

Frequently asked questions – EU referendum

I am an EU citizen and I want to apply to study at Cranfield. How will the UK's decision to leave the EU affect me? Will I need to apply for a visa?

There will be no immediate change to the immigration status of EU nationals who will be able to continue to study in the UK without a visa. This will remain the case for at least two years until the EU and the UK Government conclude the negotiation process for withdrawal.

I am an EU citizen and I am due to start at Cranfield in the academic year 2016/2017. What will happen to my place?

There will be no impact on your studies with us.

The negotiation process between the UK and other Member States will take at least two years, during which time the terms of the UK's exit from the EU will be decided.

There will therefore be no change to the immigration status of current and prospective EU students and staff and, for EU students, no immediate material change to participation in EU programmes such as Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+.

I am an EU national studying at Cranfield, what happens to me?

There will be no immediate change to your immigration status, as an EU national and you will be able to continue to study in the UK without a visa. This will remain the case until the EU and the UK Government conclude the negotiation process for withdrawal, which will last at least two years.

I am on an Erasmus placement as a current student at Cranfield, what happens to me?

There will be no immediate change to your immigration status. You will continue to be eligible for the Erasmus programme. This will remain the case until the EU and the UK Government conclude the negotiation process for withdrawal, which will last at least two years.

As an international student from a non-EU country, will the UK leaving the EU impact on my visa?

It is extremely unlikely that the result of the EU Referendum will affect those who currently hold valid visas to study or remain in the UK. Usually changes to the law occur after the event and do not apply to decisions or circumstances retrospectively.

As an EU national, will I require a work visa to work at Cranfield University?

There will be no immediate change to your immigration status as a result of the vote. This will remain the case until the Government decides otherwise and Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty foresees a two-year negotiation process between the UK and other Member States, during which time the terms of the UK's exit from the European Union will be decided.

How will the University's research collaborations with EU universities and academics be affected?

The UK's status as a full participating member of the Horizon 2020 research funding programme has not changed as a result of the referendum vote and existing project grants and contracts will be honoured unless or until advised otherwise. This will remain the case until the EU and the UK Government conclude the negotiation process for withdrawal, which will last at least two years.

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