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Progressing from
DU Undergraduate to Postgraduate



Your next step

By continuing your academic journey at Durham University, you are returning to a globally outstanding centre of teaching and research excellence, a collegiate community of inspiring people, a unique and historic setting - a university like no other.

Thank you for choosing to stay with us and for taking the opportunity to progress your future career at Durham, whether you're delving deeper into your undergraduate subject or are exploring a whole new field of study.

As a current Durham University student you will join a lifelong network of over 200,000 Durham graduates. By continuing your journey into postgraduate study, you are an ambassador for Durham and we are thrilled you have chosen to extend your time in our community as you continue to do outstanding things.

The higher-level skills and knowledge you'll gain from postgraduate study are sought after by employers and can be a springboard into more senior or specialist roles. You'll gain an important range of transferable skills, such as critical thinking, analytic abilities, time management and presentation skills, that will help you succeed in the workplace.



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Molly, Ethnomusicology

Choose from over 120 postgraduate degrees taught by world-leading experts in first-class facilities, and actively benefit from the cutting-edge research taking place right here in the University. Whether you're looking to connect with international industry and business through your work, or the global academic research community, you'll have the freedom and facilities to explore what's important to you.



I knew the Sociology department and I was very interested in the tutors' work, which inspired me to continue studying here.

Amie, Sociology

With a mutually supportive and diverse group of exceptional peers and supervisors, you'll push the limits of current thinking and research. Together, you'll embrace innovation, inspire change, and

answer the big questions. And all this within the evocative and historic surroundings of the city, county and community that is Durham. A city that you already call your home from home.

Benefits of continuing your postgraduate career at Durham University

Alumni Fee Scholarship

As a Durham graduate, you automatically qualify for our Alumni Fee Scholarship. It is exclusively for Durham University alumni and will contribute to part of the cost of tuition fees for postgraduate degree and PGCE programmes across all faculties.

This scholarship is applicable to all postgraduate taught Master's programmes, including MA, MSc, LL.M, PGCE, all MBA and others.



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Durham is a gorgeous place to live and study! The alumni discount and scholarship options were big factors in my decision to stay.

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The funding I received was a great opportunity for me. I already knew the department and the city, and had friends who still lived in Durham.

Kaitlin, Geography



I stayed with Durham for the convenience, the alumni scholarship and the Business School rankings – as well as the contents of my course.

Hannah,
Human Resource Management



Your Durham city community

You can expect the warmest welcome back to your adopted city. While bigger cities have the draw of hustle and bustle, our returning students appreciate the familiarity and the local knowledge they've already acquired of our historic home.

As well as the evocative surroundings of the county and community that is Durham, you will already have practical experience gained from your undergraduate years. This may include familiarity of the housing market and local amenities, existing part-time employment and established support networks such as registration with your local GP. You can jump straight into your postgraduate year without having to settle in and find your way around a new city.



There were definitely benefits to staying in Durham. I didn't have to move my belongings across the country or get used to a new city, which made viewings for new accommodation much easier. I was able to jump right into my studies when term started.

Junya, Advanced Mechanical Engineering



I work at my college bar so knew I could continue my job and was promoted to a more senior position.

Amie, Sociology



As you know, Durham is no ordinary county. We're very proud of our beautiful, safe surroundings and there's still plenty of places for you to explore. From our stunning coastlines and countryside to our cultural celebrations, the North East of England is a vibrant region full of exciting and iconic places you may not have discovered yet.

Our returning students have established academic and friendship networks and can continue these relationships with those who have also chosen to extend their time in Durham and those who have returned to complete their undergraduate course after a year abroad, or a year in industry.



I decided to stay to play another year of BUCS sports and for the good Geography programmes on offer. I also had relationships the Student Support Officer in the Geography department, the college staff and sport staff. Having those existing support structures was key as someone who receives a disability support plan.

Lizzie, Risk, Security and Geopolitics



Your college

You'll be familiar with the sense of community in our colleges, distinctive to Durham. As a postgraduate student, you can continue with the rich extracurricular culture of our collegiate family.

Whether you apply to return to student accommodation or live elsewhere, every student at Durham is still a member of a college. It's here you'll receive the tools and opportunities to continue your university experience like no other. The support you received in your undergraduate years will continue into your postgraduate study and beyond.

In your college, you can take part in sport, music, theatre or volunteering. As a postgraduate, you could try out a different club or society, enjoy social events and dinners, and make new friends for life. Your college is your home from home - the centre of your life at Durham and a constant source of opportunities, challenges and lasting memories.



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The benefit of continuing my PG study at Durham was the familiar surroundings and great support group.

