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# VICE-CHANCELLOR'S WELCOME

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The University of Chester is an energetic and vibrant learning community committed to providing opportunities for lifelong learning and personal development. The work of our academic staff, students and collaborators has enabled us to develop ten focused areas of international research excellence. Some of our work (in History, English, Sports Science and Performing Arts) is *World Leading\** and the *International Excellence* of research was praised in Allied Health, Mathematics, Social Work and Social Policy, Geography, Theology and Art. However, the impact of our outstanding researchers on the work of postgraduate students extends much more widely than the subjects in this list. We have created interdisciplinary and specialist Research Centres in order to develop a stimulating research culture in which students and staff explore together important areas of human knowledge from a variety of disciplines. Every student who comes to Chester will have the opportunity to interact with researchers with an international reputation.

The University of Chester provides a wide and flexible range of postgraduate and post-experience courses designed to meet the needs of prospective students. As examples, our MBA programme is increasingly in demand throughout the region by major organisations, with the MSc in Nutrition and Dietetics attracting UK-based students, and our MSc in Cardiovascular Rehabilitation recruiting strongly internationally. Our Masters programme in Television Production, based at the North West Media Centre at our Warrington Campus, prepares students for a wide range of careers in the industry.

All of our postgraduate students can develop high-level IT skills by using the University's extensive computing facilities and information services, including access to a wide range of web-based services and advanced training.

You will find that our admissions procedures permit credit to be given for approved forms of prior learning. Our flexible course structures also allow us to respond to the practical needs of students as well as their developing aspirations.

Our research students have established a lively community, organising their own social events. They are encouraged to present their work at specialist conferences, and have the chance to be trained for teaching in universities. Inter-departmental links are fostered by seminars and research student workshops. A number of bursaries are available, funded by both external research contracts and the University. These support both part-time and full-time registration for research degrees.

For its part, the University offers a research environment in which students' studies can flourish. Our academic staff offer expert supervision across a wide range of subjects and with a degree of personal attention that is not always possible at other institutions.

We hope that this prospectus will alert you to some new possibilities for your own personal and professional development. If what is described in this prospectus corresponds to your own interests and you would like to find out more, we would be delighted to hear from you.

**Canon Professor T J Wheeler, DL**  
**Vice-Chancellor and Principal**

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**Canon Professor Timothy Wheeler**

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C Sci, AFBPsS, FSS, FRSA, MIPR, MIOSH, MIIRSM  
Vice-Chancellor and Principal*



# FAST FACTS

The University of Chester is one of the UK's oldest university sector institutions. Founded in 1839 by a small group of prominent local figures – among them Britain's greatest nineteenth-century Prime Minister, William Gladstone – the University of Chester draws strength from a history longer than that of most other British universities.

The University of Chester is also a modern, innovative institution, and the quality of our teaching is reflected in the recognition of many of our programmes by national bodies and societies.

- Our Cognitive & Behavioural Therapies programme has been awarded Level 2 Accreditation by the British Association of Behavioural and Cognitive Psychotherapies (BABCP).

- Our MSc in Nutrition and Dietetics provides eligibility for state registration in dietetics with the Dietitians' Board.
- Completed modules for the MSc in Cardiovascular Rehabilitation are accredited with twenty points of professional development by the Royal College of Physicians, London.
- Our MA in Social Work is a professional social work qualification.

**Our Graduate School and Postgraduate Admissions staff will process your application and answer any questions you may have. From initial enquiry through to graduation and beyond, the University of Chester is dedicated to offering you a high-quality postgraduate experience.**

# STUDYING WITH US

In today's rapidly changing world, a postgraduate qualification can help you to build on your experience and current skills. **At the University of Chester we offer a broad, flexible choice of postgraduate qualifications to suit your needs and circumstances.**

We have well-established procedures for ensuring that our teaching and assessment meet high national standards and that, where appropriate, these take full account of professional and occupational guidelines. We also recognise that some students already have proven academic or work-based experience, and we have processes in place that may be able to help you to claim credit for prior learning.

**We are confident in the authority of our academic staff in the diverse range of postgraduate courses across our Chester and Warrington campuses.**

Drawing on specialist expertise in the Arts, Media, Humanities, Business and Management, Enterprise, Applied and Health Sciences, Social Sciences, Education and Children's Services, and Health and Social Care, our programmes cover a broad spectrum of knowledge.

## The Programmes of Study

Postgraduate qualifications on offer include PGCE, Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma, MA, MSc, MBA, MEd, MRes, MPhil, PhD, DBA, EdD and DProf. Postgraduate courses may be **taught programmes**, which include the Certificate, Diploma, MA, MSc, MBA and MEd courses, or **research degrees and professional doctorates**, which encompass the MPhil, PhD, DBA, EdD and DProf.

Taught programmes allow successful students to develop their knowledge within a specialist area, through lectures, projects and group work, while others may act as 'conversion courses', enabling students to retrain or change career direction. We offer a variety of full-time and part-time study options.

Taught full-time study normally takes one calendar year; part-time study can take from one year to six years. Part-time courses are taught in the evenings, through day release, or may involve a combination of

these. Some courses may require you to attend on the occasional weekend morning. Transfer between full and part-time study may also be possible.

## Credit Accumulation and Transfer Scheme (CATS)

Successfully completing taught modules will allow you to accumulate credits under the Credit Accumulation and Transfer Scheme (CATS). The CATS system also means that if you change courses or move to another institution you will be able to carry your credits with you. If you hope to enter the programme with prior credits gained, up to 66.7% of an award may be gained through CATS.

## Professional Qualifications

External professional bodies and agencies accredit some of the University's postgraduate programmes. Individual programme details will tell you whether the programme carries professional accreditation.

## Research Degrees and Professional Doctorates

We offer the awards of Master of Philosophy (MPhil), Doctor of Business Administration (DBA), Doctor of Education (EdD), Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) and Doctor of Professional Studies (DProf). These are assessed mainly on the basis of a thesis, reporting individual research.

Research students may be accepted by all academic departments, and research activities may cross departments and/or traditional subject boundaries. Please see page 133 for more detailed information about research opportunities at the University.



# TOWN AND CITY LIFE

## Welcome to Chester and Warrington

**Chester** is an international city, known for its fascinating history, rich culture, excellent shopping and dining, and beautiful architecture. It provides an exceptional social, cultural and intellectual backdrop against which students can achieve their best.

**Warrington** is a diverse and energetic town community, which has grown into a thriving venue for the arts, sport, public services and business innovation. With its beautiful countryside and abundance of shopping and leisure facilities, Warrington is becoming increasingly popular with visitors to the North West.

