



Why Durham for Postgraduate Study?

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Why Study a Postgraduate Degree?



Your ticket to your future

Be extraordinary.

Investment in your future employability and income

Be inspired.

Develop knowledge and skills in an area you're passionate about

Be bold.

Subject or career change

Be outstanding

Pursue a career in higher education/research

Be you.

Graduates with master's degrees earn on average £7,000 more per year.





Welcome to



Durham
University



Durham University

A globally outstanding centre of teaching and research excellence, a collegiate community of inspiring people, a unique historic setting –

A university like no other

19
Subjects

In the world
top 100



World
Class

Top 89 in
the World



120
countries

Represented
by staff and
students



Unique
Student
Experience

17 Colleges



Qualifications that inspire



Our
postgraduate
qualifications
can take where
you want to go

Investing in world-class facilities


Libraries with National
Archive Status

3 Museums: Oriental,
Archaeology & Castle

£11.5 million Ogden
Centre for fundamental
Physics



Investing in world-class facilities



£40 million centre for
Teaching and Learning

£35 million Sports &
Wellbeing park inc.
sport laboratories

£42 million
Mathematical sciences
and Computer science
building

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Teaching and Learning Centre

Durham is a proudly collegiate University



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- Accommodation within Durham
- Shared community
- On-site facilities
- Catered/ Self-catered/ Combined
- Sports and societies
- Events and activities
- Student governance
- Support network



Download our **Colleges Guide** to find out more:
durham.ac.uk/study/our-prospectus/college-guides

Our Colleges are more than just a place to stay...

Intellectual curiosity



- Students from all subjects and levels
- Guest lectures, talks and exhibitions

Personal effectiveness



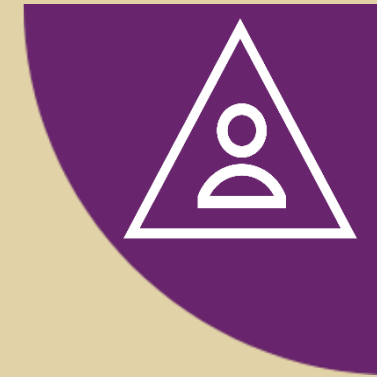
- Elected student committees
- Participation in societies, teams & representative groups

Belonging & responsibility

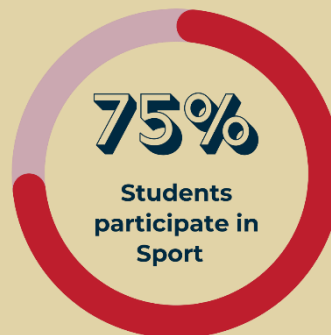


- Make lifelong friendships
- Events: formals, Winter Ball, nightlife, days out, fairs...

Student support & wellbeing



- Dedicated staff to support and enable your personal development and wellbeing
- College Parents and Mentors



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DURHAM STUDENT THEATRE
26 Theatre
companies



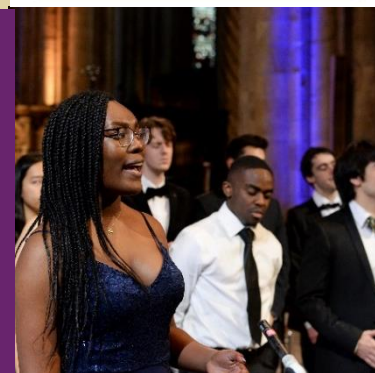
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THE SUNDAY TIMES
**GOOD
UNIVERSITY
GUIDE
2023**
**SPORTS
UNIVERSITY
OF THE YEAR**



**80 productions
& concerts
per year**




**90 Music
Societies**



Problems with your
course, accommodation,
illness, relationships,
family or finances are
taken seriously



College

Student Support Officer
College Mentors
JCR Welfare Officer
and team
College Parents

Student Union

Welfare and Liberation
Officer
Welfare campaigns
Advice Centre

University

Counselling Service
Durham University
Service for Students
with Disabilities
Nightline



Careers, Employability & Enterprise

Top 10 in UK for graduate prospects

We offer:

