

Recruitment Update for 2026 and 2027



Your University of Kent team

Introducing ourselves

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Working with our agent partners

What we will talk about today

- Our offer for your students in September 2026
- Financial support
- Simpler application processes
- A clearer deposit policy and competitive approach
- Helping students with arriving in the UK
- Giving agents the support you need – tell us how we can help



Our stunning home city

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- Historic Canterbury
- Graduations next week in the cathedral

Our beautiful campus

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- 300 acres of green space
- A great place to study and live
- Guaranteed on-campus accommodation



Summary of September 2026 Recruitment package



We're helping students afford UK study

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Kent International Scholarships – guaranteed! September 2026 and January 2027

PGT Scholarships : Bangladesh, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Türkiye or Vietnam.

£3,000 for Kent Business School students (alongside fees reduced by £4k compared to the previous year)

<https://www.kent.ac.uk/tuition-fees>

£5,000 for students on other programmes (exceptions apply)

UG Scholarships: For all international applicants - £3,000 in the first year, £2,000 in the second (exceptions apply)

Affordable meals * Accommodation includes free sports and gym membership
* Campus pantry * Part time jobs * Travel discounts



<https://student.kent.ac.uk/cost-of-living-support>

We're supporting students to meet conditions

English language test

- Free English language tests available – contact agents@kent.ac.uk to request a free test.
- ECCTIS refund for students meeting their condition with a MOI (ECCTIS not required for students from Thailand)

Reduced reference requirements

- No reference requirement for KBS
- Only 1 reference required for other taught courses
- For PG, professional reference allowed if more than 3 years since they studied
- Contact us if you would like us to chase up a reference

Transcript/certificate

If a student who is graduating this year won't receive their official certificate in time, we can consider a provisional certificate or a letter of completion from the university which confirms the programme has been completed and the final grades.



We're enabling deposit payments

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Updated refund policy – if visa application is refused under ST5.1 (credibility grounds) your students will receive a refund. Students will also receive a refund if they provide evidence that they attempted but failed to meet their conditions

Low visa refusal rate – for 2 intakes in a row, our visa refusal rate has been under 2%, giving students confidence to believe they'll succeed

Jumpstart incentive – after deposit payment, students will receive access to Jumpstart and can:

- check out vacant local, part-time jobs
- access career guidance – CV and Linked in support
- Visa guidance
- Jumpstart badge they can showcase on social media

Flexibility about when to pay

- pay anytime after offer to get organised
- pay once you're UF and your application will be prioritised by our CAS team
- pay after you've completed your pre-CAS interview



We're preparing students for arrival

CAS Guidance

- On demand webinar to help students prepare:
<https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/3247204639410681182>.
- CAS and visa support video: <https://youtu.be/yiN5S9ECKZ0>
- 30 minute phone calls are available to book with our pre-CAS team

Unilife - Social platform for offer holders to connect, ask questions, and share experiences before arriving

Pre-departure briefings are taking place online and in country. Contact us for details.

Navigating UK study - A short course designed to help international students settle in and prepare for academic studies before term starts. From Monday 21 September 2026

Arrivals guide: <https://www.kent.ac.uk/welcome/international-students>

We're there for agents

More frequent communications

- New WhatsApp broadcast group – get in touch if you'd like to be added
- Regular email updates
- Monthly newsletters
- Request training or meetings with our International Channel Managers or ICO teams



Coming soon. Watch this space...

- Access to Canto for agents – University of Kent images and videos
- Country specific virtual training for agents – ready to watch training at a time to suit you
- Expanded support team to answer your applicant queries to agents@kent.ac.uk

Looking ahead – Beyond September 2026



2027 rankings so far...

