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APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY 2025

Form Time:
LAUNCH EVENT

Mr Linnell



Applying to University **Year 12**



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IT IS YOUR FINAL YEAR!

With just 12 months until you exams start it is time to begin looking at where next. This is an exciting potential option to consider for the next phase of your education. This presentation outlines the **UCAS process.**



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By the end of this presentation, you will be able to:

- identify what resources are available to support you
- explain how to apply to a UK university or college
- list the dates you need to send your application by
- know how to follow your application and reply to offers



Choices available



HIGHER
EDUCATION



APPRENTICESHIPS



STUDYING
ABROAD



GAP YEAR



GETTING A JOB

Register for the UCAS Hub to understand all your options and make the right choices for you: ucas.com/hub

What are the options?



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- **Foundation degree:** flexible vocational qualification, combining both academic study and workplace learning. It usually takes two years to complete.
- **Bachelor's or undergraduate degree:** a three to four-year course which can also be available as a part-time option, allowing you to study and work.
- **Degree apprenticeships:** enable you to gain a full undergraduate or master's degree while you work. Degree apprenticeships take three to six years to complete, depending on the course.



FREE trip to find our more

- On **Monday 10 June 2024** all Year 12 students will be attending the UCAS Discovery Exhibition at the **Norfolk Showground**. Representatives from all colleges, universities, the armed forces and apprenticeship employers will be amongst those present.
- The **coach will leave school at 09:00 am to go to the Showground**. Our allocated booking time at the event is from 09:30 am to 11:00 am. The coach will leave UEA at 11:00 am to return to school.
- The event is **compulsory** and all students are expected to attend.
- Students will be registering for the event Wed/Thurs 5th-6th June at form time.



Why?

- Essential for some career paths.
- Develop new transferable skills and subject knowledge.
- Increase confidence and independence.
- Broaden experiences.
- Meet new people.
- Investment in the future.
- Increased job prospects.
- Higher earning potential.



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What's right for you?

There are a number of things to consider with your next step

- something you enjoy – you are investing time and effort
- whether it's right for your career path – check with employers and professional organisations
- location – city or rural, transport links
- a study and assessment style that suits you
- environment including extracurricular, clubs, and societies
- finances



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IT IS YOUR CHOICE

What you go onto after Sixth Form is up to you.

The majority of our leavers go onto University **78% in 2024**.

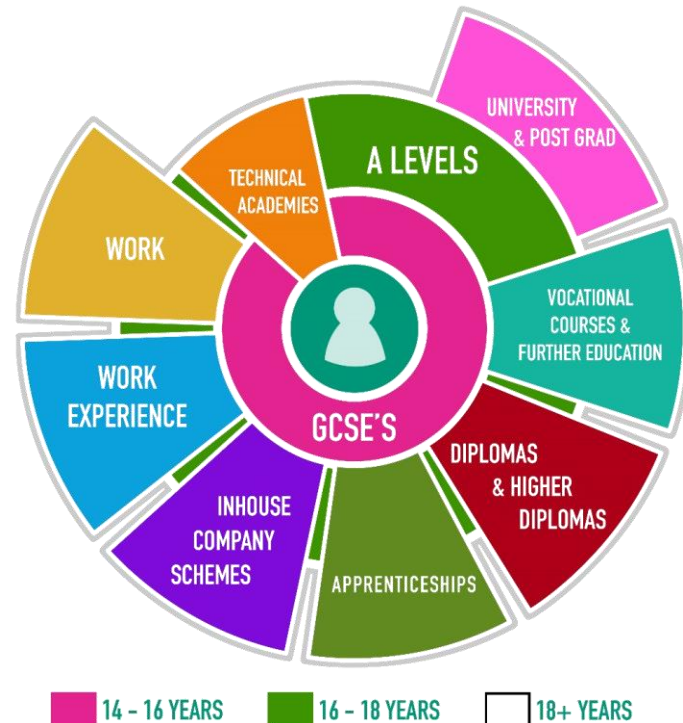
The application process takes place nationally for all Universities via an online application process called

UCAS. The cost of applying is **£28.50 (Free for FSM)**

This process has just opened and closes on January 29th 2025, For Oxbridge/medicine it is 15th October 2024.

HOWEVER, places are often allocated first come, first served. So the quicker we can send off your application the better.

Our school deadlines are: Monday 30th September 2024 for 'fast track' students and **Monday 11th November 2024** for all other applicants.





OVERVIEW OF THE UCAS PROCESS

UCAS is essentially an online application form.

