

# Student Welcome Guide

## Dear Student

Welcome to Durham University! I am delighted that you will be joining us this fall. When you arrive in October, your college and academic department will offer a wide range of induction activities and events. I encourage you to take advantage of them. Make friends, meet staff, and get involved. Being part of an academic programme and a member of a college offers unparalleled opportunities for academic excellence, personal growth and leadership-the hallmark of a Durham education and what we call the 'Durham Difference'.

At graduation, I sometimes ask students what one piece of advice they wish to pass on. What I hear most often is that they regret not having engaged with the Careers and Enterprise Centre (C&E) from their first year. This is great advice. The C&E team can ease your transition into university by supporting you in identifying and maximising the personal strengths you already bring to Durham. They then work with you throughout your years here to evidence and express the professional skills that you will gain through studies, career placements, community engagement and the international experience that is college life. These transferrable skills are the foundations for a vibrant life after you graduate, whether in employment, further study or whatever path you choose.

You will receive an invitation to complete the brief Career Readiness Survey, which is designed to help C&E understand your skills and interests. Your answers will be used to inform the activities and information that they provide to you whilst you are at Durham.

This is an exciting and sometimes anxiety-provoking time. Amidst all the changes and challenges, one thing is clear: you have an extraordinary future ahead of you at Durham University. On behalf of the entire University, please accept my congratulations and sincerest welcome. I look forward to meeting you later this year!

All the best,



**Professor Alan Houston**  
Vice-Provost (Education)



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The Student Welcome Guide aims to provide you with key information about what is required of you, what you can expect and where and how to get help.

Durham University is committed to environmental sustainability, and to making the most effective and efficient use of all its resources. For this reason, and to ensure you have access to relevant information not just during the first few weeks of your study, but throughout your entire time at the University, we have made the Student Welcome Guide available electronically.

To access the Student Welcome Guide, please visit the weblink indicated below.

From there you can access support and information for all your learning, teaching and research activities across the University.

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