



‘Next Steps’ Information evening

This evening....

- Applying for University (UCAS)
- Apprenticeships
- Student Finance
- Support for Blackfen students - UNIFROG
- EPQ

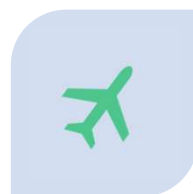
Choices available



Higher
education



Apprenticeships/
traineeships



Studying
abroad



Gap year



Getting a job

Find out more: ucas.com

Applying to University



University of Manchester	History
Queen Mary University of London	Biochemistry
University of Birmingham	Biochemistry, Medical
Queen Mary University of London	Pharmacology and Innovative Therapeutics
Lancaster University	Law
Birmingham City University	Law with Criminal Justice
University of Greenwich	Criminology and Criminal Psychology
University of Brighton	Nursing (Adult)
University of Bath	Chemistry for Drug Discovery with Industrial Placement
Norwich University of the Arts	Photography
Queen Mary University of London	Psychology with a Year Abroad
Keele University	Neuroscience and Psychology
University of Greenwich	Primary Education with Qualified Teacher Status
University of Sheffield	Politics
St Mary's University, Twickenham	History
Ulster University	Law
University of Liverpool	Criminology
University of Portsmouth	Photography
Birmingham City University	Mental Health Nursing (September) with Foundation Year
University of Southampton	Finance and Financial Technology with Placement Year
University of Sussex	Psychology

University of Derby	Midwifery
University of Westminster, London	Business Management
University of the Arts London	Interior and Spatial Design
De Montfort University	Law LLB
Canterbury Christ Church University	Sport & Exercise Science
University of Kent	Film
Kingston University	Primary Teaching (QTS)
University of Greenwich	Sociology and Criminology
University of Essex	Speech and Language Therapy
Lancaster University	Politics and International Relations
University of Greenwich	Criminology and Criminal Psychology
University of Kent	Psychology
Lancaster University	Law
Arts University Bournemouth	Fine Art
University of Greenwich	Primary Education with Qualified Teacher Status
University of Portsmouth	Business and Management
University of East Anglia UEA	Chemistry with a Foundation Year
University of Portsmouth	Criminology and Cybercrime
University of Brighton	Psychology and Criminology
University of Roehampton	Sociology
University of East London	Interior Design
University of Brighton	Environmental Management
University of Warwick	Law and Sociology
De Montfort University	Law LLB
Brunel University London	Sport, Health and Exercise Sciences (Physical Ed)
Northumbria University, Newcastle	Graphic Design
University of Essex	Psychosocial and Psychoanalytic Studies
University of Kent	Accounting and Finance with a year in Industry
University of Kent	Law
De Montfort University	Animation
Canterbury Christ Church University	Applied Criminology
University of Greenwich	Equine Training and Management
University of Roehampton	Sociology
Nottingham Trent University	Psychology
Kingston University	Real Estate Management with Professional Placement Year
Northumbria University, Newcastle	International Relations and Politics
University of Portsmouth	Marine Biology
University of Greenwich	Business Management
Nottingham Trent University	Business
Coventry University	Law
University of the Arts London	Hair and Make-up for Fashion
University of Roehampton	Psychology & Counselling
University of Greenwich	Business Management

UCAS – an independent charity

UCAS does:

- ✓ process applications
- ✓ provide information, advice, and training
- ✓ have a Fraud and Verification Team
- ✓ take part in education sector engagement

UCAS doesn't:

- ✗ suggest courses or universities
- ✗ make decisions or offers
- ✗ advise on finance, immigration, or visas for individuals

What is UCAS?

350+ universities and colleges:

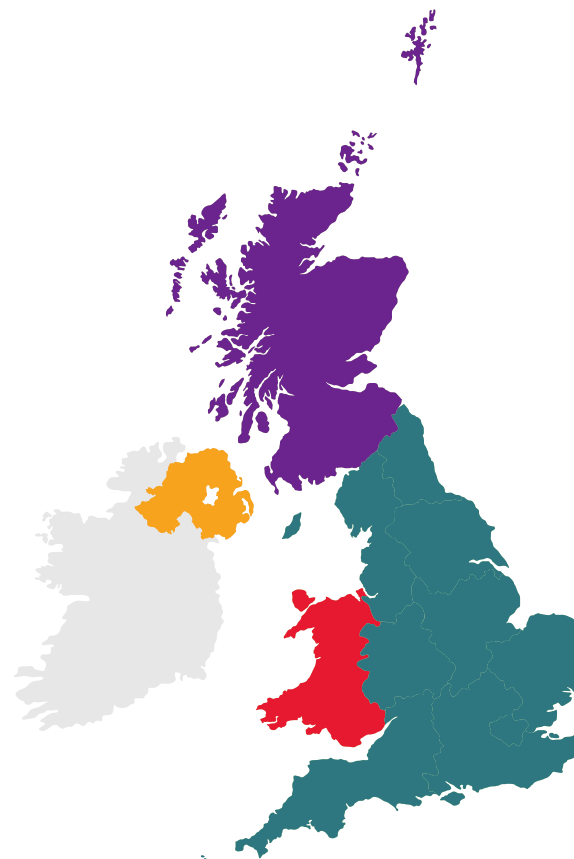
4 in Northern Ireland

15 in Wales

18 in Scotland

316 in England

35,000+ courses available



Why higher education?

Opportunities while studying:

- Chance to study a subject they are passionate about.
- Achieve a qualification that could lead to their chosen career.
- Grow in confidence, make lifelong friends, and gain independence and important life skills that will widen their prospects.

With a degree, they'll have:

- the opportunity to follow their career path
- better job prospects, as many employers target graduates
- higher earning potential

Choosing the right university

- **Style** – from the traditional, with a focus on subject-based courses and research, to modern universities, with a greater focus on vocational courses.
- **Location** – some are based in large cities, others in smaller towns - a major influence on the environment and lifestyle.
- **Size** – larger universities can have more than 20,000 students, whereas some of the smallest have only a few thousand.
- **Culture and facilities** – influenced by a range of factors, including the diversity of students who attend.
- **What graduates do** – all universities collect destination statistics. It can be interesting to find out the types of jobs or further study students go on to.
- **Tuition fees** – can vary between course providers. Check if there are any scholarships or bursaries available.
- **Living costs** – accommodation, transport, and food can vary enormously.

Choosing the right course

- What does the course cover?
- Courses with the same title may be very different.
- Look carefully at the core course content, and the range of optional studies/modules available.
- Which modules are the most interesting and relevant to career aspirations?
- See if the course or university/college offers any internship, placement, or study abroad opportunities.
- How is the course taught – structured teaching, or more independent research? How many lectures are there, and how much group work will be done in seminars?
- How is the course assessed?

Research resources



Applying - key facts

- 30th April – students can start searching for courses for 2025
- 14th May – UCAS opens for applications
- Students can add up to 5 choices, unless they're applying to study medicine, veterinary, medicine/science, dentistry – then it's 4 choices
- Students can't apply to BOTH Oxford and Cambridge
- Applying costs £28.50
- Apply by the equal consideration date
- Providers can't see other choices when you apply

What should students be doing now?

- Research – use UNIFROG
- extracurricular activities
- work experience
- Attend Open Days and taster courses
- go beyond the syllabus
- focus on this year's studies



