

PhD Student Handbook

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Welcome

On behalf of The Dean and the Academic Senior Management Team, welcome to Northeastern University London (the University).

The University's focus on interdisciplinarity and experiential learning will take you beyond the conventional boundaries of education and empower you to explore and understand your core discipline via multiple perspectives. We are excited to support you on this journey and wish you every success with your studies.

This handbook provides you with information about the University and its facilities. It is accompanied by information on the [University Website](#).

Some useful information about UK doctoral degrees can be found in the (QAA) Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education's [Characteristics Statement Doctoral Degree](#).

Contacts

If you need any extra support, please contact the relevant departments.

- [Doctoral School](#) - For general queries about your PhD, expenses and training
- [Research and Knowledge Exchange Services](#) - For queries about open access publishing, funding and research integrity
- [Research Ethics](#) - For ethics enquiries
- [Research Misconduct](#) - To alert the university to issues regarding the misconduct of research
- [Finance](#) - For any stipend queries.
- [IT Support](#) - For any IT related queries.
- [Quality](#) - For any Student Voice or Compliance and Regulation information.
- [Registry](#) - For administrative queries- i.e. student letters, IDs.
- [Residence Life](#) - For any residence related questions.
- [Student Support](#) - For pastoral related queries.
- [Visa and Immigration Compliance](#) - For any Visa related queries.
- [Library](#) - For queries about accessing publications
- [Housing](#) - For queries relating to University housing provision

The academic support and advice provided must ensure that students can consult a named officer on:

- General academic guidance - Supervisor

- Academic problems/difficulties - Supervisor
- Progression routes - Director of Doctoral School
- Individual progress - Supervisor
- Change of programme or mode of study - Director of Doctoral School
- Other academic issues - Supervisor
- Where appropriate, the named officer may be defined as a member of the student's supervisory panel.

Resources

- The University's [Policies and Procedures](#) can be found on the website in our [Academic Handbook](#).
- Please see the [Forms Library](#). for the University's most frequently used forms.

Academic Structure

For key information about your programme and the role of your supervisors kindly refer to the [PhD Programme Handbook](#) and the other forms of communication from your supervisors and the Doctoral School.

For Visa Students

If you are on a Student Route visa, please also see the [Academic Engagement Policy](#) in the Academic Handbook and consult the [Visa Team](#) if you have any questions or concerns.

Quality Team

The Quality Team is responsible for:

- Academic Quality Framework
- Core Document Register management
- Policies and procedures
- Regulation and compliance
- Student Engagement

Student Engagement

The Student Engagement Committee is the University's official framework to ensure that the views of its students are heard. It has several mechanisms.

The students' voice is a key priority within the University. Your opinion has a valuable role in informing the development and enhancement of programmes and courses and shaping all aspects of the learning experience. There will be many opportunities to share views, such as:

- Concerns Reporting System
- Postgraduate Research Experiential Survey (PRES)
- Programme Development/Periodic Review panels/focus groups
- Student Engagement Committee
- Student Union President who sits on the Academic Board and Northeastern London Board

Student Engagement Committee

The aim of the Student Engagement Committee (SEC) is to provide a forum for all students to provide feedback and evaluation that will lead to an enhancement of the student experience once resultant actions are implemented. Here student reps are invited to feedback on how the Doctoral School has responded to student comments and to evaluate how responses have been communicated to students, and to reflect on the impact of any changes made.

Becoming a Student Representative

If you enjoy representing your fellow students and sharing their feedback with the University, then a Student Representative role is for you. You will be asked to self-nominate using a form provided by the Quality Team. If there is more than one nomination for a position, then it will go to a vote.

Check out the [Student Voice](#) page if you want to know more.

Surveys

You will be asked to complete the Postgraduate Research Experiential Survey (PRES)survey, which is an important source of information to improve your programme.

Questions about your Programme.

If you have any questions about your programme or you are finding an element of your research challenging, your first port of call is your supervisor.

Registry

Registry is responsible for the management and administration of:

- Statutory data collection and returns
- Maintaining an accurate and up to date student record from registration to graduation.

- Student transcripts, confirmation of study letters and background verification requests for students and alumni.

You can contact them at [Registry](#).

