

For information on how to apply for a visa and information on what courses are accepted please contact the British High Commission\embassy\consulate (acceptable courses vary from country to country). If you would like further information and advice on how to apply for a visa this can be found on the Home Office website: <http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk>

The British Council website and UKCOSA provide information for those who wish to study in the UK as well as those currently studying in the UK:

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/learning.htm>

<http://www.ukcisa.org.uk>

If you are applying for a student visa you will need to make sure you apply for a full-time course of 15 hours per week or more in a coherent programme area of study.

Please note that we do not accept overseas application forms for the following courses:

- Access to Higher Education Pathway courses
- Healthcare, Social Care and Early Years
- Teacher Training
- ESOL
- Skills for Life (formerly known as Basic Skills)
- Vocational Options

For the above courses you will need to be in the United Kingdom to attend an interview and assessment. You cannot apply from abroad.

Information for International Students

1. To apply for a place on one of our courses you will need to complete the International / EU application form (also available to download from the website <http://www.tower.ac.uk>) and send us the following information:

- The completed International / EU application form
- Copies of any certificates of examination you have taken or
- Written and authenticated confirmation of grades awarded if certificates are not yet available
- Completed letter of academic reference
- Colour photographs of artwork (minimum of 10) if applying to any Creative Computing, Media or Art & Design course.

2. Send the International / EU application form and necessary supporting documents to:

Admissions, Advice & Guidance

Tower Hamlets College

Poplar High Street

London E14 0AF, UK

Fax: Admissions, Advice & Guidance on:

+44 (0)20 7538 9153

Email: advice@tower.ac.uk

3. Once we receive your completed application form (together with the information requested in section 1), the head of programme will consider your application. This can take 3 – 4 weeks from the date we receive your form.

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4. We will then send you a decision. If we offer you a place you will be sent an unconditional offer letter, which you can present to the British High Commission\embassy\consulate (along with any other documents requested on the visa application form (if a visa is required). The letter will include the course name, approximate start/end date of the course and fees payable at enrolment.

5. If you are accepted for entry into the UK you will need to let us know that you wish to accept your place and tell us the date you will be arriving in the UK.

6. You will be sent an enrolment letter in July/August telling you when you need to come to the college to enrol and pay the fees; enrolment is usually in the last week of August and the course normally starts the second week of September. If you are unable to make the date for enrolment please let us know as your place may be offered to someone else.

7. Fees for a full-time course are approximately £6,480 per year for overseas students and approximately £600 per year for home students (inclusive of resident European Union nationals) who are liable for fees. Fees are payable in full at enrolment and will be confirmed nearer to enrolment

The college has a team of student advisors who will be able to help you or your sponsor with information you may need regarding visa applications, studying and living in the United Kingdom. They can be contacted on +44 20 7510 7908 or email studentadvisors@tower.ac.uk.

We regret that we are unable to offer residential accommodation and therefore students must find their own place to live in.

8. Cost of living: To give you an idea of the cost you can expect to incur whilst studying and living in the UK we have prepared approximate expenses. They are as follows:

Travel Expenses: Approximately £20.00 per week*

- Lunch at college: Approximately £20.00 per week
- Accommodation: Approximately £110.00 per week (1 month's deposit is required in advance)
- Maintenance: Approximately £70.00 per week
- Books/ course equipment: Approximately £150.00 - £300.00 per year
- Travel costs: Approximately £20.00 - £50.00 per week
- Stationery: Approximately £80.00 per year

* Approximate costs, for further details please contact the Foreign Office / British Council