King’s has a long history of welcoming international students, and King’s Foundations is proud to play an important part in this tradition. Entering a new study environment can be challenging, not only in terms of language but also in terms of adjusting to a new academic culture.

King’s prepares and supports students in both of these areas through the King’s International Foundation Programme, providing you with the opportunity to prepare for your undergraduate degree. Our students are King’s students from day one and, alongside your academic studies, you will also be able to access all of King’s facilities, from our libraries, IT, gyms and restaurants to the King’s College London Students’ Union (KCLSU) and its student societies, activities and clubs.

With our team of highly-qualified and experienced teachers, you can be sure that you are taking the best first step towards study in the UK. I look forward to welcoming you and working with you to realise your full potential at King’s.

Nina McDermott
Executive Director
King’s Education

Welcome to King’s

700+
International Foundation students in 2021.

1. Educate
to inspire and improve

2. Research
to inform and innovate

3. Serve
to shape and transform

4. A civic university
at the heart of London

5. An international community
that serves the world

King’s Strategic Vision 2029
Our vision is to make the world a better place...
The King’s advantage

A prestigious academic experience at a world-leading university

King’s aspires to create an international community that serves the world; and the Foundation Programme plays an important role in achieving this.

The King’s Foundation Programme offers academic preparation courses for the brightest international students to prepare them for undergraduate degrees at university.

We offer eight Foundation pathways emphasising subject knowledge development and academic skills to build the overall confidence students need to succeed at university.

The King’s International Foundation Programme is designed and taught by King’s experts, so students are in safe hands. We guarantee an offer (or interview) for King’s undergraduate degrees. This means that if students meet the conditions of their offer, they are guaranteed a place on a King’s undergraduate degree.

To help ease the transition to a new city, we offer all of our students guaranteed accommodation at a King’s Residence for up to two years.

This includes their Foundation year and the first year of their undergraduate degree at King’s.

We want to provide every student with a positive experience while at King’s, from before they arrive right through to when they progress to their King’s degree.

We aim to inspire confidence in all of our students, helping them to reach their academic potential.

Dr Nick Pearce
Head of Foundation Programmes
King’s Foundations

We also offer scholarships to new students and those who progress to King’s for their undergraduate study.

For further information see page 14
The King’s International Foundation Programme and the Extended Foundation are specially designed to prepare students for their undergraduate university studies at King’s.

94% of our students were satisfied with their programme in 2021.
Programme structure

- Approximately 15 hours of contact time per week.
- Contact time is a combination of online and on-campus lectures, seminars, webinars, tutorials and labs (where appropriate).
- Students should commit to an average of 16 hours a week of independent study.
- A Personal Tutor is assigned to each student to provide a wide range of academic and personal support during the Foundation year.

Extended Foundation

Sometimes the best and brightest international students need additional preparation with their academic English before beginning their studies. Our Extended Foundation is designed with these students in mind.

The five weeks’ online intensive preparation will focus on:
- improving reading, writing, speaking and listening skills
- building confidence so students are ready to tackle subject-specific content.

Students on this programme will study online in August before starting the Foundation in September.

Study options and entry dates

The academic year runs from September to June.

Students can apply for one of:
- International Foundation Blended Programme – study Term 1 online from September, arrive on campus in January.
- Extended International Foundation Blended Programme – as above plus five weeks’ online intensive English in August.
- International Foundation Programme – study on campus from September.
- Extended International Foundation Programme – as above plus five weeks’ online intensive English in August.

Core Foundation Modules

Two of the four core modules are taught to all Foundation students. The modules vary depending on the pathway to which the student has applied.

Please see pages 5-8 for detailed information on our pathways.

Module 1:

English for Scientific Academic Purposes

Pathway 1 2 3

This module provides students with the skills they need to express themselves through speaking and writing within a variety of academic contexts in the natural sciences.

Module 2:

Society

Science & Society

Pathway 1 2 3

This module covers key aspects of British culture and western thought. The ideas, cultural norms, assumptions and practices of UK academic culture and the use of analytical thinking tools to form thoughts and arguments.

Business & Society

Pathway 4 5 6

This module covers key aspects of British culture and western thought. The ideas, cultural norms, assumptions and practices of UK academic culture and the use of analytical thinking tools to form thoughts and arguments.

Culture & Society

Pathway 7 8

This module investigates the alternative perspectives on contemporary issues as an engaged global citizen. It looks at British culture and western thought. It aims to teach students how to evaluate the ideas, cultural norms, assumptions and practices of UK academic culture against their own perspectives. Students are introduced to key debates and perspectives of critical and analytical thinking skills.