Student Conduct

The University prides itself on being a place of learning, discussion, inquiry and discovery. The University is a community of colleagues, staff and students alike, together engaged in the adventures of ideas. It is, therefore, important the students and staff are respectful of other people's beliefs and views. The [Disciplinary Procedures for Students](#) defines the basic behaviour expected of students, which you are advised to review.

Residence Services

The [Residence Services Team](#) supports students with issues relating to accommodation and housing. [The Housing Support](#) team provides information, guidance and resources to students seeking accommodation in the London area.

They regularly monitor the London housing market and the current state of student rentals and use this information to curate the [University Housing Guide](#) information pack. Residence Services live in the residence halls and provide pastoral support and activities for University students living in contracted residence halls.

They:

- Organise social and recreational activities.
- Provide 1:1 pastoral support.
- Oversee student conduct in residence halls.
- Assist with any required emergency support and assistance for students transitioning to London living.

Accommodation

There are a number of routes to finding accommodation in London.

Many students find that private accommodation can be cheaper than student accommodation. The NU London Housing guide provides a breadth of information on finding and choosing accommodation in London, with a specific focus on navigating the private rental market: [NU London Housing Guide](#).

Finances

Cost of Student Living in London

As a PhD student at Northeastern you do not pay fees and you receive a stipend for 3.5 years. You are paid at the UKRI rate for London PhD students (£21,237 per annum) as a stipend (for 2024/25, rising in line with UKRI rates each year). Your stipend is not taxed, so it is, roughly the equivalent of £27,000 per year if you were a salaried employee. For comparison, this is in the middle range of graduate salaries for workers in central London.

This should be a manageable amount of money for a PhD student living in London, working out at £1769 per month. You should allow around £1,400 each month for living expenses (excluding study costs). This stipend is paid with the expectation that you are undertaking full-time work on your PhD (35-40 hours per week).

This is a rough guide as to how much you might expect to spend on a weekly basis during your time in London. Aside from accommodation, living expenses will generally take up most of your budget. Of course, this is entirely dependent on the kind of lifestyle you lead and the amount of money you like to spend. There is a perception that London is more expensive than other cities in terms of living costs. This can be the case, but there does tend to be some degree of exaggeration.

Based on our research, we anticipate the following will be a sufficient weekly budget for living costs for an average student lifestyle in London. The weekly budget costs are an average, and you may spend less or more depending on a variety of factors.

Type of Cost	Average per Week
Private Rental Accommodation	£150.00 - £300.00
Food, toiletries & general housekeeping	£50.00 - £80.00
Socialising & entertainment	£40.00
Transport 18+ Student Oyster card zones 1-3	£33.50
Contingency	£15.00

For student support with finances, please contact the [Student Support Team](#).

The University can provide a letter confirming that you are a student on a full-time programme of study for banks or accommodation. Please contact [Registry](#)

Research Expenses

For more information on the student research expenses policy and how to apply for funding see:

- [Expenses Policy for PG Research Students](#)
- [Expense Authorisation Request Form](#)

Finance and Data

The Finance and Data teams are responsible for:

- Paying your stipend.

- Processing and releasing Bursary, Hardship, and Internship payments as approved in other departments.
- Processing wages, including those of Student Ambassadors, once timesheets are approved by Student Life.
- Responsible for supporting all other departments with their supplier payments, budgets and general accounting requirements.
- Supporting other teams in their duties regarding GDPR, including collection, storage, retention and deletion of data, Freedom of Information Requests, Data Subject Access requests.

Liaise with Northeastern University for stipend, payroll, data, and budgetary matters.

You can find information on accommodation and finances for PhD students from the Doctoral School in [this guide](#).

Safety and Crime

Although London is a relatively safe city in which to be a student, it is still important to be vigilant, especially at night. We all drop our guard sometimes, especially when we have had a few drinks or are tired and stressed after a long day of studying. Adopting a few sensible precautions and being aware of the dangers will help you to avoid becoming a victim.

The 'Opportunist Thief' commits 80% of crime, which implies that many crimes could be prevented. The bulk of crime includes burglary, theft of and from cars and theft of pedal cycles. The fact is that a few elementary precautions, which make it more difficult for the thief, may well prevent you from becoming another crime statistic.

