



# Colleges Explained for **POSTGRADUATES**

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**Our collegiate system will  
make your time with us  
special**

# Our Colleges

At Durham you will become a member of a College community

Your College will be a hub of activity and full of opportunities to socialise and engage with others pursuing postgraduate degrees in many different subjects



# Our Colleges

College is a place to develop your skills and enhance your wellbeing, with dedicated support and guidance from staff

All our Colleges provide facilities to support your academic learning and personal development



# Our Colleges

We have 17 different colleges meaning hugely increased opportunities for challenges and making memories

- ✓ 16 colleges accept both undergraduate and postgraduate student members
- ✓ 17<sup>th</sup> postgraduate only college



# Our Colleges

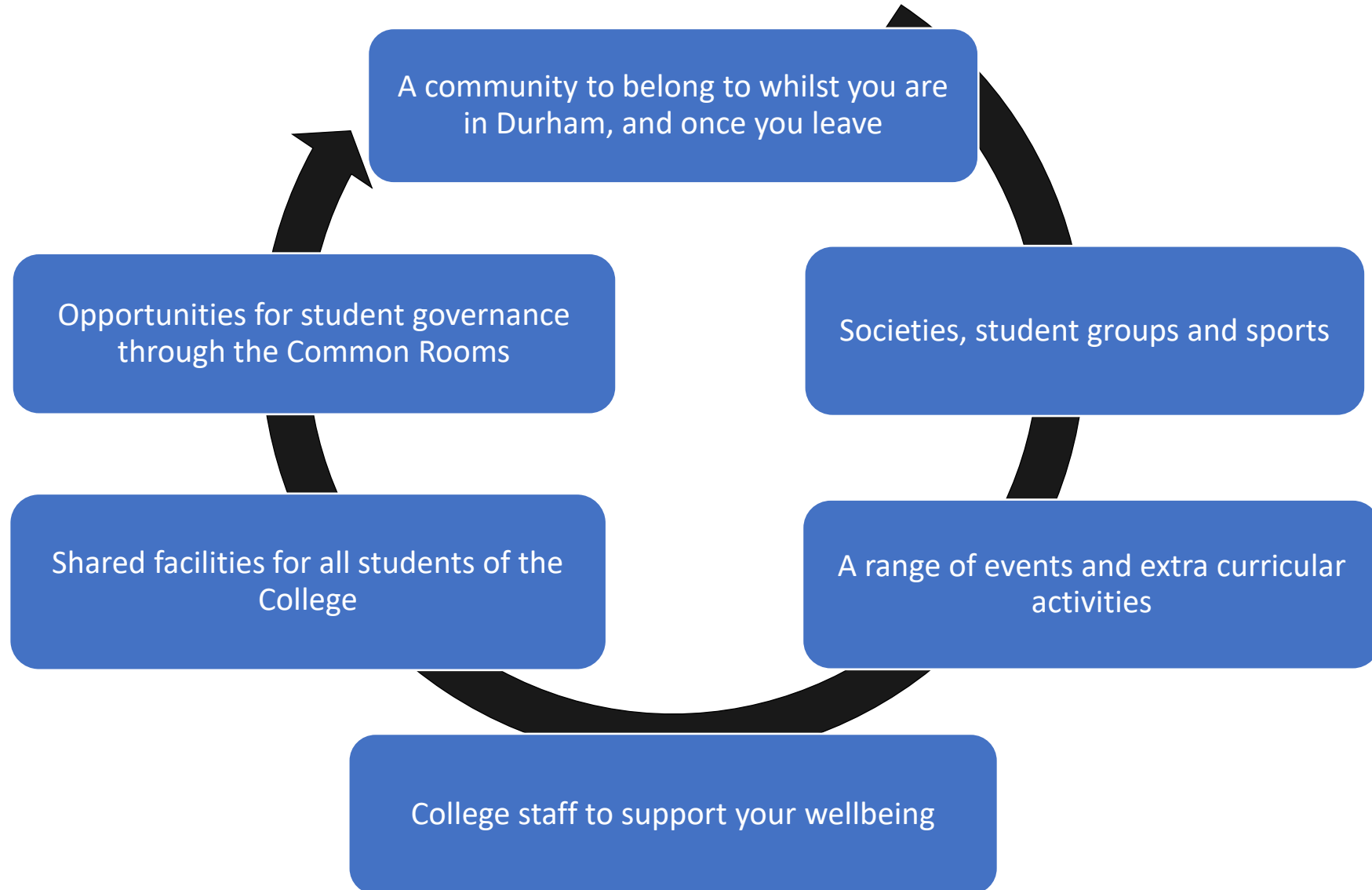
Every college has a representative body for postgraduate students, typically named the **Middle Common Room**

