



**International Foundation  
Programme 2021**  
King's Foundations

*Making a difference begins at King's*

## King's Strategic Vision 2029

*Our vision is to make  
the world a better place...*

### 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

# Welcome to King's

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 Foundations

# 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.

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

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.



King's International Foundation Programme students have access to all our libraries including the historic Maughan Library which houses almost a million contemporary and historic books and artefacts.

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university-led language centre in London (*British Council Accreditation Report, 2018*)

150+

nationalities in King's active student community

90%

of students met their conditions to study at King's in 2020

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

Accredited by the



for the teaching of English in the UK



# Our pathways

*The King's International Foundation Programme and the Extended Foundation are specially designed to prepare students for their undergraduate university studies at King's.*



King's International Foundation Programmes are designed and taught by King's experts. Our friendly and dedicated staff are highly trained with years of experience, many of whom have a range of PhDs, Master's degrees and professional teaching qualifications.

### Programme structure

- ♦ Approximately 16 hours of classes per week.
- ♦ Students also need to commit to an average of 16 hours a week of independent study.
- ♦ Each pathway is taught through a combination of lectures, seminars, tutorials and labs (for science-related courses).
- ♦ Students receive dedicated support with making their university application through the UK system – Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS).
- ♦ Students are assigned a Personal Tutor who provide a wide range of academic and personal support, throughout their Foundation year.

### Extended Foundation

We recognise that sometimes the best and brightest international students need additional preparation with their academic English before beginning their studies. Our Extended Foundation was designed with these students in mind. The intensive preparation will focus on:

- ♦ improving reading, writing, speaking and listening skills
- ♦ building confidence so students are ready to tackle subject-specific content.

Students will also receive additional academic English support throughout their Foundation year.

### Entry and duration

There are two entry points August and September. The academic year runs September to June. Students who study on the Extended Foundation join us in August for intensive academic English preparation.

## 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

#### 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.

#### English for Academic Purposes

##### Pathway 4 5 6 7 8

This module aims to develop a students' ability to write critically, fluently and accurately for a variety of academic situations. Students will focus on improving their ability to read and listen critically and selectively and communicate effectively in a variety of academic situations.

#### Academic Expression & Critical Thinking

The module aims to develop a student's critical thinking skills, so they are able to put forward logical evidence-based arguments and evaluate and critique their own and others' academic writing and presentations. Students are allocated to this module depending on aptitude in English at the time of entry.

### Module 2: Society

#### Science & Society Pathway 1 2 3

Students taking this module will explore issues in modern science and their effect upon society. The ideas, cultural norms, assumptions and practices of UK academic culture and the use of analytical thinking tools.

#### 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.

# 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/foundationfinder](http://kcl.ac.uk/foundationfinder) 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

Dasol is from South Korea and studied the King's International Relations Foundation (now Global Politics & Social Science). She progressed to War Studies at King's and has now finished her Master's.



*I chose my King's International Foundation Programme course because I believed it would be a great stepping-stone for me to progress onto an undergraduate course. With dedicated tutors, well-structured classes and abundant resources available, I learned about a vast array of topics and gained valuable academic skills. I can confidently say that I improved so much personally and academically throughout my Foundation year.*



**Dasol**  
War Studies BA, International  
Conflict Studies MA

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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.*

### 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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## 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.*

### 1. COMPUTER SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

*Students will learn:*

Introduction to Computer Science  
Introduction to Electronic Engineering  
Programming, including for large-scale systems  
Programming embedded electronic hardware

### 2. 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

\* Students interested in applying to Medicine at King's are required to have taken the external UCAT exam and completed relevant work experience before joining the programme in September. For the complete list of entry requirements for Medicine visit our website [kcl.ac.uk/foundation](http://kcl.ac.uk/foundation)

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## 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.*

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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.*

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## 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

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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. 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.



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## 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.*

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## 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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The role of big business  
Corporate social responsibility  
Impact of technological change  
Business ethics

\* Students on this pathway are eligible for all undergraduate degrees at King's Business School.

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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

### 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  
Keynes and Neoliberalism  
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The legacy of colonialism  
Industrial psychology  
Demographics in the social sciences  
Nationalism; urbanism; poverty and development; emerging economies

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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\*

### 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. POLITICS

*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  
Nationalism; urbanism; poverty and development; emerging economies

\* 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 [kcl.ac.uk/foundation](http://kcl.ac.uk/foundation)



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International Foundation  
students 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







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# 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.

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 with this from our King's Residences team:**

[kcl.ac.uk/study/accommodation](https://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

Information  
applies to  
**2021**  
entry

*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 course 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)
- ♦ King's Future Leaders (for Foundation students progressing to King's)

For details, visit our website [kcl.ac.uk/foundation](https://kcl.ac.uk/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](https://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](https://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/foundation](http://kcl.ac.uk/foundation)

## English language entry requirements

	<b>Extended King's International Foundation</b>	<b>King's International Foundation</b>
IELTS for UKVI (Academic)	5.5 overall, with no skill below 5.0	6.0 overall, with no skill below 5.5

## 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.

# Living in London

*We aim to help students settle in quickly to life at King's so they can concentrate on their studies.*



## 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](http://kcl.ac.uk/study/london)

## 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.

**Find more information on our website**

[kcl.ac.uk/foundation](http://kcl.ac.uk/foundation)

## Daily life as a King's student

In a city like London there is always something to do and see, and in the first few weeks we organise a range of activities so that students 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 also become a member of King's College London Students' Union and can make the most of their membership by joining a society, finding volunteering opportunities or even running 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 resources available, which include:

- ♦ desktop PCs
- ♦ language learning software
- ♦ newspapers and magazines
- ♦ books recommended by tutors
- ♦ DVDs and audiobooks
- ♦ language textbooks
- ♦ graded readers
- ♦ internet access
- ♦ network printing.



300+

societies, activity groups  
and sports clubs

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[kcl.ac.uk/admissions](https://www.kcl.ac.uk/admissions)

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