Invest in Your Future.

All you need to know about postgraduate life at Sheffield.
A world-class university
Sheffield is a great choice for your postgraduate studies. We're one of the top 100 universities in the world, renowned for our teaching and research. We've shaped leading minds across the world, including five Nobel Prize winners.
Fees and funding

An overview of postgraduate finance including tuition fees, government loans and University support and assistance.
Tuition fees and loans

Our fees
Postgraduate tuition fees for 2016 are now available on our website:
www.sheffield.ac.uk/ssid/fees/pg

If you’re a graduate of the University, you’ll be eligible for an automatic 10% fee discount.

We’ll send you details on how to pay your fees before it’s time to register.

You have the option to pay all or part of your fees upfront. This happens as part of the University registration process in September.

Government loans
No matter which university you choose, there is government funding available to help with your studies.

Loans of up to £10,000 are available to help with paying your tuition fees or assist with your living costs. How much you borrow up to this threshold, and how you spend it, is entirely up to you. You can apply for your loan from Student Finance from late June onwards.

Loans are paid straight into your bank account in three installments. The first installment is paid within a few days of you starting your course.

Students from the UK and EU are eligible* provided your studies result in a Masters qualification. Full details on eligibility and criteria are available on our website:
www.sheffield.ac.uk/ssid/finance/pg/pg_loans

*Restrictions apply.

Repaying your loan
Payments are deducted from your salary automatically, in the same way as income tax. If you’re self-employed, you’ll pay through HM Revenue and Customs.

You don’t pay anything back until April 2019, and are earning over £21,000 a year. Your repayments are based on what you earn, not what you owe.

Your monthly repayments are 6% of whatever you earn above £21,000. If you also have an undergraduate loan, this will be repaid at the same time. For example; if you took out a student loan after 2012, you will also repay 9% of any income above £21,000. If your wages drop, this is reflected in your repayments. You can choose to pay your loan off early if you wish and there’s no extra charge for doing so. Interest is applied from the moment you take out your loan, at the rate of inflation + 3%. After 30 years, anything you haven’t paid back is written off.

If your salary falls below £21,000, your payments automatically stop. Repayments don’t start again until you’re earning over £21,000.

Beware of phishing scams and always take care with any emails or messages asking you to confirm your password or details. A copy of any correspondence Student Finance sends you will be stored on your account, so always check the communications are genuine before responding.
Funding your studies

There are various other sources of financial assistance available that could help with your studies. You should start investigating any potential opportunities as early as possible, and be aware that deadlines and application methods vary greatly. Some courses, such as the Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PDGE) and Masters in Architecture (MArch) do have funding attached. Check your department’s webpage for further information.

You may be able to apply for a **professional and career development loan** that can help towards the cost of a job-related training course lasting up to two years (or three years if the course includes a year of work experience). For more information, visit: [www.gov.uk/career-development-loans](http://www.gov.uk/career-development-loans)

There are a number of **charities and trusts** who will support postgraduate students during their studies. The University subscribes to The Alternative Guide to Postgraduate Funding: a guide that includes a database of over 800 charities and trusts that will fund postgraduate study.

If you’re a current student at the University, you can register with your University email address. If you’re a prospective student, you should email financialhelp@sheffield.ac.uk to request the pin number.

A link to the guide, as well as a number of other external sources of funding, is available at: [www.sheffield.ac.uk/ssid/finance/pg](http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/ssid/finance/pg)

**Support for disabled students**

If you have a disability or specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia, you can apply for Disabled Students’ Allowances (DSAs) when you make your application for funding, to help pay for any equipment and support you need. Full-time students are eligible for DSAs on top of any other funding; they’re not based on your household income and you don’t have to pay this money back. Postgraduate students who aren’t eligible for a loan may be eligible for DSAs. For full details see: [www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsas](http://www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsas)
Living costs

