



Offer Holder Webinar – Tuesday 7th April 2022

Chat Transcript

Caroline Gilroy: Here is a useful map to see where all accommodation options are located:
<https://www.accom.ed.ac.uk/our-accommodation/>

Ewan Thistlethwaite: Is the free bus pass for English as well as Scottish students

Garry Tainsh: Hi Ewan - full details of the Young Persons' (Under 22s) Free Bus Travel scheme are available at <https://www.transport.gov.scot/concessionary-travel/young-persons-free-bus-travel-scheme/>

Orla Neeson: I'm classed as Scottish fee rate (EU citizen with permanent residence in Uk) but I'm not Scottish, do I apply through SAAS?

Caroline Gilroy: Hi Orla, yes you should apply to SAAS for funding: <https://www.saas.gov.uk/>

Derya Unluturk: Is the campus gym free?

Alaina Bailey: Was that schedule based on GEP 1 year or 5 year 1st year?

Myrtle Sum: what sports clubs are there?

Garry Tainsh: Gym membership options: <https://www.ed.ac.uk/sport-exercise/gym-memberships>

Francesca Coates: <https://www.ed.ac.uk/vet/studying/undergraduate/bvms/4-year-programme/example-year-1-timetable>

Alaina Bailey: Thank you

Caroline Gilroy: Virtual campus tour:
<https://www.ed.ac.uk/vet/studying/undergraduate/campus-visits/our-campus>

Ana Sofia Flores: Thanks!

xin ling: After submitting the necessary documents, how long does it take for the offer to be changed from conditional to unconditional?

Garry Tainsh: Myrtle - for info on sports clubs, please see: <https://www.eusu.ed.ac.uk/clubs/>

Myrtle Sum: Thanks😊

Kylie Grossarth: Do we need an unconditional firm offer before setting up a UK bank account?

Caroline Gilroy: Hi Xin Ling, once all documents are submitted, your offer status is changed very quickly.

Aimee's : You mentioned we have access to the gyms on the main Edinburgh university campus, what other facilities do we have access to that aren't on the vet campus?

Keerat Goraya: Which University accommodations are near the Easter Bush campus and have less commute to the campus?



Naji Malaaika: Is the student visa renewable yearly or is it one visa for the full 5 year course?

Garry Tainsh: Aimee - from <https://www.ed.ac.uk/sport-exercise/gym-memberships> - "University of Edinburgh student memberships offer access to the Pleasance and Easter Bush gyms, member swimming sessions at the pool at St Leonard's Land, and group exercise classes."

Kylie Grossarth: How do students start their payments to accommodation without a UK bank?

Caroline Gilroy: Hi Keerat, you should opt for accommodation on the south side of the city for easy access to Easter Bush. However much 1st year students opt for Pollock Halls which is on a bus route. This map is helpful to see where everything is located: <https://www.accom.ed.ac.uk/our-accommodation/>

Sana Zeeshan: Do we need to fill out an occupational health form for this course? I understand medics need to do this...

Aimee's : Brilliant, thank you!

Alaina Bailey: For fourth year clinical (GEP) are you able to do clinical off campus/ outside of Scotland?

Naji Malaaika: Thank you

Edward Starr: Hello. Do you know whether most students decide to move out of the city centre and closer to the Easter Bush campus in their final years of the course? Thank you!

Caroline Gilroy: Hi Sana, yes all students are required to complete an occupational health form and be given clearance before you can commence studies. This is sent at a later date when your offer is unconditional. It does require to signed by your GP.

Sana Zeeshan: Thank you!

Naji Malaaika: What does the health insurance include that you mentioned?

Isabella Robertson: Is it possible to defer your offer?

Keerat Goraya: How long does the CAS and student visa application take?

Nicole Medina: Does anyone in the financial office specialize in assisting with questions on US federal aid?

Orla Neeson: Once allocated accommodation, do we get an opportunity to message our flatmates?

Derya Unluturk: I have an unconditional offer and know I have to fill out a health questionnaire, when will I receive this or is it too early still?

Elin Tweed: Does the university support students in finding EMS placements? And can you do EMS placements abroad? Thanks

Caroline Gilroy: Hi Edward, many students stay within the city centre although do move closer to the Easter Bush campus - there's quite a variety. Most 1st year students opt for Pollock Halls.

Derya Unluturk: sorry just seen the reply



Garry Tainsh: Naji - details of the Healthcare Surcharge are available at <https://www.gov.uk/healthcare-immigration-application>

Caroline Gilroy: Hi Orla, we have a facebook group which enables students to chat to each other and you can find out from that where everyone has been allocated.

