

Agents News

Your Monthly Update

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Record number of international applications

Exeter has received over 19,000 international applications to date for PhD, Masters and undergraduate programmes commencing in September. (This figure excludes applications for INTO Exeter programmes.)

By comparison, the University had received (only) 4,363 applications by mid-June 2005 for the 2005/6 Academic Year. This represents a remarkable 335% increase in only nine recruitment cycles – the result of the University's enhanced position in domestic and international rankings and greater pro-activity in its overseas marketing.

In the same timescale, international offers have risen from 2,680 to 10,459, representing a 290% increase in offers.

This dramatic increase is even more evident when looking at the total applications generated by our partner agents throughout the world. Applications have increased by 599% (from 861 in 2005 to 6,020) while offers have increased from 635 to 3,104 – a 389% increase. We wish to thank all our agents for their continued support in this regard.

Good University Guide 2014

The most recent UK university rankings, published by *The Guardian* in June 2013, provides further evidence of Exeter's continued rise in individual subject rankings and the widening diversity of its excellence of studies.

Exeter is in 23 of the 45 subjects covered this year (including Medicine) and is 'Top 10' in eight subjects, and 'Top 20' in 16 subjects. Sports Science and Religious Studies/Theology are the highest performers for Exeter, both being ranked #2 in their respective subjects. In addition, Biosciences (#4), Materials and Minerals Engineering (#4) General Engineering (#5) and English (#8) have seen substantial rises.

12 subjects have risen in the rankings for their sector (compared to seven last year), with the most significant gains being for Drama and Dance, and Philosophy - this lifts Drama and Dance back to where it was in 2012 to 12th. For more information about the rankings, please [click here](#).



Credibility student interviews to be used in visa process

The UK Border Agency (UKBA) has implemented a targeted interview system for students applying for visas from overseas. These may take place in person, over the telephone or by Skype.

As part of the interview, students may be asked about their immigration and education history, study and post-study plans and their financial circumstances. Students will need to ensure that they are familiar with the University of Exeter, the campus at which they will be studying and details of the chosen programme of study as they will be asked why they chose the University of Exeter.

Students will also be assessed on their English language skills in order to demonstrate their language abilities, confirming the grades specified in their qualification documentation.

Heathrow 'meet and greet' service 14-15 September 2013

The University is once again offering a 'meet and greet' service which will take place over the weekend of 14-15 September 2013. It is available to both University and INTO Exeter students. It will cost £33 which is much lower than other forms of public transport.

Agents are reminded that, to reserve a place available on a 'first come first served' basis, a student must apply online. For more information about the 'meet and greet' service, please [click here](#). For the online application form, please [click here](#).





New *International Students Guide* available online

The latest edition of pre-arrival information for international students is now available online. It gives up to date guidance for new students about the latest visa procedures, preparing to come to the UK, how to get to the University, the 'Meet and Greet' facility and other important information which every student should read before they depart their own country. Please [click here](#) for the Guide.

Working after doctorate studies – visa extension scheme (Tier 4)

Following substantial lobbying by UK universities, the UKBA has introduced a new scheme to give students who have almost finished their UK PhD, or other doctorate qualification, an additional 12 months of Tier 4 (General) immigration permission in which to look for and start work in the UK.

Applicants must have current Tier 4 leave to study a PhD or other doctorate degree and can only apply from within the UK. Eligible students must submit an application within 60 days before their course completion date and have the required funds of £1,600 in a bank account. Once this visa has been granted, such students will no longer be subject to any work restrictions.

KEY DATES

06 – 10 July	International Office representative visiting Japan
10 – 14 July	International Office representative visiting Singapore
10 – 17 July	International Office representative visiting P.R. China
15 – 17 July	International Office representative visiting Indonesia
18 – 19 July	International Office representative visiting Malaysia
18 – 22 July	International Office representative visiting Hong Kong