Find out more below and opposite about why Chester and Warrington are great places to live in:

### CHESTER

#### Heritage

The city of Chester began life as a Roman fortress over 2,000 years ago, and has enjoyed a rich and varied history ever since. Chester's story is brought to life at the Grosvenor Museum, which houses an impressive collection of Roman tombstones, and is also home to some of the finest art collections in the North West.

The city is a treasure trove of architectural and archaeological features, including the famous city walls, the Roman Amphitheatre, the splendid cathedral, and the much-photographed Eastgate Clock.

#### Out and about

Chester is ideally situated less than 40 minutes' drive from the cities of Liverpool and Manchester, which have a huge variety of shops, bars, restaurants, clubs and theatres. They are also home to some of the UK's finest art galleries and museums.

If you are more at home in the great outdoors, then the Snowdonia National Park or the sandy beaches of North Wales and Anglesey are all within easy reach.

#### Culture

Chester plays host to a year-round programme of arts and entertainment, including festivals, street events, exhibitions and performing arts. The summer months see back to back festivals featuring theatre, art, food, sport, cinema and music events.

For music fans, the city is buzzing with a diverse music scene that sees live DJ sets from up-and-coming artists and bands of all genres playing in intimate venues.

#### Shopping

Chester's unique two-tiered shopping galleries will allow you to indulge in some serious retail therapy. The city centre is home to a wide range of individual, specialist shops as well as some of Britain's favourite high street chains and designer stores.

#### Eating and drinking

Chester boasts a wealth of bistros and restaurants, from the cosy and traditional to the chic and modern. International cuisines range from Italian and French to Thai and Japanese. The city's varied nightlife has something for everyone, from quiet pubs to classy cocktail bars and busy clubs.

#### Sport

Sports enthusiasts are well catered for in Chester: you could be canoeing on the River Dee, training for the Chester triathlon or mountaineering through North Wales. Football fans will feel at home here, with four premieriership clubs in the region. Chester is also home to the Cheshire Jets, one of the country's leading professional basketball teams. Chester Races is also a major highlight of the regional sporting and social calendar.





## WARRINGTON

### Heritage

Famous for 'firsts', Warrington is known for implementing innovative ideas, from medieval times to the present day. From building Britain's first canal, to opening the country's first public library, Warrington has a history of being at the forefront of creative technological thinking.

### Out and about

Warrington's excellent location means that it is within easy reach of the Lake District, the Peak District and Snowdonia, all of which are a playground for those who enjoy outdoor activities such as walking, mountaineering and sailing. The lively cities of Manchester, Liverpool and Chester are also within a 30-minute train journey of Warrington.

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Warrington's excellent art collections, including work by internationally famous artists, are housed at the Warrington Museum and Art Gallery, along with a wide range of exhibits, from natural sciences to decorative arts.

### Shopping

From high street shops to exclusive independent stores, there is something to suit all tastes in Warrington. The recently extended Golden Square Shopping Centre boasts 140 retailers in spacious and stylish new surroundings. This major development makes Warrington one of the top town centre shopping venues in the North West.

### Eating and drinking

With a wide choice of restaurants, pubs, clubs and café bars offering both regional and international cuisine, Warrington has something to suit all tastes and pockets. All the major hotels have restaurants and bars open to non-residents, and the majority of attractions, such as the Pyramid and Parr Hall, include restaurants and coffee shops.

### Sport

Warrington boasts many successful sports teams, fantastic modern stadia and venues. The Halliwell-Jones Stadium is home to the Warrington Wolves Rugby League Club – 2010 Challenge Cup winners. The relationship between the Wolves and the University of Chester has been cemented by the University's sponsorship deal and with the Wolves' construction of an ultra-modern training area on our Warrington Campus. Other nearby sporting venues include Old Trafford cricket ground, the Velodrome and the homes of several premiership football clubs.



# OUR CAMPUSES AND SITES

## Chester Campus

Our main Chester Campus is situated only a short walk from the lively city centre. This compact campus creates a friendly, secure and supportive environment in which to live and study.

On-campus facilities include a Learning Resource Centre (combining library services with IT and multimedia), state-of-the-art lecture theatres, open-access computer facilities, modern science/skills/language laboratories, catering outlets, 24-hour porters, bookshop, chapel and faith space, cashpoint and launderette.

Social and leisure activities are an important and long-established part of campus life. A new £2 million Chester Students' Union (CSU) centre has been built to cater more effectively for the University's growing student population and is at the heart of the campus, along with facilities for sport (see pages 12-13 and 16). The CSU bar, *CH1*, is a contemporary student bar, including a club venue for big events. *CH1* hosts karaoke, quiz nights, live music and big-screen sports, and serves food throughout the day.

There are two Students' Union shops on campus, selling everyday essentials such as food, newspapers and stationery, as well as University of Chester clothing and memorabilia.

The oldest part of the Chester Campus is home to the beautiful Victorian chapel – built by some of Chester's first students.

## Warrington Campus

Our self-contained, 35-acre Warrington Campus provides a vibrant and energetic setting for students eager to acquire the knowledge and skills essential for a successful personal and professional life.

Home to the North West Media Centre, Warrington Campus combines the best of long-established university traditions with up-to-date modern developments, such as a stylish student bar, newly built learning resource and business buildings, and a floodlit all-weather sports pitch (see pages 12-13 for more details about sports facilities).

Warrington Campus has major strengths in Media, Business, Education, Nursing, Social Work, Sport and the Public Services, as well as excellent teaching, social and recreational facilities. The campus has strong links with the media world, and provides a variety of amenities, from TV and music studios and a range of media production facilities and computer labs, to graphic design and journalism suites.

Catering outlets for all students include *The Garden Dining Room* and *Terrace Café Bar*. General shopping facilities are also available within walking distance of the campus.

*Cat 1251 AM*, Warrington Campus's own 24-hour radio station, is presented, produced and run by students and broadcasts locally as well as over the internet.





### Kingsway Buildings

A 20-25 minute walk from the Chester Campus main site, our Kingsway Buildings are the home for the Faculty of Arts and Media and are the teaching and study base for students of the following courses:

- Dance
- Design
- Fine Art
- Performance Practice
- Popular Music

The Kingsway Buildings offer 6,920 square metres of floor space including a 200-seat lecture theatre, a virtual library with DVD viewing screens, 11 state-of-the-art IT labs, an outdoor courtyard performance space, and two catering outlets. This wonderfully creative environment also has lots of seminar rooms and lecture rooms, all of which have iMacs, data projectors and interactive white boards.