One-to-one appointments with
Careers Advisors

CV Reviews

Support with internships

Practice interviews and
assessments



Graduate destinations:
IBM, Teach First, the
United Nations, Saatchi &
Saatchi, Deloitte, NHS,
EDF Energy, BBC, The
Times, Civil Service

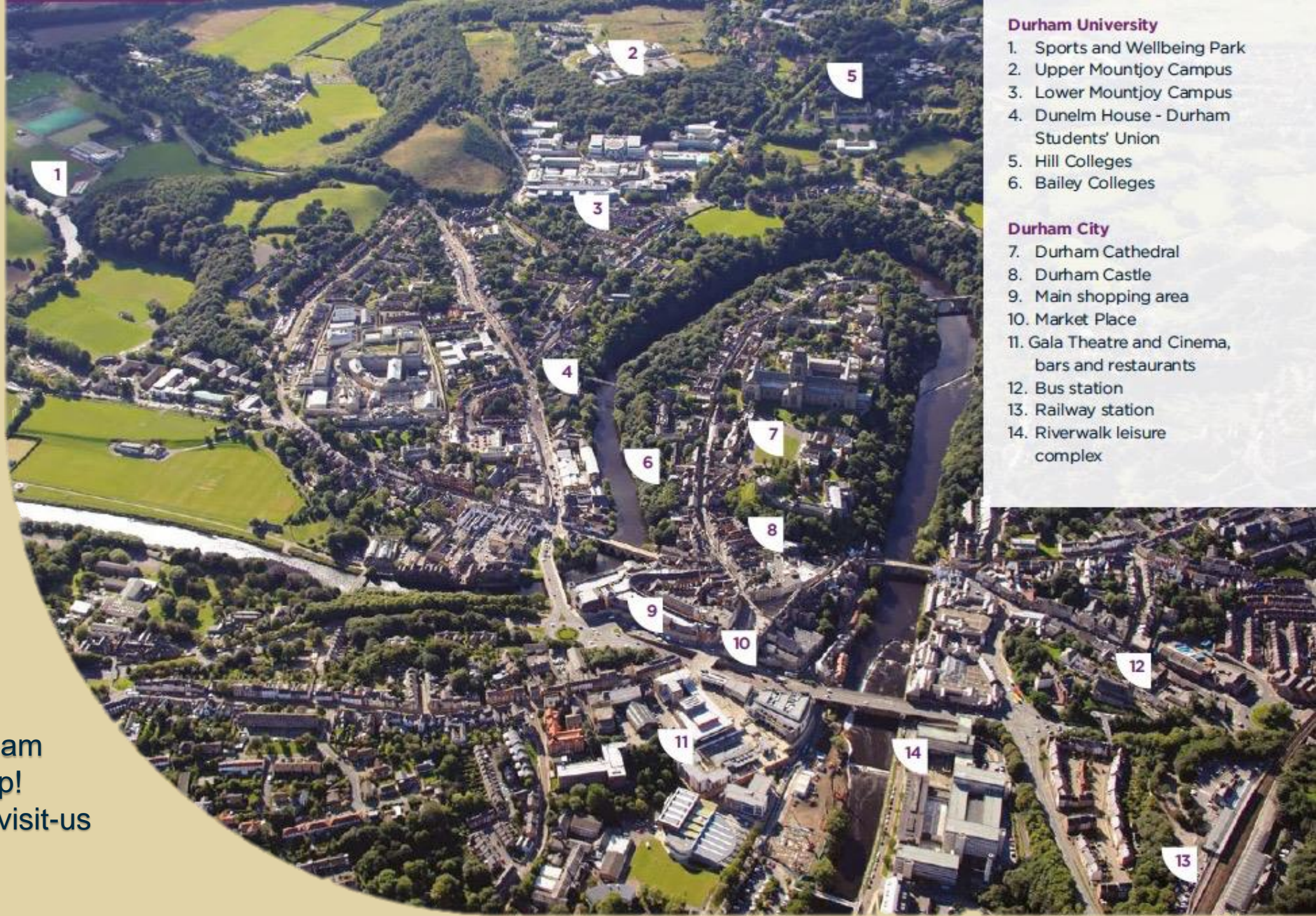
Durham City



Small in
size,
big on things
to see and do!



