

## **OPTIMALMINE Project**

### **Accommodation**

Newcastle University may be able to offer you accommodation for your secondment. More information is available on the University's Staff and Visitors Accommodation web page: <https://www.ncl.ac.uk/accommodation/university/staff-and-visitors/>

The visitor accommodation is located across three sites and all are approximately five minutes' walk from the Stephenson Building and are close to both libraries. The types of room available include both small and standard rooms with a minimum stay of 14 nights up to a maximum of 12 months.

Accommodation is self-catered with residents having access to a shared kitchen. Kitchens have a dining table and chairs, a television, cooker, microwave, fridge, freezer, kettle, toaster, iron and ironing board. Crockery, cutlery, and kitchen equipment is also provided.

Each bedroom combines a sleep/study space and includes a bed, wardrobe, drawers, bedside table, desk, chair and easy chair. Guests share a kitchen/diner and bathroom facilities with each floor having a shared bathroom.

Guests are responsible for cleaning their own room, and there is a weekly cleaning service for communal areas. Rooms will be made up for arrival, with bedding and towels provided and can be laundered by guests during their stay by using the onsite laundrette (chargeable).

### **Accommodation Cost:**

Rent is calculated daily, however the prices in the table below reflect the weekly cost

<b>Room Type</b>	<b>Weekly rent</b>
Small room	£189
Standard room	£214.90

Please note, these rates are up to 31 July 2026 – we currently do not have rates from August 2026. If you make a booking that is beyond 31 July, you will have two separate contracts – the first up to 31 July 2026, and the second will be issued once the new prices have been confirmed (early/mid-2026). The weekly prices from August 2024 to July 2025 were £182 for a small room and £206.50 for a standard room however, we are unable to guarantee that the increase for 2025-26 will be for a similar value.

The link to submit a booking or enquiry to the Accommodation Office is below:  
<https://forms.office.com/e/6Hksh7MR6v>

Terms and conditions for University accommodation are available here:  
<https://www.ncl.ac.uk/accommodation/university/staff-and-visitors/booking-staff/>

### **University Accommodation Photos**

As the accommodation is based across three sites, room sizes and layouts will vary. Below are photos of some of rooms offered and shared spaces.



Should the University not be able to offer you accommodation, please refer to the following website to look for alternatives. Please note these pages are not affiliated with Newcastle University:

[www.newcastlehead.com/accommodation](http://www.newcastlehead.com/accommodation)

### **Process for Visiting Researcher Status**

Once your secondment has been agreed, there will be a number of forms that we will ask you to complete and return, along with an up to-date CV. Our People Services team will then process the application and will provide confirmation of this in writing. This letter can then be used to apply for a visa if this is required.

### **Process for Occasional Student Status**

Once your secondment has been agreed, the team at Newcastle will need to obtain authorisation for your visit. Once we have received authorisation, you will be able to formally apply to be an occasional student via our admissions portal. You should not apply without being advised to do so by the team at Newcastle. Once all conditions of your application have been met you will receive either a short-term study visa letter or, if your visit is longer than six months, a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS).

### **Visa Requirements**

Please see below the visa requirements for your secondment based on the length of your stay.

Further information on how to apply for a visa is available on this website:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-to-come-to-the-uk>

#### **Visiting Researcher Application**

<b>Passport</b>	<b>Type of Visa Required - Period of stay up to 6 months</b>	<b>Type of Visa Required - Period of stay between 6 and 12 months</b>	<b>ATAS Required</b>
Australia	ETA (Electronic Travel Authorisation)	Academic Visitor Visa	N
Brazil	ETA (Electronic Travel Authorisation)	Academic Visitor Visa	Y
Bulgaria	ETA (Electronic Travel Authorisation)	Academic Visitor Visa	N
Canada	ETA (Electronic Travel Authorisation)	Academic Visitor Visa	N
China	Standard visitor visa	Academic Visitor Visa	Y
Colombia	Standard visitor visa	Academic Visitor Visa	Y
Serbia	Standard visitor visa	Academic Visitor Visa	Y
Spain	ETA (Electronic Travel Authorisation)	Academic Visitor Visa	N
United States of America	ETA (Electronic Travel Authorisation)	Academic Visitor Visa	N

## Student Visa Application

The earliest you can apply for a visa is six months before you plan to arrive in the UK. You must have an unconditional offer of a place before you can apply for a visa. You will be issued with a letter from the Admissions Team providing information for the type of visa you will need to apply for. You will also receive a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) number which you need in order to apply.

<b>Passport</b>	<b>Type of Visa Required - Period of stay up to 6 months</b>	<b>Type of Visa Required - Period of stay between 6 and 12months</b>	<b>ATAS Required</b>
Australia	ETA (Electronic Travel Authorisation)	Student visa	N
Brazil	ETA (Electronic Travel Authorisation)	Student visa	Y
Bulgaria	ETA (Electronic Travel Authorisation)	Student visa	N
Canada	ETA (Electronic Travel Authorisation)	Student visa	N
China	Standard visitor visa	Student visa	Y
Colombia	Standard visitor visa	Student visa	Y
Serbia	Standard visitor visa	Student visa	Y
Spain	ETA (Electronic Travel Authorisation)	Student visa	N
United States of America	ETA (Electronic Travel Authorisation)	Student visa	N