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Welcome to Aston University

A stimulating and enjoyable place to study. We pride ourselves on providing a modern, supportive and multicultural environment and we are committed to giving you the opportunity to achieve your full potential.

Professor Alec Cameron,
Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive



A Rhodes Scholar, Professor Cameron holds a Bachelor of Science degree and a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering with First Class Honours. He also holds a University Medal from the University of Sydney, a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Robotics from Oxford University, and a Master of Science degree in the Management of Technology from Polytechnic Institute, New York University.

About Aston University

Changing the world through employable graduates

Our courses are designed around the needs of industry. We create work-ready graduates who make an impact.

Welcoming and supportive culture

We make our students feel welcome on our safe and secure campus, and we support our students to thrive and succeed in their studies. Aston students are not just a number – the support that we give is personalised.

Diverse international community

Aston is a long-established destination for international students. African students at Aston will share their classroom with students from the UK, Europe and the rest of the world.

Excellent teachers

Our academic staff are excellent teachers, active researchers and often have extensive industry experience. They are renowned for writing the key text books that are used across the world for their particular discipline. Many are Fellows of the national Higher Education Academy.

Transforming students through practical experience

Our approach to education is practical, hands-on, and inspired by industry. Undergraduate students can apply for a one-year professional work placement. Postgraduate business students have

access to live business projects set by industry representatives. Addressing real life problems is part of the transformational learning experience at Aston.

Connected to business and industry

We are connected to business and industry through our relationships with thousands of companies of all shapes and sizes. Many of these companies visit our campus regularly, so our students have the chance to meet them at employment fairs or in workshops.

Experiencing enterprise and innovation first hand

We are home to the Aston Centre for Growth and the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses programme, supporting companies to grow and thrive. Students can learn how to start their own business, join a family business, or stretch their creative skills by engaging in project work through our involvement in the Prince's Trust.

Vibrant campus community

Our students get the best of both worlds: a green, well-equipped, friendly campus in the centre of a major city.



Students from 126 different countries



Range of scholarships available for African students



In the heart of the UK

Our campus is in the centre of Birmingham, the UK's second largest city, close to London and with easy access to big cities in Europe and great flight connections to the world.

 Birmingham
Aston University

-  Edinburgh
-  Manchester
-  London





**Professor
George Feiger**
Executive Dean of Aston
Business School

Professor Feiger gained a degree from Monash in Australia, a PhD from Harvard and a Fulbright Fellowship. His academic roles include appointments as Associate Professor of Finance at Stanford University and Lecturer in Economics at Harvard. He has served on the Advisory Board of the Berkeley Centre for Law, Business and Economics. His private sector roles have included Chief Executive of a \$3.4 billion wealth management company, Head of Strategic Planning at the Bank of America's world banking division, Senior Partner at McKinsey & Co, Global Head of Investment Banking for SBC Warburg, and Global Head of Onshore Private Banking at UBS.

Aston Business School

Graduate destinations include:
Accenture, Airbus, Alibaba, Amazon, BAE Systems, Bank of England, Bank of New York, BMW, British Airways, Ernst & Young, HSBC, Huawei, IBM, Jaguar Land Rover, KPMG, Microsoft, Ministry of Defence, PwC, RBS

Key courses:

- ▶ Accounting & Finance
- ▶ International Commercial Law
- ▶ Investment Analysis
- ▶ MBA



Aston Business School is among Europe's largest business schools, with approximately 3,000 students. It has been conducting pioneering research into modern business and management issues for over 60 years, making it one of the longest established, research-based business schools in the UK.

We are among 1% of business schools in the world to hold AACSB, EQUIS and AMBA accreditations – three of the most recognised and prestigious accreditation bodies in the world.

We are ranked in the top 100 universities in the world for Business & Management Studies, and we are ranked 8th best in the UK (QS World Subject Rankings, 2019).

Our portfolio has been designed in close partnership with business and industry, and practical experience is built into all of our degree programmes. Our course structures enable students to gain the skill sets needed to succeed in today's competitive workplace, such as negotiation, communication, leadership, teamwork and innovative thinking. It is skills such as these that keep our graduates highly sought after by some of the world's leading organisations. Our students have opportunities to experience real business environments, with live projects and internships to prepare them for the real world.



The Aston Global Advantage

The Aston Global Advantage is our professional development programme designed to give students the professional skills to succeed in today's competitive global business environment.

- > A module that runs throughout all MSc courses at Aston Business School
- > Students choose from four streams to suit their career aspirations and development needs
- > Work on live consultancy projects at Aston Business Clinic
- > Run a virtual business and gain practical experience of tackling complex commercial decisions
- > Study a semester abroad at one of our partner universities around the world from the USA to Australia
- > Achieve two Masters degrees by studying abroad for an extra year
- > Spend one to twelve months on a professional work placement in the UK or overseas (Aston University can offer visa sponsorship if your work placement is in the UK)

The Aston Global Advantage gives students practical business experience to help transform their career.



