WELCOME TO DURHAM UNIVERSITY

Dr Sitna Quiroz,
Assistant Professor in the Study of Religion
Thank you for your interest in applying for a role with us.

Joining Durham University means so much more than working at one of the world’s top universities. We’re a community of colleagues with a passion for excellence in everything we do. So you can expect a career-defining opportunity, along with all the support and resources you need to achieve your academic ambitions. Whichever one of our friendly and enthusiastic academic departments you join, you’ll experience a real sense of camaraderie within a supportive environment.

The needs of our staff are very important to us, so we provide generous pensions plans, assistance with childcare facilities and also the possibility of flexible working. And, set within the historically rich City of Durham in the North East of England, this is an undeniably beautiful place to build your academic and home life.

To help you make your move, we’ve put some information together for you about the University, the area and the support we offer to new colleagues relocating to Durham. If you need to know anything else, then please get in touch.

We look forward to your application!
ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

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With a global reputation for excellence in research and education, Durham University is one of the UK’s leading and world top 100 universities. We’re also one of the most distinctive.

A historic university with its heart in a small and beautiful city, Durham is also a modern, culturally vibrant university with links across the globe. There’s a real sense of community and place engendered by our people, buildings and environment. And the dynamic relationships this creates between staff and students, and between disciplines, is hard to match elsewhere.

We’re a residential collegiate university with a welcoming community of more than 17,000 students and over 3,000 members of staff. In total, we have 16 colleges, 3 faculties, 25 different departments, 9 cross-cutting inter-disciplinary research institutes and many smaller research groups and clusters. We offer a full complement of subjects across our Arts and Humanities, Social Science and Health, and Science faculties.

With world-leading research and teaching capabilities, we have a long history of welcoming students and academics from all over the globe. International partnerships are a core part of our outstanding research and vibrant learning communities.

Our many collaborative partnerships with international universities allow us to share knowledge and promote inter-cultural learning, ensuring that our graduates are in high demand on the global stage.

We want to attract and secure the very best people from across the world, so we offer many career-defining opportunities. Join us, and you’ll be part of a community of internationally renowned academics and scholars – people who are shaping the future with their ground-breaking work.

“We prize academic independence and curiosity driven research at Durham. We aim to employ the very best people and set them free to pursue their research interests in a cooperative and well supported working environment.”

Professor Claire Warwick, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research)

FACTS ABOUT DURHAM UNIVERSITY

3rd UNIVERSITY
Durham University was established in 1832, becoming England’s third University.

LEADING RESEARCH
In the UK we are a respected member of the Russell Group of leading research-intensive universities.

COURSES
We offer over 200 undergraduate and 130 taught postgraduate courses, and many research programmes.

17,927 STUDENTS
We have a total student population of 17,927 (growing year on year), made up of both home and international undergraduate and postgraduate students.

30% OUR ACADEMIC STAFF
Over 30% of our academic staff are of non-UK origin.

DIVERSE COMMUNITY
150 countries are represented within our staff and student bodies, creating a diverse social and academic community.

UNIVERSITY GUIDE
The 2017 Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide placed us 5th in the UK overall.

EMPLOYABILITY
We’re ranked in the world top 40 for the employability of our students by blue-chip companies in the worldwide QS World University Rankings (2017/18).
EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND RESEARCH – SO MUCH MORE TO COME

LEADING UNIVERSITY
Durham is consistently ranked as one of the world’s leading universities as shown by its World Top 100 position in two influential global league tables.

UNIVERSITY RANKINGS
In the QS World University Rankings 2018, Durham University is ranked 78th. In the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2018, Durham is ranked 97th. In the Times Higher Education (THE) World Reputation Rankings 2017, Durham is also listed among the top 100 universities in the world, in the 91-100 bracket.

TOP IN THE UK
In national league tables, including the Times/Sunday Times Good University Guide, Durham University is consistently recognised as one of the top universities in the UK.