It’s important to understand the costs associated with studying at university and to plan your budgets accordingly. Find out how much you could get towards your study and living costs with our online calculator: www.sheffield.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught/finance

Our Money Timeline and Money Planner interactive tools help you control your finances and get the most out of your money. Use them to budget for the coming year and identify potential difficulties in advance. www.sheffield.ac.uk/moneytools

Part-time work

Many of our students work part-time to help with living costs. Our Student Jobshop advertises all the latest vacancies and staff are on hand to help and offer professional advice. As well as the usual kinds of part-time work, the Jobshop also has details of vacation work, internships and year-long placements: www.sheffield.ac.uk/careers/students

There’s also lots of support available to you at any time. If you would like to discuss your budget with one of our money advisers, contact the Student Advice Centre in the Students’ Union: 0114 222 8660

“My employer was really supportive in reducing my hours to just one day a week during the semesters and giving me extra work during holidays. Continuing in my job probably helped me to treat the MA like a 9 to 5 job, putting in full days to ensure that I got my work done and on the whole kept my weekends and evenings free”

Jason Slade
MA Town and Regional Planning
A unique city
When you choose the University of Sheffield, you’re not just coming to one of the UK’s finest universities. Sheffield is a city like no other and a great choice for student life.
Our City

Sheffield offers all the advantages of living in a large and vibrant city that is both safe and affordable.

Home to over half a million people, including more than 60,000 students, Sheffield is situated centrally in the UK and is England’s 4th largest city. Bordering the beautiful Peak District National Park, it’s a city of stunning landscapes; the greenest in Europe. There are seven hills, five rivers, two and a half million trees and more parks and woodland than any other UK city.

It’s not surprising that after graduating, many of our students decide to stay on and live here. It’s a rich, diverse, multicultural city that is proud of its reputation for being one of the friendliest and safest major cities in the UK.

When you become a Sheffield student it’s the start of your relationship with a special city.

By train

- Birmingham 1 hour 7 mins
- Bristol 2 hours 47 mins
- Cardiff 3 hours 22 mins
- Edinburgh 3 hours 20 mins
- Leeds 40 mins
- Leicester 56 mins
- Liverpool 1 hour 42 mins
- London 2 hours 5 mins
- Manchester 48 mins
- Nottingham 51 mins
City centre

The University is an open campus and located within the city. The centre is compact and easy to walk around, with good pedestrian areas and plenty of public spaces. Our accommodation and the local residential suburbs are nearby and well served by frequent public transport.

The hub of student life in the city is only five minutes’ walk away from central campus. West Street and the Devonshire Quarter is where you’ll find all the bars, cafés, shops, boutiques, music venues and restaurants that are always popular with our students.

Another five minutes’ walk and you’re in the heart of the city, where pedestrian shopping areas lead to public gardens and squares. Museums, galleries and theatres share these spaces alongside a great selection of bars and cafés, making this a great place to meet up and relax.

A tram ride away from the University is Meadowhall; one of the UK’s largest indoor shopping centres. Over 280 high street stores line the long boulevards and it’s easy to spend the whole day here. There are loads of fast food outlets, restaurants and cafés, as well as a multi-screen cinema complex.
62% of Sheffield is green space and a third of the city is inside the Peak District National Park. We have around 50 public parks, gardens and specially designed public areas.

**The Peak District National Park** is dramatic countryside and a great place for cycling, hiking and climbing. Covering an area of 555 square miles it attracts an estimated 22 million visitors every year.

**Weston Park** is next door to campus; its grounds overlooked by one of our libraries. It’s a very popular place with students and the general public and is home to a free family museum. **Endcliffe Park** is five minutes’ walk away from our accommodation and its popular café is a good place to meet up with friends. Woodland walks and cycle paths take you through the park and into the local countryside of the beautiful Porter Valley.

Close to our student accommodation are the **Botanical Gardens**. The gardens were first opened in 1836 and are a great place for a walk at any time of year. In the city centre, the **Winter Garden** is an architectural spectacle and the largest temperate glasshouse in Europe.