**Here is
Bright Chinda Chinule**
MSc Business Analytics

"For me, the best thing about studying at Aston is the quality of the faculty - their grasp of the subject and ability to convey it in simple terms while remaining accessible for questions. I have also enjoyed the fact that every module has a professional perspective in addition to the academic theories. So far, I've met lots of companies – IBM, Capgemini, TUI, and others."

The average salary for Aston business graduates is 34% higher than the sector average, five years after graduation.

(Longitudinal Education Outcomes 2018)

One of the world's top MBAs

Our full-time MBA has Tier One status (2019 Global MBA Rankings, CEO Magazine). We are one of only seven institutions in the UK with this top ranking.



Professor Sarah Hainsworth OBE
Executive Dean of School of Engineering and Applied Science

Professor Hainsworth was educated at the University of Newcastle where she was awarded BEng and PhD degrees. She was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in the New Year 2019 Honours List for her services to Engineering and Forensic Science. Professor Hainsworth is the Deputy Chair of the Royal Academy of Engineering's Diversity and Inclusion committee. Among her many accolades is the Andrew H. Payne Jr. Special Achievement Award 2015 from the American Academy of Forensic Sciences Engineering Sciences Section in recognition of exemplary contributions in advancing forensic engineering sciences.

School of Engineering & Applied Science



Graduate destinations include:

BAE Systems, Fujitsu, GlaxoSmithKline, Hewlett Packard, Jaguar Land Rover, Microsoft, Ministry of Transport, Mondelez, Nissan, Oxford University, Pepsico, PwC, Santander, Siemens, Rolls Royce, Virgin Media

Key courses:

- ▶ Artificial Intelligence
- ▶ Computer Science
- ▶ Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- ▶ Engineering Management



Here is Abubakar Saleh Usman
Course: MSc Software Engineering

"I really enjoy the practical aspects of my course, which are helping to prepare me for the work force and the outside world. Throughout my course there have been opportunities for networking - I have been fortunate to be able to meet other IT stakeholders and companies. I also enjoy the entrepreneurship events at Aston, which have helped me in my preparation to start my own business."

The School of Engineering and Applied Science has a long tradition of quality teaching, and a reputation for internationally-known, cutting-edge research.

We offer a range of inspiring, professionally-relevant courses which will prepare students for a successful and rewarding career. By choosing to study with us, students will be exposed to new ways of thinking and gain a competitive edge in the exciting world of engineering and applied science.

There is a great breadth of academic expertise in the school, with courses broadly categorised into the following subject areas: artificial intelligence, computer science, electronic engineering, engineering systems and management, mechanical engineering and product design, as well as chemical engineering and applied chemistry, and mathematics.

What makes us stand out?

Research

Internationally known for exciting research projects.

Industry

Strong connections with industry leaders in the world of science, engineering and technology.

The School of Engineering & Applied Science has received the Athena SWAN Silver Award. This prestigious award recognises our progress in, and commitment to, addressing gender and other inequalities in academia.

Facilities

We continue to invest significantly in facilities, such as our state-of-the-art laboratories.

Teaching

Our approach to education is practical, hands-on, and inspired by industry.

Projects and opportunities

Our students have opportunities to take part in exciting national projects and competitions, such as Formula Student and the Engineering for People Design Challenge. They gain

valuable work experience through hands-on projects, our student-led enterprises such as Beautiful Canoe and our industry clubs, and through extended internships with major employers.

Quality

Our teaching quality was awarded a gold status, the highest level, in the Government's Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF).

Many of our courses have received professional accreditation from the relevant subject organisation, which means that our courses have undergone a strict quality assurance process. Our students can feel confident that they are studying at a university at which recognised industry standards are being met.

Accreditations

Many of our courses are accredited by world-leading organisational bodies such as the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE), Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET), and the Chartered Management Institute (CMI).

School of Languages & Social Sciences



Professor Jonathan Tritter
Executive Dean of School of Languages & Social Sciences

Professor Tritter gained his first degree from the University of Chicago and completed a DPhil at Oxford University. He joined Aston from the University of Warwick where he was a Professorial Fellow in the Institute of Government and Public Management in Warwick Business School and led the Warwick MPA. He is involved in a range of international and national research and development work that focuses on the impact of patient and public involvement. He established and led the National NHS Centre for Involvement from 2006–2009.



The School of Languages and Social Sciences is one of only a handful of academic departments in the UK to span both the Humanities and Social Sciences. In doing so, it draws on a particularly rich and distinguished tradition of teaching, scholarship and research.

