

Agents News

Your Monthly Update

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Doctoral funding opportunities at Exeter

Over 100 University of Exeter PhD studentships available



Research is at the heart of the University of Exeter, and in order to develop the next generation of researchers, **more than 100 fully funded PhD studentships are available** across the arts and humanities, social sciences, business, and sciences. These cover all fees and a maintenance grant for three years.

The University is now looking to the Research Excellence Framework to build on the success of the last Research Assessment Exercise, where world-leading (4*) research was undertaken across all subjects and nearly 90 per cent of research was rated as internationally recognised.

PhD students at Exeter have the opportunity to research in an interdisciplinary environment with leading experts whose research impacts on the wider world. PhD support is provided through the Researcher Development Programme and Learning and Teaching in Higher Education Programme.

Professor Stephen Rippon, Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Research, said: "We undertake world-leading research and take pride in providing an exceptional experience for our PhD researchers. During the last Research Assessment Exercise, we rose up the rankings more than any other University and against the current economic tide, our research income and reputation continues to grow."

"Our Doctoral Training Centre partnerships with Universities such as Bristol, Bath, and Edinburgh place us at the forefront of world-class research in science, technology, the humanities and social sciences. We can offer talented PhD researchers funding for their studies in conjunction with a dynamic and exciting research environment, where research students make a real impact in extending our knowledge and developing new ideas."

Full details are available [here](#).

For advice about applying for a PhD, including how to structure the research proposal and information about how UK PhDs differ from other countries, please click [here](#).

Students can stay on campus throughout their time at university

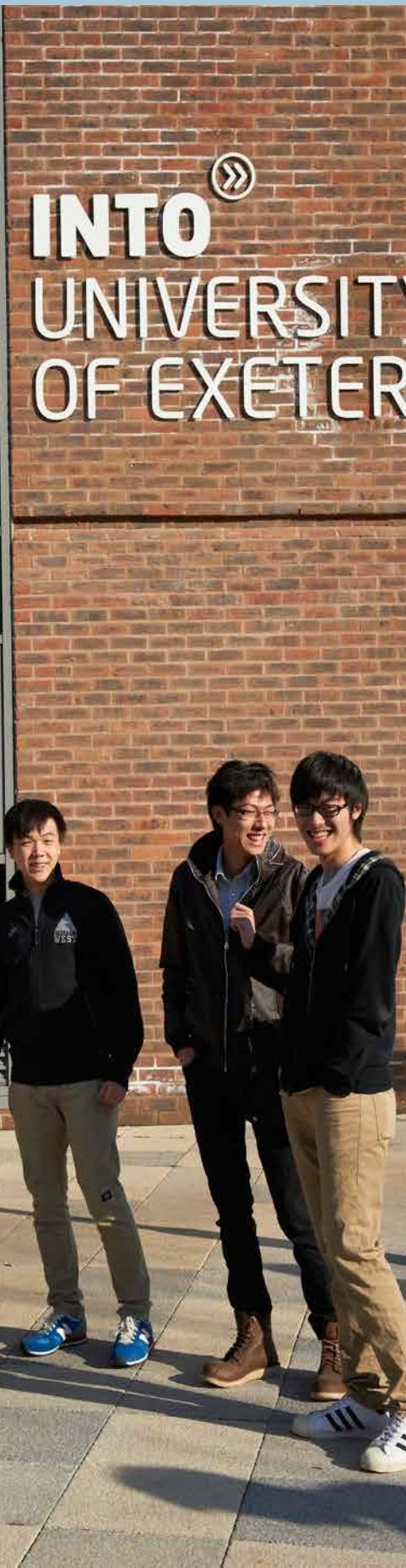
Current undergraduate international students without families can now stay in University accommodation throughout their academic career and can take advantage of the great range of benefits the University's Accommodation Office offers.

Students can apply to our accommodation for 2013/14, with all-inclusive self-catering rents from £98 per week and with a choice of either en-suite or studio rooms, the majority of which are conveniently located on campus offering a safe and secure place to live with a range of welfare support services available. Please let your students know of this new option as applications are now open. To keep up to date with the latest news, click [here](#). Current students can register their interest online [here](#).

Changes in ATAS procedures covering undergraduate programmes

The British Government's Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) has recently amended regulations so that four-year undergraduate masters applicants in certain disciplines – notably MEng Mechanical Engineering and MPhys Physics – need to hold an ATAS certificate *before* they can lodge a Tier 4 visa application. For more details, please click [here](#).

In addition, agent counsellors should note that, for entry in September 2013, all UG/PGT/PGR applicants requiring ATAS certificates must provide an electronic copy of the certificate for our Admissions Office **before** they will be issued with a CAS. Counsellors are strongly advised to check the position for other UK universities. If you have any queries, please contact your country International Officer.



South East Asia Night 2012

Students from across the SE Asian region contributed to a celebration of their history and culture in the Great Hall just before Christmas. 210 guests, including the Lord Mayor of Exeter, attended the extravaganza which included a fashion show, Thai cultural dance, Singapore acoustic singing, theatrical play of the history of Brunei, Vietnamese cultural dance, belly dancing, Malaysian traditional dances and an Angklung performance (Indonesian traditional music instrument). The highlight of the evening was of course the buffet of local foods (Singaporean noodles, duck roll, chicken skewers, buttered prawn etc).



From top to bottom

Vietnamese cultural dance, Malaysian Zapin, Indonesia Angklung performance



Mayor of Exeter visiting the stands

New Natural Sciences website unveiled

This new website is a comprehensive source of information for applicants considering this flagship undergraduate programme. You will be able to find information about the course structure as well as its teaching and assessment methodologies, and listen to podcasts of our top academics talking about their research interests. Click [here](#) to access the pages.

Latest international links in USA and China

Collaboration has been extended with the University of South Florida, with an agreement covering faculty-led projects, student exchange and PhD studentships in the field of [Post-Disaster Recovery](#). A MoU has also been signed with Fudan University in Shanghai, ranked as one of China's Top-10 research-led universities.

New taught programme for 2013

The College of Life & Environmental Sciences is offering a new interdisciplinary course from September 2013. For more details about the programme, click here [MSc Conservation Science & Policy](#).

KEY DATES

23 – 27 January	International Office representative visiting Hong Kong
27 January – 2 February	MBA Director attending QS World MBA Fair in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Washington and New York
28 January – 2 February	International Office representative visiting Vietnam
31 January – 8 February	James McNaughton, International STEM Recruitment Manager, Dr Chris Smith from Engineering and Dr Mark Ramsdale from Biosciences visiting Chennai, Bangalore, Mumbai & Pune
12 – 14 February	International Office representative visiting Brunei