Sheffield was the UK’s first National City of Sport and has a long sporting heritage. It was back in 1857 and 1860 that the world’s first-ever official football clubs, Sheffield F.C. and Hallam F.C. were formed. Hallam F.C. still play at their original ground, making it the oldest in the world.

Sheffield is home to the English Institute of Sport, where British athletes trained for the 2012 Olympics. First opened in December 2003, it has an indoor running track, several sporting arenas and a large gym.

The 50 metre pool at the Ponds Forge International Sports Centre is one of nine in the UK built to current World and Olympic standards. It has one of the best diving facilities in the country along with other sports facilities.

At the University, **Sport Sheffield** offers a wide range of fantastic opportunities for having fun and keeping healthy. There is everything you would expect from a high quality fitness centre as well as a wide range of other facilities. If you live in our accommodation you are entitled to a range of sporting activities free of charge through **Residence Life** (see page 28).
As you would expect in a major UK city, Sheffield has a number of cinemas to choose from. The **Showroom** is the largest independent cinema outside London and its restaurant bar is a popular meeting place. Mainstream movies are catered for by the **Odeon** in the city centre, and two multiscreen cinema complexes; one at Meadowhall and the other close by at Valley Centertainment.

**Cinemas and theatres**

Three distinctive venues welcome over 400,000 people each year and form the largest producing theatre complex outside London. The **Crucible, Studio** and **Lyceum** overlook Tudor Square in the city centre and present a lively mixture of the classics and contemporary drama. The **Crucible** is a world famous venue; well known for hosting the annual World Snooker Championships every year.

The **City Hall** is a major Sheffield landmark and another famous venue for holding concerts, comedy nights and theatrical productions. The 2,000 seat main hall is complemented by the more intimate 500-seat Memorial Hall and a ballroom which holds a variety of themed club nights.

**Galleries and museums**

Sheffield is home to several important galleries and museums. The **Millennium Gallery** has close links with the Tate and the V&A in London. The **Graves Gallery** has a permanent collection of modern art, including works by Picasso, Lautrec and Hockney amongst others.
Social scene

Sheffield is one of the leading cultural centres in the UK and is the home of many influential bands and artists. Famous for its venues and nightlife, Sheffield has a continual calendar of events, concerts, festivals and fairs throughout the year.

Loaded with traditional pubs, clubs and cocktail bars, Sheffield’s nightlife is unbeatable. Clubs such as **Plug**, **Corporation** and the **O2 Academy** have student-friendly nights throughout the week, and DJs play regularly in various bars in and around the Devonshire Quarter.

Firmly established as Sheffield’s premier live music venue, **The Leadmill** brought the Human League and Cabaret Voltaire to the city, when it opened as an artist-run space in 1980. Regularly voted as one of the best live venues, it’s now seen as a pilgrimage for top bands and, alongside local talent such as Pulp and Arctic Monkeys, has seen the likes of Paul Weller, Oasis, Primal Scream, The Strokes, Kings of Leon and The White Stripes grace its stage.

Along with our larger venues, the **City Hall**, and **Sheffield Arena**, Sheffield is firmly on the map for attracting major artists.
As expected from such a significant cultural city, Sheffield has a number of regular festivals and events throughout the year. Here are just a few:

**Tramlines** turns Sheffield’s parks, pubs, clubs and public spaces into one big music venue for a whole weekend, and it attracts hundreds of artists. The popularity of this festival is growing every year, and headliners The Charlatans, Basement Jaxx, De La Soul and the Buzzcocks made sure summer 2015 had its largest attendance to date.

The **Last Laugh Comedy Festival** is one of the UK’s best comedy festivals with more than 90 shows over 30 days. As well as promoting local talent it’s had its fair share of comedy genius over the years. Amongst others, Eddie Izzard, Jo Brand, Michael McIntyre, Al Murray, Ross Noble and Rich Hall have all guested.

