

Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering

[MSc Matters] Offer-holders Newsletter #04

Introduction

Congratulations on reaching the final steps on beginning your Postgraduate studies in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Imperial College London!

We hope that by the time you join us in Autumn 2021 the major pandemic restrictions will be minimal and that everyone will be able to take advantage of life in London and Imperial College London. The College is working to ensure that we continue to have contingency plans in place for all possible scenarios, should the situation change.

The purpose of this, and all our newsletters, is to keep you informed in the run-up to the start of the MSc programme for which you are currently holding an offer. We understand that you will be both excited and anxious, and we will do our part to ensure that you are kept informed prior to your arrival in the UK.

If there are any topics which you would like us to cover in future newsletters, please let us know by completing this short survey:

[Microsoft Forms](#)

COVID-19: Keeping up to date - offer holders

Remote Study in exceptional circumstances: [Full details of the policy](#) We are putting an approvals process in place to deal with such requests, and will advise when this is available. For now, this is provided for information only, and no action is required.

Our COVID-19 webpages are regularly updated so please do add the following page to your favourites and check back for future updates.

[Latest COVID-19 Information and Guidance at Imperial College London](#)

Q&A Session #2 for Offer Holders for entry in October 2021

Following a very successful and engaging first session on 15th July - we provide in the following articles responses to some of the queries you raised.

We will be hosting our next Offer-holders Q&A session on Thursday 29th July 2021 @ 12.00 [London time] and you can join using the following Microsoft Teams link:

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

This is an open forum for you to seek responses to any questions you may have relating to your upcoming studies here at Imperial College London and provide us with some insight on the type of information which we can provide that would be most useful to you.

We will continue to run these sessions if you find them useful.

Q&A Sessions #1 – answers to questions you have raised

Funding Your Studies

We aware that some of you will face varying degrees of financial pressures which may make it necessary for you to contemplate part-time work while studying full-time, however, you should not plan your finances on the assumption that they will be able to secure and hold down a part-time job to support you. You will also need to consider restrictions on the number of hours you may be permitted to work as described in the [Work rules during your studies webpages](#).

Paying your Tuition Fees

We have spotlighted topics which you have raised as being of particular interest to you – full details are available from [Information for Postgraduates](#).

Early Payment Discount: For the 2021/22 academic year, Imperial College London offers a 1.5% discount off personal tuition fees (less any deposit amount paid) * if payment is received by the College at least 45 days before your invoice due date (01 September 2021). If you have not yet received an invoice, you may still be entitled to this discount.

*if you are in receipt of a tuition fee scholarship from us, and you have received an invoice where the award is not reflected in the amount due, please pay the amount of your liability, subtracting the amount of the award and email tuition.fees@imperial.ac.uk – quoting your Invoice number and CID, clarifying how you have arrived at the amount you have paid.

Paying in Instalments: Applicants may apply to pay their fees in two instalments - at six-month intervals and is subject to a facility fee. Further information is available at [here](#).

To apply to pay by instalments please email the Tuition fees (tuition.fees@imperial.ac.uk).

ATAS (Academic Technology Approval Scheme)

If you are registering for the MSc in Advanced Materials for Sustainable Infrastructure, you will need to apply for this scheme. ATAS does not apply to any of our other MSc programmes.

When to apply for the ATAS:

Please allow a good 30 days to secure ATAS clearance at this time, please ensure that you allow plenty of time **as you will need your ATAS to receive your CAS and apply for your Visa.**

CAH Code: CAH 10-03-02

Descriptor: Materials Technology

Supervisor: Professor Nick Buenfeld

Full information is available from [website for ATAS](#)

Arriving in the UK this Autumn

Please ensure that you continue to review the information provided by the College about [arriving in the UK](#) for the 2021/22 academic year. We will aim to spotlight key information in our upcoming editions.

Quarantine Hotel – Financial Support

You should have received a newsletter from the College detailing the financial support available to students coming from red-listed countries, be aware of the potential for capacity constraints and the need to plan for advance booking before you book your flights.

Please click on the following to [view the process](#).

[Further Guidance for financial support.](#)

Declining our offer

If you are no longer able to take up your place on the MSc programme, please complete the following simple [Microsoft Form](#) and if possible, your place will be offered to a wait-listed candidate.

Other useful and relevant links:

[Admissions FAQs](#)

[Living in London](#)

[Public Transport \(student discounts apply\)](#)

[Covid-19 and Public Transport \(new\)](#)

[Imperial College Covid-19 Pages for Offer Holders](#)

[International Student Support Office \[Visa and Immigration\]](#)

In future issues, we will cover:

Wellbeing, Welfare and support

Induction and timetabling

Advanced selection of elective modules (Structural Engineering)

Training and Professional Development

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