TOP SUBJECTS
In the 2017 QS World University Subject Rankings Durham University has eight subjects in the top 50 and 14 in the top 100. Theology & Religion is ranked third in the world, Archaeology is fourth and Geography is seventh. Within the top 50 rankings English, History and Law have all increased their position whilst Anthropology and Earth Sciences have maintained their rankings.

HIGHER EDUCATION
The 2016-17 Times Higher Education Subject Rankings placed Arts and Humanities in 29th place in the world and Physical Sciences climbed 23 places to 60th.

OUR FUTURE GOALS
We’re proud of our rankings, but our focus isn’t simply on league tables or being a research-intensive university offering outstanding teaching. We combine academic excellence with a commitment to providing students with the opportunity to develop as the highly motivated, well-rounded and socially engaged leaders of tomorrow.

As part of our ongoing commitment to delivering excellence across the board, we have exciting plans – some of which are already coming to fruition. We will further improve the size, shape and mission of the University, and create additional and exciting opportunities.

OUR STRATEGIC GOALS
We have three strategic goals as defined in our University Strategy 2017-2027, each being of equal importance:

To deliver world-leading and world-changing research across all core academic departments and institutes.

To deliver education that is challenging, enabling, research-led and transformative.

To deliver, through our Colleges, Durham Students’ Union and Experience Durham, a wider student experience as good as any in the world.

OUR RESEARCH GOALS
As we move towards 2027, we have committed to achieving a number of exciting research goals. We will:

Build critical mass across the University, with very significant growth in Mathematics, Computing Sciences, the Business School, the School of Government and International Affairs, Law, English and History and each newly recruited faculty member will strengthen the Department that she or he joins.

Invest over £2.8 million annually in our new Chancellor’s Scholarships to better resource a high-performing cohort of postgraduate and post-doctoral researchers as we build the next generation of leading academics.

Continue to deliver and develop a high quality academic estate, including targeted investments in buildings, libraries, museums, laboratories and equipment to support a world-leading research culture.
OUR DEVELOPMENTS FOR EDUCATION

We have a huge number of inspirational developments underway, both now and forthcoming as we move towards 2027. We will:

- Create a new Centre for Teaching and Learning that will host a wide range of learning environments and technologies, including new classrooms that will allow students to share courses in real time with students from peer institutions from around the world.
- Build an Education Laboratory to encourage innovation in classroom pedagogies and assessment. More learning sessions will be ‘flipped’ and more will be student-led.
- Implement a new University-wide Fair Access Strategy, expand the Supported Progression scheme and work with local schools to ensure greater access to Durham University for under-represented groups.
- Build a new lifelong learning offer for Durham alumni that will be underpinned by a strong virtual learning environment.
- Host an International Study Centre (ISC) at our Queen’s Campus in Stockton-on-Tees, run in partnership with Study Group.

For more information about our University Strategy, the goals we’re aiming towards and the initiatives we’re undertaking to get there, visit our strategy web pages.

OUR COLLEGIATE CULTURE

As a collegiate university, our 16 colleges play an important role in enhancing the academic and personal development of our students. We encourage all of our colleagues to take part in college life by becoming a college mentor which helps foster a sense of community and provides support and advice to our students.

Our staff can also become members of the Senior Common Room (SCR), a body made up of past and present members of the University, college tutors and local people with an interest in the college. With a number of dinners, talks and social events throughout the year, it’s an excellent way to become more involved in University life and to develop new friendships and networks.

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

We want our workforce to reflect the diversity of our staff and students from the regional, national, and international communities that we serve. We aim to be a place where people can be themselves no matter what their identity or background.

COMMITMENT

We hold a bronze Athena SWAN award in recognition of our good employment practices for the advancement of gender equality, and are currently working to achieve silver. To help ensure that our people policies and working practices are bias free and fit well with our strategic aims, we’re also Disability Confident employers, Stonewall Diversity Champions and Investors in People accredited.
At Durham University, we’re proud of our history and excited about the future. We’re driven to achieve our strategic ambitions, and our shared goals. That’s why training and development is so important to all of us.