Students of **Dance** enjoy four large rehearsal and performance studios, all with extensive lighting rigs and projection facilities.

Well-equipped facilities and studio space provide our **Design** students with a professional learning environment to engage with a balanced programme of professional skills and academic theory.

Facilities for students of **Fine Art** include dedicated fine art studios, printmaking workshops, sculpture and 3D workshops, and foundry, a textiles workshop, printmaking facilities, a hot room for castings, digital and time-based facilities, a fine art gallery and exhibition space.

**Performance Practice** students will have access to spacious studios, as well as sound and video suites with cutting-edge software for digital performance work.

**Popular Music** students have access to substantial amounts of music equipment, instruments, amps and PA gear, as well as professional-standard recording and computer facilities.

### Riverside Campus

The University's new Riverside Campus provides more than 100,000 square feet of library, study, and specialist teaching facilities for most students in the Chester-based Faculties of Education and Children's Services, and Health and Social Care.

The Riverside Campus building is just a 20-minute walk (or quick shuttle bus ride) from the main Chester Campus and contains exceptionally high quality and state-of-the-art facilities. The site provides extensive, refurbished teaching space and specialist-subject-specific facilities such as health skills laboratories, science laboratories, and music and art studios.

Riverside Campus houses the library collections for Education and Children's Services and Health and Social Care students, along with several IT laboratories. All of the teaching spaces are equipped with high-grade audiovisual technology.

There are some impressive spaces at Riverside – for example, we have a 192-seat lecture theatre with raked seating, state-of-the-art AV teaching technology and a widescreen capable of showing Blu-ray and HD films. This new space has also allowed the Chester Students' Union to develop its own cinema club and art house cinema.

Beneath the main lecture theatre is the stylish *Dining@Dee*, Riverside's own café and coffee shop. Open throughout the day and serving hot and cold drinks, snacks and delicious meals, *Dining@Dee* is the social hub for Riverside Campus students. Riverside's Student Space also provides social, group work and discussion space for students.

# ON-CAMPUS SERVICES

At the University of Chester we have a long tradition of helping to equip our students to meet the challenges of the future, and we endeavour to provide a variety of facilities and services to enrich your experience with us.

As a postgraduate student, you will be joining a long-established, energetic, academic community – which you will be encouraged to help shape and change.

Find out more below about how we will support you during your time at University.

## Learning and Information Services (LIS)

LIS manage the computer and library services for the University. They combine a high level of customer support with a professional and technical service framework.

At University you will be able to access our **internal intranet, Portal**, which will enable you to access your student details, programme information and regulations, course materials, resources and information about support provided. LIS will also provide you with the **computer resources, books, journals, multimedia materials and computerised information** that you will need for your course.

In addition, our **libraries** have extensive collections of **e-books** and **e-journals**, which you will be able to access 24/7, using any computer with internet access, at home, work or in our open-access computer areas.

LIS also provide **reprographics, graphics, multimedia production** and **audiovisual** services, as well as bookable **TV studio and multimedia rooms**.

The LIS Distance Learning Service helps students who are not based on campus to access our resources, whether these are print, photocopies or electronic.

For more information, visit: [www.chester.ac.uk/campus-life/learningresources](http://www.chester.ac.uk/campus-life/learningresources)

## Accommodation

Our Accommodation Office is here to offer you help and

advice about University-managed and **private sector accommodation**.

For more information about available accommodation, meal schemes, facilities and accommodation prices, please visit: [www.chester.ac.uk/campus-life/accommodation/private-sector](http://www.chester.ac.uk/campus-life/accommodation/private-sector) or contact the Accommodation Office on:

T: 01244 513001/513002

E: [accommodation@chester.ac.uk](mailto:accommodation@chester.ac.uk)

## Sport and Recreation

You will have plenty of opportunities to get involved in sports and recreation. Our Department of Sport and Recreation Services staff work closely with the Students' Union and other staff members, to provide a diverse range of recreation facilities and leisure activities.

Our **Chester Campus** boasts a wide variety of both on-campus and off-campus sports facilities for use by all students and staff. These include a sports hall, gymnasium and fitness suite, 25-metre swimming pool, one floodlit 3G hockey pitch, one floodlit 3G football pitch, one rugby pitch, two tennis courts, a 100m running track and two glass-backed squash courts.

The **sports hall** is a modern, fully equipped venue to house all indoor sports activities. It is home to the netball, basketball, volleyball, badminton and trampolines teams.

The **gymnasium** provides a high-quality dance/aerobic area with a mirrored wall and newly installed sprung floor. Exercise classes, fencing, boxercise, Jitsu, Judo and dance are also held here.





The modern **fitness centre** is run by trained and experienced staff and includes a selection of cardiovascular equipment, as well as a range of resistance equipment and free weights (Cybex). The centre caters for users of all needs and goals and is completely wheelchair accessible. Every user receives an induction to the facility and is then entitled to free personal training. It is exclusively for the use of students, staff and guests of the University. There are a number of Fitness Centre membership options available, and prices compare favourably to most corporate gym memberships.

The **swimming pool** provides an excellent venue for the student swimming and water polo teams as well as swimming teacher and lifeguard courses, exercise classes and recreation swimming sessions.

The **artificial turf pitch** hosts the University hockey teams, as well as being the training base for all the outdoor sports teams.

All facilities, apart from the Fitness Centre gym and squash courts, are **FREE for students and staff to use**. A wide variety of recreational times are available to use these facilities and sessions can be booked through the Fitness Centre reception.

For any enquiries please call the Fitness Centre on 01244 513452 or email [recreation@chester.ac.uk](mailto:recreation@chester.ac.uk)

Our **Warrington Campus** has many sports facilities, including a large sports hall, sports psychology and physiology laboratories, as well as an all-weather pitch, a football pitch, a dual-use rugby/football pitch, an athletics track and a fitness centre.

The **sports hall** is used in a variety of activities, from badminton and martial arts to netball and basketball.

The two-lane 350-metre **athletics track** caters for runners at all levels of ability. We also have a regular running club from the local community who use the track for training.

The **fitness centre** is fully equipped with a wide

range of equipment to suit all users. There are free and heavy weights as well as excellent running and cycling machines. There is a team of friendly and professional fitness instructors on hand to give advice and induction.

The **floodlit all-weather pitch** is the training ground for Team Chester which includes the hockey, football and rugby teams. The facility is also used by the local community and Warrington Wolves Rugby League team.