King’s International Foundation Programmes are designed and taught by King’s experts.
Choice of eight pathways to a King’s degree

We offer eight different pathways that range from humanities to science-related subject areas. All foundation pathways lead to degrees at King’s.

Visit kcl.ac.uk/international-foundation to see all your progression options.

Student testimonial

Yihan is from China and studied the Biology & Chemistry pathway. He progressed on to Common Year One and is currently completing his degree in Biomedical Science (BSc).

I chose the King’s International Foundation Programme because it enabled me to adapt to a new environment while advancing my academic knowledge. The different cultural backgrounds of my classmates, along with my very well-prepared teachers and tutors, certainly made the learning environment enjoyable. I would highly recommend this programme to anyone pursuing higher education in the UK. King’s International Foundation is a challenge that is definitely worth taking on.

Yihan
Biomedical Science BSc

Student testimonial

Sarah is from the UAE and studied the Computer Science Engineering pathway. She is currently completing her degree in Electronic Engineering (MEng) at King’s.

King’s International Foundation was an opportunity for me to work towards my maximum personal and academic potential. From day one, the staff have made me feel welcome—always there for questions and caring about my academic work and wellbeing. It was a well-rounded experience that is proving extremely beneficial for my future.

Sarah
Electronic Engineering MEng
1. **BIOLOGY**

Students will learn about:
- Biological molecules
- Homeostasis in the human body
- Energy and exercise
- Cellular respiration
- Nervous coordination, analysis and integration
- The cell cycle
- Molecular biology
- Microbiology

2. **CHEMISTRY**

Students will learn about:
- Atomic structure
- Periodicity
- Energy
- Kinetics
- Equilibria
- Redox reactions
- Analytical techniques
- Properties of solutions
- Acids and bases

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**Biology & Chemistry**

Choose this pathway if you are interested in undergraduate degrees such as:
- Biomedical Science / Pharmacology / Biochemistry / Pharmacy / Chemistry / Neuroscience / Psychology / Medicine* / Global Health & Social Medicine

*The Biology & Chemistry Foundation requires a good level of mathematics knowledge.

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**Computer Science & Engineering**

Students on this pathway can apply to all undergraduate degree programmes offered by the Faculty of Natural & Mathematical Sciences, such as:
- Computer Science / Computer Science with Robotics / Electronic & Information Engineering / General Engineering / Electronic Engineering with Management

*The Computer Science & Engineering Foundation requires a good level of mathematics knowledge.

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**Mathematics for Natural Sciences**

Students will:
- Develop mathematical knowledge to start an undergraduate course in a range of subjects
- Understand mathematical techniques to solve simple problems
- Suggest ways to model simple mathematical concepts

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Students interested in applying to Medicine at King’s are required to have taken the UCAT exam and completed relevant work experience before starting the Foundation year. Students are not guaranteed offers and must understand the full entry requirements for Medicine. Find out more on our website.
Mathematics & Physics

Choose this pathway if you are interested in undergraduate degrees such as:

Mathematics with Management & Finance / Mathematics & Statistics / Physics with Theoretical Physics / Psychology / General Engineering / Physics

The Mathematics & Physics Foundation requires a good level of mathematics knowledge.

1. MATHEMATICS FOR NATURAL SCIENCES

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- Develop mathematical knowledge to start an undergraduate course in a range of subjects
- Understand mathematical techniques to solve simple problems
- Suggest ways to model simple mathematical concepts

2. PHYSICS

Students will learn about:
- Introduction: SI units; dimensional analysis; coordinate systems; scalars and vectors
- Mechanics
- Waves
- Atomic and nuclear physics
- Structure of matter
- Thermal physics
- Electromagnetism

Strong emphasis is placed on rigorous mathematical treatment; it is therefore essential that students have a good basic background in algebra, trigonometry and geometry.

Economics & Mathematics*

Choose this pathway if you are interested in undergraduate degrees such as:

Economics & Management/ Accounting & Finance/ Mathematics with Management & Finance / Economics / Business Management / Political Economy / Mathematics with Statistics

The Economics & Mathematics Foundation requires a good level of mathematics knowledge.

1. MATHEMATICS FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES

Students will:
- Develop mathematical knowledge to start an undergraduate course in a range of subjects
- Understand mathematical techniques to solve simple problems
- Suggest ways to model simple mathematical concepts

2. ECONOMICS

Students will learn:
- Overview of Economy activities, economic theory and background to Supply and Demand
- Micro economy and government microeconomic policies
- Macroeconomy

Students do not need previous knowledge of economics for this course.

* Students on this pathway are eligible for all undergraduate degrees at King’s Business School.
Business Management & Social Science

Choose this pathway if you are interested in undergraduate degrees such as:

Business Management / International Management / International Development / Geography / Global Health & Social Medicine / Social Sciences

This pathway only equips students to apply for two of the four available undergraduate degrees at King’s Business School.