Now in its 24th year, the **Off the Shelf Festival of Words** has grown into one of the UK’s most popular and exciting events, attracting some of the best known names in literature and the media. The festival is for audiences of all ages and includes author events, workshops, debate, exhibitions, talks, poetry, competitions and more.

The **Sensoria Music and Film Festival** presents a unique and eclectic mix of live performance, film screenings, exhibitions and music industry activity. The festival is renowned for its use of unusual venues, for finding new ways of presenting, and for celebrating the mavericks and pioneers in the industry.
Sheffield districts

The city centre is compact, but Sheffield extends out over a very large area. The suburbs local to the University are very individual, each with their own unique character.

Hunter’s Bar and Ecclesall

Close to our student accommodation is this thriving and fashionable residential area, with its fantastic mix of independent and high street stores.

Ecclesall Road stretches for nearly three miles and is well known for its vast range of restaurants, bars, cafés and shops, including many one-off boutiques. Sharrowvale Road is quieter, with more of a village atmosphere, where good local shops, delis and traditional pubs share the tree lined residential streets.

Ecclesall has some of Sheffield’s very best green spaces with the Botanical Gardens and Endcliffe Park nearby. The parks regularly host a great range of special events including circuses, fairs and open-air concerts throughout the summer.

Broomhill

Popular with both students and locals, Broomhill has an interesting mix of shops, cafés, and bars and is only a short walk away from our accommodation and the Botanical Gardens. This area is well served by frequent buses to the University and city centre and has plenty of private rental accommodation.
Ranmoor
Ranmoor is one of the most affluent and desirable suburbs in the UK. It’s close to the city centre but has its own peaceful and tranquil setting, with tree lined streets, large gardens and grand properties. Many students live close by in our accommodation and it’s conveniently placed for public transport, walking to campus and the local shops in Broomhill.

Crookes and Walkley
These are popular areas for students and for private rental accommodation. They are well known in Sheffield for the traditional strong communities formed between the local residents and their students. Victorian and Edwardian properties line the narrow, hilly streets and give this area its own unique character.

The main shopping streets are home to a good selection of food shops and supermarkets, fast food outlets and general stores. There are plenty of cafés and pubs and it is only short walk away from two public parks and the main University campus. Walkley is quieter than Broomhill and Crookes and is closer to the countryside, with good walks in the Rivelin Valley.
Getting around

Everything’s within walking distance and buses run every 8-10 minutes between our accommodation, the main campus and the city centre.
The best Students’ Union
Consistently voted the best in the UK by the Times Higher Education Survey (2009-2016).

Voted the best in the UK for the fourth year running in the National Student Survey (NSS) 2015.
Every university in the UK has a Students’ Union. The role of the Students’ Union is to provide you with independent support and representation, activities, services and entertainment during your time at university.

With our recent £20m refurbishment, we’ve invested in a contemporary new building filled with places to eat, drink, shop, meet friends, and to house our support services.

When you become a student at the University you automatically become a member of our Students’ Union. Your University of Sheffield identification card acts as your membership card. You’ll be joining a Students’ Union that’s been awarded ‘best in the UK’ for the past eight years running.

What ‘the best’ means

The entertainment and the social life are first rate, but there’s more to a successful students’ union than cafés, bars and live music. The awards also reflect how effective our Students’ Union is at representing you and delivering the services you ask for. A team of elected students (sabbatical officers), work full time in the Students’ Union to represent your interests: sheffieldsu.com/officers

What does the Students’ Union do?

Located in the heart of the campus, the Students’ Union is the centre of student life, with over 400 societies and sports clubs. There’s regular entertainment and the bars, cafés and shops are open into the evening, seven days a week. There’s always a diverse range of events on offer; from talks to live performances, and club nights to film screenings.