Our modern **changing rooms** include disabled changing facilities and showers, and also a first aid room.

For more information, visit: [www.chester.ac.uk/campus-life](http://www.chester.ac.uk/campus-life)

#### CAR PARKING

The University's car parking guidelines can be found on Portal (the University's intranet, available through the website at [www.chester.ac.uk](http://www.chester.ac.uk)) in the **Support Departments > Facilities > Security & Car Parking** section.

The criteria for allocation of car parking permits for each campus are explained in the guidelines, and application forms can be downloaded once you have enrolled as a student with the University.

The management of all University of Chester car parks is carried out by Parkforce UK, an independent company.

#### CHILDCARE

There is a **nursery at the Kingsway Buildings** catering for children aged from 12 weeks to 6 years old. Please call the Nursery Manager for a viewing and more information about the services provided: 01244 513925.

There is also an **on-site nursery at Warrington Campus**, catering for children aged from 12 weeks to 6 years old. Please call the Nursery Manager to arrange a viewing and for more information about the services provided: 01925 534295.

# ADVICE, HELP AND SUPPORT

## STUDENT SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE

Student Support and Guidance is central to student life at Chester. It is **Recognised for Excellence as a five-star department** by the British Quality Foundation. The Department exists to enhance your student experience and provides a wide range of opportunities and support through a number of sections.

**Student Welfare** provides a friendly, skilled and professional service offering information, advice and guidance on a wide range of student-welfare-related issues including childcare and finance. We have a range of specialist staff including those with particular expertise in working with mature students, international students and non-resident students. For more information, please email us at [student.welfare@chester.ac.uk](mailto:student.welfare@chester.ac.uk)

Our **Counselling Service** offers one-to-one counselling on both a one-off and ongoing basis, including brief consultations and group work. For more information, please email [student.counselling@chester.ac.uk](mailto:student.counselling@chester.ac.uk)

**Disability Support** offers advice and guidance to disabled students on topics including: information on reasonable adjustments to courses, the process of

accessing support (DSA, Assessment of Need), liaison with Learning Support Services and academic staff, and also liaison with external specialist agencies (RNIB, RNID etc.). If you have any questions, please contact Disability Support at [disability@chester.ac.uk](mailto:disability@chester.ac.uk)

**Student Development** offers a wide variety of volunteering opportunities which can support your academic studies and career aspirations. Placements vary from one-off opportunities to weekly commitments. Volunteering can also provide valuable contacts and networking opportunities. You can obtain further information by emailing us at [student.development@chester.ac.uk](mailto:student.development@chester.ac.uk)

The **Proctor's Office** coordinates an out-of-hours pastoral team, made up of Duty Tutors, Senior Residential Tutors and Hall Wardens to provide support for residential students. The Proctor ([s.clapham@chester.ac.uk](mailto:s.clapham@chester.ac.uk)) also works to promote student safety on and off campus.

If you would like to speak to one of our staff about any aspect of our Student Support and Guidance service, please call us on:

**Chester: 01244 511550**  
**Warrington: 01925 534282**

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### CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Our Careers and Employability Department has MATRIX accreditation for the quality of its information, advice and guidance, and is **the UK's only university careers team to achieve a five-star Recognised for Excellence award** from the European Foundation for Quality Management.

As a prospective, current or recent postgraduate student, we encourage you to make full use of the Department's provision. Housed centrally on both campuses, **we have extensive information about local and national employers**, occupational information, job search, CV preparation and interview technique, and working abroad. Information and advice is available to you on a drop-in basis, and you can arrange one-to-one career consultations by appointment.

### THE CHAPLAINCY

Helping students develop in their spiritual growth, discipleship and ability to serve is a key role for the Chaplains and members of the Chaplaincy Team. We are here for the personal and spiritual support of all, fostering and supporting the University's Church foundation, identity and ethos.

Together we proclaim and celebrate individuals and groups, exploring and living out faith – whatever that faith. We endeavour to further the love within our respective faiths by showing solidarity with those in need.

Our worship is welcoming, ecumenical and inclusive in both the **Chester Chapel** and the **Warrington Chapel**. We also hold termly University Services to mark significant occasions. Both campuses have **dedicated faith spaces** for use by groups and individuals of any religion or none, for prayer, meditation or reflection.

We explore the meaning of life and faith in a variety of ways, and through one-to-one Spiritual Mentoring. Student Christian societies include the Christian Union, Christians in Sport and the Catholic Society, as well as the University Choir which sings at concerts and occasional services in the Chapel.

The Chaplains, Chaplaincy Assistants, Associate Chaplains of various denominations, and Faith Advisers are available to **confidentially see** any member of the University on any matter.

### CHESTER STUDENTS' UNION (CSU)

The CSU represents every student at the University of Chester. With an office on both the Chester and Warrington Campuses, CSU is the focal point for many students during their time at the University.

**We work to enhance your student experience through social, sporting and non-sporting activities.** Our welfare services are also here to help you out in your hour of need.

Our Union President and Vice Presidents are full-time, paid sabbatical officers, while our executive officers and council members are all students who work part-time for the Students' Union. There are also a number of student representatives who ensure each main body of students is fairly represented within the CSU Student Council. There is plenty of opportunity to get involved as every post is filled at the annual elections.

### Advice and Support

The **Student Advice Centre** is available to all students, providing free, impartial, confidential advice and guidance to students on a range of issues, such as problems with accommodation, health, budgeting, academic studies or anything else that you may face during your time at university. We offer drop-in and confidential services.

### KEEPING IN TOUCH: THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Alumni Association exists to promote a network of friends and contacts, and to keep you in touch with each other, as well as keeping you informed of the work and progress of the University itself. **Membership is free.** You can see the latest online copy of our annual alumni magazine, which provides a round-up of news, events and features of interest to all, at: **www.chesteralumni.com**

We are delighted to be a part of your future, as well as your past or present.

### Who to contact:

Alumni Association, Corporate Communications Department, University of Chester, Parkgate Road, Chester CH1 4BJ, or telephone 01244 511091. Visit our website at **www.chester.ac.uk/alumni** for further information.





# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The University of Chester welcomes students from all over the world. We give a high priority to the welfare of international students, and we also take pride in our high quality of teaching, the flexible modular degree structure of taught programmes, and the employability of our graduates. We know that your decision to study in the UK is an important one, and we make every effort to assist you in your enquiries, application, enrolment, and in your life as a student.

As an international student, you will study alongside our UK students, and enjoy the experiences of many different cultures. We also operate the European Credit Transfer Scheme (ECTS).