These include:

- Keep valuable items such as phones and laptops out of sight.
- Avoid travelling alone in quiet areas, especially at night.
- Walk facing traffic so that you can see all on-coming cars.
- Be extra vigilant when using cash machines – protect your PIN.
- Never leave your drink unattended.
- Try to let someone know where you are when out.
- Only use licensed cab companies or black cabs.
- Do not hitchhike or accept lifts from strangers.
- Cover up expensive-looking jewellery.

Student Support and Development

Student Support and Development (SSD) is responsible for:

- Bursaries for UK students
- Counselling
- Disability support
- Finance support (SFE/DSA)
- Hardship Funds
- Safeguarding & Prevent
- Student wellbeing and mental health
- Support to study

Please familiarise yourself with the University's [Student Welfare Policy](#).

Contact [Student Support and Development](#). Members of SSD are available to support you with any pastoral issue.

You can access information about SSD through the online platform [Target Connect](#), which is accessible on the current [Student Hub](#) on the University website and via the link on [Canvas](#). TargetConnect allows you to access resources, make appointments and sign up for workshops and events. SSD also offers an open drop-in service, Monday - Friday during term time.

Through a mixture of in-person and online workshops and one-to-one appointments, SSD can provide information, advice and guidance on:

- Finding medical care
- Developing strategies and techniques to self-manage mental health conditions
- General personal and well-being issues
- Learning Support Plans for specific learning differences, disabilities, and conditions
- Mental health support is available within the University and externally
- Money matters, budgeting and UK student loans
- Planning your return to studies following a break
- Support for students with experience of care or who are estranged from families
- Understanding and navigating the academic misconduct process SSD work alongside other members of staff and your General Practitioner (GP), all of whom can provide ongoing support

Prior to accessing external support through the SSD, we strongly recommend that you register with a local GP and agree to information sharing with them. You can use the NHS [Find a GP](#) search function to find your nearest GP.

Support for Students with Medical Conditions, Disabilities and Specific Learning Differences (SpLDs)

Information can be found on the [University website](#).

For more information, please read the [Student Disability Policy](#) and others or email [Student Support and Development](#).

Assistive Technology

Assistive technology encompasses any equipment or software designed to accommodate diverse needs, increase accessibility and support all students across different aspects of academic and working life, including:

- Organisation and time management
- Writing, planning and proofreading
- Reading
- Note-taking
- Research and referencing
- Revision
- Procrastination and stress management

Students will find information, links and tutorials for a range of inclusive assistive technology resources, and accessibility features available in Apple Mac and Windows on the University's VLE, Canvas, under the Academic Support 'Student Toolkit'.

Types of Assistive Technology Available to Students

The university provides site licences for specific software, which can be accessed and installed on students' own computers. Information about the software available and instructions for access are available on [link here](#).

On the website and VLE, you will find information, links and tutorials for accessibility features available in Apple Mac and Windows, as well as other useful assistive technology resources.

Students with disabilities may also be recommended specific assistive technology as part of their reasonable adjustments, and where they may be eligible to apply for Disabled Students Allowance – see below:

Disabled Students' Allowance: Students may be recommended assistive technology through a Study Needs Assessment as part of their Student Finance Disabled

Students' Allowance application. This funding covers the purchase of equipment/software and training in its usage. You can find more information about DSA here: <https://www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowance-dsa>

For more information about DSA or accessing assistive equipment/technology in relation to your disability, please contact [Student Support](#).

Mandatory Reporting

Mandatory Reporting for allegations of sexual misconduct have been brought in, to align the University with the global network and initiatives being explored by the Office for Students. Mandatory reporting is when a student discloses to a Mandatory University Reporter an alleged incident of sexual misconduct, assault or violence, that staff member is required to report it to the University, even if a student asks for the information to be kept confidential. The reporting of the incident will not normally automatically instigate disciplinary procedures, however it will enable the University to support the student who has disclosed the incident.

All staff are considered Mandatory University Reporters. Mandatory University Reporters also includes student workers who assume roles which other students may reasonably believe obligate that student worker to report allegations of sexual misconduct, for example Student Ambassadors and Student Research Assistants. Mandatory University Reporters are required to immediately report allegations of sexual misconduct using the platform provided.

