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TO SOUTHAMPTON

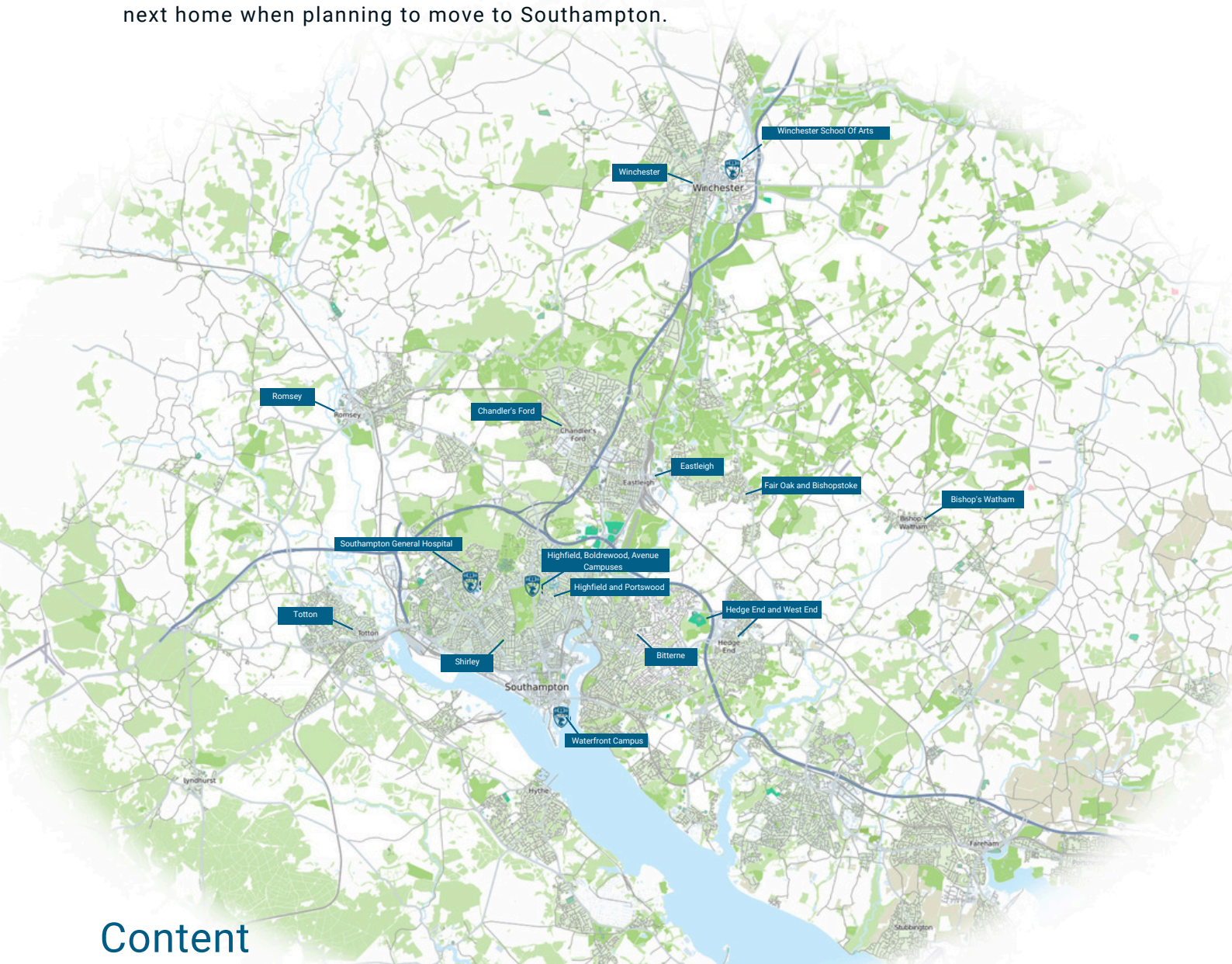


Introduction

The University of Southampton operates over six campuses, five in Southampton (Highfield Campus, Avenue Campus, Boldrewood Innovation Campus, Southampton General Hospital, and Waterfront Campus) and one in Winchester (Winchester School of Arts).

Depending on your role, you may work in either Southampton or Winchester. Both are thriving cities with plenty of green spaces, history, and culture, set within a broader area that includes the New Forest and South Downs National Parks, the naval city of Portsmouth, the coastal resort of Bournemouth, and the cathedral city of Salisbury, as well as many smaller towns in between.