During the 1970s and 1980s, the Department of Modern Languages (French, German, Linguistics), as it was then known, was one of the UK's pioneers of the study of language in contemporary society. In 1995, reflecting the growing interest in and awareness of Europe, it became the School of Languages and European Studies. In 2004, we adopted our current title.

Since then, the School has grown rapidly in student numbers and in its academic coverage and now comprises four academic departments: English, Languages and Translation Studies, Politics and International Relations as well as Sociology and Policy.

Our distinctive combination of subjects gives a unique perspective on language and society, both in their own context and in relation to each other.

The School of Languages and Social Sciences is a closely integrated, innovative, multilingual and multidisciplinary School with an international outlook. Our degree programmes combine a rigorous disciplinary grounding with a cross-disciplinary, practical and issue-focused perspective.

Quality

The School of Languages and Social Sciences has 100% of its REF submission for Modern Languages and Linguistics rated at 4* or 3* for research environment, ranking Aston joint 1st in the UK. Our belief is that research should always be practical, relevant, and feed back into education. By always focusing on the latest and most impactful research, we produce fresh and industry informed curricula that prepare students for the job market.

Real-world experience

We deliver real-world experience to our students through placement modules, guest lectures from practicing industry representatives, or via the Aston Centre for Europe - a thriving research hub which organises debates, study visits, conferences and seminars on current international issues. Postgraduate students can also be offered the chance to take part in a week long study trip to visit the EU institutions and related organisations in Brussels.

Accreditation

Aston is a corporate member of the Institute of Translation and Interpreting (ITI). Some of our courses offer students the opportunity to work towards professional accreditations such as the Chartered Institute of Linguists and TRADOS certifications.

Graduate destinations include:

Accenture, AXA, British Council, Civil Service, Deloitte, Ford Motor Company, IBM, Jaguar Land Rover, JP Morgan, KPMG, McLaren Automotive, Morgan Stanley, Nestlé, Turner Broadcasting

Key courses:

- ▶ Forensic Linguistics
- ▶ International Business and Modern Languages
- ▶ Translating for Business and International Institutions



Here is Emmanuel Aigbona Eshiesimua

Course: MA International Relations and Global Governance

"The best thing about Aston is the ability of the lecturers to inspire and develop their students. Their teaching method is very detailed and perfectly delivered, and their concern for our understanding is excellent. The campus is amazing to be in - good security, high quality facilities and a beautiful environment."

School of Life & Health Sciences and Aston Medical School

Graduate destinations include:

3M, AstraZeneca, Asterand Bioscience, Civil Service, GlaxoSmithKline, Health Protection Agency, Lloyds Pharmacy, National Milk Laboratories, NHS, Pfizer, Raffles Diagnostica, Rolls Royce, Specsavers, Vision Express

Key courses:

- ▶ Neuroscience
- ▶ Optometry
- ▶ Psychology



Professor Anthony Hilton

Executive Dean of School of Life & Health Sciences

Professor Hilton graduated from the University of Wolverhampton, with First Class Honours before moving onto the University of Birmingham to complete his PhD. Professor Hilton is an internationally respected applied microbiologist and was appointed Fellow of the Society of Biology and a Fellow of Institute of Biomedical Science. He has over 20 years of research expertise in the applied microbiological aspects of food, industrial and clinical microbiology. Professor Hilton has a strong interest in science communication and public engagement, regularly appearing in national press, television and live events as a microbiology expert.



Professor Asif Ahmed

Executive Dean of Aston Medical School

Professor Ahmed graduated from King's College London with a degree in Pharmacology and went on to obtain a PhD in Surgery from University College London. He is a world-renowned vascular and obstetric biologist, and holds the Chair of Vascular Biology. Professor Ahmed has held many academic positions, including that of Visiting Professor at Stanford University. He has served on the Medical Research Council Population and Systems Medicine Board and is one of the founding members of the European Vascular Biology Organisation.

The School of Life & Health Sciences' ethos is to produce graduates who can make a real difference to the communities they serve in both the UK and across the world.

We are acknowledged as one of the leading centres of health sciences within the UK with an outstanding reputation for teaching and research. The integration of this research into our courses and teaching gives our students a distinct advantage in having access to the latest trends, thinking, issues and research in their particular field of study.

There is a huge breadth of academic expertise within the School and a range of courses which fall into the following subject areas: Audiology, Biochemistry, Biology & Biomedical Science, Biomedical Engineering, Neuroscience, Optometry, Pharmacy and Psychology.

We have state-of-the-art equipment across all course areas, well-equipped and modern laboratories, and on-site public health clinics.

Aston Medical School opened for postgraduate research students in 2015, with the first undergraduate cohort starting in 2018.

Our teaching is patient centred and informed by research. We encourage our students to develop a questioning, evidence-informed approach to clinical practice. Aston students will learn the core competencies in medicine, gain key teamwork skills and understand the workings of the internationally admired NHS (National Health Service).

