



Department of Physics

For International students applying to
Loughborough University



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Welcome to Loughborough University

- a place you can call home www.lboro.ac.uk/international

- Loughborough University is a truly global institution with a strong commitment to provide an international learning experience for all students. Loughborough's collaborative links and student exchange programs with a number of prestigious overseas universities continues to grow.
- Loughborough has a long history of welcoming international students and there are now over 2,500 students from outside UK representing more than 130 countries including 16 students from Canada. The University is grateful for the support of alumni groups across the world.
- Whether you are thinking of applying, have already applied, or are a current student looking for exchange opportunities, Loughborough's International Office is dedicated to helping prospective international students and students seeking an opportunity to study abroad.

Calendar of international visits

Every year our staff makes a number of visits to different countries around the world. This gives you the chance to speak face to face with International Office staff dedicated to your country and visiting academic staff from a number of different departments. Whatever your enquiry is about we would be delighted to meet you! Please keep checking the calendar for updates at www.lboro.ac.uk/international/ or contact the International Office at: international-office@lboro.ac.uk

How do I apply to the University?

The Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) is the route for applying to full-time undergraduate study at all UK universities.

Please visit www.ucas.com/students/wheretostart/nonukstudents/ for detailed information of the application process.

The UK has a long history of welcoming international students to study in its universities and colleges. In the UK last year there were 1.8 million full-time undergraduate students in higher education, which included over 104,000 international students.

There are people in the university who are ready to answer your questions, help you through the application process and support you while you are in the UK. Loughborough University is organising a programme of events before you start your course to welcome you and to help you make new friends and get used to your new surroundings.

Social and cultural activities are often run for international students throughout the year. The University also provide a variety of clubs and societies that you may wish to join. For more information about studying in Britain, go to the Education UK website: www.educationuk.org.

What is the suitability of my qualification?

Check the suitability of your qualifications with the admissions offices at your university before applying. They will decide whether or not your qualifications meet or could meet their entry requirements for the course(s). When you apply, give full details of all your qualifications, including exams you took when you left school, exams you took to get into higher education, vocational exams and any other qualifications or awards. *Please do not try to give a UK equivalent as we will do this for you.*

What is deadline for my application?

If you are applying from outside the UK or EU, whatever your nationality, you need to be aware that the **final deadline is 30 June 2011**.

We cannot guarantee to consider applications received after 15 January 2011, and some popular courses may not have vacancies after that date. You are advised to apply as early as possible.

Remember to allow enough time for entry clearance or immigration; also travel and accommodation arrangements, which can take longer during the summer when immigration departments are busy.

The application deadlines in UCAS calendar specify the dates when UCAS need to receive your application. If you're applying through a school or college, they may set you an earlier deadline to allow time to check your application and complete your reference.

The calendar for 2011 entry will be available soon. Please check UCAS Website!

Information for Canadian Students Planning to Study Abroad.

All you need to know about application process, loans, scholarships, etc. can be found at: www.cicdi.ca/en/page.aspx?sortcode=2.18.19



How can I obtain financial support for my studies abroad?

If financial support will be necessary, students should begin making inquiries and applications at least one year before the beginning of their courses.

Although financial aid for Canadians studying abroad is generally scarce, there are some individual fellowships and scholarships offered on a limited basis by the host institution to foreign students. Information about such sources of financial assistance can be obtained by writing directly to the office of financial aid and awards of the institution you plan to attend. Students may also find sources of financial support for study abroad within their own university or college by contacting their school's office of financial aid and awards.

Students should also contact their province/territory's ministry of education branch for student assistance; provincially sponsored aid programs may, in some cases, be used for studying abroad.

The Canada Student Loans Program offers financial assistance through its lending program to Canadian students attending designated institutions. *Please note that Loughborough University is designated (EI Code PUBM; EI Designation Date: 2009-06-26).*

Some limited sources of support for Canadians studying abroad are available directly through Canadian institutions. *The Foreign Government Awards Program, the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan, and the Organization of American States Fellowships* are administered by the International Council for Canadian Studies on behalf of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade; Human Resources Development Canada offers fellowship and training programs including the *Program for North American Mobility in Higher Education and the Canada-European Community Program for Cooperation in Higher Education and Training*.

Information on funding for students from Quebec studying abroad may be obtained by visiting the Web site of the ministry of education at www.afe.gouv.qc.ca or by writing to the *Ministère de l'Éducation, Aide financière aux études, 1035, rue de La Chevrotière, 13e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5A5.*

The government of British Columbia, through the BC Centre for International Education (BCCIE), offers awards and grants to students and scholars wishing to study or teach overseas through the International Grant and Asia Pacific Award Program. Awards are for BC scholars and students only. More information can be obtained by visiting the Web site at www.bccie.bc.ca or by writing to BCCIE, 1483 Douglas Street, 6th Floor, Victoria, British Columbia V8W 3K4.

Additional information about academic exchange and financial aid programs in Canada and abroad can be found at www.cicic.ca/389/student-financial-assistance.canada.

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Useful links:

<http://www.lboro.ac.uk/international> - Loughborough University website, International Students page.

www.ucas.com/students/wheretostart/nonukstudents - UCAS website. Information about non-uk students application.

www.ucas.com - UCAS official website

www.cicdi.ca/en/page.aspx?sortcode=2.18.19 - Information for Canadian students planning to study abroad.

www.canlearn.ca/eng/main/designated/Idi.shtml - home page of Human Resources and Skills Development Canada

www.afe.gouv.qc.ca - Web site of the ministry of education

www.bccie.bc.ca - BCCIE Website

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