There is a network of staff, suitably trained in sexual violence support and safeguarding to manage and support individuals involved (alleged victim and alleged perpetrator) in the incidents reported.

Policies and procedures have been adjusted to incorporate mandatory reporting.

Report and Support

If you or someone you know has experienced or witnessed sexual misconduct, micro-aggression or any form of harassment, discrimination or hate, you must report it and get support from a trained member of professional staff.

Health, Safety and Wellness

[Help Lines and Listening Services](#).

Student Health

General Practitioner (GP)

We strongly recommend that you register with a local GP within two weeks of arrival for the duration of your studies. You can only be registered with one GP at a time and can find your nearest GP by using the NHS [Find a GP](#) service.

Dentists

You can find your nearest Dentist through the NHS Find a Dentist website.

Sexual Health and Awareness

It is important to remember that you have complete autonomy over your body – never do anything that you don't feel totally comfortable with and report any abuse or violence to the police, or you can make a report to the University via [Report and Support](#).

Sexual Health Clinics - local:

- Tower Bridge Wellness Pharmacy, Tower Bridge Piazza SE1 2NJ, 02037719927, 10.00 - 17.00 Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri, 12:00 -17:50 Weds, 10:30 – 16:00 Sat
- Homerton Sexual Health, Leadenhall St EC3A 3DH, 02076834103 09:00 – 15:00

Tips for Staying Healthy and Happy

University can be challenging at times, and personal and family issues can also arise during study. In order to perform well on your degree and manage life's ups and downs, you must proactively take steps to support your mental and physical health. Building and maintaining positive study and self-care habits will pay dividends when difficulties arise. Here are some suggestions:

- Talk about your feelings.
- Keep active, and maintain a physical activity you enjoy.
- Eat a balanced diet with regular meals.
- Drink alcohol sensibly.
- Keep in touch with friends and loved ones.
- Volunteer or do something to care for others.
- Do something you enjoy regularly.
- Be kind to yourself.
- Ask for help.

TargetConnect

To make an appointment to meet with an Academic Advisor or a member of the Student Support team, go to [Target Connect](#).

Operations

Student Life, Events, Facilities, Security, Timetabling and the University's VLE and Library Resources all fall under the University's Operations team. Operations ensure the smooth-running of the University and is in charge of financial management,

corporate relationships, all Facilities on Campus, Human Resources and the IT facilities.

Facilities at the University

Head of Facilities

The Head of Facilities looks after all the facilities at the University and is the primary contact for all facilities matters across the University.

The Facilities Team have trained First Aiders and Fire Wardens as well as helping to take care of the health and safety aspects of the University.

First Point

First Point is a dedicated area in the Campus Hub. A Student Life Assistant is based there and is the first point of contact for any queries you have as a student. You will see banners explaining the different kinds of questions and issues that the staff at First Point can assist you with. First Point query desk for students:

Core hours 10:00 to 16:00, Monday to Friday

Busy/peak times 08:30 to 17:30, Monday to Friday

The Campus

The University occupies space within a shared building, Devon House, consisting of Ground Floor East, Ground Floor West, First Floor and Second Floor West of the building. Devon House (the Campus) is located at 58 St Katharine's Way, London E1W 1LP.

The Campus is open Monday to Friday from 08:00-21:30. During exam periods or under special circumstances the University may be open at weekends. You will need to submit an enquiry to [Facilities](#) for further information.

The Landlord allows all tenants of the building to make use of the shared communal area in the Ground Floor Landlord entrance, which includes the outside terrace. The Landlord's communal space is restricted to no more than 20 students at any given time.

Showers are in stairwells Core 1 and Core 2, and bike parking is located at the rear of the building on St Katherine's Way and are available to all members of the University. Because we are in a multi-tenanted building, you will need to use your University ID Card to get back from all toilets/showers.