Download our 'Durham University Tours' App!
www.durham.ac.uk/visit-us



Durham University

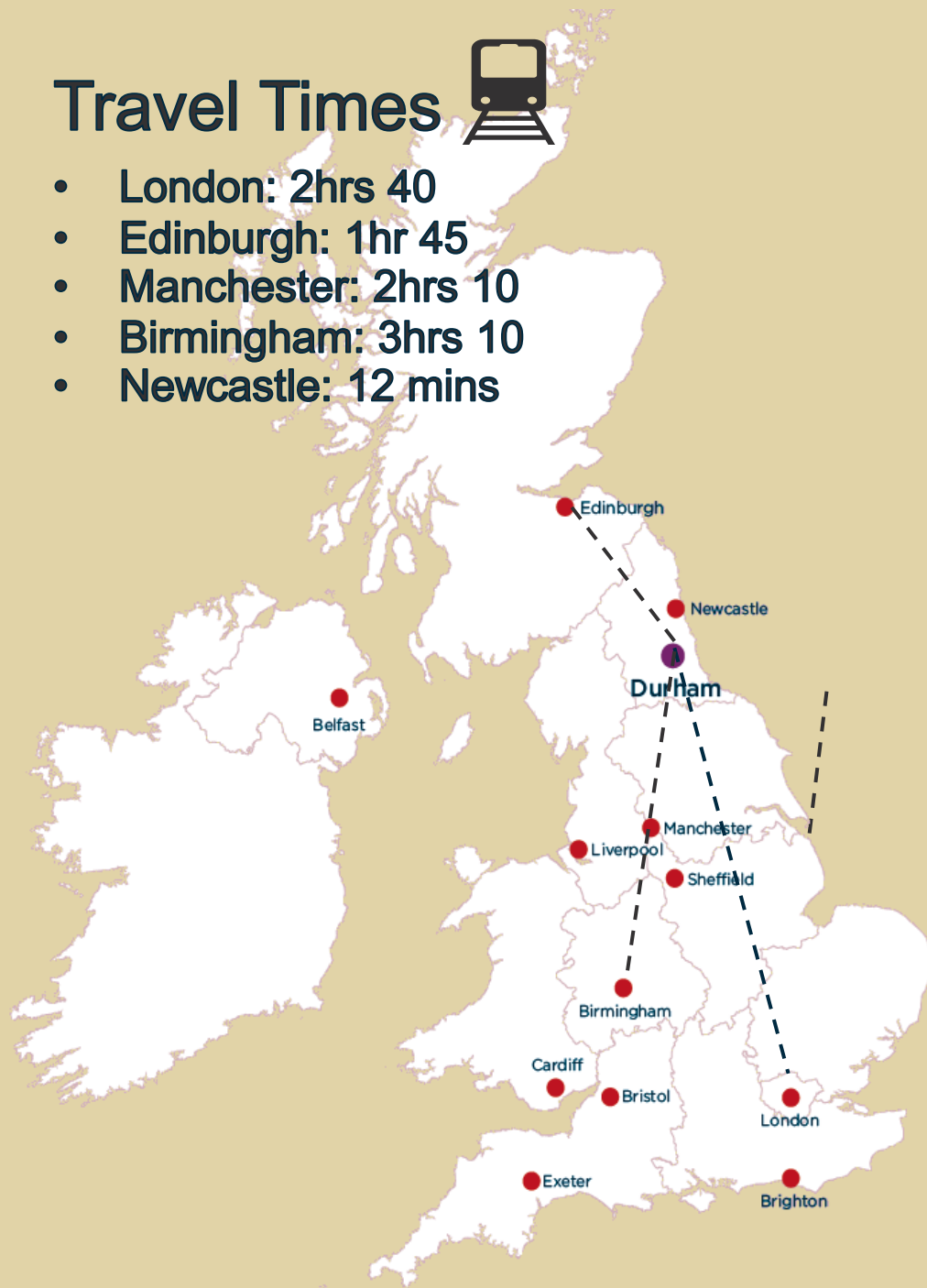
1. Sports and Wellbeing Park
2. Upper Mountjoy Campus
3. Lower Mountjoy Campus
4. Dunelm House - Durham Students' Union
5. Hill Colleges
6. Bailey Colleges

