Postgraduate Study Information Session - Thursday 16th November 4pm - 5pm

This live chat session is aimed at prospective students, who would like information about postgraduate study, the application process, and fees and funding - including updated information about our Postgraduate Loans. We'll also be answering any subject specific questions about: Bioinformatics Cancer Disease Infection and Immunity Forensics Genetics Health Sciences Psychology

Spencer
Hello and welcome to our live chat - an introduction to postgraduate study. My name is Spencer. My colleagues and I will do our best to answer any questions you might have about studying a Master’s at the University of Leicester.

Sam
Hello, I'm Sam - welcome to the chat.

Ash
Hello. My name is Ash and I work in post graduate admissions.

Paul
Hi, I'm Paul, and I can offer any assistance you might require regarding the financing of your Postgraduate study. Please feel free to ask me any questions about funding your course.

Carmen
Hello, my name is Carmen and I'm very interested in the infection and immunity course

Spencer
Hi Carmen - welcome to the live chat.

Carmen
I'll be an international student (from America) but I have previously studied abroad in the UK for 2 years. I wanted to ask if that'll decrease my chances of being admitted?

Nigel
Hi Carmen, thanks for your question. Your Study Abroad in the UK might actually help your application. Where did you study?

Carmen
I studied at University of East Anglia in Norwich

Nigel
What modules did you study there?

Anna
Hi, I'm Anna. I'm looking to apply for the Medical Statistics Masters.
Ash
Hi Anna. For this particular course we are looking for a 2:2 honours degree in a relevant subject. Could you please tell me a little bit about your previous studies.

Carmen
In America, I am actually a human physiology major but I’m very interested in microbiology (and host-pathogen interaction). I have taken microbiology, molecular, biochem, human physiology, cancer biology, plant (biology related modules). I have also conducted a third-year research project at the John Innes Centre

Nigel
Those sound like very relevant subjects: what is your current GPA?

Anna
Hi yes. I currently study Maths and Stats with the OU

Ash
That should be fine. In order to be sure, I would recommend e-mailing a copy of your transcript to pgadmissions@le.ac.uk.

Carmen
My current GPA isn’t too great (the challenge of adjustment from studying the first year abroad) lowered it slightly. I’m trying to get all A’s right now, but I currently have a 3.36 (which should be around a low 2:1)

Nigel
With your current grades, you’re likely to get a conditional offer if you apply to study with us.

Have you given any thought to funding options? We participate in the Federal loans scheme.

Carmen
I was considering applying to scholarship options (but I haven’t thought that far ahead).

Nigel
Our scholarships are listed here: https://le.ac.uk/student-life/international-students/international-scholarships

If you do get a scholarship, you can also take a Federal loan if you are eligible.

You might also like to take a look at Fulbright Scholarships: http://www.fulbright.org.uk/

Anna
The main worries I’m having about the course are with funding. I have been informed that as it stands the part-time version of the course does not qualify for the post-graduate loan
Paul
Hi Anna, regards the PG Loan funding you are correct in thinking this part time course does not qualify as it’s more than twice the length of the 1yr full time equivalent. A couple of things could happen therefore to enable you to use the PG Loan: either a) the government review this regulation and relax the rule; or b) the University of Leicester shortens the part time course to two years or less. I cannot say if either of these things will happen, but please check regularly on the Leicester website www.le.ac.uk, and the PG Loans information at https://www.gov.uk/postgraduate-loan.

In the meantime have you considered other types of financing that might be available to you? For example, commercial loans, paid employment, sponsorship, grants and bursaries, etc?

Regards.

Paul

Carmen
Thank you! I will be checking them out. Also, I wanted to further do a Ph.D, and I wanted to ask if there was a difference between going from a MSc too Ph.D or MRes to Ph.D

Nigel
A MRes course will include longer periods of independent research than the MSc. We don’t offer an MRes in Infection and Immunity unfortunately.

We have two Infection MSc courses: https://le.ac.uk/courses/chronic-disease-and-immunity-msc
https://le.ac.uk/courses/infection-and-immunity-msc

Carmen
Or would the chances be similar to all other applicants?

Nigel
You may find that through studying your MSc with us, you discover an area of research that interests you for PhD study. Our Infection MSc course convener does also currently supervise some PhD students.

Your MSc will also help you if you decide on PhD study elsewhere.

Carmen
I understand. Thank you very much for your guidance and help. I look forward to thank you in person one day!

Nigel
Thank you. I’m pleased to have helped!

Anna
Thanks Paul. I’ll send an email.

Paul
Hi Anna, that’s great. Speak soon. Paul

Spencer
Thanks for joining our live chat this evening - the event is now closed. However, if you have any further questions please contact: pgadmissions@le.ac.uk