



Fraudulent Applications Policy

Cranfield University has a responsibility to all our applicants, staff and stakeholders to ensure we review applications for false, missing and/or misleading information and act if necessary to prevent an applicant gaining an unfair advantage. If you provide true and accurate information with your application, then you do not have anything to be concerned about.

We take application fraud very seriously and will not permit a student to register on a course where fraud has been detected, or where we believe misleading information has been provided. We reserve the right to reject or cancel an application on these grounds and will not permit any re-application.

The University will deem application fraud to have taken place if false or misleading information is provided regarding qualifications or experience, if a fake certificate, reference, or English language test result is provided to support an application, if relevant information is deliberately omitted, or if a genuine document is provided which was obtained by committing fraud.

We will also deem application fraud to have taken place where false or misleading financial information or documents are used to try and obtain a CAS (Certificate of Acceptance for Study) for a Student Visa application. In cases where the UKVI inform the University that a fraudulent document has been identified in the visa process, we will cancel your application with us and will not permit any re-application.

This policy includes all information relating to an application, whether provided by the applicant themselves, or by a third party such as a financial sponsor, a financial institution, or a recruitment/visa agent.

As part of the admissions process, the University reserves the right to:

- Request additional information to verify an application.
- Request to see original qualification and test documents. This may include the verification of those documents with third parties such as other universities and English language test providers.
- Use online degree verification tools.
- Contact referees to confirm information or check authenticity.
- Request evidence that students have sufficient finances to meet UKVI requirements for a Student Visa. This may also include the verification of those financial documents with third parties such as financial sponsors, financial institutions, or loan companies.
- Suspend the application process while investigating an alleged fraudulent application.
- Withdraw the application and any offer of admission if application fraud has been detected, or if the University has reasonable belief that false or misleading information has been provided. This will also include the withdrawal of any associated CAS (Certificate of Acceptance for Study) and sponsorship with the UKVI.
- Share information with external parties, to assist with fraud detection and prevention.

We also reserve the right to terminate a student's registration if later it is found that entry was gained by submitting a fraudulent application to the University.

Applicants who have submitted a fraudulent application will be disqualified for consideration of any future applications.

Right of appeal

Any applicant whose application is cancelled or rejected where there is a suspicion of fraud, or where we believe misleading information has been provided, has the right to seek a review of the decision under the University's Admissions feedback, complaints and appeals process.

Deposit and tuition fees

Where an application and any associated offer of a place is withdrawn by the University due to fraud, or where we believe misleading information has been provided, the applicant will forfeit their right to a refund of any tuition fee deposit paid to secure a place on the course.

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