The campus provides you with a wide range of spaces and facilities, including:

Devon House

Campus Hub (Ground Floor West)

- Space to work and relax
- Event space

- First Point (student help point)
- Instant chilled and hot water taps
- WCs
- Pool/Table Tennis
- Accessible toilet

Ground Floor East

- Quiet study space
- Five classrooms
- Two support rooms
- Three huddle rooms
- One seminar room
- First aid room
- Film studio
- Three Single pods

First Floor

- Quiet study space
- 13 classrooms
- Three seminar rooms
- Meeting space (not enclosed)
- Seven tutorial rooms
- Two support rooms
- Printer
- Instant chilled and hot water tap
- WCs
- First aid room

Second Floor

- Study space
- Silent study zone
- Three support rooms
- Multi-faith room
- Six Classrooms

- Four Tutorial rooms
- Six Working pods
- Printer
- Instant chilled and hot water tap

Professional and Faculty Staff are situated a few minutes away in Marble Quay. If you wish to speak to a member of professional staff stationed in Marble Quay, you should go to First Point or email the member of staff in question.

Moretown

The University has office space on the first floor at 1 Thomas More Square, Moretown. This provides research working areas for PhD and Network Science staff.

Student Lockers

150 lockers are situated on the first floor of Devon House, 60 are located on the second floor, and 65 on the Ground Floor East for student use. These are available for booking via a QR code located on each bank of lockers. This service is managed by the Facilities Team, so if you have any queries, please contact [Facilities](#).

Visitors

From time to time, you may wish to have visitors attend the University. The University has a [Visitor Policy](#), which outlines the procedures that must be followed.

Security

Staying Safe on Campus

The University has security procedures in place as outlined in the [Campus Security Policy](#). It will be mandatory for you to wear university-issued ID whilst on campus; please be vigilant of any suspicious behaviour. Your university-issued ID will be required to gain access to and around the Campus. This card will also act as your student ID.

You must follow security procedures and cooperate with requests from staff or Security as required, including requests made in the event of an emergency or evacuation. You are responsible for visitor compliance as specified within the [Visitor Policy](#) and [Health and Safety Policy](#).

Our campus security is enhanced by 24/7 CCTV and the constant presence of our security staff across the whole University.

Health and Safety

At the University, health and safety is a serious matter. Please take care and report anything you deem to be unsafe to [Facilities](#) or directly to a member of the team at First Point. The University has a Health and Safety Committee, with Faculty and [Student Representation](#). A list of first aiders and fire wardens are present at every

kitchen across the University should you experience an emergency whilst on our campus.

Fire Evacuation Procedure

Weekly fire alarm tests are conducted at 10:45 on Tuesdays.

In case of a fire alarm activation:

- Stop what you are doing.
- Calmly leave the building via the nearest fire exit.
- Do not stop to pick up your belongings.
- Exit the Campus, turn right and report to the meeting point opposite Dickens Inn.

Prevent Duty

Under the [Counter Terrorism Act 2015](#), the University has a statutory duty to have due regard to preventing people from being drawn into terrorism. The University's [Prevent Policy](#) is in place to safeguard you and staff.

If you are worried that a student or member of staff is becoming radicalised or is radicalising others, you must report this to the [Prevent Officer](#) to investigate where appropriate.

Please familiarise yourself with the University's [Student Welfare Policy](#).

Timetabling

The Timetabling Department is responsible for scheduling all formal meetings and progression reviews during your PhD programme. Your supervisor is responsible for liaising with the timetabling team. . The full Timetabling Policy can be found [here](#).

They are also responsible for the University-wide allocation of space for all academic and non-academic activities.

Your individual timetable will be available through your Google Calendar.

Library Resources

There are numerous world-class libraries in London and an enormous online provision through Northeastern.

The VLE and Learning Resources Team.

The Canvas VLE and Learning Library Resources at the University in London are organised by a team of four and are contactable via [Canvas](#) and via [Library Resources](#) . Please do contact us about anything at all as we can always guide you to the correct member of staff if it isn't us. The range of library resources that you have access to is vast, so again, please contact us with any questions.

The Northeastern University's Digital Library

You have access to the [University's complete digital resources](#). This includes over 1,000,000+ e-books, 150,000 electronic journals, and 120,000+ streaming video and audio files. The University's Library also offers invaluable resources, including a [24/7 LibChat service](#), [one-to-one assistance from subject specialist librarians](#) and [workshops and events](#) that run throughout the year.

