

WELCOME TO YORK

POSTGRADUATE RESEARCHER CHECKLIST

Things to do first

When your place is confirmed, we send joining instructions to your personal email account. This contains your University of York username and password.

☐ 1. Set up your University IT account

- Set up your IT account and security questions in Identity Manager:
idm.york.ac.uk
- Set up Duo two-factor authentication in order to access key systems such as eVision and the VLE:
york.ac.uk/it-services/services/duo
- Set up Google two-factor authentication in order to access your email and other Google services:
york.ac.uk/it-services/tools/google-2fa

☐ 2. Complete your enrolment

Use your username and password to access your student record at evision.york.ac.uk and complete the enrolment tasks:

- Enrol
- Apply for your Unicard and upload your photo
- Upload proof of eligibility to study in the UK (including UK students)
- Set up direct debit payments for University accommodation and fees (if applicable)

☐ 3. Sort your accommodation

Apply for University accommodation, or accept your offer if you've pre-booked. Make sure you tell us on your application form if you have any additional requirements. If you are not applying for University accommodation, get help finding somewhere to live: york.ac.uk/study/accommodation/private-sector



☐ 4. Sort your finances

If you're applying for a doctoral loan, check you have returned the signed declaration.

☐ 5. Let us know of any additional requirements

Let us know of any requirements or adjustments we can make. This may include disability or mental health support:
york.ac.uk/disability
york.ac.uk/opendoor

Things to do to prepare for life at York

- ☐ **1. Check your University email regularly**
You will receive all correspondence from the University through your York Gmail account. Log in using your email address and IT password:
york.ac.uk/it-services/services/email
- ☐ **2. Download the MyUoY app**
Speed up regular tasks, check your timetable, get your campus outlet loyalty card and find your way around campus all in one app:
york.ac.uk/it-services/tools/myuoy
- ☐ **3. Check your department welcome information**
Your department will be in touch with information about how you can prepare for your studies: york.ac.uk/prepare-pg-study
- ☐ **4. Get connected before you arrive**
You can set up your laptop, phone or tablet to connect to the University's wireless network (eduroam) before you arrive:
york.ac.uk/it-services/tools/wifi
- ☐ **5. Get your vaccinations**
We recommend that you are up to date with vaccines. Arrange these with your doctor:
nhs.uk/nhs-services/getting-medical-care-as-a-student
- ☐ **6. Prepare your finances**
It's a good idea to plan in advance how you will make your money last. For budgeting tools and more, see our advice on managing your money: york.ac.uk/students/finance/managing-your-money
- ☐ **7. Look out for scams**
Scammers can target new students by offering fake services or events. Learn current scams we know of, plus how to recognise scams and protect yourself against them:
york.ac.uk/students/help/scams
- ☐ **8. Complete the online induction**
Work through your online induction and learn more about what studying at York will be like. Some activities are compulsory, such as 'Understanding consent' and 'Being an active bystander' training: york.ac.uk/pg-induction
- ☐ **9. Get to know other postgraduates**
It's normal to feel a little anxious about starting something new but, don't worry, we have you covered.
 - Chat with others in our official York For Life online group for new postgraduates (check your personal email for your invitation)
 - Chat with a current student:
york.ac.uk/study/chat
 - Download the TalkCampus app to talk with other students from around the world:
york.ac.uk/students/health/help/247support



Things to do to prepare to arrive

- ☐ **1. Check your moving-in date**
Postgraduate arrival activities begin from **Monday 14 September 2026** but your programme or accommodation start date may differ and your accommodation won't be available before your start date. If you're living on campus, check your accommodation offer email to see if you need to book an arrival slot.
- ☐ **2. Check what to bring**
See our list of things you will need to bring - and what not to bring, too:
york.ac.uk/pg-what-to-bring
- ☐ **3. Check how to get to York**
See how to get to York and what to do when you first arrive:
york.ac.uk/pg-arrivals

Things to do in Welcome Week

- ☐ **1. Make sure your contact details are up to date on your student record:**
evision.york.ac.uk
- ☐ **2. Collect your Uni Card:**
york.ac.uk/students/studying/unicard
- ☐ **3. Know where you need to be**
by checking events and the campus map on the MyUoY app: york.ac.uk/it-services/tools/myuoy
- ☐ **4. Register with a doctor:**
nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-GP
- ☐ **5. Find out bus routes:**
york.ac.uk/about/transport-maps-parking/bus-rail-taxi
- ☐ **6. Find out what to do if your doctoral loan hasn't arrived:**
york.ac.uk/students/finance/student-loans
- ☐ **7. Make sure your direct debits have been set up** by Tuesday 6 October 2026 if you're paying fees and/or accommodation fees to the University:
york.ac.uk/students/finance/paying/methods
- ☐ **8. Check what you need to do in your first year:**
york.ac.uk/research/graduate-school/new