It includes:



- Registering your application. **MAY**
- Completing an online application form. **JUNE**
- Writing a personal statement (You may use up to 47 lines of text or 4,000 characters, along with spaces.) **THIS IS THE KEY PART. JULY-SEP**
- Asking the school to put together a reference for you. **JULY-OCT**
- Paying and Mr Linnell sending to UCAS. **By the 6th NOV**



SUPPORT FOR THE UCAS PROCESS

Who does what?

You are responsible for your application but you have support:



- Completing form and drafting and improving personal statement. **YOU!**
- Checking your form **Sixth Form Team**
- Checking your personal statement **Form Tutor**
- Writing your reference **Form Tutor**
- Checking your reference **Sixth Form Team**
- Final check and sending to UCAS **Mr Linnell**

unifrog

You have Unifrog to help guide your research in where to apply to and also the help videos and search engine on the UCAS website.



REFERENCES

Whether you want to go to University, take on an Apprenticeship or embark on employment you will need a reference.



This is all conducted on Unifrog, so:

- Select **one teacher per subject** to write your subject reference (check with departments who this is).
- E-mail your tutor this half-term to go through what you would like in your reference and progression intentions and if there are mitigating circumstances.
- Use Unifrog to search for courses and opportunities.

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TODAY

This presentation will take you through the process to apply.

- To start the process you need to follow the instructions on the sheet.
- I will e-mail you the how to complete guide and registration checklist.
- You will need your exam certificates to enter the qualifications.
- Aim to complete these details by **3rd July** so we can check they are accurate.
- Above all remember this is a formal application. Any mistakes will look bad and will hold up your application. Only you can edit, not staff.

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PERSONAL DETAILS

Name
First name:
Last name:

Date of Birth
Day: Month: Year:

Gender
Male Female

Nationality
Select your nationality:

Postcode
Postcode:

Make this section complete*
 Yes, I will complete all mandatory fields in this section before you can reach the complete all sections multiple times to complete your registration application.

Next Step



UCAS Hub

Your discovery tool



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Starting your research

Register with the UCAS Hub to:

- explore careers, subjects, places, and apprenticeships
- find and favourite **over 35,000 courses**
- search for open days, events and virtual tours
- turn predicted grades into UCAS Tariff points
- speak to those in the know using [Unibuddy](#)
- try before you apply with [Subject Spotlights](#) from Springpod.
- take the [UCAS Quiz](#) to find your career matches
- start your application



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The screenshot shows the UCAS Hub interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'UCAS' and links for 'Discover', 'Study', 'Train & Work', 'Advice', and 'For'. A search bar and user profile icon are on the right. Below this is the 'Your Hub' section, which is the user's personalised homepage. It features a 'Welcome back Becca' message with a profile picture and a note that she will be applying in 2024. A prominent pink plus sign icon is next to a '2023 UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATION' section, which includes a 'Start a new application' button and a sub-button 'Start an application'. Below this is a 'Your next steps' section with three cards: 'DISCOVER WHERE TO GO', 'DISCOVER WHAT TO DO', and 'DISCOVER CAREERS'. Each card has a brief description and an illustration. To the right of these cards is a section titled 'How to nail that personal statement' with a 'Read more' link.

Your pathways Side by side

You can see apprenticeship opportunities alongside undergraduate courses.

The UCAS Hub enables you to explore all your options and build your profile in one place.

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Dental Nurse Apprentice

MR DEVANAND ISUKAPATLA

📍 South Shields

Apprenticeship level	Industry
England - Advanced Apprenticeship - Level 3	Medicine, dentistry and nursing
Start date	Duration
30/10/2023	18 Months
Date posted	Closing date
06/03/2023	29/10/2023
Salary	
£10,982.40	



AAT Apprenticeship - Audit, Accounts and Tax (March 2024)

MOORE KINGSTON SMITH GROUP SERVICES LIMITED

📍 LONDON

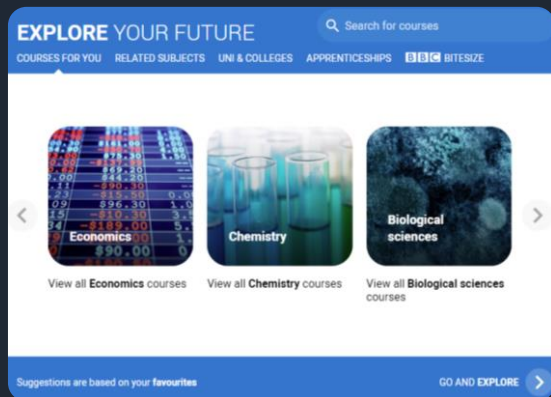
Apprenticeship level	Industry
England - Higher Apprenticeship - Level 4	Accounting and Finance
Start date	Duration
04/03/2024	2 Years
Date posted	Closing date
05/07/2023	30/10/2023
Salary	
£25,000.00	