Our students experience early patient contact in year one with general practice placements, followed by increasing involvement in patient care through apprenticeship learning, across a variety of hospital, community and general practice settings and clinical specialties.

Aston students will also have the opportunity to enhance their leadership capabilities through a certificate in Health Leadership which is completed in conjunction with the triple accredited Aston Business School.

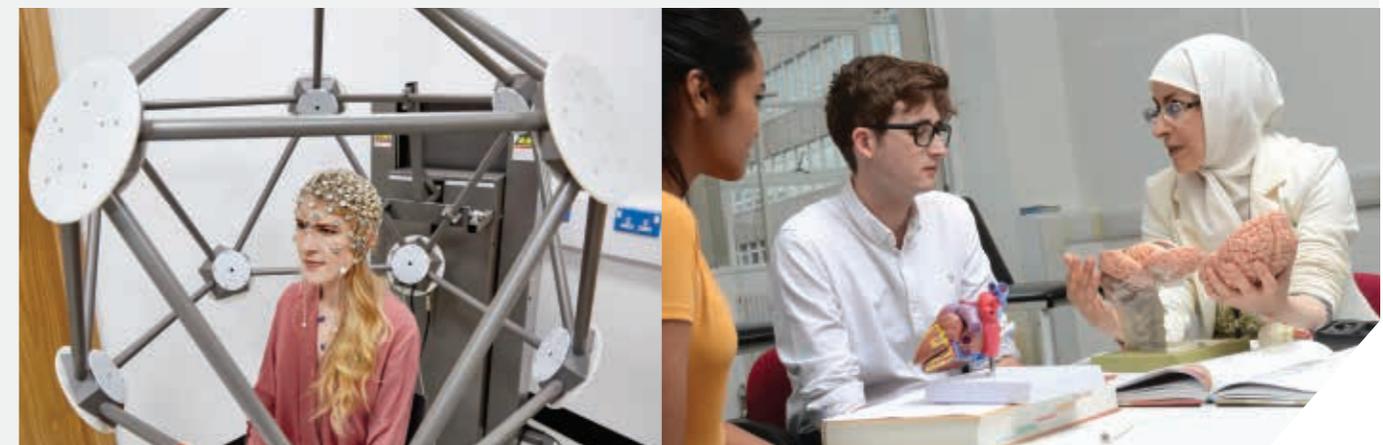


Here is Pauline W. Haaksma

Course: MSc Stem Cells and Regenerative Medicine

"Aston is a great place to study because of all the resources available to students. The University undertakes ground-breaking research, and the labs here are equipped with the latest technology which is crucial for my course in particular. If you stay motivated, plan in advance and work hard, Aston provides an exciting career opportunity."

94% of our research is World Leading or Internationally Excellent (3*/4*) in the most recent Research Excellence Framework (REF 2014)



Real-world experience

Professional experience sends a simple message: I'm employable.

We are a university that takes employability seriously and this is reflected in the structure of our degrees.

Integrated undergraduate placement year

It's proven that taking a placement year helps to improve a student's chances of securing a graduate role. That's why we encourage every undergraduate student to take one.

All of our undergraduate degrees include either a placement year or work focused modules. Students can opt to join a placement scheme or start their own business in their third year of study. Whatever route they choose, the Careers + Placements team will support them to make it happen.

On placement, Aston students:

- ▶ Earn on average £16,000
- ▶ Do a role related to their course
- ▶ Gain professional work experience



International campus

Students coming to Aston will have the opportunity to explore new cultures, learn an additional language and meet people from all over the world. Graduates who have studied, worked or volunteered abroad are:

- ▶ 9% more likely to be employed in a 'graduate' job six months after graduation
- ▶ 5% higher wage earners six months after graduation*

Students can also study part of their course at one of 80 partner universities, from Europe to the USA.

*UUKI's Gone International: Mobility Works and Research by the European Commissions



Name: Bolu

Nationality: Nigerian

Course: BSc International Business and Economics

Placement: Finance/ Marketing Intern for Design International (London, UK)



Name: Kimberly

Nationality: Zimbabwean

Course: LLB Law

Placement: UK Resourcing Intern for Kuene & Nagel (Birmingham, UK) & Legal Assistant for Njomane Law (Luton, UK) (split placement)

Our students earn £3,000 more than expected five years after graduating

(Longitudinal Education Outcomes, 2018)

Practical business experience for postgraduate students

The Aston Global Advantage is our professional development programme - a module which runs throughout all Aston Business School MSc programmes. Real-world business experience is at the heart of this module, giving our students a competitive advantage in the job market or when starting their own business.

The Aston Global Advantage allows students to take control of their future - the programme can be tailored to meet their career aspirations, development needs or existing professional experience.