Durham City

7. Durham Cathedral
8. Durham Castle
9. Main shopping area
10. Market Place
11. Gala Theatre and Cinema, bars and restaurants
12. Bus station
13. Railway station
14. Riverwalk leisure complex

Travel Times

- London: 2hrs 40
- Edinburgh: 1hr 45
- Manchester: 2hrs 10
- Birmingham: 3hrs 10
- Newcastle: 12 mins



Situated in
the beautiful
North East
of England.



A region full of exciting things to do and interesting
places to explore

Why Durham?

- Zoe Le Conte

A little about me...

PhD student in the department of physics

Started in 2022 in Hatfield college

Researching astrophysics



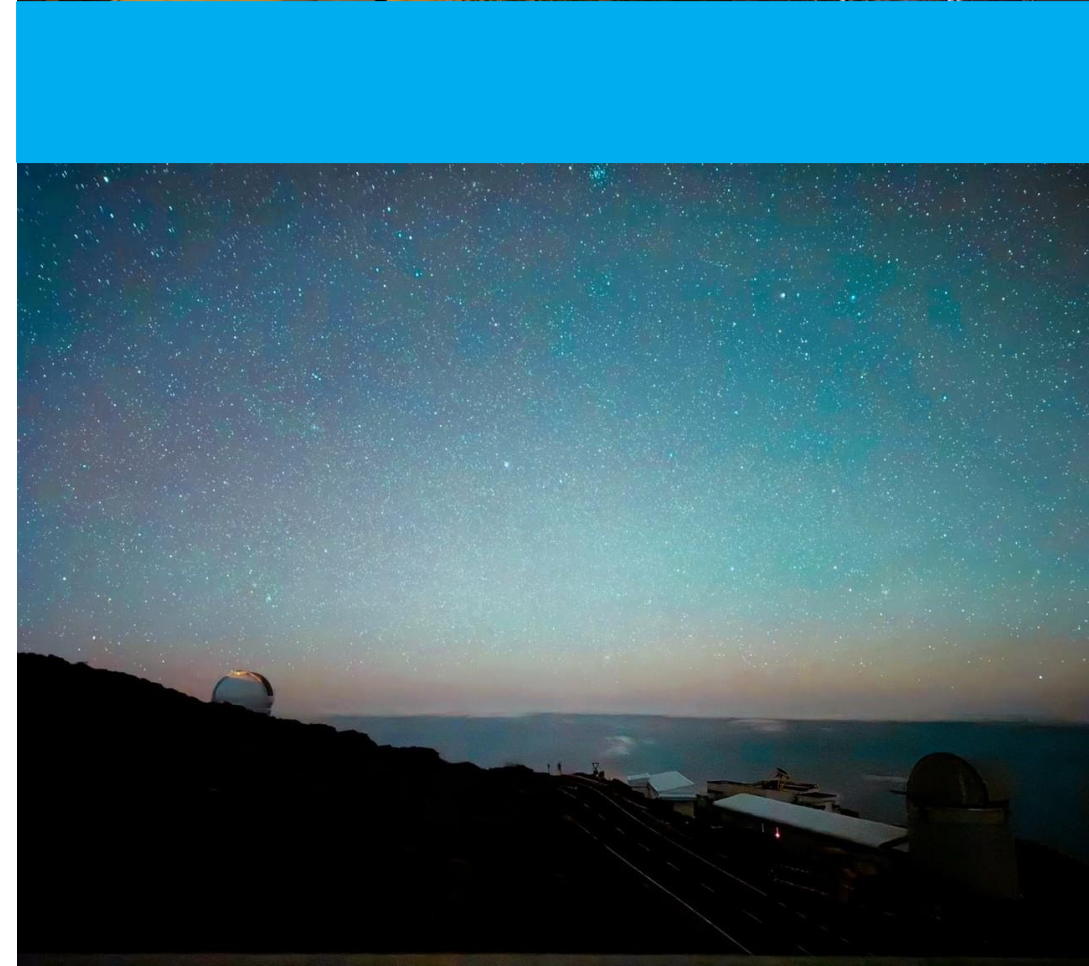
Before selecting a uni, think of the following questions...