Naji Malaaika: If my offer is conditional and I don't meet my conditions directly, would my application still be considered or would it be denied?

Alaina Bailey: okay amazing thank you!

Ana Sofia Flores: i am aware we need to make a deposit to secure our place by june, but in case we pay and our results do not meet our entry offer, is there any kind of refund?

Garry Tainsh: Nicole - our Student Funding team (<https://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding>) can offer assistance with US federal aid. Please also see this page: <https://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/financial-support/student-loans/usa>

Naji Malaaika: When does the academic year start and when do we need to be at the university?

Caroline Gilroy: Hi Naji, we do require offer holders to meet conditions and unfortunately we would not be able to confirm your place if you fell below grades required.

Naji Malaaika: Ok thank you

Myrtle Sum: Do we have to be in university during term breaks for placements?

Kylie Grossarth: What can students do if they do not go home for holidays? Does the school ever plan excursions for students or are they usually self-planned?

Garry Tainsh: Ana - the deposit is refundable in the event that you do not meet your offer conditions

Caroline Gilroy: Naji, here are the semester dates. <https://www.ed.ac.uk/vet/staff-students/students/semester-dates>

Naji Malaaika: Thank you

Ana Sofia Flores: Thank you!

Naji Malaaika: When my final A level results are released, do I need to send them to the university or do they get it automatically? I applied through UCAS.

Nicole Medina: Will we receive a link to the recording of this webinar or is there a central location for all such recordings? Thank you

Caroline Gilroy: Naji, no A Level results will come to us automatically via UCAS.

Naji Malaaika: Ok thank you

Abby Stewart: Do we have to enter our results into ucas?

Elin Tweed: Thankyou that was very helpful :)

Caroline Gilroy: Hi Nicole, yes the recording will be sent to everyone.



Caroline Gilroy: Hi Abby, UCAS send us certain qualifications including A Levels, SQA and IB for example. You are not required to enter your results in UCAS.

Naji Malaaika: How much does the Pollack Halls accommodation cost approximately?

Kylie Grossarth: Is there a uniform such as steel toed boots?

Aimee's : Do students from different courses (not veterinary medicine) also stay in the pollack halls?

Caroline Gilroy: Naji, the accommodation cost is varied depending on which you choose and if it is catered or self-catered. You can check options here: <https://www.accom.ed.ac.uk/>

Naji Malaaika: Ok thank you

Garry Tainsh: Aimee - yes, Pollock Halls accommodates students from across the University

Derya Unluturk: Is there a list of items that we need to buy before we start?

Myrtle Sum: Are we allowed to do EMS around the world? OR do they have to be done in the UK?

Myrtle Sum: Thanks!!

Orla Neeson: Is there a specific number of hours that equals a week of EMS, or does it have to be 7 days

Naji Malaaika: If I have already completed work experience prior to starting my course, does that get counted as EMS or does it all have to be completed once I have started the course?

Alaina Bailey: What if you did an experience for 3 months and did 180 hours but only worked 2 days a week? Does that not count for anything?

Caroline Gilroy: Naji, not sure whether your offer is for the 4 or 5-year programme, but only students on the 4-year programme are permitted to do any pre-entry EMS

Naji Malaaika: For the first 2 years, if I travel back home during the holidays, can I do my EMS in my home country or does it have to be done in the UK for the first 2 years? This is for the 5 year course.

Naji Malaaika: Ok thank you

Alaina Bailey: okay!

Naji Malaaika: Ok thank you

Abby Stewart: If covid was to be bad again does the required EMS weeks change?

Derya Unluturk: Are you able to do EMS as fast as possible, for example do 12 weeks in the first year and have free time in second year?

Sana Zeeshan: Will 2022 entry likely be blended learning? Or fully in person, do you think?

Sana Zeeshan: thank you

Kylie Grossarth: Are the lectures long periods of sitting or can you stand up and walk around sometimes?



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Alaina Bailey: For university accommodations, do they usually house GEP students together within a flat?

Keerat Goraya: Are the lectures also recorded so you can rewatch them?

Orla Neeson: Will there be sets of notes to go with lectures?

Keerat Goraya: Okay, thank you!

Orla Neeson: Thank you so much for everything.

Alaina Bailey: Thank you!

Lucy Groves: Thank you!

Ana Sofia Flores: Thank you very much!

Tara Duquemin: Thank you!

Kylie Grossarth: Thank you for all the info!

Naji Malaaika: Thank you very much! All of the information was very helpful.

Abby Stewart: Thank you!

xin ling: thank you

Keerat Goraya: Thank you so much for your time and for answering our questions!

Edward Starr: Thank you

Nicole Medina: Thank you!

Elin Tweed: Thank you