The programme includes a range of practical experiences such as consultancy projects and business simulation challenges, in which students compete to run the most successful virtual business and gain experience of tackling complex commercial decisions in a dynamic environment.

UK work experience

We will also sponsor business students to work in the UK for up to 12 months as part of their Masters once they have completed the academic part of their course.*

*Full terms and conditions can be found on our website.

Aston University was one of the first universities to offer the integrated placement year - we have been delivering this for more than 50 years



Here is Ruth Kanu

(MSc Human Resource Management, 2019)

"I'm not sure that I would be where I am today if it wasn't for the PDP. I met my employer at an Aston University jobs fair. Employers were available on the day for one to one discussions with students about career opportunities. I was offered a job not long after sharing my CV at the fair."

Ruth completed a PDP placement in the HR department of RSS Infrastructure Ltd. in Birmingham, UK. After completing a 9 month placement, Aston University sponsored Ruth's visa to continue working at RSS for a further 6 months.

Bespoke careers support for international students

Aston students are encouraged to take advantage of the comprehensive careers support offered by our Careers+Placements team. We understand that today's job market is competitive, so our expert staff can help students to develop the skills and experiences to achieve their career ambitions.

Specialist workshops for international students

International students have access to specialist support through practical careers workshops. Topics include:

- ▶ Finding UK and global vacancies
- ▶ Preparing for recruitment fairs
- ▶ Applying for work and entrepreneur visas
- ▶ Making job applications
- ▶ Returning to work in your home country

Futures Groups

We recognise that students from different countries require bespoke careers support, so our Futures Groups build understanding and specialist support for students from specific countries. Led by our MSc Business Careers Consultant, the groups work on organising events, connecting to alumni, and sharing ideas and resources. A Futures Group can be set up for any nationality group on request.

Specialist global vacancy databases

International students seeking work in the UK will have access to the specialist Student Circus resource to help them identify potential Tier 2 sponsors. Aston is also one of a small number of UK universities providing access for students and graduates to the Graduate Connections jobs portal focused on opportunities in Asia.

Virtual Internships Programme

Aston University is one of two in the UK to offer scholarships to postgraduate business students,

which enable them to complete an online internship with a CRCC Asia affiliated company. This programme provides a unique opportunity for students to get high quality work experience while working remotely from the UK.

Job Shop

We have a Job Shop on campus, where we help students to find paid part-time work or volunteering opportunities to help with their career journey.

Enterprise and working in the UK

Many international students chose Aston because of our strong focus on entrepreneurship through modules, enterprise student societies and Aston's Enterprise Hub. Aston is the lead partner in a regional start-up incubator called BSEEN, which provides student and graduate entrepreneurs with training, advice, grant support and mentoring. Aston can sponsor international students for start-up entrepreneur visas, enabling them to set up businesses in the UK.

Personalised support

Students can book one-to-one appointments with our experienced careers advisors for bespoke careers support and guidance.



Qian Zhang

(MSc International Business, 2018)

"I was taught how to apply for roles with the help of Aston's career consultants. I found the programme very helpful...it helped me to secure my graduate job."

Qian now works at Lloyds Banking Group in London, on the Group Transformation Graduate Scheme.

Meeting top global employers

We invite our students to meet over 200 employers who visit our campus for employer presentations, workshops, interviews and recruitment fairs. Employers include: Accenture, BAE Systems, HSBC, KPMG, Microsoft, PwC and Unilever.

On-campus careers events have included:

- ▶ KPMG - Application Bootcamp
- ▶ Siemens Employer Drop In
- ▶ HSBC Creative Confidence Skills Workshop
- ▶ Deloitte Autumn Careers Evening
- ▶ BAE Systems Drop In
- ▶ Interview Skills Session with GlaxoSmithKline (GSK)
- ▶ Careers+Placements in Business Fair
- ▶ Careers+Placements in Engineering, Technology & Science Fair
- ▶ Pharmacy Careers Uncovered
- ▶ Work Experience and Summer Internships Fair



Aston Alumni in Africa

Aston University has long been a popular destination for African students. In fact, one of the University's largest alumni concentrations is in Africa, with more than 1300 alumni to date.

The largest populations of alumni in Africa are based in Lagos and Abuja (Nigeria), Nairobi (Kenya) and Dar Es Salaam (Tanzania). However Aston University is proud to have alumni in 38 African countries.

Aston University has official alumni associations to help our graduates keep in touch with the University and each other, grow their professional network and share information and opportunities. After graduation, Aston

students will gain exclusive access to our alumni communities, which can offer strong career advantages.

We realise that alumni can't always attend events in person, so we also help our graduates to keep in touch via email, Facebook and Whatsapp.

The Aston Alumni Chapter in Lagos was established in 2010 by Ayo Ajayi (MBA 2010). This group meets regularly to network and connect, support one another and give back to society. The Chapter is currently led by Alexei Osunde (MBA 1983). There is also an active alumni network in Abuja, which is soon to formalise as a Chapter.

