



**Bournemouth
University**

Frequently Asked Questions Parents/Guardians/Carers

What year groups can take part in the Bournemouth University (BU) Summer Schools and when do they take place?

- Year 10 & Year 11 Tuesday 12th - Thursday 14 July 2022
- Year 12 & Year 13 Tuesday 19th - Thursday 21st July 2022

Do I have to pay for the BU Summer School?

No, all our Summer Schools are completely free for young people to attend! We provide all food, accommodation, and activities while participants are with us.

How do young people apply for the BU Summer School?

They should apply for the Summer School by completing the application form on our website. Part of the application should also be completed by you as their parents/carers/guardians, so it's a good idea to be nearby when they are completing the application form.

When is the application deadline?

The application deadline is 12:00pm (midday) on Friday 6 May 2022.

Why are the questions being asked on the application form?

The questions in the form help us to assess each application against our targeting criteria which aim to increase undergraduate applications and enrolments from currently underrepresented groups at BU.

We will look at a variety of information to prioritise applications including from those living in areas where a lower number of people typically go to uni or higher education. Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer places to students who have previously attended a BU Summer School.

What are the travel arrangements?

We will contact all successful applicants to arrange travel to Bournemouth University and travel home at the end of the Summer School. Travel funding may be available to support them to attend, we will provide more information about this if their application is successful.

What happens at a BU Summer School?

BU Summer Schools are a great opportunity for students to gain an insight into university life while developing hidden talents and skills.

At the start of Summer School, everyone will be given a project brief in a subject area that can be studied at BU. This will include academic sessions, practical workshops using our specialist facilities and group-work supported by our current BU students. The BU team will also deliver presentations and workshops that are designed to support young people with future applications to Higher Education.

Everyone will have the opportunity to take part in a range of social activities that form an integral part of the university experience, so there will be social activities each evening including a beach barbeque and a party in the Students' Union¹. They will meet lots of new people at a BU Summer School, try out different activities and discover whether university is for them.

Where do the students stay?

Each participant will stay in their own room with their own bathroom, within in a flat, in the student accommodation at BU's Lansdowne Campus.

¹ Social events are subject to change.

What if my young person has a disability, special educational needs (SEN) or a medical condition?

BU is committed to supporting all students, whatever their needs, and to include everyone who might want to attend the Summer School. This means that accommodation will be appropriate, taught sessions will take each person's circumstances into account and the social programme will be accessible and enjoyable for all.

Students should disclose any special educational needs, disabilities or medical conditions on the application form so we can make sure that suitable accommodation, teaching, learning and social events are available.

If your young person has additional needs and wishes to attend as a non-residential, daytime only attendee at the Summer School, they should indicate this on the application form.

When will applicants hear if they have a place?

We aim to notify applicants of their outcome in late May. If the application deadline gets extended for any reason, we will email existing applicants to let them know the new deadline date.

My young person has already applied to another Summer School, can they apply to BU Summer School as well?

If they have applied to a Summer School at a different university, they are welcome to apply to one at BU. Just make sure the dates don't overlap because they can't attend more than one Summer School in the same week.

Who will be there?

Other participants: 60 places are on offer at each BU Summer School, so participants will have the opportunity to meet students from other schools and colleges.

BU Staff: A variety of staff at BU will lead sessions at the BU Summer School. Academics and teaching staff will run academic sessions during the day. Other BU professional services staff will run other activities and events both in the day and evenings. Staff have current clear enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks and all sessions are run with safeguarding in mind.

Current BU Students: Student Mentors are current BU students who will be there to support participants throughout the week and will share their experiences of being at university. Previous BU Summer School participants say that getting to know the Student Mentors is one of the best things about the experience. Student Mentors have current clear enhanced DBS checks and have completed safeguarding training.

My question hasn't been answered here. What do I do?

Email schoolsliaison@bournemouth.ac.uk with your query or call us on 01202 963 999 and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.