

A guide for supporters and parents

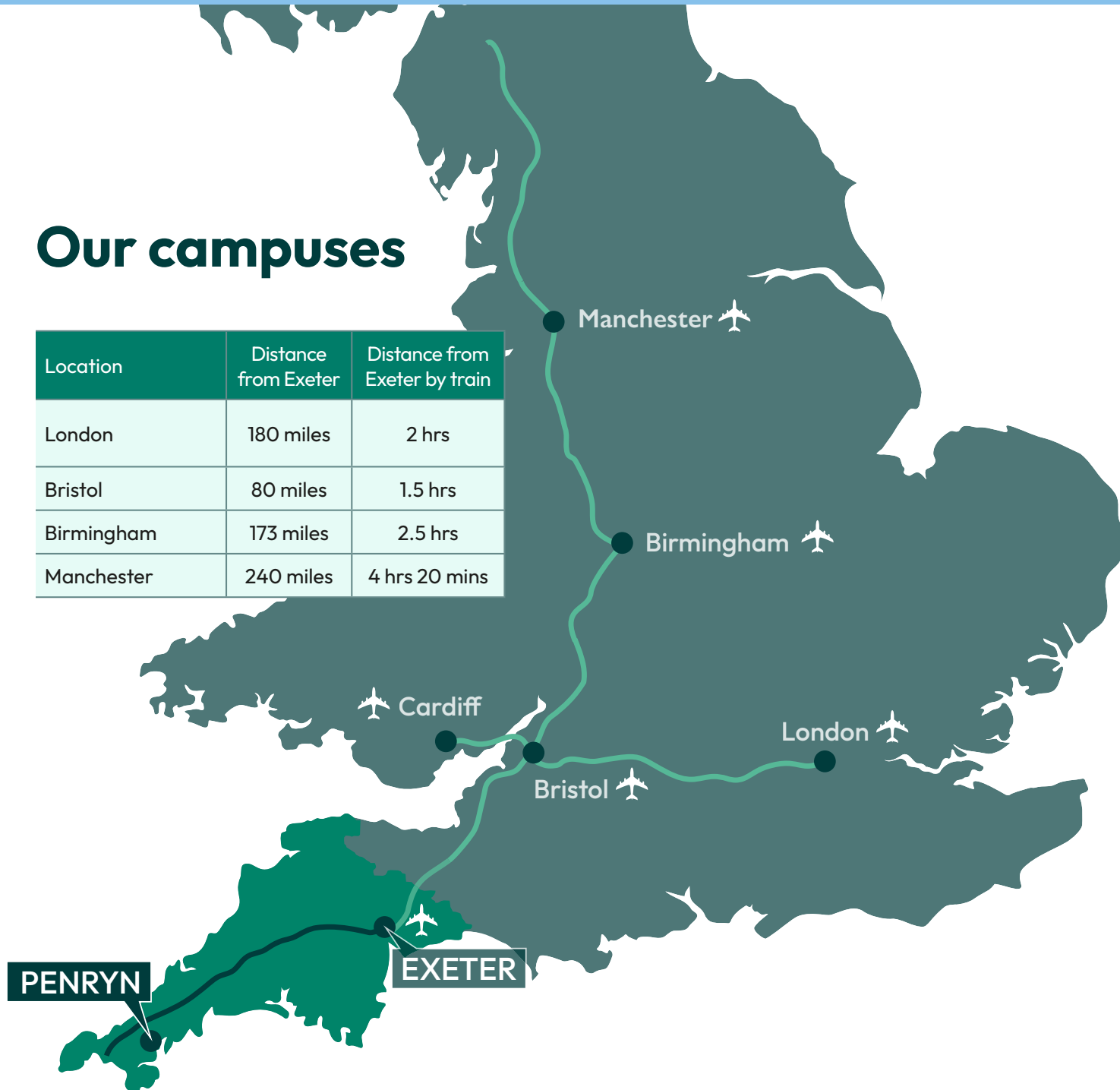


University
of Exeter



Our campuses

Location	Distance from Exeter	Distance from Exeter by train
London	180 miles	2 hrs
Bristol	80 miles	1.5 hrs
Birmingham	173 miles	2.5 hrs
Manchester	240 miles	4 hrs 20 mins



The University of Exeter has three campuses across the South West. Our unique locations offer beautiful beaches and countryside on your doorstep.

Streatham and St Luke's campuses are in the historic city of Exeter, with plenty of shopping, nightlife and a rich cultural scene. It is well-connected to the rest of the UK by train, plane or bus and our students love how safe the city feels.

Penryn Campus is located near to the seaside town of Falmouth in Cornwall, with a close-knit student community and a laid-back vibe. Its stunning beaches offer opportunities for sports and outdoor activities.

Visit us

We organise a number of opportunities to visit our campuses both in person and virtually every year, so students can experience where they might live and study. To find out more about visiting us see exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate/visit

To understand the types of accommodation on offer take a virtual tour: exeter.ac.uk/accommodation

Working with supporters

We recognise that parents, guardians, carers and relatives can all play a vital role in supporting students when they are choosing and applying for university.

The decision to go to university is a big step, and finding the most suitable course and place to study can be an overwhelming task. To support families during this process, whether you have some or no experience of higher education, we've gathered the key information that you will need to help guide a young person through the application journey.

Our **jargon buster** can help supporters to navigate the application process, explaining all the terms you'll come across. One term used a great deal is UCAS, (the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service) which is the service that students use to apply to university.

