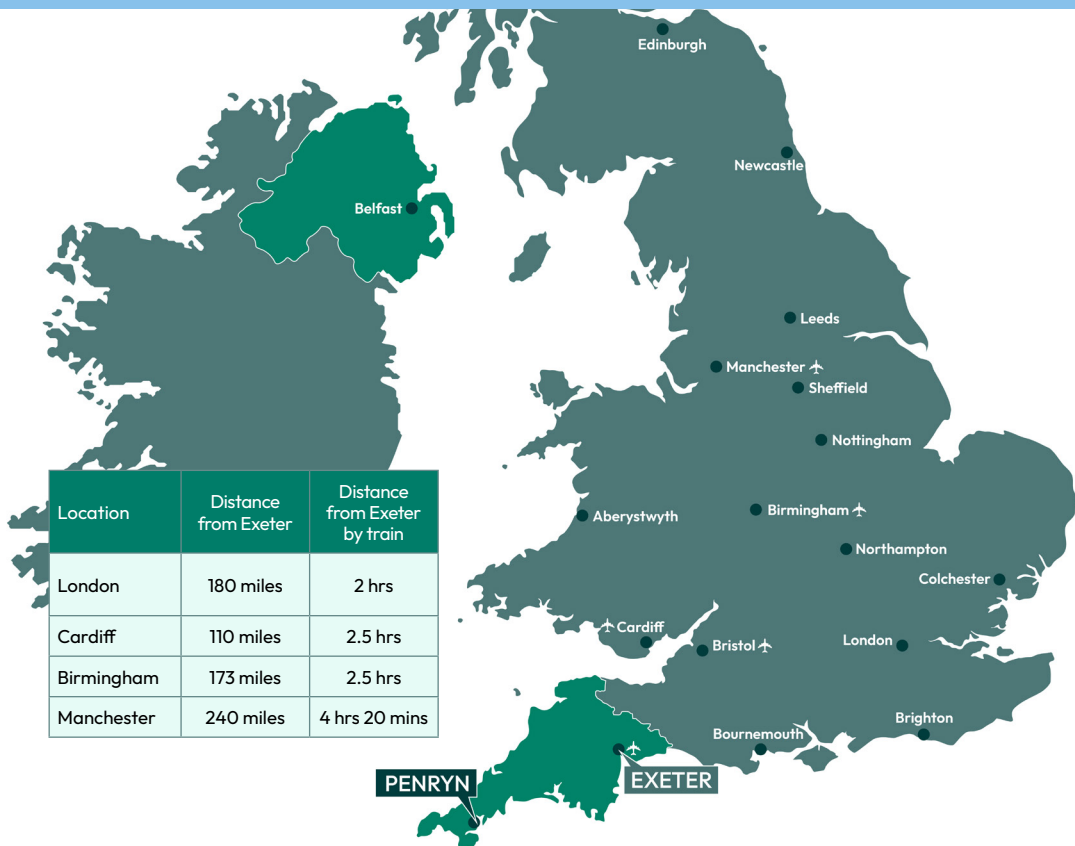


# A guide for supporters and parents



University  
of Exeter





## Our campuses

The University of Exeter has three campuses across the South West. Our unique locations offer beautiful beaches and countryside on your doorstep.

Streatham and St Luke’s campuses are in the historic city of Exeter, with plenty of shopping, nightlife and a rich cultural scene. It is well-connected to the rest of the UK by train, plane or bus and our students love how safe the city feels.

Penryn Campus is located near to the seaside town of Falmouth in Cornwall, with a close-knit student community and a laid-back vibe. Its stunning beaches offer opportunities for sports and outdoor activities.

### Visit us

We organise a number of opportunities to visit our campuses both in person and virtually every year, so students can experience where they might live and study. To find out more about visiting us see [exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate/visit](https://exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate/visit)

# Working with supporters

We recognise that parents, guardians, carers and relatives can all play a vital role in supporting students when they are choosing and applying for university.

The decision to go to university is a big step, and finding the most suitable course and place to study can be an overwhelming task. To support families during this process, whether you have some or no experience of higher education, we've gathered the key information that you will need to help guide a young person through the application journey.

One term used a great deal is UCAS, (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service) which is the service that students use to apply to university. [ucas.com](https://ucas.com) has a huge range of information for students and supporters about potential next steps. It is also the platform on which students will make their university application.

If your student is currently studying in a school and college, there will be advice and support on offer. Schools and colleges provide advice about events and activities taking place as well as their expectations in supporting students applying for university.

Find our further advice and support at [exeter.ac.uk/supporter](https://exeter.ac.uk/supporter)



To attend any of our virtual events or receive our parents and supporter's newsletter visit [exeter.ac.uk/supporter](https://exeter.ac.uk/supporter)

Join our parents and supporters mailing list  
Receive information about courses, the application process wellbeing and much more.



# Helping with moving away from home

Moving away for university can be a significant change not only for students, but also for their parents and supporters. It could be the first time that your young person spends time away from home for a long period of time.

## Your support

Students need to feel confident in their choices when considering not just the course, but also their university, and parental and supporter encouragement is necessary for them to take that step. Supporting your young person's choices is key to ensuring that they have a stable and enjoyable time at university. Knowing that you're in their corner can benefit them not just in their first year, but their entire time at university. This support might include encouraging them to think about how to integrate into a new environment and reassurance that it can take time to settle in.

