

DEFERRAL POLICY

- You can request to defer entry to the next academic year/entry point by writing to the appropriate admissions team. If your request is approved, usually only one deferral will be permitted, after that you will be required to submit a new application.
- In exceptional circumstances, and subject to the discretion of the University and/or the relevant funding body, a deferral of a University research scholarship offer may be granted to the next available enrolment period. The deferral will typically not exceed a duration of three calendar months from the date specified in the original offer. Please note that only one deferral will be considered and is not guaranteed. If the deferral is declined, you will need to re-apply but there is no guarantee that any future application for an award will be successful.
- Please note that some programmes do not allow deferred entry, for example, due to limit on number of places available or where a significant change to entry requirements has taken place since your original application was submitted.
- It is your responsibility to be aware of any changes to deadlines such as deposit payment should you submit a request to defer.
- Deferring your offer is likely to result in tuition fee increases. Tuition fees are subject to annual review and tend to increase each year. If you apply for a place for deferred entry from the outset, tuition fees for next year might not be available and your offer will quote the current year's fees as a guide.
- If you require a visa to study, please note that your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) and visa is assigned to a specific start date and programme. If you change your start date you may have to apply for a new CAS or visa in the year that you wish to study.
- If your course requires an Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) Clearance Certificate, you will be required to obtain new ATAS clearance, as this will need to be valid at the point of making a visa application for your deferred start date.
- Your fee status is assessed at the time of application based on the information you have provided and takes into consideration a specific start date. If you defer your programme start date, be aware that this could affect your fee status (which determines your eligibility for lower tuition fees and access to student finance support). The Admissions Office reserves the right to re-assess your status for your deferred start date.
- If English is not your first language we may have asked you to take an English language test. Please note that these are only valid for two years. If a deferral makes your English language test out of date, we reserve the right to amend your offer to a conditional offer based on demonstrating your current proficiency with a new test. Please see our English language requirements page for further information.
- If you have already paid a deposit, the deposit will normally be held by the University against your deferred offer and not refunded.

- If you intend to undertake another course of study during the period of deferment and prior to the deferred Swansea course start date, you must update us with this information at the time of requesting the deferral. Your deferred entry offer will contain conditions to verify that you have successfully completed and/or withdrawn from that, prior to commencing your course at Swansea.

Additionally, we reserve the right to apply conditions to your deferred offer that require the attainment of a particular level of achievement in the additional course. Any omission of information related to undertaking other university courses during a period of deferment will be treated as a material omission and can lead to a deferred offer being withdrawn. For individuals requiring a visa to study in the UK, this may also impact your eligibility for the deferred offer with Swansea in line with any immigration rules that apply at that time.

- Requests for deferral for any postgraduate research degree e.g. MPhil/PhD will be dependent on availability of suitable supervisors and/or availability of specific studentships and so will be considered on a case by case basis. The PGR Admissions team will advise you.
- By deferring your entry to the next available intake, you accept that Swansea University may be required to vary the services, facilities, description, content, mode and/or location of delivery and/or timetable of your programme. Should this be the case, the University will notify you of any material variations as soon as reasonably practical and you will have the opportunity to cancel your acceptance (and contract with the University) if you are unhappy with the changes to the programme.