## International Student Guide

If you are interested in applying for a place with us, please let us know and we will send you our *International Student Guide*, which contains all the information you will need. If you receive an offer of a place, we will enclose details which will provide you with information about what you need to do to accept your offer and apply for your visa. We advise you not to book any flights until you have received an unconditional offer.

## Entry Requirements

Applications are invited from international students whose educational qualifications are at a level comparable to those required of UK students. For entry to a Masters programme, you will normally need to have a good level of pass in your first degree (or equivalent) from a recognised institution. Relevant experience may also be taken into account. If you are unsure about the comparability of your qualifications, please send copies of your transcripts and certificates (translated into English) to the **International Office** at

the University, and they will be happy to advise you on whether you meet the entry requirements. The British Council in your own country will also offer advice if needed.

For more information on Entry Requirements and English Language Requirements please refer to the *International Student Guide* or visit our website at **[www.chester.ac.uk/international](http://www.chester.ac.uk/international)**

## How to Apply

Applications should be made directly to the University. Application forms and further details about programmes of study for international students may be obtained from the International Office.

Alternatively, you may visit our website at **[www.chester.ac.uk/international](http://www.chester.ac.uk/international)** and apply online or download the application form. Some international students may prefer to use the services of a recruitment agency (appointed in a number of countries) to assist them in applying. Our website gives full contact details for the agency representatives in your country.

EU students should contact the Postgraduate Admissions office, or use the online form at **[www.chester.ac.uk/apply/postgraduate/PG\\_app](http://www.chester.ac.uk/apply/postgraduate/PG_app)**

Once your application has been received, you will be notified in writing of our decision as soon as possible. During the application process, you will be guided through the admissions procedure by letter or email. Information regarding accommodation, timetabling, fees, visa and immigration information, the induction programme and up-to-date travel details will be forwarded to non-EU students.

## Tuition Fees

For details of tuition fees, please see the course pages in this prospectus or visit our website at **[www.chester.ac.uk/fees-per-module](http://www.chester.ac.uk/fees-per-module)**

For information relating to Deposit Payments and Financial Help for International Students, please refer to the *International Student Guide* or see our website at:

**[www.chester.ac.uk/international/fees](http://www.chester.ac.uk/international/fees)**

**[www.chester.ac.uk/international/fees/bursaries](http://www.chester.ac.uk/international/fees/bursaries)**

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### Accommodation

Coming to live in the UK may mean living abroad for the first time. At the University of Chester, we will try to do everything possible to help you feel at home in your new surroundings. For detailed information about the different types of University accommodation we offer, and the costs involved, please see the *International Student Guide* or visit our website at [www.chester.ac.uk/campus-life/accommodation](http://www.chester.ac.uk/campus-life/accommodation)

### Living Costs

The cost of living in either Chester or Warrington is fairly cheap compared with other parts of the UK and it is possible to live quite economically. We recommend that international students should allow at least £5,400 (for outside London) for each calendar year for all living expenses, which includes books, local transport and day-to-day living costs.

### Travelling to Chester

**Manchester International Airport** is 30 miles from Chester, and can be reached in 45 minutes by road or 1 hour 30 minutes by train. **Liverpool John Lennon Airport** is 25 miles from Chester, and can be reached in 35 minutes by road or 1 hour by train. **London** is 2.5 hours by train from Chester. **Edinburgh** is 3.5 hours by train from Chester.

### Travelling to Warrington

**Manchester International Airport** and **Liverpool John Lennon Airport** are both 25 minutes away from Warrington by road.

Chester and Warrington are both well served by the railway network, with frequent, fast rail links to London and other major cities in the UK.

### International Welfare Officer

Our International Welfare Officer within Student Support and Guidance welcomes international students arriving at Manchester or Liverpool Airport, or Chester railway station, on specified dates before the start of term. Our support network strives to help new students to settle into living in the UK. The International Welfare Officer runs a programme of visits to both cultural centres and leisure events in order to make sure that new students adapt quickly to living and studying in the UK. This might involve a trip to a local place of interest, a visit to the cinema, or simply a chat over a cup of coffee.

### Personal email and free internet access

All students at the University of Chester are entitled to a personal email account and free access to the internet.



### Further Information

If you require any further information, please contact:

#### International Office

University of Chester  
Parkgate Road  
Chester  
CH1 4BJ

or:

T: +44 (0)1244 512465/512335/512472

F: +44 (0)1244 511260

E: [international@chester.ac.uk](mailto:international@chester.ac.uk)

[www.chester.ac.uk/international](http://www.chester.ac.uk/international)

#### EU Students should contact:

#### Postgraduate Admissions

University of Chester  
Parkgate Road  
Chester  
CH1 4BJ

or:

T: +44 (0)1244 512456/512474

F: +44 (0)1244 511300

E: [postgrad@chester.ac.uk](mailto:postgrad@chester.ac.uk)

# FEES AND FUNDING

We understand that finance is a major deciding factor when considering postgraduate study.

Whether you intend to study full or part time, you should decide before applying how you intend to finance your studies. You can find out more below about both tuition fees and sources of funding.

## TUITION FEES

### How much will my course cost?

This varies by award and programme. Please refer to our website at [www.chester.ac.uk/fees-per-module](http://www.chester.ac.uk/fees-per-module)

### Am I a 'home' or 'overseas' student?

Your tuition fee status depends on whether you are classified as a 'home' or an 'overseas' student. The rules for this are strictly set by the British Government. The following rules normally apply:

- Students who are 'settled' in the UK, and who have been ordinarily resident in the UK for at least three years prior to the start of their course, and other EU nationals who are ordinarily resident in the European Union, are classified as 'home' students, and are liable to pay the home fee rate.

'Settled' means having either Indefinite Leave to Enter or Remain or having the right of abode in the UK.

- Students from other countries are classified as 'overseas' students, and are liable to pay the relevant overseas fee rate. Exceptions to this are students who have not been ordinarily resident solely because they, or their spouse or

parents, have been temporarily employed outside the UK or EU; those with refugee status; and migrant workers.

For further guidance please visit the website of the UK Council for International Student Affairs (UKCISA): [www.ukcisa.org.uk](http://www.ukcisa.org.uk)

If there is any doubt regarding your fee status, you will be asked to complete a fee questionnaire by our International Office, who will notify you of their decision.