**STAFF PROBATION**

We’re confident that, if you’re offered an academic role with us following our rigorous selection process and recruitment standards, this will be the beginning of a successful and rewarding stage of your career. We want you to feel that you’re a valued part of our diverse community as quickly as possible. It starts with a light-touch one-year probationary period (if applicable to your role) to ensure you’re able to settle quickly and positively into your new life and academic role with us. During this period you’ll receive a tailored probation plan and support from within your department to make your transition as smooth and easy as possible.

**STAFF INDUCTION**

We’ll help you to find your place and feel at home from the start. Every one of our new colleagues participates in an induction process, including attending a short event hosted by a member of the University’s Executive Committee.

We’ll also support you to follow a comprehensive local induction process led by your home department. You’ll meet key colleagues and acquire the day-to-day knowledge needed to get you started effectively in your new role.

As a new member of the academic community you’ll also have access to focussed development events and packages covering the key policies, practices, protocols and areas of knowledge required by those who are new to the organisation.

In addition, during your first few months at the University, you’ll have a mentor to support your transition into the University. You’ll also have the opportunity to be mentored through key stages of your career with us.

You can find out more on our [staff induction web pages](#).

**CAREER PROGRESSION**

Durham University has an annual process of progression based solely on individual merit and achievement. It allows all academic staff to be annually reviewed to consider whether or not they’re ready for progression. Using this method, no one will be overlooked and there is no need for self-nomination for progression or promotions. We ensure that colleagues are progressed as soon as they’re ready to move up our career tracks. And if they aren’t quite ready, we provide feedback to assist in bolstering readiness for progression in the following year.

**LEADING RESEARCH PROGRAMME**

If you’re at the start of your career, we can offer you our innovative Leading Research Programme. Nominated for a prestigious Times Higher Award, this programme will support you in developing a strategic approach to the leadership of your first grant. As well as developing your leadership skills, it will also help you to plan your future research trajectory and introduce you to the support offered across the institution.

**LEARNING AND TEACHING PROGRAMME**

Aligned to the Fellowship levels of the Higher Education Academy (HEA) – and leading the Russell Group with engagement in this area – this programme offers you a unique range of opportunities to enhance your practice.

**EXECUTIVE COACHING AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

We’ll support your leadership development both through access to executive coaching and the offer to attend tailored leadership development programmes, such as our Times Higher Award winning Future Leaders Programme. If you’re leading, or about to lead, an academic unit we can also offer you the Academic Leaders Programme.

**COACHING AND MENTORING**

We value both coaching and mentoring, as we recognise that staff can benefit from the challenge and the support offered by colleagues who are experienced in leadership development.
When you work at Durham University, you'll enjoy a fantastic range of staff benefits including pension schemes with generous employer contributions, and salary sacrifice schemes which save you money, including childcare vouchers, nursery fees and cycle to work. We also have links with a number of local and national organisations to help you save money on travel and shopping.

HOLIDAYS, FLEXIBLE WORKING, LEAVE AND WELFARE
You'll enjoy a generous holiday entitlement ranging from 27 to 30 days plus bank holidays and customary days (generally taken at Christmas).

We have lots of ways to help our staff maintain a healthy lifestyle and work-life balance including flexible working arrangements, family-friendly leave, research leave and Occupational Health and Counselling services. We also have an onsite nursery.

For more information on our staff rewards and benefits, please see our staff benefits booklet as well as the Pay, Pensions and Reward web page.

STAFF SUPPORT SERVICES AND NETWORKS

HEALTH AND WELLBEING
Durham University prides itself on providing a range of health and wellbeing opportunities and initiatives for all staff. These include:

- A comprehensive occupational health service.
- Fast track to the University physiotherapy service.
- Fast track to the University counselling service.
- Health surveillance based on a health and safety risk assessment.
- Fitness-for-task assessments.
- Leadership and management training to empower managers to support staff health and wellbeing.
- Comprehensive coaching and mentoring programmes.
- Comprehensive staff benefits package to support economic wellbeing.
- A wide range of activities which support health and wellbeing.
- Health promotion linking to national campaigns.
- Advice and signposting to other services and agencies to support health and wellbeing.