Personalised tools to help



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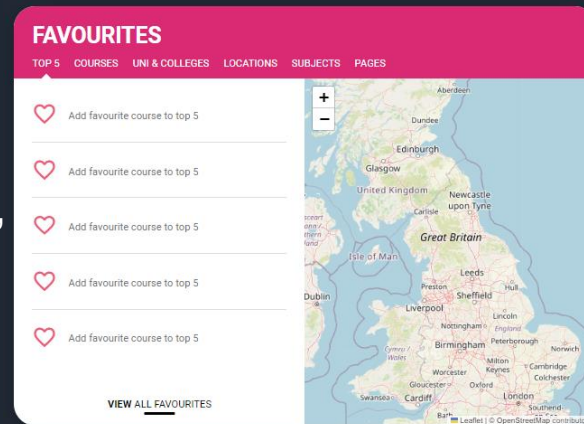


Explore your future

Discover what to do with subject, industry, and career guides; discover where to go with city, employer and accommodation information. Explore apprenticeships and course opportunities for you. Favourite as you go.

Your favourites

Search for courses, use to decide your top 5 choices, manage, keep those favourite information pages to hand. Manage and edit at any time.





Build your profile. Favourite as you go.

Browse by



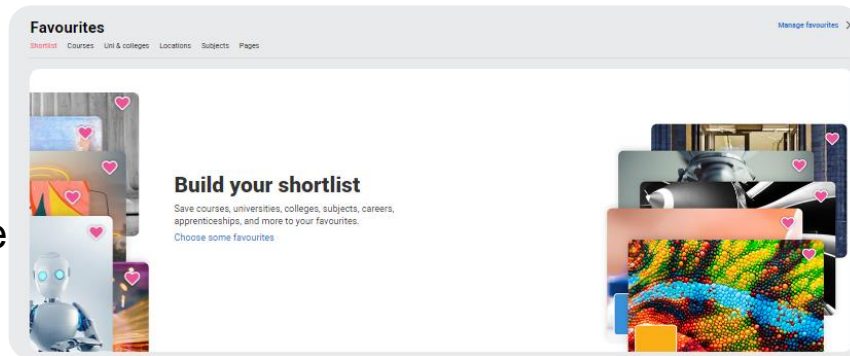
Explore your future

What to do? Where to go? **Discover** all the options with our subject, industry, and career guides. **Explore** city, employer and accommodation information.

Compare apprenticeships and course opportunities for you.

Build your shortlist

Save for courses, universities, colleges, subjects, apprenticeships and more! Use to shortlist your top 5 choices, manage, keep those favourite information pages to hand.





Subject Spotlights

- Learn from some of the UK's finest academics as they give you a genuine, insightful, and engaging experience of studying their courses at their universities.
 - On-demand interactive video experiences
 - Have a go at interactive quizzes and activities
 - Get feedback on how you've done.
 - Try university degrees before you apply.
 - Certificate of completion
- Explore more Springpod [Subject Spotlights](#).

University course tasters

Experience what a university course would be like with Springpod's Subject Spotlights. These interactive, virtual university course tasters feature real-life lectures, seminars, and academics.

More info



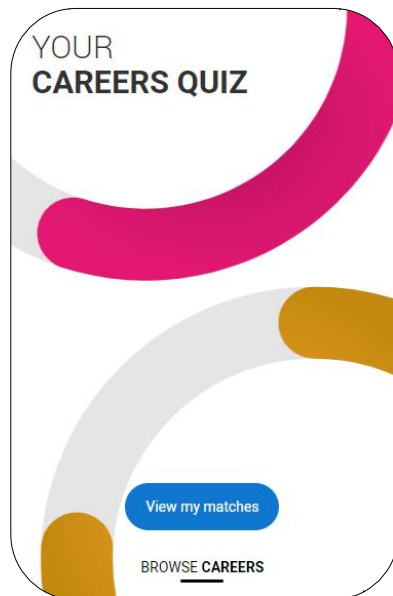


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UCAS Quiz

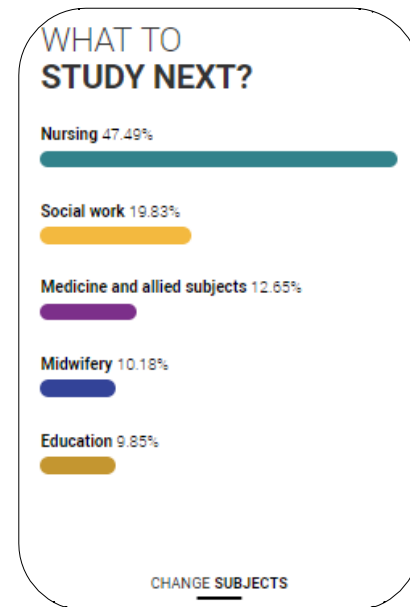
Find job and career ideas matched to your personality.

