

# Information for prospective students who are disabled or have a specific learning difficulty



The University's Disability Office is keen to make contact with prospective students who are disabled or have a specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia as early as possible. The Disability Office employs Advisory and Technical staff who can provide a range of support.

**The earlier we know your requirements, the better we will be able to ensure that they are met.**

If you are disabled, have a medical condition, chronic illness, or specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia, regardless of whether you indicated this on your application form, we encourage you to get in touch before you arrive.

## **What you should do:**

- make early **contact** with the Disability Office (you do not have to wait until you have final confirmation of a place)
- forward or bring **evidence** of disability or specific learning difficulty. For dyslexia and dyspraxia, this must be a recent Chartered Educational Psychologist's assessment carried out using adult tests. For AD(H)D and Asperger's Syndrome an appropriate clinical diagnosis is required. For others, a GP's letter is required

## **What Advisors can do:**

- discuss adjustments and specific examination arrangements
- arrange a Needs Assessment making recommendations for Disabled Students' Allowance or similar funding
- assist with an application for disability-related funding
- give information about available technology and personal assistance
- offer advice on study skills support
- liaise over adaptations to teaching and residential accommodation

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If you are worried about discrimination or are unsure whether or not to disclose your disability to the University, we are happy to respond to anonymous enquiries.