STAFF INFORMATION AND WELLBEING FAIR
We hold this event three times a year so that, as a new staff member, you have the opportunity to find out more about the many benefits you can access.

ACCESS AND DISABILITY SUPPORT
We’re committed to attracting, growing and engaging with talented people from diverse backgrounds at every level. As part of this commitment the University recognises the importance of inclusivity; ensuring that all can flourish and reach their full potential.

As a Disability Confident Employer, we work with our Occupational Health service and external partner organisations, such as Access to Work, to ensure that reasonable adjustments are made to overcome issues which colleagues may have in relation to their work environment or role.

FAITH AND RELIGION
Durham University is a very inclusive community, and is supportive of students and staff of all faiths and none. Our student and staff body is made up of people from over 150 different nationalities and many different religions, so wherever you’re from, and whatever your beliefs, you’ll feel welcome here.

We provide a number of facilities for our main religious communities through our collegiate system. University and college chaplains are an integral part of the welfare provision and pastoral support that we offer to staff and students. Additionally, many different religious communities are represented in the local area.

For further information on faith support at Durham University and the surrounding area, including details of places of worship, please visit our dedicated faith support web pages.

STAFF NETWORKS
The University is a large, diverse and unique environment, with a growing number of staff networks. Cutting across departmental boundaries, these networks enable you to meet people from all areas of the University who share common interests and backgrounds. Please see our designated web pages outlining the different networks in place, including the New Staff Networks.
As a University community we aspire to bring jobs, innovation and prosperity to the areas we’re based in, and beyond.

A recent major independent study by BiGGAR Economics revealed just how important the University is to Durham City, North East England and the UK as a whole, in terms of its positive cultural, social and economic contribution. Key findings of this report include:

- Durham University is worth £1.1 billion a year to the UK economy and supports 13,660 jobs – including more than £600 million and 10,330 jobs in North East England.
- For every £1 Durham University receives in funding, it generates £3.21 for the UK economy.
- The University has launched 25 spin out companies since 1997, supporting nearly 1,000 jobs. Examples include Kromek, P2i and Ikon Science.
- The University plays a crucial role in the tourism sector, attracting 231,270 people to its visitor attractions, including Palace Green Library, the Oriental Museum and the Botanic Garden in 2014-15.
- Durham University students dedicate 14,000 hours a year to volunteering, including in many local schools and clubs.
- Research and Knowledge Transfer activities at the University generate £139.3m GVA for the UK economy, supporting 2,700 jobs. Examples include collaborations with Procter and Gamble, IBM and Dong Energy.

As part of our University Strategy 2017-2027, we’re committed to building on this significant wider community engagement. We welcome any new ideas and initiatives you may have on joining us.

STAFF VOLUNTEERING AND OUTREACH

As well as encouraging our students to volunteer, we run one of the UK’s leading Employer Supported Volunteering programmes, offering our staff the opportunity to volunteer for up to five days a year in work time.

Since we launched our programme in 2010, over 750 individual staff have volunteered, including our Vice-Chancellor Professor Stuart Corbridge, and we have supported another 250 volunteers from external partners.

Over 100 local charities are registered with us and every year we deliver around 50 team challenge days for our staff, plus others for outside groups.
RELOCATION ASSISTANCE AND INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL CANDIDATES

HELPING YOU TO SETTLE IN
Starting a new job can be a daunting experience, especially if this entails relocating from another region or country. At Durham University, we have a dedicated Relocation Manager to offer guidance and support for your move to Durham. Our Relocation Manager can work alongside you to provide support with your domestic arrangements, accommodation search, area information and useful tips for living in the UK.