Aston University
Alumni Reception in
Lagos, 2019



Alumni events in Africa have included:

- ▶ Aston Global Celebration Alumni Dinner
- ▶ Alumni Reception with Professor Pawan Budhwar (Associate Pro-Vice Chancellor International) on Corporate Social Responsibility
- ▶ Alumni Receptions with Regional Manager in Abuja and Lagos



Rayyan Umar

(BSc Accounting for Management, 2009 & MSc Finance and Financial Regulation, 2012)

Currency Planning Analyst at Central Bank of Nigeria

"Since graduating, I have enjoyed a rewarding career in public service, first as an Internal Audit Officer at the Petroleum Technology Development Fund and as a Currency Planning Analyst at the Central Bank of Nigeria. Participating in group projects at Aston is the single activity that had the most profound impact in preparing me for my career...I also had a lot of help in my final year from the careers office as I sought to plan for my career after graduation."

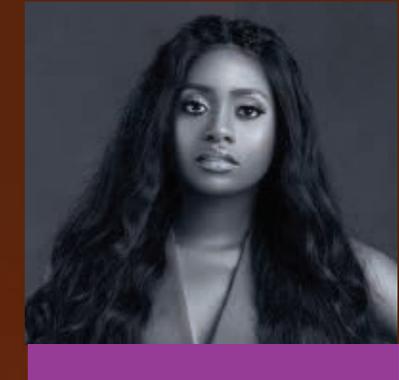


Charity Tusiime

(MBA, 2016)

Lead Auditor - The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

"Aston provided the opportunity I was looking for. I was looking for an excellent but affordable MBA programme with an accredited university. The return on investment for the Aston MBA made it very attractive for me. Also interesting for me was the continuous involvement that the teaching staff have both in the research fields and hands-on industry experience...I can't say enough about the staff at the business school. Their enthusiasm for the material that they teach is infectious."



Kiki Osinbajo

(BSc Law with Management)

Founder of Glam'd Africa and Konyin Skincare

"The Aston learning experience in terms of the course content, and the internationally diverse student and academic staff population prepared me with the skills and the confidence to do business in the 21st century anywhere in the world."

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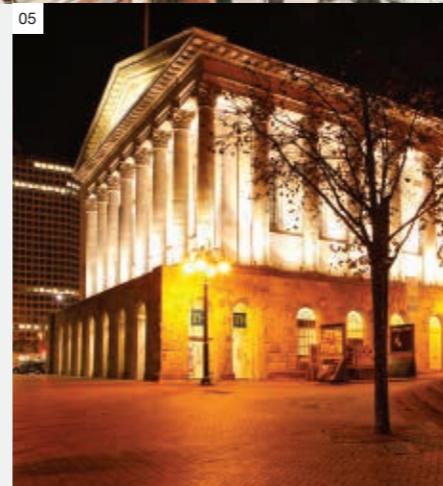
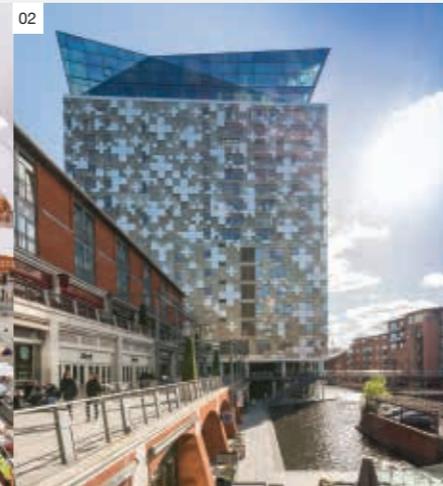
Our campus is based in the cosmopolitan city centre of Birmingham. As the UK's second largest city, Birmingham is culturally diverse and rich in history, so you will be sure to find something to suit your tastes and interests.

- ▶ Travelling to and from Birmingham is easy. Our international airport serves over 100 direct routes and we have three major train stations. If you want to explore the rest of the UK and Europe, Birmingham is a great base to do this from. You can travel to London in less than 90 minutes.
- ▶ From street food at Digbeth Dining Club to Michelin starred restaurants, Birmingham is known as a food tourist hotspot. We also have a large variety of international food markets.
- ▶ You'll find everything that you need from high-street stores and designer shops to independent vintage boutiques.
- ▶ There's a wide range of museums, art galleries, theatres, live music venues, and heritage sites to enjoy all year round.
- ▶ Over 8,000 acres of parks and open spaces offer plenty of places to relax or play sport outdoors.
- ▶ Birmingham is home to some of the most exciting international sports venues, such as Edgbaston Cricket Ground and Aston Villa Football Club in the Premier League.
- ▶ With so much to offer, it's easy to see why Birmingham has been selected as the next city to host the Commonwealth Games in 2022.