42nd in the UK in the QS World Rankings 2027

Kent International Scholarship September 2027 & January 2028

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You'll be the first to know...we're maintaining our 2026-27 offer, with some improvements

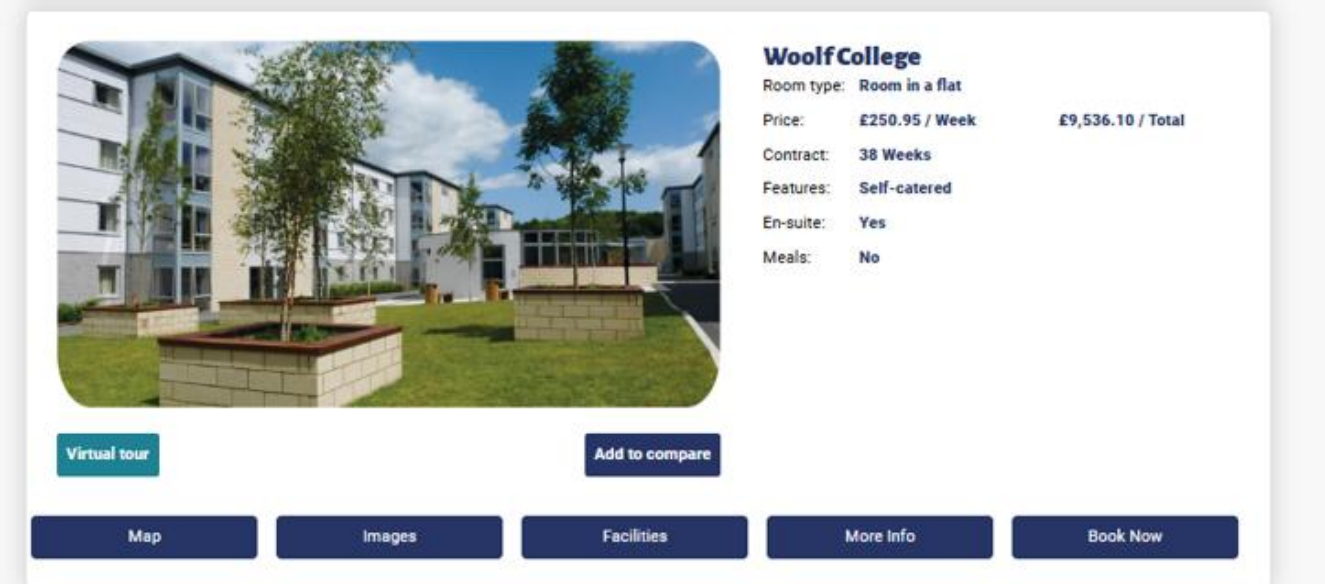
A stackable £1,000 Kent International Excellence Scholarship which will bolt onto the £5,000 offer. This will be based on academic prowess. 40 scholarships are available and will be allocated to the first 40 applicants to meet academic criteria and who have paid the deposit

PGT – The £3,000 Kent Business School scholarship will increase to £5,000. For your applicants starting in 2026 in receipt of the £3,000 scholarship, they're benefitting from reduced tuition fees for 2026.

Earlier publication –You can tell any prospective, eligible applicants about these scholarships now, and benefit from having these in your recruitment toolkit for a full cycle

New Accommodation system

We have a new accommodation system launching soon. This can be used for Clearing, and then will be available for September 2027 accommodation, which opens in January



The screenshot displays a user interface for the University of Kent's accommodation system. On the left, there is a large photograph of a modern, multi-story residential building with a courtyard area featuring young trees and low stone walls. Below the photo are two buttons: 'Virtual tour' and 'Add to compare'. To the right of the photo, the text 'Woolf College' is displayed in bold. Below this, a list of details is shown: 'Room type: Room in a flat', 'Price: £250.95 / Week' (with '£9,536.10 / Total' to its right), 'Contract: 38 Weeks', 'Features: Self-catered', 'En-suite: Yes', and 'Meals: No'. At the bottom of the interface, there is a horizontal row of five buttons: 'Map', 'Images', 'Facilities', 'More Info', and 'Book Now'.

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Students will be able to book their accommodation themselves by selecting the room type they want (such as Turing Large en-suite room, Woolf College standard en-suite room), and accept their offer, all through this system.

The highest demand is for the cheaper options such as shared houses. So please encourage your applicants to apply early.

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University of Kent's Canterbury campus - modern campus set on 300 acres of parkland with views over the historic city and cathedral.



The University of Greenwich's riverside campus is surrounded by the greenery of Greenwich Park and is located close to central London.