



Product Design.

Interview Guidance.

University of Northampton



Congratulations, you have successfully been selected for an interview at the University of Northampton. The interview process will be kept as informal as possible and is aimed at helping us to get to know you and help you decide whether this is the right course for you.

interviews2019@northampton.ac.uk



How to accept your interview.

Please accept your interview date through UCAS.

If you have extenuating circumstances which means you cannot attend on the day we have scheduled, please email interviews2019@northampton.ac.uk prior to your interview date and include your UCAS ID. A new date, if available, will be scheduled for you within two working days. Please check your UCAS Track for updates.

Checklist.

To do	Done
Read this document thoroughly as important instructions are included.	
Respond to your interview invite (as detailed above).	
Make a note of your interview date and time in your calendar.	
You will need to bring photographic identification with you on the day.	
Prepare for your interview (details below). Remember to bring your portfolio along where relevant.	
Let us know about any requests for reasonable adjustment.	
Plan your journey, make sure you know where you're going and how you're getting here.	

Interview details.

Arrival and structure of the day.

The time listed on your interview invite is your **arrival time**. This is set as 30 minutes before your interview start time, so you can complete registration and have a chance to get settled before you are taken for your interview.

Should you be running late / unable to attend on the day please let the [Interviews Team](#) know as soon as possible.

On arrival please report to the [Learning Hub](#)

Campus tours.

During the day, you will be able to take a tour of the Campus, speak to current students about what it's like to study here, view on-campus accommodation, visit the Students' Union and drop in with our Student Services team and Employability team to get your queries answered. Our cafés and restaurants will be open for you to grab a bite to eat throughout the day and the town centre is a short 10 minute walk through Becket's Park so be sure to explore during your visit.

If you would like a guided campus tour during your visit, these are available at 11.30am and 3pm. Please register via the links below for your preferred tour time. Details of where to meet your tour guide will be included in your tour registration confirmation email.

Please click the time below to register for the tour of your choice.

[11.30am](#)

[3pm](#)

Guests.

Guests are welcome to accompany you to campus and will need to collect a visitor pass when you arrive at registration. Our tours, drop ins and cafés will be available for them to make use of whilst they wait for you to finish your interview.

Interview process.

We know that an interview can be a daunting experience. We make allowances for nerves and we endeavor to make the process as enjoyable as possible.

The interview will be relatively informal and will include a Product Design programme overview and an interview with a member of the academic staff team.

During your interview please be prepared to describe and answer questions about your work.

We understand that not everyone will have previous Product Design experience or qualifications. This is not essential. What we're looking for is an ability to study Product Design.

The interview will give you an opportunity to explore the potentials of the course. It will also give us the chance to know you better and provide you with early guidance in how to successfully start the course.

Preparation for interview.

Please read carefully the following information and instructions, which are intended to help you with your interview.

- Please bring along a paper or digital portfolio of work that demonstrates your aptitude for studying Product Design at the University of Northampton. Some examples may include:
- If you have studied Product Design or a related subject at school, either at GCSE or A level, we would like to see these design projects included in your portfolio.
- If you have not studied Product Design or a related subject then we would like to see sketches, art projects, graphics design work and/or experimentation with 3D form and models.

Travel information.

For information on transport options, please visit our [website](#).

Special Park and Ride interview day discount

Applicants attending an interview and their guests can receive a discounted Park and Ride fare to travel to campus on the day of their interview. The discounted rate is £1.20 per person for a return journey. Cash and contactless payments are accepted. Parking is free of charge.

In order to claim this discount, when you arrive at the Park and Ride car park, you will need to report to the security cabin, show your interview invite email and collect your Interview Pass. Please ensure you leave enough time to do this as there may be queues during peak periods (between 11am and 2.30pm).



The image to the left shows the security cabin that you need to look out for. It is near the entrance to the car park. **You must show your Interview Pass to the bus driver on both your journeys to gain your discounted travel so please keep it with you.** If you cannot show your interview invite email at the security cabin at the Park and Ride car park, they will not be able to issue you with an Interview Pass and you and your guests will need to pay the full fare.

The address for the Park and Ride is:
Claret Car Park and Saints Car Park
Edgar Mobbs Way
Sixfields
Northampton
NN5 5JR.

The buses run every 10 minutes Monday – Friday and depart from Edgar Mobbs Way (not from inside the car parks). It's approximately a 2.3 mile journey to the University. For the full timetable visit the [Uno Bus pages](#).

Other information.

Photographic Identification.

On the interview day please bring with you an original piece of photographic identification. The documents most commonly used are:

- Original valid passport
- Photographic drivers licence card

Requests for reasonable adjustment.

It is the policy of the University of Northampton that candidates should not be prejudiced as a result of any disability and reasonable adjustments will be made to mitigate unfair discrimination.

Therefore, all candidates with disabilities are encouraged to identify and/or request support for actual or potential circumstances in advance. Please contact admissions2018@northampton.ac.uk.

Please note you will be required to provide suitable medical evidence that confirms the nature of your condition and the need for adjustment.

Get in touch.

If you need to get in touch with us for any reason, please contact interview2019@northampton.ac.uk