RELOCATION SERVICES
Once you’ve made the decision to join us, we’re happy to discuss the relocation requirements of you and your loved ones (including pets), to agree and understand the levels of support you need. We’ll then work within agreed timescales to ensure everything is considered before you arrive. We can provide practical information; from living in the UK, including advice on the cost of living, opening a UK bank account, obtaining your National Insurance Number, to driving in the UK. We can even provide advice on what to bring and what to wear.

AREA ORIENTATION
If it would be helpful to you, we can provide lots of information about and a tour of the local area and accompany you on visits to predetermined areas that may be of interest to you and family for your new life in Durham. This service can include:

- A local area overview highlighting housing, healthcare, shopping, local authority services, parks, places of worship, sites of historic or cultural interest, leisure facilities and public and private transport networks.
- The provision of an area information pack with up-to-date local maps of Durham and surrounding towns, the Durham Pocket Guide and a selection of regional event guides.
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATION

Be it town or country, Durham offers an unparalleled choice of residential locations to meet your requirements. It’s important that you arrange your accommodation in advance, and we can provide assistance with this in a variety of areas.

SHORT-TERM ACCOMMODATION

When you first arrive in Durham you may choose to stay in short-term accommodation, perhaps even in one of our college communities. You can contact Event Durham for information on short-term bed and breakfast accommodation in the University’s colleges.

UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION

Durham University has an extremely small amount of houses and so generally does not have accommodation available for new staff. Occasionally properties do become available for let on a short-term basis and we’re happy to check this for you if required, but guarantees cannot be made.

You can submit a request for short term accommodation or contact the Relocation Manager for assistance.

RENTAL

A short-term rental may suit, to allow you to familiarise yourself with the area before entering into a long-term agreement. We can liaise with local estate agents and property companies for available properties that match your needs.

HOME PURCHASE

We can liaise with local estate agents on your behalf and help you to find suitable houses that match your criteria. If you like, we can view properties for you (and send you videos) or accompany you on viewings as required. We can also provide support with the negotiation process, with the aim of trying to achieve the best possible price for your chosen property.

MOVING IN

Whether you’re relocating from abroad or from within the UK, we’re here to help with relocating your family, home and belongings to Durham. Working with our approved suppliers, or with one of your own choice, we’ll oversee the arrangements – from setting up the appointments to assessing the move contents, to the final delivery. We can also offer assistance with setting up utilities services in readiness for you moving into your new home.

SCHOOL SEARCH AND SELECTION

We can provide full information on educational opportunities available in the region to ensure your children are settled in a school suited to their needs. We can arrange accompanied visits and assessments, with the aim of getting your children into your chosen school. We also offer advice on schooling, syllabuses, examinations, entry procedures, registration, any relevant fees and organising uniforms.

You can search for homes to rent or buy close to schools across the region using this site: www.locrating.com

APPLYING TO A SCHOOL

Please visit the Durham County Council school and selection pages for information about local schools and the education system. To apply for a place in a school, you’ll need to complete an application form available from Durham County Council School Admissions on 0300 026 5896. They will also advise you on the application process and deadlines.

REGISTERING WITH A DOCTOR

The National Health Service (NHS) is the publicly-funded healthcare system in the UK. If you’re moving to England, you’re entitled to free NHS treatment (along with your spouse or civil partner and children, if they live with you permanently). Like other UK residents you’ll need to pay some NHS charges (e.g. prescriptions) unless you’re exempt. You may need to provide evidence to prove you live permanently in the UK, for example your job contract or tenancy agreement.

It’s essential that you register with a local doctor (General Practitioner, GP) when you move to the area. Please visit our website for more information about local GPs. To access a fuller list, visit the NHS website.

ELIGIBILITY TO WORK GUIDANCE

As an employer, Durham University has a responsibility to prevent illegal working and therefore we must check that all employees are entitled to work in the United Kingdom (UK). Staff employed by the University who are from the UK or countries within the European Economic Area (EEA) have an automatic right to work in the UK. Those from outside the EEA must apply for permission to work within the UK under the points based system (PBS) via a number of routes, primarily those known as Tiers.

