

Information for EU, EEA or Swiss students

The UK Government started the two-year negotiation process for leaving the EU on 29 March 2017. The UK is currently due to leave the EU on 31 October 2019. The UK's relationship with the EU will change as a result, but it is not ending – students from the EU will continue to be welcome at the ICR. Professor Paul Workman, Chief Executive of The Institute of Cancer Research (ICR), says:

“The referendum vote will not change the ICR’s international outlook or our passionate belief in the need for researchers to collaborate across borders to solve the biggest problems in science, and in our case to understand and defeat cancer. Nor will the vote alter our commitment to maintain a global workforce at the ICR of the brightest minds and most talented scientists and clinicians.”

Although we are in a period of much uncertainty, some of the facts are detailed below which we hope will provide some reassurance.

Immigration status (position at 1st October 2019)

The UK remains a member of the EU until negotiations have finished.

Assuming a deal is reached between the UK Government and the EU, and you are already in the UK or arrive before the UK leaves the EU, you will be able to live and study in the UK on the same basis as EU, EEA or Swiss citizens do today until 30 June 2021. We encourage you to apply for settled or pre-settled status in order to protect your right to live and work in the UK beyond that date. (If you have Irish citizenship, you do not need to apply.) For more details of the EU settlement scheme, visit www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families.

If the UK leaves the EU without a deal, as long as you are living in the UK before it leaves the EU, you can still apply to the settlement scheme. The deadline for applying will be 31 December 2020 in the event of a no deal.

It is free to apply to the scheme.

Fees

You or your funder will pay the same tuition fees as UK students. This guarantee for EU students starting a degree in 2019-20 or 2020-21 will apply for the full duration of your course. This is the case whatever the outcome of negotiations, including in the event of no deal.

It is subject to any annual increase in accordance with the applicable terms and conditions.

Funding

EU students who begin a PhD before the end of the 2020-21 academic year will be eligible for Research Council funding throughout their course (subject to meeting the normal residency requirements). Other sources of studentship funding are not affected.

For further detail, please see the guidance on the UKCISA website which is updated regularly: <https://www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/>.

As a student at the ICR (including students who have been offered a place), ICR’s Registry will inform you of any requirements once known and support you to fulfil these.