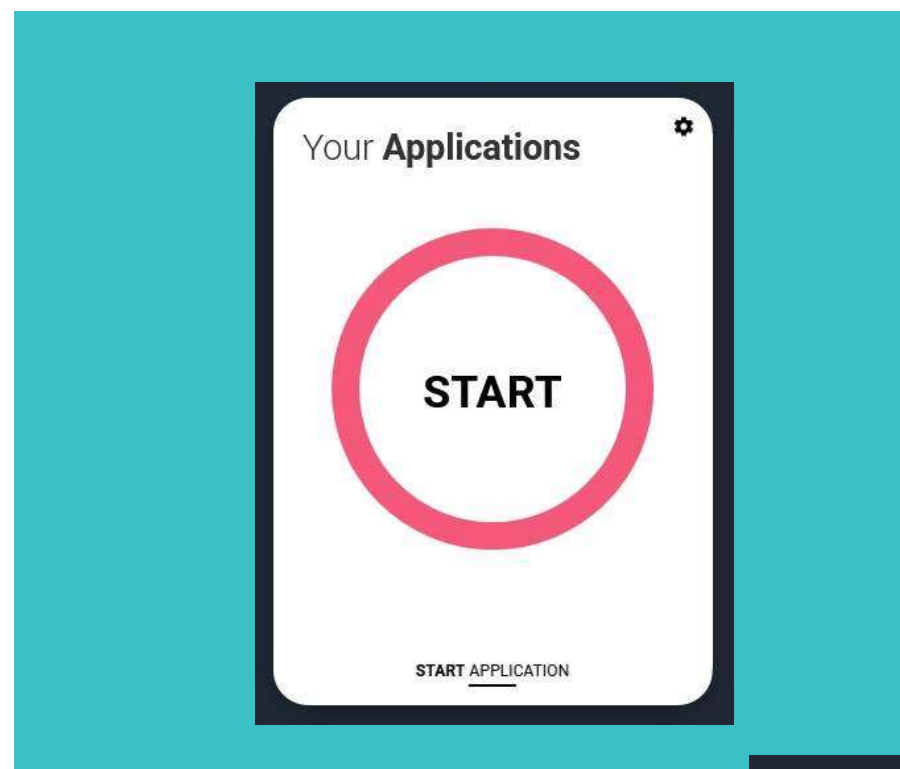


Unifrog

- <https://www.unifrog.org/student/home>
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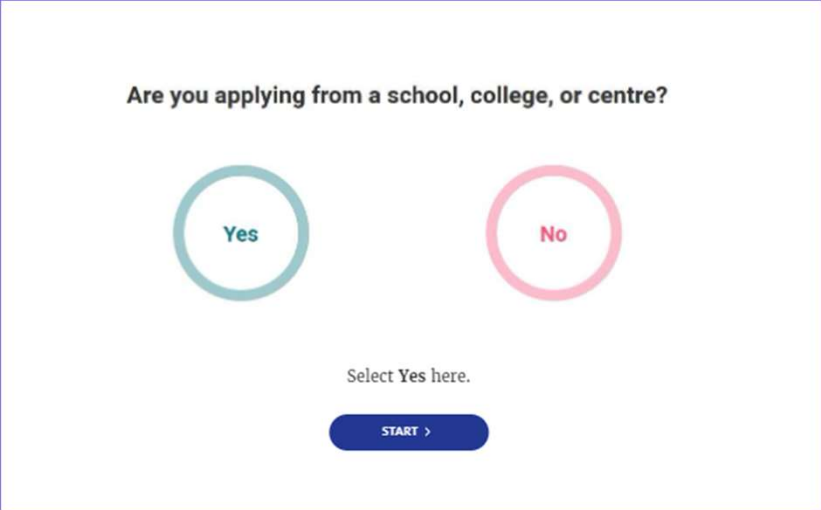
Registering

- To start an application students need a UCAS Hub account.
- Register for a UCAS Hub account at any time
- From 18 May 2023 you'll see a new 'Your applications' tile in your UCAS Hub
- Click 'Start application' to get started...



Linking to a school

- If they're applying with the help of a school, college or centre they should enter their 'buzzword' to link their application.
- The buzzword is a unique code for our centre.
- By linking their application students are giving us permission to view and track their application.
- It also means we can provide a reference.



Are you applying from a school, college, or centre?

Yes No

Select Yes here.

START >

Making an application

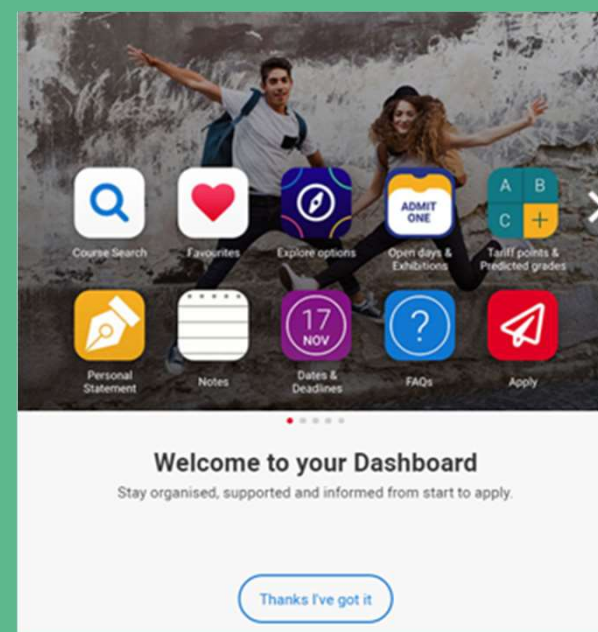
Sections to be completed:

- Personal details
- Contact and residency details
- Work experience
- Education
- Nationality details
- English language skills
- Supporting information
- Personal statement
- Choices – make up to five
- References
- Finance and funding
- Diversity and inclusion (for students with a UK home address)

Starting research

Students should register in UCAS Hub to:

- explore careers, subjects, universities and apprenticeships
- find and favourite over 35,000 courses
- search for virtual tours and online events
- turn predicted grades into Tariff points
- speak to those in the know using [Unibuddy](#)
- speak to career, higher education, and application specialists by attending the [Hub lives](#).
- explore [job profiles](#) to discover different career roles and pathways.
- Start an application for 2024 entry (from May 2023)



Free tools to help...



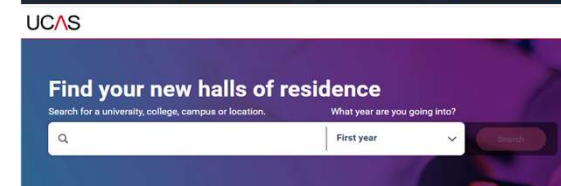
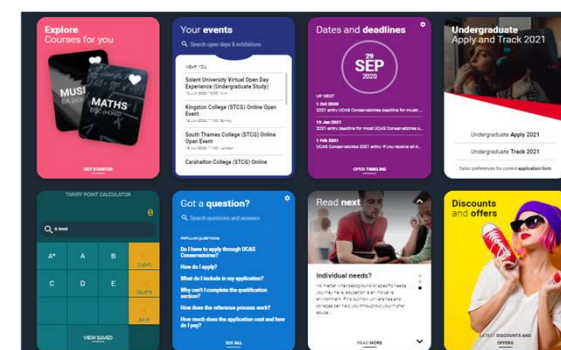
[Discovery Days](#) - at UCAS/Discovery you can explore all kinds of possibilities. Talk to subject and admissions experts, discover apprenticeships, get advice on personal statements, applying through UCAS, and more. Get stuck in and open your mind to a world of opportunities.



[Join our UCAS Hub lives and Facebook lives](#) -each live session is hosted by an expert panel to give you what you need to make an informed decision.



[Accommodation Search](#)- accommodation is high on the list when considering where you want to study, but it's not always easy to compare what's on offer. Understand what options there are using our new Accommodation search.



How to find the right student accommodation for you

This is it. Life is good. You're going to uni. Is it going to be the party paradise of on-campus halls, or a flat-share right in the middle of town? Maybe the cost of rent will decide, what supports on hand, or whether there's a bus stop...

[read more](#)

Decisions

Universities and colleges will review the:



personal statement



qualifications



reference

They may also ask for:



admissions test



interview



portfolio/audition

Tracking applications

Students should head to ucas.com to track their application. Click your application to:

- follow the progress of their application 24/7
- see their choices and personal information
- view their offers
- reply to offers online

In Track, a student can hold up to two offers:

- **firm** – if they meet the conditions of the offer they will be placed here
- **insurance** – if they are not placed with their firm choice, they may be placed with their insurance choice.



Replies to offers

Once students have decisions from all their choices, they can hold a maximum of two offers:

- one as a 'firm' acceptance – their first choice
- the other as an 'insurance' acceptance. This acts as a back-up if they don't get into their 'firm' choice

They must then decline any remaining offers.

Once all decisions and replies have been made, if students aren't holding an offer, they may be able to use Extra or Clearing to find available places.





Other options

Extra (Feb – Jul)

- Used all five choices and had no offers.
- Add Extra choices for consideration one at a time in Track.

Clearing (Jul – Oct)

- Apply after 30 June, receive no offers, decline all offers, not met conditions.
- Find vacancies from early July, and add a Clearing choice to their application.

How can you support them?

Research

Use the parents/guardians' section of the UCAS website at www.ucas.com/parents.

Sign up

Sign up for parent updates from UCAS and get everything you need to know about the application process direct to your inbox.

Open days

Attend virtual events and open days – you may have a different perspective.

Be proactive

Make sure they read everything carefully that is sent to them and don't book holidays at key times!