### How can I pay the tuition fees?

We offer **flexible modes of payment**; if you do not wish to pay the full amount in one go, you may set up a direct debit for payment in nine instalments. All fees are liable to review and change without notice. For up-to-date information, please call the Finance Department on 01244 511000 or email [finance.tuitionfees@chester.ac.uk](mailto:finance.tuitionfees@chester.ac.uk)

Before you start your studies with us, you must produce evidence that you can pay your course fees and support yourself while you are here. For example, you should have evidence of a grant/scholarship from an awarding body, such as a Research Council, or a letter from your employer confirming their intention to sponsor your studies. If you are a self-financing student, you will be required to sign a statement on application that you accept your obligation to pay fees, and that you will do so when they are due.

Please note that course fees do not take into account the cost of accommodation, living expenses, equipment or books.

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## FUNDING

### Am I eligible for funding?

If you are a one-year full-time student, or a part-time student intending to complete your studies within two years, you will be eligible to apply for some sources of funding. This includes Disabled Student Allowance and Local Authority funding.

External funding is otherwise limited for postgraduate students, and so most pay for their fees either by self-funding or through part or full sponsorship from their employer. Some useful sources of information are websites such as:

[www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk)

[www.findamasters.com](http://www.findamasters.com)

[www.hotcourses.com](http://www.hotcourses.com)

[www.postgrad.com](http://www.postgrad.com)

[www.postgraduatestudentships.co.uk](http://www.postgraduatestudentships.co.uk)

[www.prospect.ac.uk](http://www.prospect.ac.uk)

[www.targetcourses.co.uk](http://www.targetcourses.co.uk)

Further, more detailed information can be found on our website at [www.chester.ac.uk/campus-life/finance/pgfees](http://www.chester.ac.uk/campus-life/finance/pgfees)

### Applying for Funding

Applying for funding for your postgraduate study can be complicated. Therefore, when completing an application for funding, here are some points to bear in mind:

- **Apply early:** Most funding bodies have strict deadlines and will not consider late applications. You may also have to apply early for your postgraduate study as many funding bodies will only consider applications from candidates who have already received an offer of a place.
- **You're eligible:** Always check the eligibility criteria of the funding that you are applying for, i.e. country of residence, academic qualifications, subject or mode of study.
- **References:** Ensure that your referees are available and allow plenty of time to obtain their reference(s). Also, make sure that they are fully informed about what is required of them.
- **Make it easy to understand:** Poorly presented applications will not be looked upon favourably. Try to be concise and give relevant answers to the questions. Remember to supply all documentation requested.
- **Contingency plans:** Studentships and financial awards are often limited in number and are allocated on a competitive basis. Be realistic about your application and, if appropriate, consider seeking alternative sources of funding for your postgraduate study.

## SOURCES OF FINANCE

There are a number of sources of finance for UK and overseas postgraduate students. These are detailed below.

### UK STUDENTS

#### Professional and Career Development Loans

Professional and Career Development Loans are bank loans that can be used to help pay for work-related learning. Anyone aged over 18, and who is 'settled' in the UK, whether employed or unemployed, and who intends to work in the UK, the EU or the EEA when their course finishes, can borrow between £300 and £10,000 to help support the cost of up to two years of learning (or three years if it includes one year's relevant unpaid practical work). The Young People's Learning Agency will pay the interest on the loan while you are learning and for one month after you have finished your course. Note that because the Professional and Career Development Loan is a commercial loan product, it should only be considered as an option once all other student funding options have been investigated.

Further information can be obtained from any participating bank, or by calling the **Next Step helpline** on freephone 0800 100 900.

#### Disabled Students' Allowance (DSAs)

Full- and part-time disabled students are eligible to apply for a Disabled Students' Allowance. DSA is non-means-tested and the maximum amount available is £10,260 per year (2011/12). It is not meant to pay for fees or living costs, but to help with costs incurred in attending your course, as a direct result of your disability. The allowance is available to those who study on any postgraduate course which has an entry requirement of at least a first degree, and is of a higher standard than a first degree. If your course is part-time, you should register for at least 90 credits per academic year to be eligible. Applicants must complete the DSA1 form which can be downloaded from the Higher Education section of the DirectGov website at [www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk). This form must then be signed by Registry Services before being returned to your funding body.

If you need guidance about eligibility or advice when making your application, please contact **Disability Support in Student Support and Guidance** on 01244 511059 or email: [disability@chester.ac.uk](mailto:disability@chester.ac.uk)

**Please note:** If you are in receipt of a bursary from the NHS or General Social Care Council, or a bursary from the University, funding mechanisms may be different and you should contact Disability Support for advice.



### European Funding

Funding for vocational training in certain subjects is available from the European Social Fund. This is not awarded directly to individuals, but through organisations such as Local Authorities, Skills Funding Agency and Industrial Training Boards. For more information contact:

Employer Department  
ESF Unit Level One  
236 Grays Inn Road  
London  
WC1 8HL

### Benefits

Part-time postgraduate students may be eligible for housing, council tax and other benefits. You can obtain information about the most up-to-date regulations from your local benefits agency, or you can visit their website at [www.dwp.gov.uk](http://www.dwp.gov.uk). The [www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk) website may also be useful.

### Choral Scholarships at Chester Cathedral

These may be available by audition to students at the University of Chester. Further details are available from:

The Cathedral Organist  
12 Abbey Square  
Chester  
CH1 2HU

### Music Scholarships at University of Chester

A number of music scholarships may be awarded annually to suitable candidates. The roles involve playing leading parts in the musical activities of the University.

Details are available from Vicki Bulgin, MMus, Director of Music.

*Note: The value of the scholarships is always subject to review.*

### Other Sources of Funding

For further information on financial assistance to support your learning, please visit:

[www.hotcourses.com](http://www.hotcourses.com)

[www.scholarship-search.org.uk](http://www.scholarship-search.org.uk)

[www.prospect.ac.uk](http://www.prospect.ac.uk)

[www.postgraduatestudentships.co.uk](http://www.postgraduatestudentships.co.uk)

[www.direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/UniversityAndHigherEducation/ChoicesAfterYouGraduate/index.html](http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/UniversityAndHigherEducation/ChoicesAfterYouGraduate/index.html)

or call 0800 100 900.

For other sources of financial help, check with your local library for access to the following publications:

*The Grants Register*, published by Palgrave Macmillan Ltd.

*Charities Digest*, published by Waterlow Professional Publishing

*The Awards Almanac*, published by St James' Press

*Directory of Grant-Making Trusts*, published by Charities Aid Foundation

or contact the Educational Grants Advisory Service direct on 0207 241 7459.