The City of London Libraries

You have full membership access to the City of London's municipal lending libraries at the [Barbican Centre](#), [Shoe Lane](#), and [Artizan Street](#). The facilities offered at these libraries include study spaces, wifi, printing and scanning, access to digital resources, and full book-borrowing privileges. Additionally, you can request access to the specialised [Guildhall Research Library](#) and the fantastic [London Metropolitan Archives](#), which are available on request.

The Devon House Collection

A very good collection of print reference books covering all core readings of each discipline taught at the university is available on-site in the Silent Study space at Devon House.

The Senate House Library

You are welcome to [request annual membership](#) to [Senate House Library](#), which is one of the UK's best academic libraries for the arts, humanities, and social sciences. [Located in central London](#), it is home to 2,000,000+ books and over 1,800 archives and special collections. Access is also available to the Library's enormous digital resources, many study spaces, wifi, printing and scanning facilities.

Membership provides borrowing rights to the Library's entire collection of printed books, including the specific Northeastern University London collection of books, located in the magnificent Middlesex South Reading Room and selected by the University's faculties.

The British Library

The [British Library's Reading Rooms](#) are dedicated to quiet study, where you are able to explore any of the 170,000,000+ items in the Library's collection. Access to the Reading Rooms is by way of registering for a free [Reader Pass](#)

The Westlaw and Lexis+ Databases

For those studying Law courses, you have full access to the most up-to-date law reports, case law, legislation, and journal articles etc. through the [Westlaw](#) and [Lexis+](#) online legal databases.

In addition, you can also register for a [Reader's Pass to the British Library](#), where you can explore any of the 170,000,000+ items in the collection. As it is a copyright library, it holds copies of all new books published in the UK, many of which are then

published abroad, making it an excellent resource where more detailed research is required.

Books

We recommend that you use the excellent library facilities available to all students and that, where it is possible you purchase your books from second-hand book shops or buy [second-hand books online](#) to minimise your expenditure.

Contact Details

Please feel free to contact the [Library Team](#) about any issues or support that you want or need.

Information Technology

Here you will discover how we access communications networks, offer support with troubleshooting and computer problems and safeguard data and information.

Outside of meetings, reviews or other scheduled sessions, the University [Gmail system](#) is the main method of relaying important information to you. **Emails about important matters will be sent to your university email address, which you need to check regularly.**

Any hard copy correspondence will be sent to the address on your student record. It is important that you keep this up to date via your account details held by Registry.

Laptops and Other Mobile Devices

Laptops are provided to use during your PhD programme. Please remember that these are ultimately owned and administered by the University, and should be considered 'research laptops' (not for personal use).

You can bring your own device to the University Campus, and in doing so you must follow the [Bring Your Own Device Policy](#), which supports the University's compliance with the Government backed Cyber Essentials Certification, and should be read in conjunction with the [Acceptable Use Policy for Students \(IT\)](#), [Data Protection Policy](#), and the [Information Security Policy](#).

Online Resources

Email

You will be issued with a university email address when you register. Important communications will be sent to this email address, and you are strongly advised to check your email at the beginning and end of each day during teaching periods and regularly over vacation periods so that you do not miss important messages.

Failure to check emails will not normally be accepted as an excuse for you not to respond to or take action on emails sent to you.

Northeastern email

As a postgraduate research student you will receive a Northeastern email address, in addition to your Northeastern London email. This can be used to access resources as part of the wider Northeastern University Network.

For information on what software is available to you via Northeastern visit the following (you will need your NU account details)

[Software available through Northeastern](#)

Quercus

Quercus is our system for managing student records.

Online Data Storage

Google Drive is the default storage for all Google Workspace users, which can also be used as a computer backup and sync through the Google Drive app or via browser.

This online storage method is recommended for individual storage, and each student will have a default allocation of 100 GB.

Documents created with other Google Workspace apps like Google Docs, Google Sheets, Google Slides and Google Forms will not count towards the allocated storage space mentioned above.

Google Drive can be accessed from any supported Windows or Mac device with internet access, via the dedicated desktop app or by logging in to <https://drive.google.com/drive/my-drive> using your NU London email account credentials.