As a member of the Common Room you can:

- ✓ participate in elected student leadership
- ✓ engage in local, regional and global issues
- ✓ share academic research
- ✓ organise student-led events



# Colleges Overview





Business School

University  
(New Keppier Court)

St Hild and St Bede

Market Place

University  
(Bailey)

Elvet  
Riverside

Hatfield

Durham Students  
Union

St Chad's

St  
Cuthbert's  
(Parson's  
Field)

St Chad's (PG)

St John's

St  
Cuthbert's  
(Bailey)

Hatfield (PG)

Ustinov College

Library and Palatine Centre

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Ustinov

Palatine Centre

Bill Bryson Library

Lower Mountjoy

Teaching & Learning Centre

Sport and Wellbeing Park – Maiden Castle

St Mary's

St Aidan's

Upper Mountjoy

Mill Hill Lane

Trevelyan

Grey

Van Mildert

John Snow

Collingwood

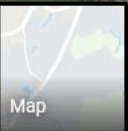
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Botanic Gardens

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Stephenson

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# College Membership Allocation

# Allocation Process

**Open, fair and transparent process**

Automated process using college quotas

Attempt to allocate to a ranked college preference

# Allocation Process

Eligible to rank college preferences once *accept* postgraduate academic offer

Contacted by the Accommodation and Allocations Office in 2025 to submit College Application

Rank *three* college preferences (first, second and third)

*Resubmit* College Application if want to change or update preferences (*latest submission considered*)

# Allocation Process

College Allocation process commences later in 2025

*Automated process* considers submitted preferences

*Algorithm* determines whether an allocation can be confirmed

College *membership* allocation is confirmed

# Allocation Process

Email confirmation by AAO will confirm *college membership* allocation

*The Allocated College will contact* applicants with more information about college membership

The allocated College will *not be changed* at an applicant request

Allocations continue *throughout the summer* for all new acceptances of postgraduate academic offer

# College Accommodation

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Postgraduate accommodation is in single study bedrooms

Colleges have different facilities available across the campus

- Catered and self-catered
- Standard, ensuite and studio rooms





# College Accommodation

Steps to take:

- Accept postgraduate academic offer to Durham
- Complete College Membership Application
- ✓ *Confirm 'Yes' to be considered for accommodation*
- Complete College Accommodation Application
- ✓ *Confirm **facilities** preferences*
- Complete before the given deadline date

# Accommodation Guarantee

## Eligibility

Guarantee an offer of accommodation from the University:

- Full time applicant commencing studies September 2025
- Live in college accommodation for the full academic year
- Full details to be provided in November 2024

# Accommodation Waitlist

## Waitlist

- Will be contacted once we can be certain of making offers of accommodation to all those who have met guarantee
- Accommodation will be provided where available.
- Not solely rely on college accommodation being offered
- **First come first served basis. One offer made. If refused, you go to the back of the waitlist.**

# College Accommodation

Applicant *accepted* postgraduate academic offer

Complete *College Membership Application* – state *'YES'* to be considered for college accommodation

Complete *College Accommodation Application* – state *facilities preferences*

Added to eligible list for college accommodation:

- *Accommodation Guarantee*
- *Accommodation Waitlist*

# College Accommodation

Offer accommodation *first* to those who met  
*Accommodation Guarantee*

*One week deadline* to confirm whether accept  
accommodation offer

*One offer* of accommodation from University only

If accommodation offer *declined* must find  
alternative in *private sector*

# College Accommodation

Offer accommodation *second* to those on *Waitlist*

*First come first served basis* – numerical order of date added to Waitlist

Accommodation offered where we have *availability only*

Usually contact students on Waitlist from around *August time* – not guaranteed accommodation

# Accommodation Offers

- If you are provided with an accommodation offer:
  - Known as a **Licence Agreement**
  - **Particulars of Offer:**
    - College
    - Catering type
    - Room type
    - Total charge



# Accommodation Offers

- To secure college accommodation:
  - payment of **Advanced Rent**
  - **£400** payment via online system
- **Not** a deposit
- Offset from first instalment of accommodation charges





# Accommodation and Allocations Office

Contact us at:

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# Questions?