If you’re a non-EEA national and applying for a vacancy please refer to our Guidance for New Staff page to help you find the most appropriate information for you.

For further guidance we advise you to visit the UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) website.
APPLYING FOR A VISA

Once you’ve received a job offer from Durham University, we’ll provide you with a Certificate of Sponsorship (CoS). You’ll then be directed on how to apply for a visa. Obtaining permission to work does not guarantee that you or your family members will subsequently be given a visa. Also, obtaining an entry and residence visa is your responsibility, and we cannot act on your behalf.

When you make a visa application you’ll have to pay the relevant fee and submit original copies of the documents requested, including your passport. If your visa application is approved you’ll be able to enter, reside and work in the UK for a specific period.

TIER 2 VISA REIMBURSEMENT SCHEME

We offer a Tier 2 Visa Reimbursement Scheme for those joining us on a permanent contract or in a fixed term position of two years or more. The purpose of the scheme is to support new and current employees on Tier 2 visas with the cost of their visa and the Immigration Health Surcharge. Further information and eligibility for the Scheme is available to view on our web pages.

COST OF LIVING

The cost of living in the UK varies depending on which area you live in. Generally, it’s less expensive to live in the North than in the South of England. For examples of the cost of everyday items, you can use this cost of living calculator.

COUNCIL TAX

It’s important that you inform your local authority as soon as you move into your property. When you rent or buy a property in England you have to pay council tax. This is used to fund the services provided by your local authority, such as the police service, fire service and refuse collection. The amount that you need to pay depends on where you live and the size of your property. The full list of council tax charges is available on local authority websites:

- Durham
- Other local authorities

NATIONAL INSURANCE

When you arrive in the UK, you’ll need to apply for a National Insurance Number (NINO) so that your contributions to the UK National Insurance Scheme can be recorded. To apply for a NINO, please call +44 (0)845 600 0643. You’ll then be sent an application form, or invited to attend an interview at the local Jobcentre Plus Office in Newcastle or Middlesbrough. After this, you’ll be issued with your NINO.

INCOME TAX

Income arising in the United Kingdom is liable to UK income tax by HM Revenue & Customs. The amount you pay depends on how much you earn, and not all income is taxable. Income tax will automatically be deducted from your pay by the University each month. The amount deducted will be indicated on your pay slip. Please check the government website for more information. To calculate your net pay after deductions, you could use this online calculator.

DRIVING IN THE UK

Before you can drive a motor vehicle in the UK, you must be licensed to drive, have valid car insurance cover and have paid UK road tax on your vehicle. You must register the car if you’re in the UK for six months or more. For information on whether your licence is valid in the UK, visit the UK government website. The Highway Code is essential reading and contains full details of all UK driving regulations.

TV LICENCE

If you watch or record TV as it is being broadcast (including on computers and mobile devices), you need to buy a TV licence. For details on how to pay, visit the TV licensing website.

INTERNET, DIGITAL TV AND MOBILE PHONES

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TRAVELLING TO DURHAM

Whether it’s most convenient for you to come by train, plane or car, the University is conveniently situated next to major travel routes and amenities. You can take a look at this interactive map of the university to help you find us.

www.durham.ac.uk/map

BY TRAIN

Durham is on the East Coast Mainline, one of the UK’s major rail lines. We’re well serviced by high speed trains, with journey times of under 3 hours from London King’s Cross, 2.5 hours from Manchester, 1.5 hours from Edinburgh, 45 minutes from York and 16 minutes from Newcastle.

When you arrive at Durham station, there are normally plenty of taxis outside. Alternatively you can walk from the train station to the city centre (about 15 minutes) and/or to the University (up to 30 minutes, depending on which part of the University you’re going to) – although please note that Durham is quite hilly. You can take a look at this interactive map of the university to help you find your interview location.

