ABERDEEN UNIQUE

The University of Aberdeen
Welcome to University of Aberdeen
Offer Holder Day 2019
Professor Hazel Hutchison
Why Aberdeen… Our Heritage

- Founded in 1495; in 2020 we celebrate our 525th birthday
- 5th oldest University in the UK, 3rd oldest in Scotland
- Our foundational purpose is to be “open to all, and dedicated to the pursuit of truth in the service of others.”
Why Aberdeen… Our Location

- A vibrant, creative and ambitious city known for its historic charm and cosmopolitan community

- Bustling city centre with all the amenities you need – cinemas, shops, restaurants, museums

- Countryside and coastline on your door-step, the beach only 1.5 miles from campus!

- Aberdeen one of top 10 UK cities to live and work *(Good Growth for Cities Index, PwC 2018)*

- Safest City in Scotland *(Unbroken Britain Survey, Provident Financial, 2018)*
Why Aberdeen… Our Staff and Students

• A warm and friendly campus community of 13,500 students and 2500 staff

• A global university with 130 nationalities represented

• Named “Scottish University of the Year 2019” and ranked #26 in UK by the Good University Guide 2019 (September 2018)

• A “Top 30 UK University” - ranked #28 by the Complete University Guide (April 2018)
Why Aberdeen… Our Facilities

• State of the art facilities for the 21st century located in a beautiful historic campus

• £280 million invested in recent years
  ➢ Sir Duncan Rice Library
  ➢ Suttie Centre Medical School
  ➢ Aberdeen Sports Village
  ➢ Aquatics Centre
  ➢ Student Union Building

• Construction has begun on our new £35m Science Teaching Hub, opening September 2021
Why Aberdeen…. Our Teaching

Our curriculum is:
- Taught by world-leading academics delivering research-led teaching
- Shaped in consultation with employers, alumni and students

Our curriculum offers:
- More choice, wider opportunities and greater flexibility
- A tailored degree to suit your needs and interests

The result:
- Graduates for the 21st century – 94% in employment or further study 6 months after graduation (DHLE survey HESA 2018)
Why Aberdeen …. Global Reach

• Study a language as part of your degree
• Get involved with our International Centre and meet international students
• Spend a semester or a full year abroad
  ➢ Study or Traineeship opportunities
  ➢ A unique, unforgettable experience
  ➢ Great career development potential
• The city of Aberdeen is a cosmopolitan city, home to many international corporate headquarters and businesses with direct daily flights to London, Paris & Amsterdam
Why Aberdeen …. a supportive Community

Advice and Well-being Support
- Counselling Service
- Student Advice and Support Office
- Personal Tutors / Regents
- Students-4-Students (S4S)
- Nightline

Personal Care
- Medical practice
- Chaplaincy
- Money Advice Service
- 24/7 Residence Security
- Safe Taxi Scheme
- SafeZone app
Why Aberdeen …. a supportive Community

Study Support
• Student Learning Service
• Exam Stress Services
• Learner’s Toolkit (digital resources for learning)
• Language Centre (English language support)
• Academic Registry

Employment Advice
• Careers Service
  • CV Checking
  • Career Adviser
  • Networking
  • Skills workshops
• Joblink (AUSA)
Why Aberdeen… Welcoming and Safe Accommodation

• Guaranteed offer of accommodation for all first year students
• 40 week leases; range of prices and flexible payment plans
• All inclusive pricing (utilities, wifi, etc)
• 24/7 reception and onsite security / CCTV
• Student Resident Assistants work 6pm-6am to provide welfare support and organise social activities
• Public transit services Hillhead Student Village
Hillhead Student Village

Hillhead Student Village is the most popular accommodation choice for undergraduate students, a 20 minute walk or a 5 minute bus ride to the main campus.

2000 students are housed across different properties on the site.
The central building has recently been refurbished with new social and activity spaces.

**Types of Accommodation**
- Self-catered & Catered
- Standard & Ensuite
- Flats for 5-7 persons
- Larger corridor style
- Quiet or alcohol-free blocks

**Services**
- Study/computer rooms
- Onsite shop & Café bar
- Community & Games space
- Wi-fi
- Parking and Bike Storage
Student Societies and Clubs

• Aberdeen University Students Association (AUSA) includes over 130 societies including departmental, cultural, faith, student activism, creative arts, and general interest

• The Gaudie (oldest independent student newspaper in Scotland)

• Aberdeen Student Radio
Sports Clubs

• Over 55 sports clubs competing at all levels from intramural to British Universities and Colleges Sports (BUCS)

• Aberdeen Sports Village
  ✓ Olympic swimming and diving pools
  ✓ Full size indoor football pitch
  ✓ Indoor gyms
  ✓ Squash courts
  ✓ Indoor and outdoor athletics track
  ✓ Outdoor all-weather hockey pitch
  ✓ Performance centre
Welcome Week

- Week of activities and events running the week prior to classes starting
- Fresher’s Fair
- Sports Fair
- Societies fair
- Great opportunity to make friends and join a club / society
Parent and Family Programme

- Open to anyone with a family member studying at the University of Aberdeen
- Attend the annual welcome event and other exclusive University events
- Member-exclusive discounts and services, including Love From Home baked goods delivery service
- Keep up to date through our newsletter
- Visit their stand in Elphinstone Hall today!
Funding for Home / EU students

Tuition Fees
The cost of tuition fees for Scottish/EU undergraduate students is £1,820 per year. You apply to the Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS) to cover this cost.

Who is eligible?
• Scottish residents
• EU nationals (for 2019 entry)
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Bursary and/or Loan
You can also apply to SAAS for a student bursary and/or loan to help with the costs of going to university.

The amount is dependent on your household income.
• Ranges from £4750 – £7750 per year
• Loans are repayable from the April after you graduate; repay 9% of your income over £25,000; paid automatically from your salary

SAAS have a stand in Elphinstone Hall today - drop by if you have any questions.
University of Aberdeen Entrance Scholarships

We are committed to attracting the best students, regardless of their circumstances

➢ Undergraduate Entrance scholarships of between £1000 - £3000 per year for 4 years
➢ Based on financial need and personal circumstances

*Full details can be found online: [www.abdn.ac.uk/ugscholarships](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/ugscholarships)*

Other scholarships may also be available

➢ Music
➢ Sports Bursaries
What are your next steps?

Make Aberdeen your first choice 😊 on UCAS Track
(remember your offer letter has a step-by-step guide)

Get your funding application in with SAAS
(you don’t have to wait for a confirmed offer, can apply from April)

Apply for Accommodation

Visit our website and follow our social media for some great information and videos
What are your next steps?

If you have a conditional offer, GOOD LUCK with exams!! *(if your results don’t go to plan, remember you can get in touch with us on results day to discuss your options)*

See you at the start of term!
- Move-In Weekend → 31 August – 1 September
- Welcome Week → 2 – 8 September
- Classes Start → Monday 9 September
Make the most of your day

• Subject Session talks
• Academic and Support Exhibition
• Campus tours
• Sports Tours
• Visit our Library and Student Union Building

REMEMBER:
Make sure to refer to your Offer Holder Guide booklet and visit our ambassadors across the campus and information points
Thank you for listening...
Any questions?

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