With hundreds of activities and sports on offer, there’s something for everyone. In the Activities and Sports Zone you can find out how to get involved: sheffieldsu.com/get-involved

The University of Sheffield Postgraduate Society (PGSoc) is an interdisciplinary society run by fellow postgraduate students who offer a broad range of activities, events and assistance throughout the year. They also organise a wide range of activities during intro week, which are very useful for helping new students to settle in and make new friends: www.sheffieldpostgraduatesociety.co.uk

‘Give it a Go’ is an award-winning programme full of one-off introductory activities and events, where you can try new things, learn new skills, make new friends and visit different attractions in the UK. You don’t need any experience to take part and you get the chance to try out as many activities, sports and courses as you like: sheffieldsu.com/give-it-a-go

The Student Advice Centre is also located in the Students’ Union building. This is a free and confidential service. Trained advisers can offer help with managing money, housing, academic matters, employment and welfare: sheffieldsu.com/studentadvicecentre
University accommodation

Our accommodation was rated number one in the Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey 2014-15.
If you decide on University accommodation there are different locations to choose from: Ranmoor/Endcliffe and City. Wherever you live you’ll be part of a supportive community and there’s always something happening. Being involved in every aspect of University life and making friends with students from all over the world will provide you with an experience you won’t find anywhere else.

**Residence Life** offers you a huge range of events, sports activities and support. If you want to enhance your CV there are plenty of volunteering or paid jobs in and around the residences. You can also attend guest lectures and workshops on essay writing, healthy cooking and many other topics through **Living & Learning**.

www.residencelife.co.uk

There’s security and CCTV across all student accommodation and support from our **Residence Mentors**. Our Mentors are current students and are there throughout the year to offer advice and help, should you need it.

**Included in your rent are:**
- All your gas, water, electricity and internet bills
- Room contents insurance
- Residence Life events and sports activities
- Customer services and welfare support
Ranmoor/Endcliffe is home to around 4,500 students living together in modern apartment blocks, flats and houses. There are a range of catered and self-catered room types available including deluxe, en-suite and studio.

Many Residence Life events take place in The Edge and The Ridge; the centres of student social life in our accommodation. Students have access to all events taking place at either location. The dining room, café and bars are here and we even have our own convenience store located in the centre of the complex.

Ranmoor/Endcliffe is only a short distance from the main campus and city centre. You’ll also be very close to the popular student areas of Broomhill and Hunter’s Bar where there’s a diverse range of food outlets and entertainment.

City

All city based accommodation is self-catered. There are Residence Life events, sport activities and support available across various city locations. The accommodation is located in the area between the city centre and University campus, so you can walk to either in only a few minutes.

You’ll have all the city’s shops, cafes and restaurants on your doorstep, and be close to many departments such as Engineering, Computer Science and Economics.

City

- 4,992 self-catered rooms
- 1,333 self-catered rooms
- 848 rooms with shared bathrooms
- 82 deluxe en-suite self-catered rooms
- 90 Studios
- 42 & 51 week contracts

City

- 900 en-suite self-catered rooms
- 133 deluxe en-suite self-catered rooms
- 253 self-catered rooms with shared bathrooms
- 848 rooms with shared bathrooms
- 82 deluxe en-suite self-catered rooms
- 90 Studios
- 42 & 51 week contracts

City

- 8347 en-suite rooms
- 3,547 en-suite rooms
- 3,992 self-catered rooms
- 370 catered rooms
Your new home

Our **standard contract length** is 42-weeks. There are also a limited number of 51 week contracts available.

All rooms in our accommodation are fully furnished and are fitted with a bed, wardrobe, desk and chair. Depending on which building you live in, the rooms will differ slightly in size, decoration and furnishings. There are plenty of **self-service launderettes** available with washing and drying facilities.

**Catered accommodation** is available at Ranmoor/Endcliffe. Your main meals are covered as part of your rent. You’ll receive a **GeniUS card** which is automatically credited each week and you can use this at various outlets across the University.