- Why do you want to study this research?
 - What opportunities does the uni have for this?
- What environments support your learning style?
 - Study areas? Collaboration? Online/in person?
- What are your commitments/priorities outside of study?
 - Does the uni support/enable this?
- What are the funding opportunities?
 - Do you need a travel budget?



Why I chose Durham

- Why do I want to study astrophysics?
 - **What opportunities does Durham have?**
- Astrophysics is a fast-paced field of research which is reliant on collaboration
- Renowned Centre for Extragalactic Astronomy
- Day to day is coding; Durham has the supercomputer COSMA
- Outreach officer with connections to local schools and communities
- Improve presentation/lecturing skills
- Durham Centre for Academic Development
- Gateway to Academic Practice



Why I chose Durham

- What environments support my learning style?
 - **Study areas? Collaboration? Online/in person?**
- I like a busy and collaborative space
- I want to work in the office 4x a week
- Mixture of observation and cosmology
- Coffee hours and social activities
- My own desk and equipment
- Access to library and teaching and learning centre
- Meeting rooms
- Cafes and restaurants nearby
- 10-minute walk to the city centre
- Bus stop on campus and nearby parking



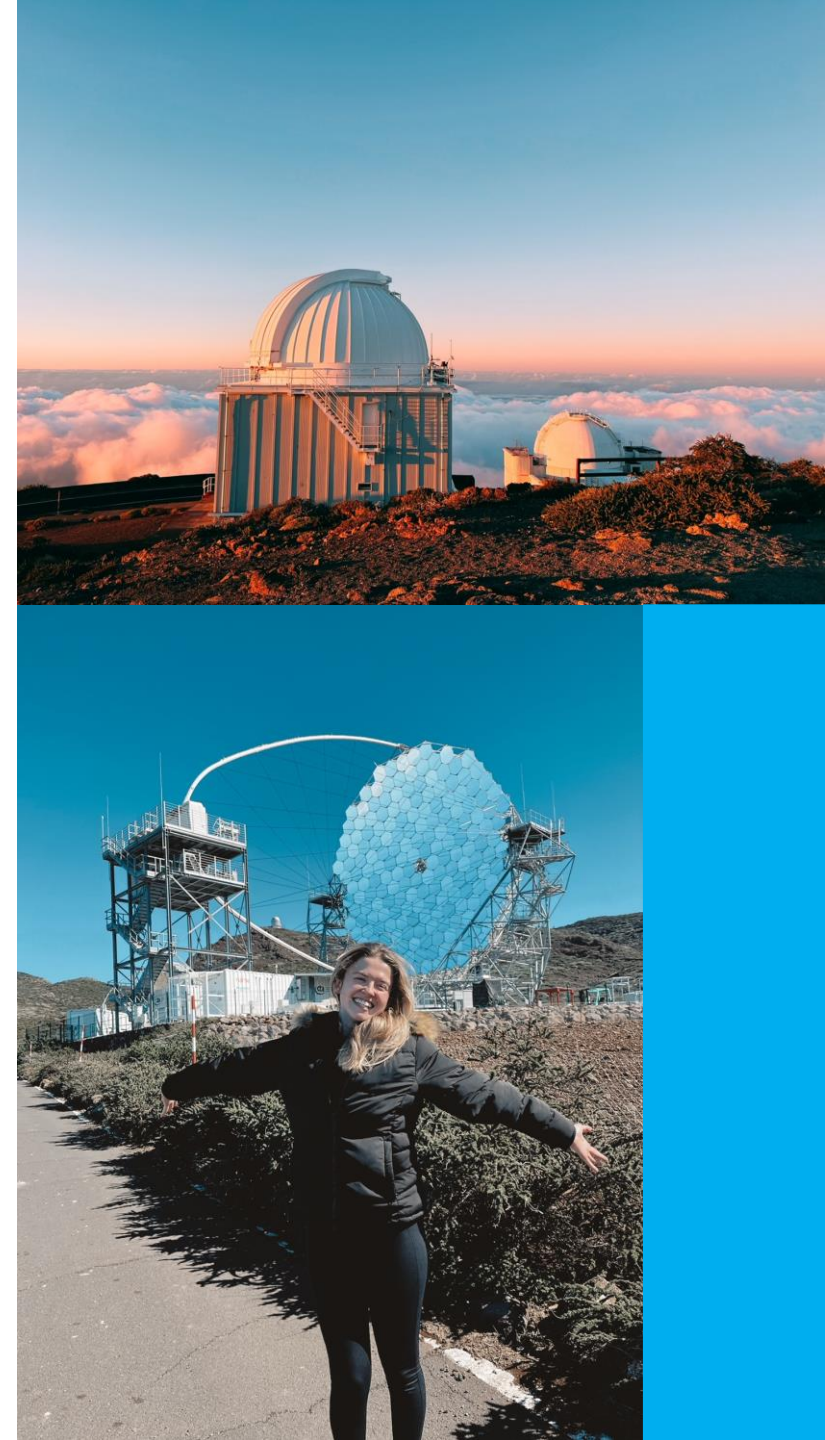
Why I chose Durham

- What are my commitments/priorities outside of study?
 - **Does Durham support/enable this?**
- Football - college teams
- Sports - physics friday afternoon game
- Gym - so many to choose from
- Art - student art prize
- Runs - park run
- Shopping - Dragonville, Metro
- City - Durham's lively and Newcastle has everything
- Housing - villages outside of Durham
- Jobs - Invigilating, ambassador, demonstrator, marker



Why I chose Durham

- What are the funding opportunities?
 - **Do I need a travel budget?**
- Durham has approx. 6 STFC positions every year in astronomy
- Durham has scholarship schemes
- The physics department has scholarship schemes
- Observing opportunities
- Conference/travel budget
- College support/opportunities
- Durham has publishing licenses
- Additional part-time work