Mathematics & Business Management*

Choose this pathway if you are interested in undergraduate degrees such as:

Accounting & Finance/ Economics & Management / Mathematics with Management & Finance / Economics / International Management/ Psychology / Business Management

The Mathematics & Business Management Foundation requires a good level of mathematics knowledge.

1. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Students will:
Understand the world of business
Marketing
Human resource management
Finance
Growth of small firms
The role of big business
Corporate social responsibility
Impact of technological change
Business cultures

2. SOCIAL SCIENCE

Students will learn:
Social psychology
Sociology
Global perspective on societies in the modern world
Keynes and Neoliberalism
Behavioural economics
The legacy of colonialism
Industrial psychology
Demographics in the social sciences
Nationalism; urbanism; poverty and development; emerging economies

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Impact of technological change
Business ethics

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Liberal Arts & Social Science

Students on this pathway can apply to all undergraduate degree programmes offered by the Faculty of Arts & Humanities, such as:

Culture, Media & Creative Industries / Digital Culture / Film Studies / Politics / Liberal Arts / Philosophy / History & International Relations / Religion, Politics & Society / Social Sciences

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1. LIBERAL ARTS

Students will learn about:

- History of Art
- Film Studies
- Literature Studies
- Philosophy
- Religious Studies
- History of Ideas

2. SOCIAL SCIENCE

Students will learn about:

- Social psychology
- Sociology
- Global perspective on societies in the modern world
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Global Politics & Social Science

Choose this pathway if you are interested in undergraduate degrees such as:

International Relations / Political Economy / Philosophy, Politics & Economics / Politics / War Studies / European Politics / International Development / Religion, Politics & Society / Global Health & Social Medicine / Law LLB / Politics, Philosophy & Law

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1. GLOBAL POLITICS

Students will learn:

- Global politics
- Contemporary global issues affecting both domestic and international politics
- The complex interrelationships that exist among states and between peoples and communities in today’s globalised and interdependent world
- Causality between domestic and international politics
- Emergence of international and transnational players

2. SOCIAL SCIENCES

Students will learn about:

- Social psychology
- Sociology
- Global perspective on societies in the modern world
- Keynes and Neoliberalism
- Behavioural economics
- The legacy of colonialism
- Industrial psychology
- Demographics in the social sciences
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*Students interested in applying to Law at King’s are required to take the external LNAT exam and achieve a specified grade. Find out more on our website.*
Your journey with King’s

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*Students receive dedicated support in Term 1 with applying for undergraduate study in the UK via UCAS. For more info visit the website.*

*Some undergraduate programmes last longer than three years, please visit the undergraduate website for details of each degree programme.*

90% of students met their conditions to study at King’s in 2020.
Welcome to London

Ranked #1 best city for international students in the world (QS Best Student Cities 2018), London is an integral part of student life, with four of our five campuses located alongside the stunning River Thames.

1 King's Strand Campus
2 King's Bush House

Home of King's Foundations
3 Royal Courts of Justice
4 Maughan Library
5 Palace of Westminster
6 London Eye
7 South Bank arts complex
8 Tate Modern
9 St Paul's Cathedral

10 King's Waterloo Campus
11 Shakespeare's Globe
12 Waterloo station
13 St Thomas' Hospital
14 City of London financial district
15 King's St Thomas' Campus
16 King's Guy's Campus
17 The Shard
18 Guy's Hospital

KEY
- King's locations
- London landmarks
We aim to help students settle in quickly to life at King’s so they can concentrate on their studies.

Student experience
We aim to provide a positive and friendly experience for all our students. We have a Student Engagement Team who:
- creates a safe and friendly student environment to discuss non-academic matters
- connects students to the wider services offered at King’s
- organises events and activities for students to meet each other.

We offer additional support for students under 18 years of age, including dedicated Resident Assistants and abide by the King’s College London Safeguarding Policy.

Safety in London
As London is a busy global city, King’s takes the safety of our students very seriously.
There is swipe card access to all King’s residences and we have security on every campus.
We also offer guidance and support about individual concerns.
Find out more on our website kcl.ac.uk/study/london

Find more information on our website kcl.ac.uk/international-foundation

Daily life as a King’s student
At King’s and in London there is always something to do and see. In the first few weeks of each term we organise a range of activities on campus and online so that students can make the most of all the opportunities that are available. Students will also have a personal tutor who will offer help and advice on all aspects of their life at King’s.
Students can become a member of King’s College London Students’ Union to join societies; find volunteering opportunities, or even run for the Student Representative Council.

