

Visa Factsheet

Acceptance of place offered

All overseas students who are offered a place to study at Redcliffe College should respond to that offer within 28 days (unless otherwise instructed) of receiving the offer letter or email. If accepting the place you should, at the same time, also pay the £250 (£50 for successful Strategic Leadership Fund applicants) non-refundable deposit, per student place offered. This is normal College procedure.

Fees to be paid in advance of commencing the course

All overseas students are asked to pay the first two terms' fees in advance of them commencing their course. In the case of students who have been offered any support from the Strategic Leadership Fund, this means their share of fees that they have to pay. Following payment of these fees, the College will provide the student with a letter outlining the relevant details of the course and indicating that the payment of the first two terms' fees has been made. **Please note that the College will not provide any letters concerning the student's visa application until payment of these fees has been made.**

Obtaining a student visa

Overseas students who require a visa to study in the UK (which is all non-EU residents) should obtain their visa at least one month in advance of the start date of their course. **Failure to obtain a relevant visa by then may result in the College withdrawing its offer of a place of study.** Please note that you can apply for a visa up to 3 months in advance of your need to travel to the UK, to take up your place of study. **The College is licenced under Tier 4 of the UK points based system; the visa application process must be strictly adhered to otherwise an application will not be successful.** Please liaise with the Academic Registrar (Ann Bulley, abulley@redcliffe.org) before and during the application process.

The website address for UK Visas is: www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/studyingintheuk/

NB: If your visa application is refused, please contact the College in the first instance and we will then advise you.

Our experience in such cases is that it is preferable to make a new visa application. Please note each application will be costly so it is important you are well prepared before applying.

Please also note that changes in the system occur from time to time.

We do not yet know how these changes might work in practice but please contact the College if you have any queries.

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