### NON-UK STUDENTS

You may be eligible for a scholarship awarded by your own government, the British Council or other organisations. You may usually obtain information from the education ministry in your own country, or from the British Council. Scholarships and Bursaries available to

eligible non-UK students are listed overleaf:

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### Masters Scholarships

Masters Scholarships are provided under the Santander Universities agreement with the University of Chester to support full-time taught postgraduate study here. For further information, including details of the application process and deadlines, please contact the Research and Knowledge Transfer Office: [researchoffice@chester.ac.uk](mailto:researchoffice@chester.ac.uk) or 01244 511063.

### Commonwealth Scholarships

These are available to students from Commonwealth countries, who wish to undertake taught postgraduate programmes or doctoral research. Applications should be made through the Commonwealth Scholarships Agency, normally the Ministry of Education, in your country of permanent residence.

### European Development Fund

These awards are available for nationals of African, Caribbean and Pacific states to undertake study or training at postgraduate level. Further information can be obtained from:

The European Communities  
Rue de la Loi 200  
B-1049 Brussels  
Belgium

or the local Commission delegation.

### University Bursaries for Non-EU Students

The University offers course-specific scholarships of up to £1,000 for students who are classed as 'overseas' for fees purposes. Please contact the International Office for more information.

A £1,000 Bursary will be awarded to non-EU students who pay their tuition fees in full before or on enrolment.

Please contact the **International Office** at [international@chester.ac.uk](mailto:international@chester.ac.uk) for further information.

### UKCISA

UKCISA, the UK Council for International Student Affairs, gives advice to overseas students on possible sources of financial assistance. They may be contacted at:

### UKCISA

9-17 St Albans Place  
London N1 0NX  
Telephone: +44 (0) 207 107 9922  
Website: [www.ukcisa.org.uk](http://www.ukcisa.org.uk)

### Other Sources

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) provides support for international students through its British Chevening Scholarship Scheme. The scholarships are offered in more than 150 countries and are administered by the British Council. The FCO also funds two other programmes – British Marshall Scholarships (for US students) and the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan (for Commonwealth students).

### British Chevening Scholarships Scheme

Foreign and Commonwealth Office  
King Charles Street, London SW1A 2AH  
Telephone: (020) 7008 1500

### British Marshall Scholarships (for US students)

*In the USA:*

- British Consulate General in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, New York and San Francisco
- British Embassy in Washington DC

*In the UK:*

Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission  
Woburn House  
20 – 24 Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9HF  
Telephone: (020) 7380 6700

### Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan

Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the UK  
c/o The Association of Commonwealth Universities  
Woburn House  
20 – 24 Tavistock Square  
London WC1H 9HF  
Telephone: (020) 7380 6700  
[www.cscuk.dfid.gov.uk](http://www.cscuk.dfid.gov.uk)

### Fulbright Scholarships (for US students)

*In the USA:*

Institute of International Education HQ  
809 United Nations Plaza, New York  
NY 10017 3580  
USA  
[www.iie.org/fulbright](http://www.iie.org/fulbright)

*In the UK:*

The US-UK Fulbright Commission  
Fulbright House  
62 Doughty Street, London WC1N 2JZ  
Telephone: (020) 7404 6880  
Email: [education@fulbright.co.uk](mailto:education@fulbright.co.uk)  
[www.fulbright.co.uk](http://www.fulbright.co.uk)

### COUNCIL TAX EXEMPTIONS

If you are a full-time student, we will provide you with a Council Tax Certificate, which may exempt you from paying local council taxes. Please contact your local authority and they will be able to tell you whether or not you can claim this exemption.



# HOW TO APPLY

## Before You Apply

Please read our course information carefully. To find out more about a programme or research area, we suggest that you contact the programme leader or centre director. They will be able to answer your questions in more detail and send you further information.

## How to Apply

If you are applying for a **taught postgraduate programme**, you should apply directly to Postgraduate Taught Admissions in the Graduate School. Contact us for an application form, or apply online:

T: 01244 512456/512474

F: 01244 513002

E: [postgrad@chester.ac.uk](mailto:postgrad@chester.ac.uk)

W: [www.chester.ac.uk/apply/postgraduate-applications](http://www.chester.ac.uk/apply/postgraduate-applications)

If you wish to apply for an **MPhil, PhD or Professional Doctorate**, please contact Postgraduate Research Admissions in the Graduate School:

T: 01244 511101

E: [gradschool@chester.ac.uk](mailto:gradschool@chester.ac.uk)

W: [www.chester.ac.uk/research/degrees](http://www.chester.ac.uk/research/degrees)

For Health and Social Care applications, please contact Health and Social Care Admissions:

T: 01244 512573/512570

E: [hscadmissions@chester.ac.uk](mailto:hscadmissions@chester.ac.uk)

W: [www.chester.ac.uk/apply/postgraduate-applications](http://www.chester.ac.uk/apply/postgraduate-applications)

PGCE Primary, Secondary or Early Years applications should be made through the Graduate Teacher Training Registry (GTTR), naming the University of Chester as your first choice at [www.gttr.ac.uk](http://www.gttr.ac.uk). Contact PGCE Admissions at:

T: 01244 512627/512529

E: [enquiries@chester.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@chester.ac.uk)

or the ITT Administration Office on 01244 511573.

Graduate Teacher Programme applications can be also obtained from PGCE Admissions, as above.

International Admissions (except for Research) – International Office

T: 01244 512465/512335/512472

E: [international@chester.ac.uk](mailto:international@chester.ac.uk)

W: [www.chester.ac.uk/international](http://www.chester.ac.uk/international)

For other postgraduate programmes, an application form will be included with your prospectus, if it has been requested directly from us. Alternatively, please complete an online application form or download one from our website at [www.chester.ac.uk/apply/postgraduate-applications](http://www.chester.ac.uk/apply/postgraduate-applications)

When completing your application form for a taught postgraduate programme, please include:

- programme title
- personal details
- personal statement
- employment history
- academic reference
- qualification details
- specific needs details
- criminal convictions details
- additional specific programme documents, e.g. Nutrition and Dietetics.

Please ensure that you contact your referee, as your application will not be considered without the appropriate reference. If you have difficulty obtaining an academic reference, please inform us. It is your responsibility to ensure a reference is provided.

## What happens next?

Your completed application form and reference should be returned to the relevant admissions office for your programme, who will acknowledge receipt, and then forward it to the relevant department for consideration. We require at least one reference, preferably academic, in support of your application before an offer can be confirmed.

