

UNiversal Gym Membership Scheme Q & A's

How do I opt in to the UNiversal Gym Membership?

You will need to complete the Expression of Interest form which is available via the BUCS website [[Under Support & Guidance section](#)]. On completion of this, your details will appear on the BUCS website. Please note that the closing date to opt in for the 2017-18 academic year is 31 August 2017.

I am not a BUCS member, can our Institution be part of the UNiversal Gym Membership?

This offer is only available to BUCS member institutions. If you would like to offer this opportunity to your students you will need to become a BUCS member, details of how to do this can be found [here](#):
<https://www.bucs.org.uk/page.asp?section=18685§ionTitle=Becoming+a+BUCS+member>

What do we tell/give our students and staff members who take up a 12 month membership if we are part of the UNiversal Gym membership scheme?

Every university that opts in will be provided with UNiversal Gym Membership cards. Every student or member of staff at your university who has a 12 month membership should be given a card and required to fill in their name and university. Students will be required to present this card when visiting other university gyms. A set of guidelines will be given on the card to outline to the student how to find out which universities they are able to access.

Do we get any support material that we can use to promote to our students and staff?

Some template posters and some guidelines will be given on recommended text to use through your social media channels and website.

When would we have to make our university gym available to visiting students?

If you opt into the UNiversal Gym membership you are offering your facility all year round to "tourist" students and staff.

Can a student on a 12 month membership at a university that do not opt in the UNiversal Gym membership gain access to other university gyms?

No, it has to work both ways. If a university want to be able to offer their students and staff a 12 month membership and promote the UNiversal Gym membership offer then the university will need to be prepared to offer their own facilities to visiting students and staff in return.

Why is the year starting from 1 September, when we don't sell any membership until October?

The date takes into account Scottish Universities that start in September.

We don't offer a 12 month membership but want to be part of this scheme, can we offer it to our direct debit monthly members?

For the 2017-18 academic year this will not be possible. We need to make it relatively easy for the first year of the scheme for universities to administer. It will be difficult to monitor which student or staff member is actually a member at their university gym if they can opt in and out month by month.

How do we know if they are a student or staff member at a University that have opted in to the UNiversal Gym Membership and that they have a 12 month membership?

Firstly every university who is part of the scheme will appear on the BUCS website. Secondly, every student or member of staff at one of these universities will have been given a UNiversal Gym membership card that will verify a) which university they are from and b) that they have a 12 month membership.

Can we charge for visiting tourists that use our facilities?

As visiting students and staff would have already paid for a 12 month membership at their own institution there should not be a fee associated with using your facilities. Your financial gain should be through selling more 12 month memberships to your own students and staff.

Are we required to record the visiting tourists that use our facilities?

Yes, this will be required from all universities that opt in to this scheme. We need a measure to show the impact this scheme has for universities over the academic year. A template will be made available online that you can use electronically or as a hard copy to record the visiting students. This will be required to be collated over the year and returned to BUCS at the end of the 2017-18 academic year.

Do we have to run through an induction with every tourist that uses our facilities?

This will be down to the processes of each individual institution. As a minimum each visitor should complete a Health Commitment statement.