## Practical skills

Particularly if moving away from home, your young person will be becoming more self-sufficient. Providing your young person with the necessary skills to succeed at university is essential. These include basic skills around cooking and cleaning, thinking about managing their money and identifying the skill to develop before they move in.

## Safety

Devon and Cornwall are in the top 10 safest (or 'are amongst the safest') places to live in England and Wales according to the Office for National Statistics.\* For students living in university accommodation our Residence Life Team are on hand to support with advice, events and to check in with students. To understand the types of accommodation on offer take a virtual tour:

[exeter.ac.uk/accommodation](https://exeter.ac.uk/accommodation)

\*Police Force Area data tables released on 24 July 2025



# Funding for University

For both supporters and students, we know that one of the biggest concerns can be the cost of going to university. To guide you through this process, view our webpages for detailed information around the following topics:

## Government finance

Students are supported in England with a tuition fee loan and a maintenance loan. The amount of maintenance loan they receive will depend on their household income.

For further details visit the [gov.uk/student-finance](https://www.gov.uk/student-finance), where there are links for all areas of the UK.

For information on whether you qualify as a UK Home student for funding purposes, check the UKCISA website: [ukcisa.org.uk](https://ukcisa.org.uk)

Further information for students who qualify as international may be found on: [exeter.ac.uk/study/funding/international](https://exeter.ac.uk/study/funding/international)

## Financial support

We offer bursaries to complement government loans for low household income families, scholarships for exceptional students, athletes and those meeting other criteria, as well as expert funding advice and guidance.

Our University of Exeter funding and scholarships information has a wide variety of resources, and signposts to a range of funding pathways. For details visit: [exeter.ac.uk/study/funding/undergraduate](https://exeter.ac.uk/study/funding/undergraduate)

You can find out what budgeting tips and tricks our students use to make their money go further by visiting our Student's Blog site and reading their Cost of Living stories here: [exeter.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/fees/livingcosts](https://exeter.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/fees/livingcosts)

The University regularly updates the Cost of Living Support hub ([exeter.ac.uk/students/costofliving](https://exeter.ac.uk/students/costofliving)) to reflect the latest campus-specific support options, events, and resources.



# Studying with us

With more than 400 courses in 40 subject areas at the University of Exeter, for some students choosing what and how to study can be quite daunting.

Dependent on their course choice, students can expand their horizons by undertaking an industry experience, a placement year abroad or fieldwork overseas. In addition, there are likely to be degree subjects that students might not have been exposed to previously. It can be helpful to review some of the new opportunities and study options and keep all options open when beginning to research their next steps. All our courses can be found on our website, for general overviews of a subject area look at the [exeter.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses](https://exeter.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses)

What is the best option? This is not easy to answer as the factors to consider will depend on your student. How they like to learn, the size of environment they want, their personal strengths and skills will all play a role. Supporting your young person to identify their strengths and skills can be key to pinpointing the correct course for them. This might be from reflecting on their current academic study or considering the extracurricular skills they are developing.

## Degree apprenticeships

We offer a range of undergraduate-level Degree Apprenticeship programmes suitable for school leavers:

- Civil Engineering (BEng)
- Engineering: Manufacturing Engineer (BEng)
- Mechanical Engineering (BEng)
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering (BEng)
- Digital and Technology Solutions (BSc)
- Financial Services Professional (BSc)
- Accounting Finance Manager (BSc)
- Project Management (BSc)
- Diagnostic Radiography (BSc)
- Chartered Manager (BSc)

All details can be found at [exeter.ac.uk/study/degreeapprenticeships](https://exeter.ac.uk/study/degreeapprenticeships)



# Supporting underrepresented students

We believe all students should have equal and fair access to higher education. We also recognise that studying at university isn't as straightforward for everyone, and depending on financial, personal or ethnic background, students may face additional challenges in both accessing higher education and throughout their studies.

Specific support is offered for students meeting the following criteria:

- Free school meals
- First generation into HE
- Black, Asian and ethnic minority students
- Mature students
- Care leavers and care experienced
- Student carers
- Estranged students, asylum seekers and refugees
- Students from military families
- Students from low participation neighbourhoods, areas of multiple deprivation and with low incomes

Find out more about our support for widening participation students at:

[exeter.ac.uk/students/wp-support](https://www.exeter.ac.uk/students/wp-support)

## Contextual offers

This is an offer below the standard range for those applicants who meet certain eligibility criteria. Further information including how to confirm eligibility may be found at:

[exeter.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/entryrequirements/contextual](https://www.exeter.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/entryrequirements/contextual)

Our eligibility checker can be used to find out whether your student may be eligible for a contextual offer at: [exetereligibilitychecker.uk](https://www.exeter.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/entryrequirements/contextual)





# Discover University for Parents and Supporters

We host online webinars throughout the year specifically for supporters covering topics such as financing higher education, applying to university, making the most of an open day and becoming a student. All events run online, starting at 6pm and lasting up to an hour.

Sessions include:

- Applying to University
- Choosing the University of Exeter Q&A
- What next after application
- Financing Higher Education
- Degree Apprenticeship
- Becoming a University Student
- Supporting an Application to University
- Making the most of an open day
- Understanding contextual and alternative offers
- Arriving and thriving at University
- Preparing for results day



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