You are given 5GB of disk space on Google Drive. This space is only for non-Google documents (i.e. PDFs, Microsoft files, movies, pictures, etc.) which means that any Google document is not counted. This 'cloud' file storage is less risky than using a USB stick: it is regularly backed up, so your data will always be safe and available. It also has the benefit of enabling you to access your files anywhere in the world with the Internet.

IT Support

For technical support, please contact [IT](#)

For an animated guide to setting up and accessing anything IT can be found [here](#)

Audio-Visual

The Campus features cutting-edge audio-visual equipment throughout its campus to support academic and co-curricular programming. Classrooms offer integrated audio-visual technologies that provide a fully immersive streaming experience. These spaces can be utilised for classes and panels and will enable the University to leverage experts remotely across the global network. Meeting rooms are outfitted

with wireless presentation technology that enables student collaboration. A large AV-enabled event space supports student events, local industry collaboration, and community networking.

If you have any questions about audio-visual equipment, please contact [IT](#).

Printing and Photocopying

Printers and scanners are available for safe use on the Campus. You are provided with a starting allowance of £5 for printing, and further credit can be purchased if needed. Guidance on how to use the University printers will be provided during welcome week.

Wi-Fi

The 'eduroam' wireless service provides Internet access from your own computer and from some smartphones, as long as the devices are compliant with our BYOD Policy and Acceptable Use Policy for Students (IT). You will need to use your Network username followed by @nulondon.ac.uk and Network password to access the University 'eduroam' wifi (same credentials as Canvas/Celcat).

Information Sharing and Phishing

The Internet exposes you to constant risks from malware and from criminals who want to defraud, harass or harm you.

To combat this, you need a combination of common sense, security awareness and the right software tools. You also need to be alert to the possibility of 'phishing', i.e. attempts, generally via email messages, which trick you into divulging personal information such as bank account details, credit card numbers or passwords. Some phishing takes the form of bogus websites. Therefore, be cautious of any site which claims to be part of the University but is not within the nulondon.ac.uk domain.

Keep your passwords safe and secure and do not disclose them to anyone. If you use any University websites to enter or update your personal information, always check for https:// and nulondon.ac.uk in the security certificate, which you can see by clicking on the padlock found in your browser's toolbar where the web address is present, or the footer of the web page. If you do inadvertently disclose any personal information, please contact the University's [IT Team](#) immediately so that we can protect your account.

If you receive an email that seems suspicious and unsolicited, if you know the sender, please do not reply to it, but contact them by a new email or by other means and ask them to confirm if that email is legitimate and was actually sent by them and not an impersonator.

If you receive any suspicious spam or phishing emails, please contact the University's [IT team](#) immediately with a full screenshot of that email (sender details and date must be included).

Student Life

The [Student Life Team](#) organises events throughout the year designed to enhance your student experience. The purpose of the events is to help promote student leadership, build connections with your peers (outside of the classroom), expose you to London Life and British culture and provide an opportunity to explore London and the UK. The experiences vary from overnight trips and day trips to UK towns and cities, boat tours on the Thames, theatre trips, community projects and much much more.

Student Life works closely with the Students Union, Student Voice and all students on campus to support activities and events for the university community.

For more information on what Student Life is like at the University and in London, please visit the [Student Life](#) section on the website. [Information for International Students](#) can be found here with more details about living in the UK (visas, weather, healthcare etc).

Events Team

The Events Team oversees all on-campus and large University-wide events ensuring all aspects are managed from conception to evaluation, including internal and external stakeholder briefings for each event. These events include but are not limited to Graduation, Welcome Week, Faculty-led conferences, workshops, social events, etc.

Societies, Clubs and Sports

The NUSU gives the opportunity to attend a multitude of events and join Societies, Clubs and Sports. Events range from campus bar nights, theatre trips, themed event weeks and Balls. Societies and clubs are numerous; you could engage with the Lydian Finance Society, Taylor Swift Society, LGBTQ+, Model United Nations or Parliament and prosecco, and over 30 more. Sports are constantly evolving with demand and currently are Football, Badminton, Basketball, Bouldering, Swimming, Tennis Badminton, Running, E-sport, Volleyball and a new Netball team. You can get in contact by emailing [here](#).