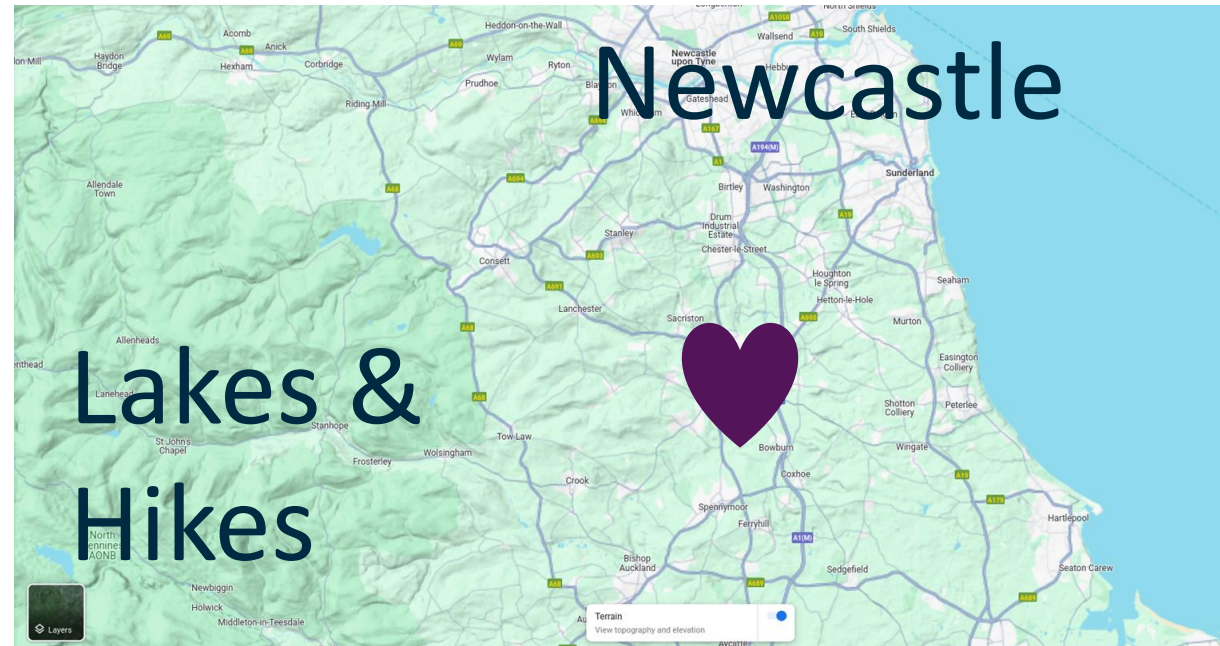
Colleges are special

- Additional study support
- A place to live
- Study areas/gym/library/bar
- Formals/events
- Wellbeing support
- Lectures/guests
- Societies/sports teams
- Celebrations
- Friendship



The North East is special

- Pennines and Lake District
- Beamish
- Seaham/Tynemouth
- Newcastle
- Flights from Newcastle
- York/Edinburgh
- 3 hours from London



Why did you choose Durham to study your PG degree?

I had read English as my undergraduate degree, also at Durham University, and really loved my time here. When I was coming to the end of my third year I began doing research into Postgraduate Education across the UK, as well as at Durham.

I realised that there were many benefits to continuing my studies at the same University, as well as having a lot of interest in Environmental Humanities. The alumni discount definitely helped! But beyond anything else, I didn't feel ready to leave Durham yet.



Margot Wiest

What makes Durham special?

I really love the Collegiate system in Durham as it really helps you meet new people. I also have loved the range of sports and societies both at the University and College level.

I think Durham is a beautiful town with a lot of historical importance, and the university is home to so many interesting people and subjects.