Our student area is a hub of daily life for students where they can meet with their classmates and use the facilities and resources available, which include:
- desktop PCs
- wireless internet
- network printing
- phone charging stations
- language textbooks
- kitchen facilities
- filtered water.
300+
societies, activity groups
and sports clubs at King’s.
Making London home
It’s exciting to move to London and we know that students will need to have somewhere to call home.

At King’s, we offer all of our students guaranteed accommodation at a King’s Residence for up to two years – the Foundation year and the first year of undergraduate study at King’s.

Living in a King’s Residence helps students to make friends and to feel involved in the student community.

We also have dedicated Resident Assistants to support students who are under 18 years old.

Please visit our website for further information on how we support students who are under 18.

kcl.ac.uk/international-foundation/support

We have a wide range of accommodation in London, including:

- female-only accommodation
- en-suite or shared facilities
- specific accommodation for undergraduate students
- self-catered
- rooms for singles, couples and students with disabilities
- multiple locations.

You can get help from our King’s Residences team:

kcl.ac.uk/study/accommodation

Student testimonial

Salman is from Saudi Arabia and studied the King’s International Foundation. He lived in King’s Residences during his Foundation year and his first year of undergraduate study.

I remember my first day in London. I had just moved into a King’s Residence and didn’t know a single person. I walked to the student common room and found someone who was doing the exact same course. Plus we were living in rooms opposite each other! Eventually, we became a group of four. They are still my closest friends; friendships that will last a lifetime.

Salman

Law LLB
Fees, scholarships and how to apply

There are many things to consider when coming to the UK, so here are some key points to get started.

**Tuition fees**
The tuition fee for each King’s International Foundation Programme, including the Extended Foundation, is available on our website.

Please note that tuition fees for subsequent years of study may be subject to increases in line with King’s terms and conditions.

All students who hold a conditional or unconditional offer to study a King’s International Foundation Programme are required to pay a deposit of £2,000 to secure their place on their chosen course.

The deposit will be offset against their tuition fees when they join King’s.

**Scholarships**
- King’s Scholars of Tomorrow (for incoming students)
- Progression Scholarships (for all Foundation students progressing to King’s)

For details, visit our website kcl.ac.uk/international-foundation

**How to apply**
All applications to the King’s International Foundation Programme are made online through our application portal, King’s Apply – apply.kcl.ac.uk

Students will need to follow the steps to register an account before they can complete the online application form.

Students also need to upload the following supporting documentation to the King’s Apply portal with their application:
- personal statement
- official academic transcript
- English language certificate.

**Tracking the application**
Students can track the status of their application through the King’s Apply portal. This includes sending messages to the admissions team with any questions about their application.

Students who submit a complete application can generally expect to receive an outcome from our admissions team within 21 days (however this may be longer during peak processing periods).

**Study visa**
Visa regulations to study in the UK can change on a regular basis. We recommend students to leave enough time to apply for a study visa.

To check the latest information and for further advice please visit the UKCISA website ukcisa.org.uk
Entry requirements

To apply for a King’s International Foundation programme, students must meet the minimum academic and English language entry requirements.

Academic entry requirements
Prospective students will need to provide a high school certificate from the student’s country of residence (outside of the UK) with the required grades.

We also accept international qualifications for most KIFP pathways, including:

- AS levels
- A levels
- IB Diploma.

Visit our website for more details: kcl.ac.uk/international-foundation

English language entry requirements

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Students requiring a study visa
Students who need to apply for a UK study visa must take an approved English test with a centre approved by the UK Visas and Immigration department. King’s can only accept the IELTS for UKVI (Academic) test.

Students not requiring a visa
Students who do not require a study visa, must submit evidence of their English language proficiency.

Key dates

- Applications for 2022 open
  18 October 2021
- Application deadline*
  30 April 2022
- Acceptance deadline
  31 May 2022
- King’s Residences application deadline
  31 May 2022
- For guaranteed accommodation
- Extended Foundation start date
  15 August 2022
- Welcome Week
  19–23 September 2022
- Foundation start date
  26 September 2022

*Applications received by this date will receive equal consideration. Applications will remain open until each pathway is full, we recommend applying as early as possible.
Main address:
King's College London
Strand
London
WC2R 2LS
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kcl.ac.uk/international-foundation

Get in touch with King's:
Phone: +44 (0)20 7123 4843*
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WhatsApp: +44 (0)7858 988027*

*The + should be replaced by the exit code relevant to your country, which is normally 00.

This leaflet was printed in August 2021. Although it was up-to-date at the time it was produced, please make sure you check our website (kcl.ac.uk/foundation) or contact us directly for the very latest information before you commit yourself to any of our courses.

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