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BY PLANE

Durham is about 40 minutes’ drive from 2 international airports – Newcastle Airport and Durham Tees Valley – both of which have regular international and domestic flights (Newcastle being the bigger of the two).

www.newcastleairport.com
www.durhamteesvalleyairport.com

If you’re flying into Newcastle there’s a Metro train link directly to Newcastle Central Station, where you can catch a train to Durham. If you’re flying into any other UK airport such as Heathrow, Gatwick or Manchester, you can travel on to Durham by train, or an internal flight.

BY CAR

Durham is only 2 miles from the A1(M). Leave the A1(M) at Junction 62 and follow the A690 signposted – Durham City Centre.

TRAVELLING TO WORK

Whichever way to choose to make your journey into work, we can help make it a little easier for you.

COMING BY CAR

UNIVERSITY CAR PARKING
We have a number of car parks within the University. If you wish to use these, you’ll need to apply for a car parking permit. You’ll receive an application if you receive a job offer.

CAR SHARING
We operate a car sharing scheme for students and staff.

PARK AND RIDE
Durham County Council operates a Park and Ride Scheme with large car parks adjacent to 3 major routes into the city and direct buses every 10 minutes from the car parks to the city centre.

USING PUBLIC TRANSPORT
We’ve negotiated a discount on Arriva local bus services, if you pay for your annual season ticket on a monthly basis by direct debit.

CYCLING
If you prefer to cycle to work, you could save a third of the cost of buying a bicycle by using the University’s Cycle+ scheme. You can also take advantage of discounts on parts and accessories at a number of local retailers.
With an enviable location less than three hours away from London and within easy reach of the Yorkshire Dales, the Northumberland coastline and the Lake District, our region holds everything you could possibly need.

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A REGION STEEPED IN HISTORY AND NATURAL BEAUTY

North East England’s landmarks span millennia, from historical Roman and Norman World Heritage Sites to award-winning contemporary icons.

To the north of the region is Hadrian’s Wall, built in AD122 to mark the Roman Empire’s northern frontier. Its fellow World Heritage Site, Durham Cathedral and Castle, is one of the finest examples of Norman architecture in the world.

There are 15 National Natural Reserves in the region and over 250 Sites of Special Scientific Interest. There are more castles of distinction open to the public than in any other English region, as well as numerous splendid country houses and gardens. Meanwhile, the market towns, villages and seaside resorts, with their distinctive character, historic buildings and friendly welcome are significant attractions in their own right.

The nearby city of Newcastle has iconic bridges, stunning waterfront, museums, theatres and shopping centres. Neighbouring Gateshead offers the Sage music venue, Baltic art gallery and Antony Gormley’s famous Angel of the North.

THEATRE, MUSIC AND CINEMA

The Gala Theatre, in Durham City centre, has a theatre and two cinema screens, and hosts a regular programme of live events and film screenings. Durham will have an Everyman and an Odeon cinema from 2018.

We have many student theatre companies and musical groups performing a wide variety of high-quality shows across the University.
SPORTS AND RECREATION

Durham University colleagues benefit from discounted membership at The Graham Sports Centre in Durham, which offers high-quality facilities and a range of fitness classes.

With an excellent leisure centre – Freeman’s Quay – there are also many opportunities in the region to take part in sporting activities. The North East contains some of England’s most stunning countryside, with local parkland, woodland and riverside spaces. Further afield, there are miles of Heritage coastline to explore, as well as the North Pennines Area of Outstanding National Beauty, Northumberland National Park, the Lake District National Park and the Yorkshire Dales.

SHOPPING AND EATING OUT

Durham is well-served by local shops, out-of-town supermarkets and retail parks, so all your daily essentials are within easy reach. Along with many of the well known chain stores, Durham city centre has a number of unique independent retailers, as well as a historic indoor market. Durham also offers a choice of restaurants serving all types of cuisine at a range of prices, as well as many excellent cafés, bars and traditional pubs. And, only 15 minutes by train from Durham, Newcastle is a popular shopping destination, with a wealth of shops from large department stores to independent retailers and high end boutiques.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU

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