

Admissions Office

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1. Who is the Data Controller holding my personal information?

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The Brunel University London Admissions Office uses your personal information as set out in the Brunel University London **Data Protection policy** which can be found at https://www.brunel.ac.uk/about/administration/information-access/data-protection

Full details of the University's **Admissions Policy** can be found at: https://www.brunel.ac.uk/study/admissions/policy

It supplements our 'General Privacy Notice and Copyright Statement' which can be found on our website.

It is important that the personal information we hold about you is accurate and current. Please keep your personal information updated during your working relationship with us.

2. Who is the Data Protection Officer?

If you have questions relating to how your information is being used or data protection at the university you can contact our data protection team on data-protection@brunel.ac.uk. The data protection team is led by our Head of Privacy who is also the Data Protection Officer.

3. What personal information do you collect about me and when?

As part of the application process (via UCAS, DFE Apply for Teacher Training, US Common App, OTCAS, Form Stack or direct application) Brunel University London collects your personal data in order to assess whether we can offer you a place at the University before you can enter into a contract with us. We also use this information to assess your eligibility for available scholarships and bursaries.

We collect:

- Contact and Academic information
 - including [but not limited to] qualification history, contact details, referee contact
 information, copies of certificates and transcripts, event and interview attendance etc.
- For equality monitoring purposes
 - Special category data such as gender, religion, race and disability, or health. In addition,
 we may also collect protected characteristics such as age, marital or carer status.

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- Financial information
 - used within Fee Status, DBS and some immigration checks
- Immigration documentation and information
 - including copies of passport, visa details, UK immigration history, etc.

In addition to this, Brunel University London may need to process some data about you that is classed as 'special category' or sensitive personal data. This data includes data about your ethnicity, sexual orientation, religious beliefs or health/disability data. We use this data to offer you relevant support or reasonable adjustments and for statistical, research and monitoring purposes. Access to, and the sharing of, your special category personal data are controlled very carefully and we will always ask for your consent.

Your personal data is created, stored and transmitted securely in a variety of electronic formats, including databases or video conferencing applications. Only Brunel University London staff or trusted partners who need access for the purpose of administering the admissions process and allocating accommodation will be able to access your personal data.

For certain courses, in order to assess your suitability to work with patients, children or other vulnerable people and your fitness to practise for entry into some regulated professions, it is necessary to process other special category data, such as data about your health or disability.

We may hold and process data about criminal offences or convictions if you have disclosed this on your application or if it is appropriate given the nature of your programme (for example, if a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check is needed for your programme). We will use information about criminal convictions and offences in the following ways:

- To consider your suitability to become a member of Brunel University London or to continue to be a member of the University or to decide if any support or measures need to be put in place;
- To comply with regulatory requirements to decide your suitability to study on a regulated programme or to practise in a regulated profession;
- Consideration of safeguarding issues.

We will only use information relating to criminal convictions where the law allows us to do so and in line with our <u>Data Protection Policy</u>. Personal data relating to criminal convictions will be retained confidentially and securely and access to that data will be strictly controlled.

4. Why do you collect personal information about me?

This information is required to enable the Admissions Office to assess your application and ascertain whether you meet the criteria to enter a course of study at the University. Once you

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have registered on a course this information enables the University to support you throughout your application studies at Brunel.

Your personal data will only by processed when there is a legal basis in the following circumstances:

- Where you have given us your consent
- In order to fulfil our obligations to you as part of the admissions process, ensuring we have taken all relevant and necessary steps to determine whether to make an offer to study at London Brunel University and so that you can enter into a contract with us, should you choose to do so.
- To comply with a legal obligation (for example, equal opportunities monitoring) or regulatory obligation (for example, reporting to Government or governmental bodies);
- To protect your vital interests or those of another person (for example, in the case of a medical emergency)
- To enable us to perform the tasks we carry out in the public interest (for example, teaching and research);
- For the purposes of the University's legitimate business interests (for example, in order to manage and develop its business) and working with trusted partners.
- Archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes.

5. Who do you share my data with?

5.1. Brunel's use of your data

The information will be stored in a customer relationship management (CRM) system and student records system SITS. Access to these systems is restricted to authorised personnel only and all admissions staff receive regular training to ensure that your data is handled appropriately and legally.

For more information on how your data will be stored and how it will be used within SITS, please view our Student Data Privacy Notice: https://www.brunel.ac.uk/About-this-website/terms-and-conditions

For more information on why your data is stored in our CRM and how your data will be used, please view our Marketing Privacy Policy at https://www.brunel.ac.uk/About-this-website/Privacy-Policy-and-Copyright-Statement

5.2. Third Party Agencies

In addition, specific data may be shared with the following for the purposes specified:

UKVI – if you require a visa to study in the UK, the University will supply required information to the Home Office in order to provide you with a Confirmation of Acceptance of Study (CAS) number. This number is required as part of the visa application process.

UCAS – If you apply to Brunel University London via a Record of Prior Acceptance (RPA) form, all information collected in the RPA form will be shared with UCAS for the purpose of processing the course application. In order to do this, information relating to your application will be shared in accordance with their requirements and published privacy notice (please see http://www.ucas.com).

Scholarships/funders – If you are applying for or have been awarded a student loan or scholarship, we may share information with your funding body, with your consent, in order to facilitate the payment of these funds.