All other University accommodation is **self-catered** where you’ll have access to a communal kitchen. There’s also a convenience store, and a bar and café at Ranmoor/Endcliffe.

**Facilities for families**

There are a number of apartments and houses suitable for couples and families. Properties are close to the University, shops and local schools. Each property is fully furnished.

**Facilities for disabled students**

We’re committed to providing equal opportunities and positively welcome applications from disabled students. Once you’ve decided to study at Sheffield and are planning to live in University accommodation, please inform the Accommodation Office if you require any specific facilities: accommodationoffice@sheffield.ac.uk

**Welfare support**

When living in University accommodation you’ll receive welfare support from your Residence Mentor. Our Mentors are current students who live in University accommodation and they’re always around to offer help and advice when you need it.

**Your arrival**

Intro Weekend is when the majority of our students move into student accommodation. Intro Weekend gives all our students the opportunity to settle into their new home before the start of their course. Before you arrive you’ll be provided with information on when, where and how you can collect your keys.
Visit our website and take a look at the 360 degree tours that are available for each type of room: 360degreevirtualtours.group.shef.ac.uk

Once you've accepted your place, you can apply for accommodation online and you'll be guided through the process. Please ensure you read our accommodation guarantee before you apply. You'll only be offered accommodation once you've met the conditions of your offer. Details of your room type and location will be confirmed during the allocation process.

Rents
Below are example starting prices for a 42-week, self-catered contract in our accommodation.

**Ranmoor/Endcliffe**
From £5,415.48 for en-suite
£8,118.18 for a studio (51 week contract)
From £4,310.04 for a room with a shared bathroom.

**City**
From £5,415.48 for en-suite
From £4,277.70 for a room with a shared bathroom.

Contact us
For more information including pictures, a full table of room types and rents, as well as our terms and conditions, see our website: www.sheffield.ac.uk/accommodation

If you’d rather talk to someone, give us a call: +44 (0)114 222 4488, or email: accommodationoffice@sheffield.ac.uk

Codes of practice
All University-owned accommodation complies with the Universities UK Code of Practice for the Management of Student Housing. This provides we have very clear policies and procedures relating to health and safety, maintenance and student welfare.
In addition to University accommodation, Sheffield has a good supply of privately rented properties available. The University service **propertywithUS** offers advice and information and can also assist with house hunting.

There are a large range of flats, houses and studios available. Whether you are on your own, with a group of friends or with your family, you can always find accommodation to suit your needs.

Unlike University accommodation, your gas, electricity, internet and insurance bills may not be included in your rent, so you may have to arrange this yourself. Private landlords will also require you to pay a deposit. This can vary between landlords and could be anywhere between 1-4 month’s rent to be paid in advance. Private accommodation can be arranged very quickly, but you should budget for spending several nights in a hotel when you arrive in Sheffield.

For more information see: [www.sheffield.ac.uk/propertywithus](http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/propertywithus)

Under the Immigration Act 2014, private landlords need to ensure you have the ‘right to rent’ a property in the UK. They’ll need to meet you before you move in and you’ll have to provide the landlord with the appropriate details. For further information please go to: [su.sheffield.ac.uk/student-advice-centre/housing/right-to-rent](http://su.sheffield.ac.uk/student-advice-centre/housing/right-to-rent)

The University doesn’t check private landlords used outside the propertywithUS service, so no guarantee of the landlord’s credibility can be given. If you choose to find your own accommodation in the private sector without using the propertywithUS service, you can go to the [Student Advice Centre](http://suc.sheffield.ac.uk/student-advice-centre) in the Students’ Union and speak to a housing adviser.

Popular places for students to rent private accommodation are Broomhill, Crookes, Walkley, Hunter’s Bar and the city centre.
“I’m right in the city centre, just off West Street, which is one of the main streets that we use. It has restaurants, supermarkets, bars, stationary shops and much more. I walk almost everywhere – it takes me five minutes to the Information Commons and Students’ Union. My furthest lecture is only a 15 minute walk away.”