James, Sport and Exercise Science

As an experienced Durham University student, you have the opportunity to act as an ambassador for your college and University. You could even run for office in the Middle Common Room Executive Committee. Why not use your valuable experience to support undergraduates who are away from home for the first time, or welcome postgraduates who are new to the city? There are plenty of ways to get involved and share your knowledge of Durham.

As you know, college membership doesn't end at graduation. Our students often tell us their college experience was one of the most important parts of their time at Durham, with friendships lasting a lifetime. Many of our alumni return to share their skills and experience at colleges long after they've left through careers advice, scholarships, mentoring and internships.

I'm the Middle Common Room President at Josephine Butler college, after having been the Welfare Officer in my third year. It's been a positive experience upholding a relationship to my college common rooms for a fourth year.

Molly, Ethnomusicology



As a returning student, some useful points to note are:

- You'll be contacted to complete the College Application and rank your college preferences, regardless of circumstance. There will be a deadline date for you to do this. This ensures we maintain our open, fair and transparent allocation process.
- You will not be automatically allocated to your current college. We understand you may have an affiliation to your current college - you can retain your membership by completing the College Application and ranking this college as your first preference.
- You may wish to have a new experience as a member of a different college from your undergraduate studies. It's not compulsory for you to retain your previous college membership, and you can be a member of any of our 17 colleges. Please rank the college preferences you wish to be considered in the College Application.

Your wider student experience

At Durham, you'll know that academic success is only half the story and continuing to engage in our transformative wider student experience will only enhance your personal development. Whether through your sporting endeavours, volunteering or performing arts, this is a great time to try something completely new or continue taking part in the activities you love, surrounded by people you have become familiar with over the last few years.

We're extremely proud of our reputation as the university that enables you to combine sporting and academic excellence. Sport is one of the cornerstones of the student experience at Durham, from international representation and University and college sport through to personal training, fitness and wellbeing classes.



I built a strong social network here during my undergraduate studies. I play rugby for my college and the University, and I wanted to continue developing with the same people. Staying on for postgrad gave me the opportunity to do that.

Amie, Sociology



There is much for you to enjoy and participate in, whether that's continuing your sport at a high level or trying something new.

Or, what about volunteering? Is this something you always meant to do but never got around to? We actively encourage and support our staff and students to volunteer across our local community. Working with a wide range of community partners, our volunteering programme directly responds to local needs.

Perhaps this is your opportunity to explore the core skills that define good leadership, or maybe you're a thespian after all? We have 30 theatre societies who welcome all individuals regardless of experience or area of interest. The possibilities are endless and now is your time. Whatever you love doing, whatever you may like to try, you will find support and inspiration at Durham.



I was able to continue being DU Poetry Society president which has been incredibly fruitful. I was on the exec for Wrong Tree Theatre company in Durham Student Theatre and have been President this year as an MA student, which has filled me with lots of confidence in my arts management and programming skills.

Molly, Ethnomusicology



I love Durham itself, especially the wider student experience which I'm still active in. It isn't a big city so it's not as daunting as moving and starting again.

John, Law and SGIA



I was able to continue my duties in the Durham University Keyboard Instruments Society's executive committee as a co-president. I was able to also continue as the pianist in the Durham University's Hill Orchestra, where I'll be performing as a soloist in Easter Term.

Junya, Advanced Mechanical Engineering



Postgraduate study and employability

Deciding what to do once you complete your undergraduate studies can be daunting. Choosing to continue into postgraduate study, making use of your Alumni Fee Scholarship, can allow you to focus on a key element of study and ultimately boost your career.

Postgraduate study is a means of developing your knowledge and skills as well as specialising in a subject beyond undergraduate level. A postgraduate qualification can enhance your career prospects or take you in a different career direction. It is important to think carefully about the skills and knowledge that you will gain from postgraduate study and how this will support your employability and career plans.

A Master's degree will enable you to develop a variety of applicable skills that will equip you for a broad range of careers. With some postgraduate courses you will develop specialist or technical skills and knowledge that are required for particular industries and job roles.

Postgraduate study is the next step after your undergraduate degree if you're looking to boost your employability. A postgraduate degree can enhance your CV and help you stand out from the crowd in a highly competitive job market. It demonstrates dedication, commitment and a passion for your field.



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Results from our Graduate Outcomes 2021-22 survey for 2021-22 UK/EU Leavers confirmed:

- **88%** of postgraduate leavers were in employment 15 months after graduation.
- **92%** of postgraduate leavers were in high-skilled full-time employment.
- **£41,000** was the **median salary** for postgraduate leavers in full-time employment.



My family were supportive of my decision to progress to the postgraduate level. In fact, they had encouraged it, as they were aware of the bonus this would offer, compared to just an undergraduate education.

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