This pack has been developed to give you an idea of the region and help you search for your next home when planning to move to Southampton.



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Our Cities and Their Surroundings



Southampton is a fantastic place to live, work and socialise, with some of the best weather in the UK. With an enviable location on the coast, yet just an hour from London, our locality combines incredible natural beauty with a thriving social scene, making it a very desirable place to live. For detailed information about Southampton, please visit its [official website](#).



Winchester is located 60 miles southwest of London, 14 miles from Southampton, and [UoS Winchester School of Art](#) is located here. Winchester offers history, culture, and fine food. Its location and schooling options have long been its strong selling points. Inevitably, with so many offerings, the city demand for housing is high and prices reflect this; it is one of the most expensive places to live in the area. For detailed information about Winchester, please visit its [official website](#). If you are looking for a village feel, [Bishops Waltham](#) is a great alternative.



The **New Forest** area is a unique mix of landscapes including ancient woodlands, wetlands, and bogs, and it is home to many rare species of plants and wildlife long since lost in the UK and Europe. There are lovely small villages around the New Forest which offer beautiful walks through the National Park, thriving high streets full of independent shops and a strong sense of community. You can find more detailed information by visiting the New Forest [official website](#).

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Bournemouth is a coastal resort town located in the neighbouring county Dorset, where you can feel the holiday vibes all year-round. Due to the rare microclimate, living in Bournemouth means you can experience longer sunshine hours. If you've ever dreamt of living by the sea, then moving to Bournemouth will doubtlessly appeal to you. You can find more detailed information by visiting Bournemouth's [official website](#).



Portsmouth is one of the world's best-known port cities, its history can be traced back to Roman times, and it has been a significant Royal Navy dockyard and base for centuries. The city offers buyers a range of property types to suit every budget. Southsea is a particularly popular area. With its own seafront and long beach there is always something going on including a static funfair at Clarence Pier. You can find more detailed information by visiting Portsmouth's [official website](#).



The cathedral city of **Salisbury** located in the Wiltshire county, is only 21 miles away from Southampton. This historical city has plenty to offer, from a wide range of property types and high-quality schools to cultural events all year. You can find more detailed information by visiting Salisbury's [official website](#).



Popular Residential Areas



Highfield and Portswood (SO17) are the areas closest to our Highfield and Avenue campuses, and consistently prove popular with both staff and students. Portswood is the more student-focused area, with a range of shops, cafes and restaurants, whilst Highfield is a quieter, desirable residential area.

Shirley (SO15) is a broad district and a former village on the western side of Southampton, close to the Common and only a 40 minute walk from the university campus.

Bitterne (SO18) is an eastern suburb of Southampton, and is particularly popular with families as some schools have been rated outstanding by ofsted.

Hedge End and West End (SO30) Originally small villages on the edge of Southampton, Hedge End and West End are now larger suburbs with easy access to the M27 motorway and many areas of newer housing, making these areas particularly popular with families.

Totton (SO40) is situated between the eastern edge of the New Forest and the River Test. The town has a good mix of housing, shopping and good transport links.

Eastleigh (SO50) is located between Southampton and Winchester, it offers you all the shops and restaurants you need, but also gives you easy access to the surrounding countryside.

Bishopstoke and Fair Oak (SO50) The area is a mix of residential properties based around two villages together with open farmed countryside and beautiful woodland, riverside and country walks.

Romsey (SO51) is a historic market town and is situated 7 miles (11 km) northwest of Southampton. With good facilities, picturesque surroundings and a strong sense of community, Romsey has long appealed to families and young couples.

Chandlers Ford (SO53) sits between Winchester and Southampton. It is popular with families as there are a number of good schools and plenty of recreation areas, shops and eateries.

