

FAQ

What are the visa requirements for visiting researchers from overseas?

Further guidance can also be found on the University of Bristol website: [Temporary Worker – Government Authorised Exchange visa & Visitor visa](#)

Applying through the standard visitor visa route will be your responsibility but you will need to ensure you show evidence of this when you arrive at the University to your recruiting Department.

What are the visa requirements for visiting students from overseas?

All visiting students from outside the UK require a visa, regardless of length of study. Some students will need to apply for this visa in advance, some can travel through eGates on arrival. For visits of six months or less, please read the [short-term visa guidance](#). For longer visits, a [Student visa](#) is likely to be needed, and you must meet the eligibility requirements for this.

If you are already in the UK on a Student visa (and you are visiting from another UK institution) you need to be studying at a partner institution or agree to the visit as an agreed temporary location. You should contact [Student Visa Services](#) for advice. Please also note that most visa types will require [ATAS](#), if the course needs ATAS. Some nationalities are exempt from the ATAS requirement.

Please note that we will require up to 4 weeks to process a complete application and if successful we may require some additional documentation. Following that, we will issue a formal offer of study letter which will confirm your supervisor(s) and visiting student duration. You will be asked to formally respond to this offer of study letter.