The UK's second largest city

City locations shown

- 01 Grand Central
- 02 Birmingham canal network
- 03 Bullring shopping centre
- 04 Selfridges and St Martin's church
- 05 Town Hall Birmingham
- 06 Library of Birmingham
- 07 Villa Park stadium

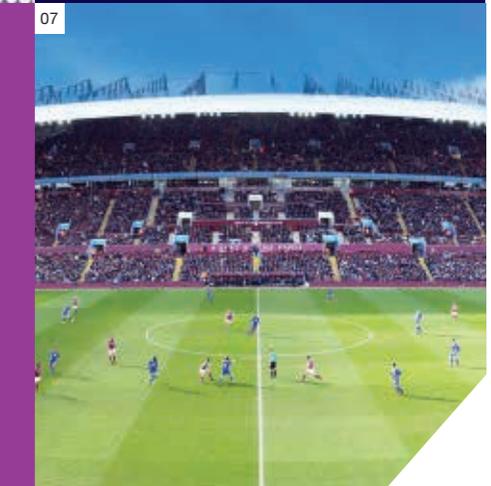


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Aston University is proud to be the Official UK University Partner of Aston Villa Football Club

A city of opportunity

Birmingham is a major hub for business and industry, attracting companies such as PwC, Deutsche Bank, and HSBC who moved their company headquarters to Birmingham in 2019. There are more international companies and business start-ups in Birmingham than in any other city outside of London.



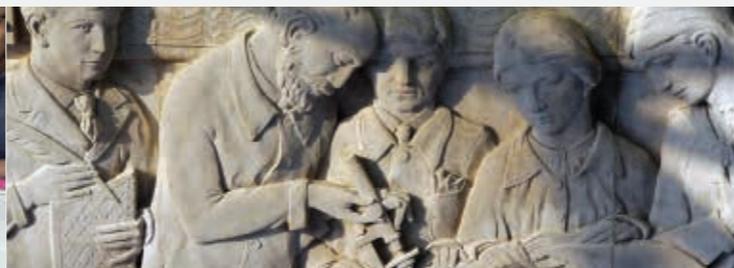
Our campus

As an Aston student you get the best of both worlds: a green, well-equipped, friendly campus in the centre of a vibrant city. With our entire social, support and academic facilities based on campus you'll never have far to go.

With modern on-campus accommodation and the city of Birmingham on your doorstep there are a wide range of housing options to suit all tastes and budgets.

Campus facilities include:

- ▶ Library: open seven days a week (24 hour opening during exam periods)
- ▶ Health and welfare services including dental, optician and counselling services
- ▶ The Martin Luther King multi-faith centre
- ▶ 24 hour on-site security
- ▶ Sports centre with sports halls, a 110-station gym and swimming pool
- ▶ Extensive IT facilities, some with 24 hour access
- ▶ General store, bookshop, computer shop, supermarket and 24 hour cash points
- ▶ Wifi internet access available across campus
- ▶ A new £10 million Students' Union building which opened in 2019



Global partners

Aston University has more than 250 partnerships in over 45 countries with a range of high profile institutions across the world.

Through the development of partnerships Aston provides exciting exchange and teaching opportunities and innovative research collaboration.

Some of our partner universities include:

- ▶ Queensland University of Technology (Australia)
- ▶ Queen's University (Canada)
- ▶ Shanxi University (China)
- ▶ KEDGE Business School (France)
- ▶ Technical University Munich (Germany)
- ▶ Nanyang Technological University (NTU) (Singapore)
- ▶ Korea University (South Korea)
- ▶ Stockholm University (Sweden)
- ▶ University of Florida (USA)



Aston University has been a proud partner with Muscat University in Oman since 2017, collaboratively delivering three undergraduate programmes. All degree programmes are approved in both the UK and Oman, and lead to double awards.

Pathways to Aston

Aston works with a small number of Pathway Partners who have teaching centres both overseas and in the UK. Our Pathway Partners offer a variety of routes to Aston University undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. International students have the option of taking a university preparatory course in their home country or in a UK location (such as London, Manchester and Oxford.) Students will then progress to Aston University on successful completion of the pathway course.



Student support and safety

We ensure that students from all over the world feel welcome on campus, and we fully support our students to thrive and succeed in their studies.

The Hub

The Hub is a central location where most of our student support services are located. We have specialist International Student Advisers who can help students to access:

- ▶ Housing advice
- ▶ Healthcare services
- ▶ Banking and finance support
- ▶ Visa and immigration advice
- ▶ Advice on working in the UK
- ▶ Counselling & wellbeing services
- ▶ Disability advice
- ▶ Academic advice

A safe and secure campus

- ▶ All of our campus accommodation is gated and secure
- ▶ We have a professional security team to help ensure that our campus is always a safe place
- ▶ Our security team is active 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year
- ▶ Any first aid requests that arise can be handled on campus by our security officers (who are trained to defibrillator level)
- ▶ We have an extensive CCTV network on campus, which is monitored by our in-house control room



Our accommodation

Accommodation is on Aston's city centre campus and everything is within walking distance.