Final year student
Make it Count
The Careers Service is here to support your ambitions. 91% of our taught postgraduates are in employment or further study six months after graduation*

*figure based on results from the 2013/14 Destination of Leavers from Higher Education survey (UK full and part-time students)
Studying for a postgraduate qualification will give you specialist knowledge and skills, but it can also open up many more opportunities as well. You may have the chance to undertake an internship or placement, work as part of a ‘live’ project, or choose an industry-specific dissertation topic. You could also decide to get involved with one of the many clubs and societies we have here at Sheffield, or find a part-time job that fits around your studies. Employers consider a wide range of attributes when recruiting. You’ll need to be able to show them how your time spent as a postgraduate student really makes you stand out from the crowd.
Use the Careers Service

The Careers Service isn’t just for students who already know what they want to do. We offer a wide range of activities and programmes, covering everything from helping you decide what to do, through to being successful at interview. This includes:

- Regular events and workshops throughout the year (including a variety of sessions specifically for postgraduates)
- The online Make it Count career planning resource which is full of useful information and activities
- An online vacancy database which advertises thousands of graduate jobs across all industries and sectors – as well as part-time jobs and placement opportunities
- An extensive network of employers and alumni who regularly visit us on campus
- One to one support from our team of specialist careers advisers

Make time

We understand that you’ll be focused on your postgraduate degree. However, if you can just find a bit of time to get involved in other activities and start planning what to do next, you’ll really see the benefit when you apply for jobs and other opportunities.

Visit our website for more information: www.sheffield.ac.uk/careers
“During my time as a postgrad, I attended a number of workshops on CV writing and interview skills. I also had a one to one appointment with the careers advisor for my course. This really helped me to focus my job search, get a better understanding of how to stand out against other applicants, and present myself in the best light at interview and on paper.”

Charlotte Axon, MSc Occupational Psychology

“My MSc helped me to develop advanced research skills and gain a deeper understanding of how research projects are carried out.

I have recently been offered a job as a Quantitative Researcher, and was told that one of the stand-out features of my application was my postgraduate degree and the specific skills I had gained.”

Stephanie Powell, MSc Psychological Research Methods
What can you do now?

Before you start your course, you might find it useful to ask yourself the following questions:

Do you need to gain relevant work or volunteering experience to apply for jobs in your chosen field or industry?
www.careers.dept.shef.ac.uk/flipbooks/placements

Are you aware that some graduate jobs have early application deadlines? Have you researched your future career plans?
www.careers.dept.shef.ac.uk/flipbooks/exploring

What skills, knowledge and experience are you hoping to gain from postgraduate study? What will come from your course and from the other activities that you undertake as a postgraduate?
www.sheffield.ac.uk/careers/students/advice
Visit us

Our **Postgraduate Visit Afternoons** run regularly throughout the year and give you the opportunity to take a campus tour and learn more about postgraduate funding. You can also arrange to visit the academic department you’ve applied to, but you’ll need to arrange this yourself.

To find out more about our Visit Afternoons and other opportunities to visit us, please see: [www.sheffield.ac.uk/postgraduate/open-days](http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/postgraduate/open-days)
What happens next?

This is one of three Essential Guides we send you before you start your course at Sheffield:

Each guide gives you specific information you need to know before you start your studies.

Make sure the email address that you provide is one you check regularly, as most communications from the University are by email.

The Essential Guide to Registration and Essential Guide to University Life will be sent from August, when you have accepted and met any outstanding conditions of your offer.

Get connected
www.sheffield.ac.uk/contact/social-media

Useful websites
www.sheffield.ac.uk/postgraduate
www.sheffield.ac.uk/accommodation
www.sheffield.ac.uk/union
www.sheffield.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught/finance