

International Foundation Programme at Aberystwyth University

The International Foundation Programme (IFP) at Aberystwyth University provides international students with academic, subject and English language preparation before undergraduate study. Students can choose between a standalone one-year IFP and, for eligible subjects, a degree programme with an integrated foundation year.

Who Is the IFP For?

The programme is designed for international students who need additional preparation before beginning undergraduate study in the UK. The appropriate route depends on the student's academic background, English language level and intended degree. The standalone IFP offers greater flexibility, while the integrated route is intended for students who already know which Aberystwyth degree they want to progress to.

Four Academic Pathways

Aberystwyth offers four IFP pathways. Progression subjects and English language requirements vary by pathway and route, so students should check the current requirements for their intended degree.

Pathway	Examples of progression subjects	English language guidance
Computer Science & Technology	Computer Science, AI and Robotics, Business Information Technology, Cyber Security	Standalone IFP: IELTS for UKVI 4.5, subject to component requirements. Integrated route normally 5.5.
Business, Economics & Finance	Accounting and Finance, Business and Management, Economics, Marketing	Standalone IFP: IELTS for UKVI 4.5, subject to component requirements. Integrated route normally 5.5.
Humanities & Social Sciences	Law, International Relations, Security Studies, Media and Communication	Standalone IFP: IELTS for UKVI 5.0, subject to component requirements. Integrated route normally 5.5.
Science & Engineering	Engineering, Environmental Science, Genetics, Mathematics, Psychology, Sport and Health Sciences	Integrated route only. Requirements vary by intended degree and should be checked directly.

September and January starts are available for the standalone IFP. Science & Engineering is available through the integrated route and starts in September. Pre-sessional English may be available for some students who do not yet meet the required English level.

Fees, Scholarships and Accommodation

For 2026/27, standard tuition fees are £19,190 for Business, Economics & Finance and Humanities & Social Sciences, and £21,875 for Computer Science & Technology and Science & Engineering. Students should check the fee for their exact route before applying.

Students from certain eligible countries may qualify for a £2,000 Regional Scholarship. A £2,500 David Game College Scholarship is available to eligible Computer Science & Technology students on the four-year degree programme with integrated foundation. It does not apply to the standalone one-year IFP. Scholarship eligibility and terms should always be checked for the intended year of entry.

Eligible students may also benefit from the International Accommodation Award. Current arrangements can include free university accommodation during the foundation year and a 50 per cent reduction in accommodation costs during the first undergraduate year after progression, subject to eligibility and accommodation conditions.

Location, Arrival and Student Support

Aberystwyth is located on the west coast of Wales. The University identifies Birmingham Airport as a convenient arrival point and offers a Meet and Greet service on selected arrival dates. Academic and welfare support is also available to students during their studies.

Visa arrangements differ between the standalone IFP and integrated degree route, so students should check the requirements for their chosen pathway before applying.

WorldStudentAdvisors can help students assess the appropriate pathway, prepare their application and understand the Student visa requirements relevant to their chosen route.

The Key Message

The Aberystwyth International Foundation Programme provides international students with academic and English language preparation for undergraduate study. Students can choose between a standalone foundation programme and, for eligible subjects, an integrated foundation and degree route.

The appropriate pathway depends on the student's academic background, English language level and intended degree. Students should check current entry requirements, tuition fees, scholarships, accommodation support and visa arrangements before applying.

Disclaimer: This information is provided in good faith and was believed to be accurate at the time of publication. Fees, dates, entry requirements, visa regulations and other information may change. Students should check current requirements before making any financial or study commitments.