

Questions for prospective students, applicants and offer-holders

Concerned your school, college or university may close and you will not be able to sit your exams

We appreciate the current uncertainty for our offer-holders in this unsettling and fast changing period. We are closely monitoring the situation and taking advice from the qualifications and examination regulators in the UK following the closure of schools.

If you are studying in England, the Secretary of State's decision is not to hold exams this summer. The Department for Education has now published its update [Further details on exams and grades](#). There is a commitment to ensure that learners will be awarded a fair grade to recognise their work.

For students studying in Wales, summer exams have also been cancelled and Qualifications Wales has published its update [Issuing grades for qualifications summer 2020](#).

The Council for Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment (CCEA) in Northern Ireland has confirmed that following school closures the summer examinations have been cancelled and further guidance will be issued via their [website](#).

We are currently monitoring the situation in relation to international qualifications and will provide applicants with the necessary support. Once the extent of the disruption becomes clearer, the university will update you on any changes to our admissions policy for September 2020.

If you are in your final undergraduate year and looking to progress to postgraduate study your university should have notified you about alternative assessment if you are not able to sit your exams.

All current LJMU students have been notified that there will be no examinations for the remainder of the year and that examinations will be replaced by alternative assessment. Additional [guidance](#) for students is available on our website.

Open Days and visiting LJMU

The health and wellbeing of our students, staff and visitors is our number one priority.

In line with advice from Public Health England, the university has suspended all Open Days, Applicant Days and campus tours until at least the end of May 2020.

If you have already applied to LJMU, we will keep in touch with you about your chosen course and the university. Please ensure you check your email regularly. If

you have any questions in the meantime please email courses@ljmu.ac.uk or your Faculty Admissions team and we will respond to you as soon as we can.

Our website and social channels will also keep you up to date with essential news and studying at LJMU.

Start dates for the academic year 2020/21

There is currently no change to the start of the next academic year and we are looking forward to welcoming our new students in September.

If you are a School Direct student, you will start at the end of August.

As you will appreciate, we are operating in an unprecedented environment and will keep you updated if the position changes.

Should I still apply?

We are still accepting applications and making offers for undergraduate and postgraduate courses starting in September 2020.

Deferring your place

If you wish to defer your place at LJMU, please contact your Faculty Admissions team. International applicants should contact [International Admissions](#).

Student accommodation

If you have not already had the opportunity to view our student accommodation, take a look at your options [online](#). As a new student, you are guaranteed accommodation in the city centre with easy access to the main campuses. You can search by room type, location, price and facilities as well as take a virtual tour of your chosen hall.

If you are looking to study at LJMU in September and have received, and accepted an offer from LJMU, you can request accommodation via the [applicant area](#). If you are not able to take up your place in our accommodation for any reason, you can cancel your tenancy without financial penalty at any time until the end of August 2020.

Interviews, auditions and portfolios

If your admissions assessment involves an interview, audition or portfolio our admissions staff will be in touch by email if we need to change the arrangements.

Student funding

It is really important that you still apply for your student funding as soon as you have decided where/what you want to study. Don't worry, if this health situation continues longer than expected or you change your mind about going to university or what you want to study, you can log into your application and change it at a later date.

Applications for funding do take a number of weeks to process, particularly in year one so it's really important you apply for your funding ASAP.

The website you need depends on where in the UK you normally live:

Students from England or the EU apply via www.gov.uk/studentfinance.

Students from Wales apply via www.studentfinancewales.co.uk.

Students from Northern Ireland apply via www.studentfinancenir.co.uk.

Students from Scotland apply via www.SAAS.gov.uk.

If you need any help or advice regarding your student funding you can contact the LJMU Money Advice Team on moneyadvice@ljmu.ac.uk.

International applicants

Should I still apply?

We are still accepting applications and making offers to overseas students. You should still apply to LJMU, even if you are not currently able to leave your country.

English language testing

For the latest developments on English language testing:

- IELTS: [IELTS](#)
- Pearson Test of English (PTE): [Pearson](#)
- TOEFL iBT: [TOEFL](#)

The university accepts a number of different qualifications as evidence of English proficiency and if applicable, details will be included in your offer letter.

Deposits

If you have paid your deposit and do not take up your place at LJMU you will need to complete the [International deposit refund form](#).

International scholarships

If you decide to defer your place your International Achievement Scholarship will be honoured for the next intake of your programme. All other scholarships, including regional based ones, are only valid for entry in the 2020/21 academic year and therefore cannot be carried forward.

For any external scholarships, please check with your scholarship provider.