The **UCAS website** has a huge range of information for students and supporters about potential next steps. It is also the platform on which students will make their university application.

If your student is currently studying in a school and college, there will be advice and support on offer. Schools and colleges provide advice about events and activities taking place as well as their expectations in supporting students applying for university.

Find our further advice and support at exeter.ac.uk/supporter

Join our parents and supporters mailing list
Receive information about courses, the application process wellbeing and much more.



Studying with us

With more than 400 courses in 40 subject areas at the University of Exeter for some students choosing what and how to study can be quite daunting.

Dependent on their course choice students can expand their horizons by undertaking an [industry experience](#), a [placement year abroad](#) or fieldwork overseas. In addition, there are likely to be degree subjects that students might not have been exposed to previously. It can be helpful to review some of the new opportunities and study options and keep all options open when beginning to research their next steps. All our courses can be found on our website, for general overviews of a subject area look at the [subject pages](#).

We are often asked what is the best route, course or option. This is not easy to answer as the factors to consider will depend on your student. How they like to learn, the size of environment they are after, their personal strengths and skills will all play a role. Supporting your young person to identify their strengths and skills can be key to pinpointing the correct course for them. This might be from reflecting on their current academic study or considering the extracurricular skills they are developing.

Degree apprenticeships

Have they considered a degree apprenticeship? Currently we offer a range of undergraduate-level Degree Apprenticeship programmes suitable for school leavers:

- Civil Engineering (BEng)
- Digital and Technology Solutions (BSc)
- Financial Services Professional (BSc)
- Accounting Finance Manager (BSc)
- Project Management (BSc)
- Diagnostic Radiography (BSc)
- Chartered Manager (BSc)

All details can be found at [exeter.ac.uk/study/degreeapprenticeships](https://www.exeter.ac.uk/study/degreeapprenticeships)

Applying

We strongly encourage students with the potential to succeed to apply. Typically, we make offers to a high proportion of our applicants.

Entry requirements

Our course pages and the UCAS website show entry requirements for specific programmes in terms of A level, IB Diploma, BTEC and T level qualifications. However, a range of other qualifications are accepted.

In addition, there is a range of information available at [exeter.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/applying](https://www.exeter.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/applying)

EPQ and Core Maths

We welcome the Extended Project Qualification as excellent preparation for university study. If students take an EPQ, we may be able to make an alternate offer giving them more flexibility in how they meet our requirements. We do the same if they take a Core Maths qualification since we have found that there is a correlation between strong achievement in a post-GCSE mathematics award and success at university.

Contextual offers

This is an offer below the standard range for those applicants who meet certain eligibility criteria. For example, A Level grades of BBB instead of AAB or BTEC grades of DDM instead of DDD. Information on both our standard and contextual offers are under each subject on our course webpages.

Further information including how to confirm eligibility may be found at: [exeter.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/entryrequirements/contextual](https://www.exeter.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/entryrequirements/contextual)

Our eligibility checker can be used to find out whether your student may be eligible for a contextual offer at: [exetereligibilitychecker.uk](https://www.exeter.ac.uk/eligibilitychecker)



Financing university

For both supporters and students, we know that one of the biggest concerns can be the cost of going to university. To guide you through this process, view our webpages for detailed information around the following topics:

Government finance

Students are supported in England with a tuition fee loan and a maintenance loan. The amount of maintenance loan they receive will depend on their household income.

For further details visit the [government website](#), where there are links for all areas of the UK. Use the [student finance calculator](#) to estimate their Maintenance Loan.

Financial support

We offer bursaries to complement government loans for low household income families, scholarships for exceptional students, athletes and those meeting other criteria, as well as expert funding advice and guidance.

Details of all funding opportunities are available at: exeter.ac.uk/study/funding/undergraduate

You can find out what budgeting tips and tricks our students use to make their money go further by visiting our Student's Blog site and reading their Cost of Living stories here: exeter.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/fees/livingcosts

Supporting underrepresented students

We believe all students should have equal and fair access to higher education. We also recognise that studying at university isn't as straightforward for everyone, and depending on financial, personal or ethnic background, students may face additional challenges in both accessing higher education and throughout their studies.

Specific support is offered for students meeting the following criteria: free school meals; first generation into HE; Black, Asian and ethnic minority students; mature students; care leavers and care experienced; student carers; estranged students, asylum seekers and refugees; students from military families; students from low participation neighbourhoods, areas of multiple deprivation and with low incomes.

Find out more about our support for widening participation students at: exeter.ac.uk/students/wp-support



What's next?

Research

Typically, we recommend beginning university research in the spring/summer, before UCAS applications are submitted between September – January for the following academic year.

Discover

Take part on our online Discover University events, for supporters, and for students, including essay competitions.

Visit

Book on to an open day to explore our campuses, chat to our students and quiz our academics.

Choose

Read through the course detail for the degrees of interest. It can be also important to look at the details of student support, wellbeing as well as student societies and accommodation.

Application

Students can submit their UCAS application from the September prior to the year they wish to start. The deadline for equal consideration for most courses is the middle of January (15 October for Oxbridge, medicine, dentistry and veterinary science courses). For details see our [application timeline](#) and [How to apply](#) support.

Decision time

If we are able to make an offer students will be invited to one of our visit days in the Spring. Students will make a firm and insurance choice usually before June in the year they wish to start.

Confirmation

On or just after results day universities will be able to confirm a student's place. It will be important to be prepared for all outcomes.



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