



PGR Student Induction Programme

5–6 February 2024

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Graduate School



Please note: only student-route visa holders are required to attend on the 5th February

Day 1: Monday 5 February 2024			
Time	Activity	Who?	Where?
10.00 – 12.00	<p>Registration and IT setup for student-route visa holders</p> <p>Present your original documents to register for your degree and verify your immigration status. Members of the IT team will also be on hand to get you set up</p> <p><i>Tea, coffee, and pastries will be provided</i></p>	Student route visa holders	Library (Atrium)
12.00 – 12.45	<p>Tour of campus</p> <p>Rob Wilson will lead you on a tour of campus covering useful locations, a bit of history, and few rumours</p>	Student route visa holders	
12.45 – 14.00	<p>Lunch and networking</p> <p><i>Vegetarian lunch provided</i></p>	Student route visa holders	Hub
14.00 – 15.00	<p>Introduction to the student-route visa</p> <p>Roles, responsibilities, and regulations for individuals on an OU-sponsored student route visa. This is also a chance for you to ask any visa-related questions</p>	Student route visa holders	Library Theatre
15:00 – 15:15	<p>Comfort break</p>		Library Atrium
15.15 – 16.00	<p>Q&A with existing international students</p> <p>Find out what PhD life is like at the OU and in Milton Keynes</p>	Student route visa holders	Library Theatre

Day 2: Tuesday 6 February 2024

Time	Activity	Who?	Where?
9.00 – 10.30	<p>Registration and IT setup for UK students</p> <p>Present your original documents to register for your degree. Members of the IT team will also be on hand to get you set up</p> <p><i>Tea, coffee, and pastries will be provided</i></p>	All non-student route visa students	Library Atrium
10.30 – 10.45	<p>Research image inspiration</p> <p>Emily Yossarian (Senior Communications Manager, Graduate School) gets you talking about what led you to your research topic and the OU</p>	All students	Library Theatre
10.45 – 11.45	<p>Graduate School Director's welcome and essentials</p> <p>The induction talk that gets students scribbling the most notes: Lindsay O'Dell will cover vital regulations, take you through the PhD timeline, and talk about where to seek help.</p>	All students	Library Theatre
11.45 – 12.00	<p>Comfort break</p>		Library Atrium
12.00 – 12.30	<p>Getting started on your PGR journey – 4 things to bear in mind</p> <p>Helen Bowes-Catton (Training Lead, Graduate School) gets you started on your epic quest</p>	All students	Library Atrium
12.30 – 14.00	<p>Lunch with supervisors</p> <p><i>Vegetarian lunch will be provided</i></p>	All students (contact your supervisor to arrange)	Library Atrium
14.00 – 15.00	<p>Introduction to Core Training and PACE</p> <p>Judith Taylor (Training Lead, Graduate School) and Julia Molinari (PACE Lecturer) discuss the wide range of training opportunities available to research students</p>	All students	Library Theatre

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15:00 – 15:15	Comfort Break		Library Atrium
15.15 – 15.45	Introduction to PGR Manager Get to know the system you will use to manage your student journey. Led by Ellie Milnes-Smith (PGR Student Manager, Graduate School)	All students	Library Theatre
16:00 – 16:45	Introduction to online OU Platforms	All students	Library Theatre
17.00 – 19.00	Takeaway Tuesday Mingle with existing PGRs at our weekly Tuesday social	All welcome (optional)	PGR Common Room

Day 3: Wednesday 7 February 2024

Faculty Induction Day – check directly with your faculty for details.

What do I need to bring?

All students (including OU staff members)

- A laptop/tablet – unless your funder is providing one
- Original Degree certificate(s), including certified translation if not in English or Welsh
- Proof of identity, which must be one of:
 1. Current passport or national identity card
 2. Current UK or EEA driver's license
 3. HM Armed Forces identity card
- Proof of nationality, which must be one of:
 1. Current passport or national identity card
 2. UK birth/adoption certificate
 3. UK Home Office naturalisation/registration certificate

Non-UK students

- Biometric residence permit (BRP) or current share code
- Proof of English language proficiency as supplied with your application. This will be one of:
 1. IELTS certificate
 2. Degree certificate from a majority English-speaking country
 3. Proof of nationality of a majority English-speaking country
- Student route visa holders: Home office letter confirming your visa
- Student route visa holders: Proof of the date you entered the UK (e.g. boarding pass, flight confirmation)

All documents **MUST** be originals. You will **NOT** be registered for your degree until you have provided all required documentation.

Where to find Graduate School

The Graduate School is located on the Ground Floor, Betty Boothroyd Library
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Directions to the Open University

- [3D Campus map](#) and [Directions to the campus, parking and accommodation information](#)
- Please use the Library car park – 4 on map, or use the overspill car park opposite Berrill Building (39). Note, the car park opposite Robert Hooke (40) is not available.