Rooms on campus have either been built within the last four years, or have recently been refurbished. All accommodation is ensuite and has access to high speed internet.

We guarantee a room to all international applicants who accept their offer and pay their deposit before the accommodation deadline. Details of the accommodation offer and deadline will be available in the offer letter and on our website.



Facilities

-  Bedroom complete with study space
-  All utility bills included
-  Free high speed internet
-  Private bathroom
-  Onsite safety
-  Laundry

Clubs and societies

Joining clubs and societies is a great way for students to make new friends, meet like-minded people, keep up with their existing hobbies and interests, or even to try something new.

Students can join a wide range of clubs and societies according to their interests. Some of our most popular societies include:

- ▶ Basketball Club
- ▶ Cheerleading Club
- ▶ Dance Club
- ▶ Debating Society
- ▶ Football Club
- ▶ Marvel & DC Society
- ▶ Music Society
- ▶ Swimming & Water Polo Club

Aston University's Students' Union has over

130

clubs and societies which all students are welcome to join.

In 2019 we opened a new £10 million Students' Union building on our campus. It features a range of facilities including a bar/café, restaurant, shop, games area, media room, multi-exhibition space, rehearsal space and social areas.





Industry connections

3M // Accenture // Aldi //
 Armed Forces // AXA //
 BAE Systems // Balfour
 Beatty // Barclays //
 Bentley // BMW // Boots
 // BT // Capgemini //
 Caterpillar // Co-op
 // Corus // Deloitte //
 E.ON // Ernst & Young
 // ExxonMobil // Fujitsu
 // GlaxoSmithKline //
 Harrods // HP // HM
 Revenue and Customs
 // HSBC // IBM // Intel
 // Jaguar Land Rover
 // Mondelez // KPMG
 // L'Oreal // Lloyds
 Banking Group // Marks
 & Spencer // Microsoft //
 Morgan Stanley // NHS //
 PriceWaterhouseCoopers
 // P&G // Rolls-Royce //
 Sainsbury's // Santander
 // Tesco // Unilever //
 Vision Express

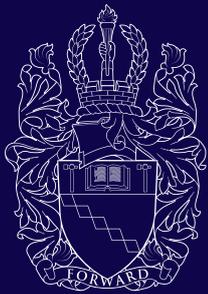
Subject areas

- ▶ Accounting
- ▶ Artificial Intelligence
- ▶ Biology and Biomedical Sciences
- ▶ Business and Management
- ▶ Chemistry and Biochemistry
- ▶ Computer Science and IT
- ▶ Construction Management
- ▶ Economics
- ▶ Engineering: Biomedical, Chemical, Civil, Electrical,
Electronic, Mechanical
- ▶ English Language and Literature
- ▶ Entrepreneurship
- ▶ Finance
- ▶ Foundation Programmes
- ▶ History
- ▶ Human Resource Management
- ▶ International Business
- ▶ Languages
- ▶ Law
- ▶ Logistics and Transport Management
- ▶ Marketing
- ▶ Mathematics
- ▶ MBA
- ▶ Medicine
- ▶ Neuroscience
- ▶ Optometry
- ▶ Pharmacy
- ▶ Physics
- ▶ Politics and International Relations
- ▶ Pre-sessional English courses
- ▶ Product Design
- ▶ Psychology
- ▶ Sociology and Social Policy

Scholarships

SCHOLARSHIP	ELIGIBILITY	VALUE
Vice-Chancellor's International Scholarship	All undergraduate and postgraduate taught programmes (except Medicine, MBA).	Up to £8,000
Global Excellence Scholarship	All undergraduate and postgraduate taught programmes (excluding Medicine, MBA).	Up to £5,000
Global Ambassador Scholarship	All undergraduate and postgraduate taught programmes (excluding Medicine, MBA).	Up to £3,000
MBA Global Ambassador Scholarship	Full time MBA programme	Tuition fee discount of up to 50%
Aston Enterprise Scholarship	All postgraduate taught programmes	One full scholarship (100% tuition fee discount) and participation in BSEEN programme, including mentorship, office space and a grant to start a business in Birmingham after graduation. Two partial scholarships (40% tuition fee discount).
Women in Engineering Scholarship	Female applicants to undergraduate and postgraduate taught programmes within the School of Engineering & Applied Science	Up to £6,000

For full terms, conditions and detailed eligibility criteria, visit: aston.ac.uk/scholarships



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