Transport Links



- By Train** Southampton is a rail hub, with regular services to London (via Southampton Airport, Winchester and Basingstoke), Portsmouth, Brighton, Weymouth (via the New Forest, Bournemouth and Poole) and Salisbury (via Romsey) all radiating from the city. Southampton Central station serves all destinations, while Southampton Airport Parkway and Winchester stations are on the London main line. St Denys and Swaythling stations are closest to Highfield campus and served by local trains. Use [National Rail Enquiries](#) to find train times.
- By Bus** Southampton has an extensive network of bus services. Our own [Unilink](#) buses provide frequent links between our campuses and the city, while [Bluestar](#) provide most other bus services in Southampton. Bus services in Winchester are focused on Winchester Bus Station, which is a short distance from our campus.
- By Air** Southampton Airport is a short journey by Unilink bus from Highfield campus, or by train from Southampton or Winchester. KLM offer connecting services via Amsterdam to a huge network of destinations around the world, while other airlines offer predominantly domestic flights. With access to an almost limitless range of airlines and destinations, London Heathrow and Gatwick airports are both easily accessible within two hours from Southampton and Winchester.
- By Bike** The [Southampton Cycle Network](#) provides safe cycle routes across the city and most of our campuses provide secure bike parking for staff and students. There is a fortnightly Bike Doctor service on Highfield Campus and staff can use our [Cycle to Work Scheme](#) to make savings on buying a bike.
- By Boat** Southampton has regular car and foot passenger services to the Isle of Wight, operated by [Red Funnel](#).
- Other Options** Southampton and Winchester are both walkable cities. In Southampton, rental e-scooters and e-bikes are also available. [My Journey Southampton](#) is a helpful place to discover all the ways of getting around the city.

Accessible Southampton



The University of Southampton is an accredited Disability Confident Leader. We are committed to disability equality and a positive approach towards disability, challenging negative attitudes and ensuring that all staff can achieve their potential. If you require any additional support or reasonable adjustments please contact your line manager, who can discuss these with you and ensure they are in place ahead of your start date if needed. The University's [reasonable adjustments webpage](#) provides detailed information on this topic.

The University has a number of staff networks including the **UoS Disability Staff Network** which aims to support staff with disabilities and provide a safe and supporting environment and networking opportunities.

Below you can find some practical information about Hampshire, that may help you:

Registering a Disability with the Council:

The County Council issues disability registration cards to adults over the age of 18 who live in Hampshire. Visit [Hampshire County Council website](#) where you can find detailed information of how to register.

Applying for a Disabled Parking Permit:

To apply for a disabled parking permit, commonly known as a Blue Badge, please visit the [Hampshire County Council's parking support webpage](#).

Around Southampton:

Visit [Accessible Southampton website](#) to understand how the City supports those with additional accessibility needs.

Schools in the Region



There are many schools in the region that have been awarded the highest rating by [Ofsted](#).

You can search for primary, secondary and special needs schools and colleges near you, and check their performance via the [webpage](#).

There are variety of [independent schools](#) you may be interested in persuing, Those closest to Southampton include King Edward VI, The Gregg School, Embley Park, Stroud School, Sherbourne House School and The King's School.

Based at the Highfield campus at the University of Southampton, the Early Years Centre offers stimulating childcare with a focus on learning through play. Visit the [Early Years Centre](#) website for more detailed information.

You can find information about local nurseries in the region, by visiting [Day Nurseries Website](#).

If your child has special education needs, and you are searching for a Special Educational Needs (SEN) School visit the [Hampshire County Council support webpage](#).

Support for Partners



If your spouse/partner has moved with you and is looking for a new job in Southampton, there are a number of resources they can use:

UoS Career Page:

The University itself has a lot of opportunities, visit the [career page of the University](#) to find out more.

Casual Work:

The University employs casual workers for a number of positions, you can find further information on [UniWorkforce website](#). They administer casual work assignments for the University of Southampton and offer temporary short-term and ad hoc assignments in a variety of roles. Assignments provide flexibility depending on what you are looking for and can be a great opening to a more permanent role at the University.

Tate Recruitment:

The University works closely with Tate Recruitment, a local recruitment agency. For more detailed information please contact them by UoS@tate.co.uk or visit their [website](#).

Further Information



We hope you have found the information contained in this pack interesting and useful. If you have any further questions regarding relocating to Southampton please contact our AskHR team the details of which can be found on the following page.

Additionally below you will find some websites that you can visit to learn more about the region and the University:

[University of Southampton Relocation Webpage](#)

[Hampshire Country Council](#)

[Southampton City Council](#)

[Visit Hampshire](#)

[Hampshire Cultural Trust](#)




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We are looking forward to welcoming you!

*If you require further information on your relocation please contact
University of Southampton **Ask HR Team**.*

*Ask HR is staffed by a team of experienced HR professionals, available on-call
throughout the working day and can be contacted via telephone or email.*

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