## Entry Requirements

Usually, postgraduate applicants should have an appropriate first degree, with a minimum of second class honours or equivalent. However, if you have other qualifications or experience, we will consider them. You may also be admitted by virtue of prior work experience. If you are unsure whether your qualifications are acceptable for admission to your chosen programme of study, please contact the relevant department or admissions office for further advice. If your qualifications or experience are not suitable, we will be able to advise you about further study options.

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Each course has its own entry requirements, which are specified on the website or in the programme leaflet.

If you are applying for a postgraduate research degree, you should hold at least an upper second class honours degree.

For entry requirements relating to our PGCE courses please contact PGCE Admissions.

If you have any queries concerning the admissions process please contact us at:

Postgraduate Admissions  
The Graduate School  
University of Chester  
Parkgate Road  
Chester, CH1 4BJ  
Telephone: 01244 512456/512474  
Email: [postgrad@chester.ac.uk](mailto:postgrad@chester.ac.uk)

#### Accreditation of Prior Learning (APCL/APEL)

If you possess higher level qualifications or experience, we will help you to determine how much of your prior learning can be credited against the programme. We may give credit for a course, or part of a course, that would exempt you from having to study that area again. This may not have been undertaken in an educational environment, but its value may be the same, or more. Information about how this system works and how professional qualification equivalence is available can be obtained from the subject departments.

Please note that there may be subject areas for which course attendance is compulsory and credit exemption does not apply.

It is possible to claim credit for up to 66.7% of any award.

If you have any queries or would like to find out more about this process, please contact the Faculty Academic Assessor within the relevant faculty.

#### When do the programmes start?

The majority of postgraduate programmes commence in September/October each year, although some postgraduate taught and research programmes allow students to enter throughout the year. For specific start dates for your chosen programme, please contact the

relevant department or admissions office, who will be able to help you.

#### What is the deadline for applications?

There are no specific deadlines for most programmes, although we strongly recommend that you apply as early as possible to avoid disappointment particularly as the start date approaches, since some courses fill up quickly.

There are strict deadlines for applications to Nutrition and Dietetics and Social Work. Please refer to the course pages on the website at [www.chester.ac.uk](http://www.chester.ac.uk)

The deadline for PGCE applications is set by the Graduate Teacher Training Register (GTTR). Please refer to [www.gttr.ac.uk](http://www.gttr.ac.uk) for the official closing dates.

The Graduate Teacher Programme deadline is 12th January 2012.

International applicants will need to allow enough time to make visa and travel arrangements.

#### Students with Disabilities

We are committed to a policy of equal opportunities for applicants with disabilities or specific needs. Although applications from all prospective students are considered according to the same entry criteria, those of you who declare a disability or specific need will also be considered on an individual basis. As some of our buildings are old and not purpose-built, they may not be suitable for those of you with restricted mobility. However, we are continually working to improve access routes and other facilities on campus to assist physically disabled students during their programmes of study. Wherever possible, we try to make arrangements or adaptations as appropriate, within the existing restrictions placed upon us.

#### Contact us

Postgraduate Admissions  
Graduate School  
T: 01244 512456/512474  
F: 01244 511300  
E: [postgrad@chester.ac.uk](mailto:postgrad@chester.ac.uk)  
W: [www.chester.ac.uk/study-with-us](http://www.chester.ac.uk/study-with-us)

# SAFEGUARDING VULNERABLE GROUPS

In February 2011 the Coalition Government introduced a Bill to amend both the Vetting and Barring Scheme and Criminal Records Regime. The following information was correct at the time of writing, being April 2011.

A number of programmes of study at the University of Chester involve undertaking a placement that includes contact with children or vulnerable adults; examples include training to be a Counsellor, Dietician, Teacher or Social Worker, but there are others. Contact with children or vulnerable adults is known as Regulated Activity. Registered students may undertake other opportunities such as a volunteering scheme which may involve Regulated Activity.

If you accept a place on an appropriate course at the University, we will write to you with further instructions on how to apply for a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) Check. The CRB do make a charge for these services which you will be expected to pay. Please note that the University of Chester does not accept CRB checks

from any other employer and therefore you will have to apply for a new CRB check for your studies through the University as a CRB Registered Body. You will also be expected to self-declare any cautions, convictions or any other matters that may have a bearing on your suitability to undertake Regulated Activity.

Any matters revealed either by you or the CRB will be considered by the Programme Leader and may affect the University's offer of a place to the applicant concerned. While most matters will not automatically preclude an applicant from commencing a programme of study, the University reserves the right to withdraw the offer of a place to anyone who fails to provide a satisfactory CRB check. Moreover, failure to declare a conviction etc. that is subsequently revealed on a CRB check may also affect your offer of a place.

Prospective applicants are strongly advised to visit the University website at [www.chester.ac.uk/crb](http://www.chester.ac.uk/crb) to access updated information.



# GOT AN INNOVATIVE IDEA?

## TURN IT INTO A BUSINESS AT RIVERSIDE INNOVATION CENTRE

- **Have you ever considered self-employment as a career option and want to explore it further?**
- **Looking for a supportive environment from which to start your new business?**
- **Looking for practical advice to help you get your business up and running?**
- **Come and visit us at Riverside Innovation Centre to find out how we can help.**

Based at the University's Riverside Campus, the new **Riverside Innovation Centre** offers graduates everything they need to get started with a new business venture.

Jointly funded by the European Regional Development Fund and the University of Chester, Riverside Innovation Centre is **the first of its kind in Cheshire** and will provide city-centre incubation units for fifteen start-ups, as well as ongoing business advice and support for all those considering self-employment.

Riverside Innovation Centre is located on the bank of the River Dee in Chester; **a beautiful and practical location from where to start your new business**. Whether your business is based in our building or not, you will be able to meet your customers here in a professional, modern environment with great transport links and car parking facilities.

As well as support from your academic department, our team has pulled together business expertise from across the region to ensure that you can **access all the knowledge and networking opportunities that you need** to explore and develop your business idea.

In addition to the facilities and support, Riverside Innovation Centre offers a **virtual incubation service**, which means that your business will have a CH1, city-centre address and that you will never miss a call from one of your customers.

Graduates using the services at Riverside Innovation Centre will have **access to start-up facilities at Liverpool Science Park and Manchester Metropolitan University**, via the Graduate i-pass initiative, which allows graduate entrepreneurs from the three sites to make use of communal facilities.



Contact us for more details or just come in and see our facilities for yourself.

**Jackie Tickle – Business Incubation Manager**  
**01244 512212 or [hello@riversideinnovation.co.uk](mailto:hello@riversideinnovation.co.uk)**



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