For further information, visit the Student Union's homepage or follow on Instagram [@NUSU_London](#)

[Tips for Moving to London](#) as an International or Foreign Student

Gym and Leisure Facilities at St Katharine Docks

Devon House is close to a selection of local sports facilities including:

PureGym, Tower Hill One, America Square, London EC3N 2LB, membership from £38.99 a month.

John Orwell Sports Centre, Tench St, E1W 2QD, membership from £32.90 a month.

Insurance

If you stay in our recommended accommodation, contents insurance is included in your weekly rent. If you choose to stay elsewhere, possessions insurance is optional, but we do recommend that you have your possessions insured either through your parents' household contents policy or one of the specialist student contents insurance providers.

Part-Time Work

As a full-time PhD student you are not permitted to work full-time during your PhD. You may, however, undertake a small amount of paid work either in term time or during the vacation. NU London does not, however, encourage such work especially during times when you are expected to be engaged fully in research training and thesis preparation.

Refer to [Working During Study Policy](#) for Postgraduate Research Students

Please note: the University's expectation is not the same as the legal limits of your visa.

Places of Worship

The University has no religious affiliation and welcomes students from all religious backgrounds. There is a multi-faith prayer room on campus that students can use. Please ask Reception staff or SSD staff for further details.

Public Venues

Making the most of London's free museums, galleries and festivals is the ideal way of experiencing the city without denting your budget.

All students are required to investigate whether a tv licence is needed for their accommodation. Residence Services will only be able to provide guidance for students living within our partnered halls of residence only. The TV licence as standard costs £169.50 per year.

Transport

Detailed Information on [Transport for London](#)

Student Union

The Northeastern University London Student Union (NUSU London) is a student-led organisation at the heart of the Northeastern University London student experience. The NUSU exists to promote the interests of the student body as well as planning social and extracurricular activities and providing support to student clubs and societies. The NUSU drives positive changes, big and small, across Campus ranging from academic representation to global transitions. The NUSU also runs many successful fundraising, cultural and awareness events each term/semester.

Social media: https://www.instagram.com/nusu_london/Links to an external site.

This NUSU has three aims:

- Drive positive change to develop student advocacy capacity.
- Create a consistent and fair environment between the SU, University and students.
- Provide strong and representative student life experiences.

For further information follow the link to the [Student Union's homepage](#) or [contact us](#).

The Student Union is made up of a President and ten6 Officers who all make life at university the best it can be. These include: Vice-president, Secretary, Communities, Media and Comms, Opportunities, Academic, Campus, and a Global Campuses, Postgraduate, and Learners Officer..

If you are interested in becoming a Student Union Officer, you should speak to any current Student Union Officers, about how to put yourself forward for the elections. The University's Student Voice Strategy may be read [here](#).

Student Union Officers

Each year, students elect a Student Union comprising the following roles.

President - Chair NUSU Committee, Chair NUSU Advisory Board, manager & face of NUSU London, responsible for Union development and bringing student concerns to the highest levels of University management.

Vice-President - Assists President in executive decisions, manages the Union budget, in charge of policy and constitution upkeep /no longer combined with another officer role.This is combined with an Officer role, Assists President in executive decisions.

Secretary Officer - Assists Union officers with various administrative and operative tasks.

Community Officer - Bridges societies, sports, and events.

Campus Officer - DEI, facilities, welfare.

Opportunities Officer - careers, volunteering, fundraising.

Academic Officer - Coordinate the student reps, liaises with the Associate Dean Teaching and Learning, Students. Member of the Teaching and Learning Committee.

Media and Communications Officer - oversees the Union's website and social media presence, promotes Union events within the university..

Global Campuses Network Officer - represent opportunities available across the network.

Postgraduate Officer - represents the interests of postgraduate students at the University.

Learner Officer - represents the interests of apprenticeship learners in the Union.

Complaints

We hope that you never need to make a complaint while at the University, but we recognise that problems can occasionally arise. If you feel something has gone wrong, please raise your concerns with someone immediately.

For more information, please familiarise yourself with the [Complaints Procedure for Students](#).

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