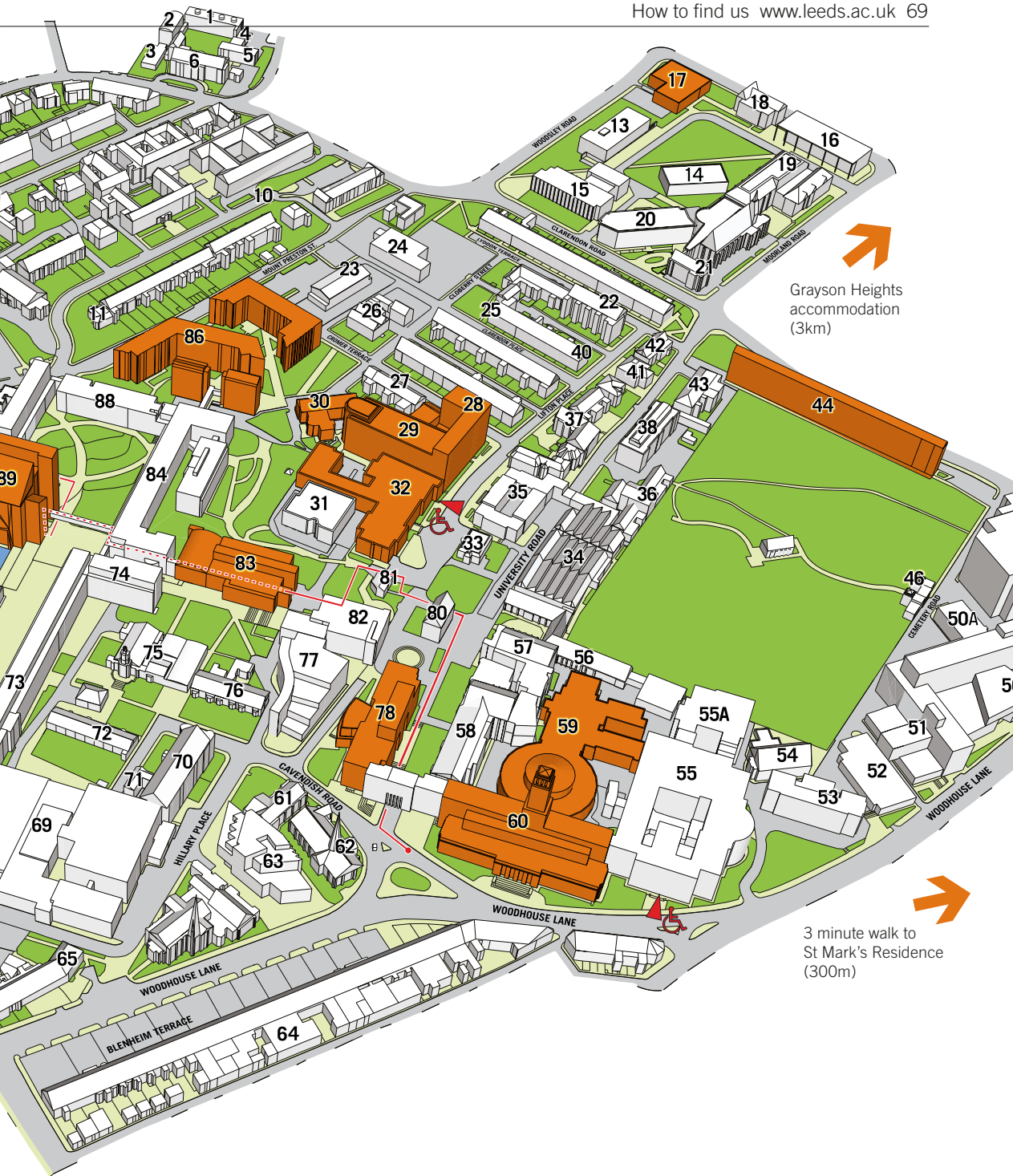
|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Conference auditorium                          | 100 |
| Roger Stevens                                  | 89  |
| Rupert Beckett<br>(in Michael Sadler Building) | 78  |

#### Sport

|                       |     |
|-----------------------|-----|
| The Edge              | 101 |
| Gryphon               | 17  |
| Cromer Terrace Studio | 27  |



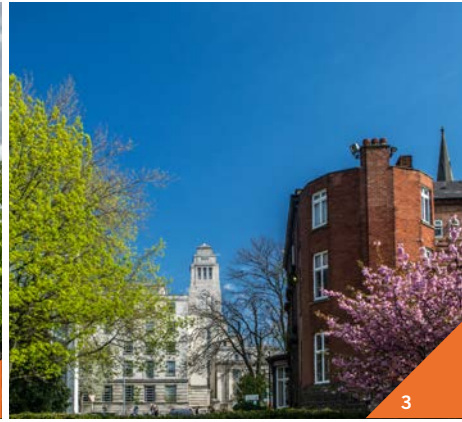
5 minute walk to the city (500m),  
10 minute walk to the city centre (1km),  
20 minute walk to Leeds railway station (1.6km)



Grayson Heights  
accommodation  
(3km)

3 minute walk to  
St Mark's Residence  
(300m)





**POSTGRADUATE  
OPEN DAY**  
10 FEBRUARY 2017  
[www.leeds.ac.uk/pgopenday](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/pgopenday)



1 The Marjorie and Arnold Ziff Building / 2 The Great Hall / 3 The iconic Parkinson Tower / 4 Simon Fujiwara's *A Spire* sculpture outside the Laidlaw Library / 5 The Roger Stevens Building / 6 Keith Wilson's *Sign for Art* sculpture in Beech Grove Plaza / 7 Hubert Dalwood's *Untitled bas-relief*, 1961, installed outside stage@leeds / 8 The domed roof of the Brotherton library



## Important

This prospectus was printed in June 2016 and some of the information in it may have changed. For up-to-date information about our postgraduate courses visit

**[www.leeds.ac.uk/coursefinder](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/coursefinder)** or follow the contact details for people and websites given throughout this prospectus.

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If you have any questions about postgraduate study at the University of Leeds, get in touch using the contact details below:

### Admissions enquiries

**+44 (0)113 343 2336**

**[study@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:study@leeds.ac.uk)**

**[www.leeds.ac.uk/masters](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/masters)**

### International Office

**+44 (0)113 34 32336**

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**[www.leeds.ac.uk/internationalstudents](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/internationalstudents)**

You can also ask questions using social media:



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