

Document title: **APPLICANT DATA PROTECTION STATEMENT**

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All personal information gathered and held by York St John University relating to its students is treated with the care and confidentiality required by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018 (the data protection legislation.)

The categories of applicant information that we collect, hold and share

The University collects and processes a broad range of information about you in order to deliver our admissions service, manage our operations effectively and meet certain legal requirements. Examples of this information includes:

- Personal information such as name, address, email and telephone number, as well as date of birth, passport number or national identity card details. We will allocate you a unique student number
- Personal characteristics such as ethnicity, language, nationality, country of birth
- information relating to your education and employment history, the school(s), sixth form college(s) and other colleges you have attended, the courses you have completed, dates of study and examination results.
- Special categories of data and information about criminal convictions and offences including information concerning your health and medical conditions, certain criminal convictions for particular programmes following completion of an annual declaration.

How do we collect your information?

We obtain personal data about you from a number of sources:

- When you make an application and complete other admissions processes and procedures
- When you communicate with us during the admissions process via telephone, email or via our website
- In various ways as you interact with us during the course of your studies or when you access our services (e.g. careers advice, student funding advice, study and wellbeing support)
- From third parties such as UCAS, Government Departments such as the Home Office or the Student Loans Company, or your previous or current school, sixth form college, university or employer who may provide references or sponsor information

Why we collect and use this information

The Admissions Office retains the information gathered about its applicants on the central students' record systems (SITS). If an applicant is successful in their application and decides to register with us, this data will be supplemented during the registration process. (Please see Student Data Protection Statement). During the admissions process, we will use your data for the following purposes:

- 1 Making initial decisions on your application.
- 2 Making further enquiries to verify qualifications and references
- 3 Contacting you in order to arrange interviews (where appropriate)
- 4 Internal statistical research and monitoring our performance and equal opportunities
- 5 To provide you with further information about your course and other information directly related to your studies
- 6 If you are an international applicant, to assist you in applying for the student visa
- 7 To help you to meet non – academic requirements, such as DBS and medical checks.
- 8 the administration of individual students' academic matters including enrolment, assessment, attendance, managing progress, academic misconduct investigations, certification and graduation
- 9 Carrying out audits (e.g. to ensure compliance with our regulatory and legal obligations)
- 10 Administration of student finance, accommodation, health and safety and welfare
- 11 Providing student support services. For example, putting support in place prior to arrival, for students with identified additional needs.

Personal data about students is also held on the following, separate IT systems during the admissions process:

- University servers for services such as e-mail and security access
- University's Student Accommodation System
- Student Information Desk customer service system

The lawful basis on which we use this information

We collect and use student information for necessary general administrative purposes listed above, and this is covered under GDPR Article 6 (1)(e) where the processing is “*necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller*”.

Why we share student information

We may share limited student information with a variety of third parties including:

- Government departments and agencies where we have a statutory obligation to provide information (e.g. the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA), the home office (in connection with UK visas and immigration) Further information about these data collection requirements can be found [here](#).
- Crime prevention or detection agencies (e.g. the police, the Department for Work and Pensions)
- Your employer if you are applying for a degree apprenticeship. This is necessary as the degree apprenticeship courses are a three way partnership between you, your employer and the university
- We run a number of courses in partnership with other institutions. In these cases, we will share your information with the partner institution. The fact that your course is offered in partnership with another institution will be made clear in our publicity.

- Some of our courses have requirements for applicants to have DBS (criminal records) checks and medical checks. These checks will be conducted by external companies.
- Our employees, agents and contractors where there is a legitimate reason for their receiving information

We do not share information about our students with anyone without their knowledge and consent unless the law requires us to do so.

Additional notices and guidance/policies

We also have some additional notices and guidance with other information about the way in which we process your personal data:

- **Our website** – we use Cookies (that collect your personal data) throughout our web pages. Please see our [Privacy & Cookies Policy](#)
- **Admissions Policy** – we set out the way in which we run our admissions process. www.yorks.ac.uk/admissions/admissions-policy
- **Applicants Terms and Conditions** – terms and conditions which will apply if we make you an offer. <https://www.yorks.ac.uk/admissions/student-terms--conditions/>

Requesting access to your personal data

Under data protection legislation you have the right to request access to the information we hold about you (your personal data). To make a request you should contact The University Secretary at us@yorks.ac.uk.

You also have a right to:

- Object to processing of your personal data that is likely to cause, or is causing damage or distress
- Prevent processing for the purpose of direct marketing
- Object to decisions being taken by automated means
- In certain circumstances, have inaccurate personal data rectified, blocked, erased or destroyed: and
- Claim compensation for damages caused by a breach of data protection legislation

If you have a concern about the way we are collecting and using your personal data we request that you raise your concern with us in the first instance. You can alternatively contact the Information Commissioner's Office at <https://ico.org.uk/>

Contact

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact the Admissions team at admissions@yorks.ac.uk