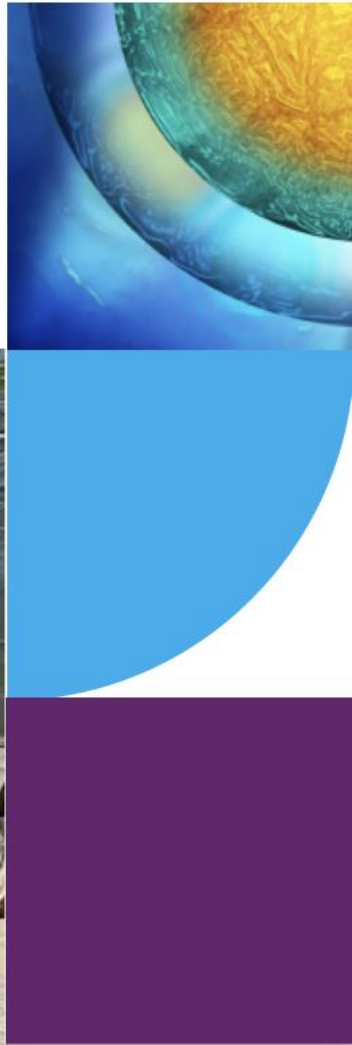
The city is full of amazing architecture - such as the Cathedral - and loads of interesting spaces to explore! Even having spent three years here, I'm always finding new things to do - and that's without even heading to Newcastle or any surrounding towns!



The local area

County Durham is a beautiful part of the northeast home to a huge range of historical and natural sites that are easy to visit from the city.

The town runs across the River Wear, which hosts many rowing races throughout the year - something I'm super involved in - and has a lot of amazing wildlife! This includes otters and a tonne of cute ducks.



My Life in Durham

I've been involved in my College's rowing club over the past few years in Durham, as well as many other sports and societies - bachata dance class, Yoga and Pilates, Ultimate Frisbee, Hill Walking, and more! And within my PG Degree, I've been able to meet loads of other students who share my interest in the environment, as well as make important connections with staff and researchers.





“Why, it's a perfect little city. If you have never been to Durham, go there at once. Take my car. It's wonderful.”

Bill Bryson, *Notes from a Small Island* (1995)