Approved International Agents – if you register an interest with Brunel University London as an enquirer outside of the UK, we may pass your details to one of our approved agencies, who may contact you to ask if you would like their assistance with your application. You are under no obligation to employ them to work on your behalf.

Your data may also be shared with the following trusted third parties where relevant:

Atlantic Data

We are required to share specific data with Atlantic Data about those applicants made offers to join **professional courses** at Brunel, to enable them to complete a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) application. For these students, this data includes their name, contact details, course name and details relating to the identity documents they are providing.

Brunel's professional courses are (as of August 2024):

- BSc Occupational Therapy
- BSc Physiotherapy
- MSc Occupational Therapy (Pre-Registration)
- MSc Physiotherapy (Pre-Registration)
- MSc Physician Associate
- MA Social Work
- PGCE in Primary Education
- PGCE in Secondary Education (all routes)
- MBBS Medicine
- BSc Nursing (all routes)
- MA Arts Psychotherapy
- MSc Registered Nurse (all routes)
- MSc Specialist Community Public Health Nursing (all routes)
- BSc Specialist Community Public Health Nursing (all routes)

Brunel Pathway College (BPC)

With your permission, if you do not meet the entry requirements for the course you apply to we

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may refer your application to our affiliate college based here on our Uxbridge campus, Brunel Pathway College (BPC). Further information about BPC and the courses they offer can be found at https://lbic.navitas.com/

Department for Education (DFE)

We are required to share information about applicants to Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) programmes with the Department for Education (DFE) for the purpose of processing the course application through their DFE Apply for Teacher Training system.

Enroly

We are required to share specific data with Enroly (CAS Shield) of prospective students requiring a visa to study in the UK and where an offer has been made in order to provide a Confirmation Acceptance for Studies (CAS) reference number. For more information why you need a CAS number, please see: Study in the UK on a Student visa

General Medical Council (GMC)

All medical students joining Brunel Medical School are expected to uphold the standards of 'Fitness to Practise' in accordance with the requirements of the UK's General Medical Council https://www.gmc-uk.org/-/media/documents/professional-behaviour-and-fitness-to-practise-20210811 pdf-66085925.pdf). When an applicant accepts their offer we will share some of the information provided in their application form with the Medical, Dental, Pharmacy, Veterinary Schools Councils, and General Medical Council in order to verify their fitness to practise.

FutureLearn

If applicants apply to an **Online Learning programme** with Brunel University London, their full application will be shared with our external provider, FutureLearn, who will assess the application to determine suitability for entry to the course, and who will support the delivery of the online programme:

QS Student Recruitment – Offer Conversion Service

If a prospective student has applied to the university to study a programme with the University and an offer of study has been made information will be shared with QS in order to support the transition of the student from a prospective to enrolled student.

Sallie Mae

We are required to share course, fee, registration and attendance information with Sallie Mae for the purpose of processing private student loans for **applicants from the United States of America (USA)**. For more information, please see https://www.salliemae.com/

Student Loans Company (SLC)

We are required to share course, fee, registration and attendance information with the SLC in order to ensure that an applicant's funding package is correct. For more information please see https://www.slc.co.uk/about-us.aspx

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UK ENIC (formerly UK NARIC)

If an applicant's qualifications require further investigation to ascertain their equivalence to UK qualifications, copies of their certificates and transcripts may be shared with UK ENIC qualification advisors. For further information, please see www.enic.org.uk

United States Department of Education

We are required to share course, fee, registration, and attendance information with the US Department of Education for the purpose of processing US Federal Student Aid for **applicants** from the United States of America (USA).

Details of any other third parties your information may be shared with **if you register on a course and become a student at Brunel University London** are detailed in our Terms and Conditions document at https://www.brunel.ac.uk/About-this-website/terms-and-conditions

6. How long will you store my data for?

Brunel University London will retain applicant data for the duration of the relevant application cycle plus a further 3 years, to improve future application experience. If you become a student of the University, your applicant data will become your student data. Information on how long student data will be retained is detailed in our Student Data Privacy Policy: https://www.brunel.ac.uk/About-this-website/terms-and-conditions

7. If I think the personal information you hold about me is incorrect, how do I get you to change it?

You can update your address and contact details yourself using your eVision 'my Applications' portal which can be accessed via https://evision.brunel.ac.uk

Any other information can be updated by contacting the Admissions Office at admissions@brunel.ac.uk

8. Your data protection rights

Under data protection law, you have various rights, including:

- Your right of access you have the right to ask us for copies of your personal information;
- Your right to rectification you have the right to ask us to rectify information you think is inaccurate. You also have the right to ask us to complete information you think is incomplete;
- Your right to erasure you have the right to ask us to erase your personal

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information in certain circumstances;

- Your right to restriction of processing you have the right to ask us to restrict the processing of your information in certain circumstances;
- Your right to object to processing you have the right to object to the processing of your personal data in certain circumstances;
- Your right to data portability you have the right to ask that we transfer the information you gave us to another organisation, or to you, in certain circumstances.

You are not required to pay any charge for exercising your rights. If you make a request, we have one month to respond to you.

Please contact us at data-protection@brunel.ac.uk if you wish to make a request.

8.1. How to complain

If you not satisfied with how we have managed and used your data please contact the <u>Data</u>

<u>Protection Officer</u>

You also have the right to make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) who is the Regulator for data protection. The ICO's address is:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow

Cheshire

SK9 5AF

Helpline number: 0303 123 1113