Plus a list of courses previous students studied in order to get there.



What to study next?

Broaden your horizons by exploring another subject area, that student's who did your qualification went on to study.






UCAS Exploring Apprenticeships

From UCAS Hub you can easily explore apprenticeships; learn more information and see a live selection of apprenticeship vacancies.

Set alerts to stay up to date.


APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

[Search for apprenticeships](#)

Software Developer Degree Apprentice, Ware UK, 2023 

Ware, Hertfordshire
A competitive starting base salary of £18,000 per year, which increases after year 1

[Apply for this job](#)

R&D Laboratory IT (Digital & Tech) Degree Apprentice, Stevenage, 2023 

Stevenage, Hertfordshire
A competitive starting base salary of £18,000 per

[FIND MORE](#)

Found 504 jobs

Browse Search

Keywords
Keyword

Location
Location

Within 5 miles

Nationwide
 Homeworking

► Specialism

► Sector

▼ Role Type 2 selected

Apprenticeship
 Other work and training

► Start Date

Get new jobs for this search by email

[Create alert](#)

TOP JOB

Radio Access Optimisation Apprentice (Virgin Media)

- Leeds, Hammersmith , Runcorn , Wythenshawe
- £23,000
- Estio Training

Level 3 Radio Network Technician About the company: We're Virgin Media O2 and we're here to upgrade the UK. Virgin Media O2 combine...

[View details](#) 10 days ago [Save](#)

Software Developer Degree Apprentice, Ware UK, 2023

- Ware, Hertfordshire
- A competitive starting base salary of £18,000 per year, which increases after year 1
- GSK

Join GSK's R&D (Research and Development) Apprentice Programme – Ware UK, 2023: Help us get ahead of disease together

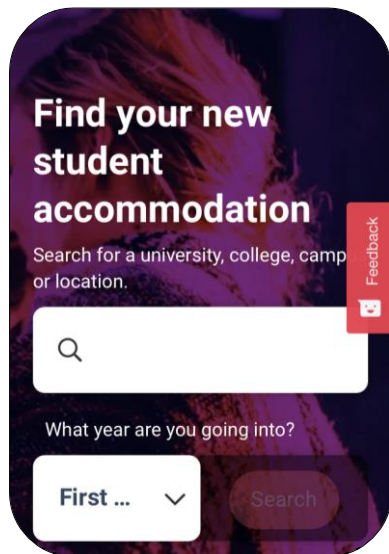
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What else do you need?

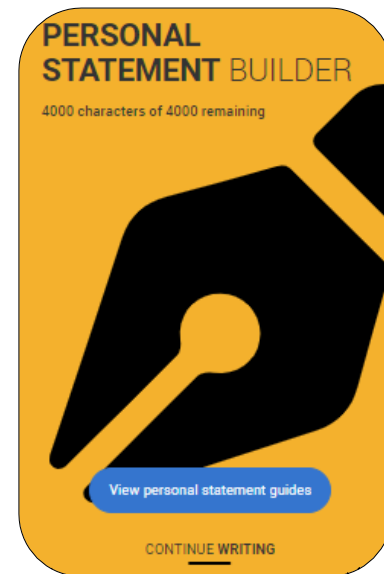
Accommodation

High on the list when considering where to study, but it's not always easy to compare what's on offer. Understand what options there are using our [accommodation search](#).



Personal Statement Builder

Designed to help you think about what to include, and how to lay it all out. It counts how many characters you've used, so it's easy to see when you're close to the 4,000 character limit.





Choosing the right place for you

- **Style** – from traditional, with a focus on subject-based courses and research, to modern universities/colleges, with a greater focus on vocational courses.
- **Location** – some are in large cities, others in small towns, by the coast or in the countryside – it's all 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 useful to find out what jobs or further study students go on to.
- **Tuition fees** – can vary between universities and colleges; check if there are scholarships or bursaries available.
- **Living costs** – accommodation, transport, and food can vary enormously.



Choosing the right course for you

- 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 your 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?

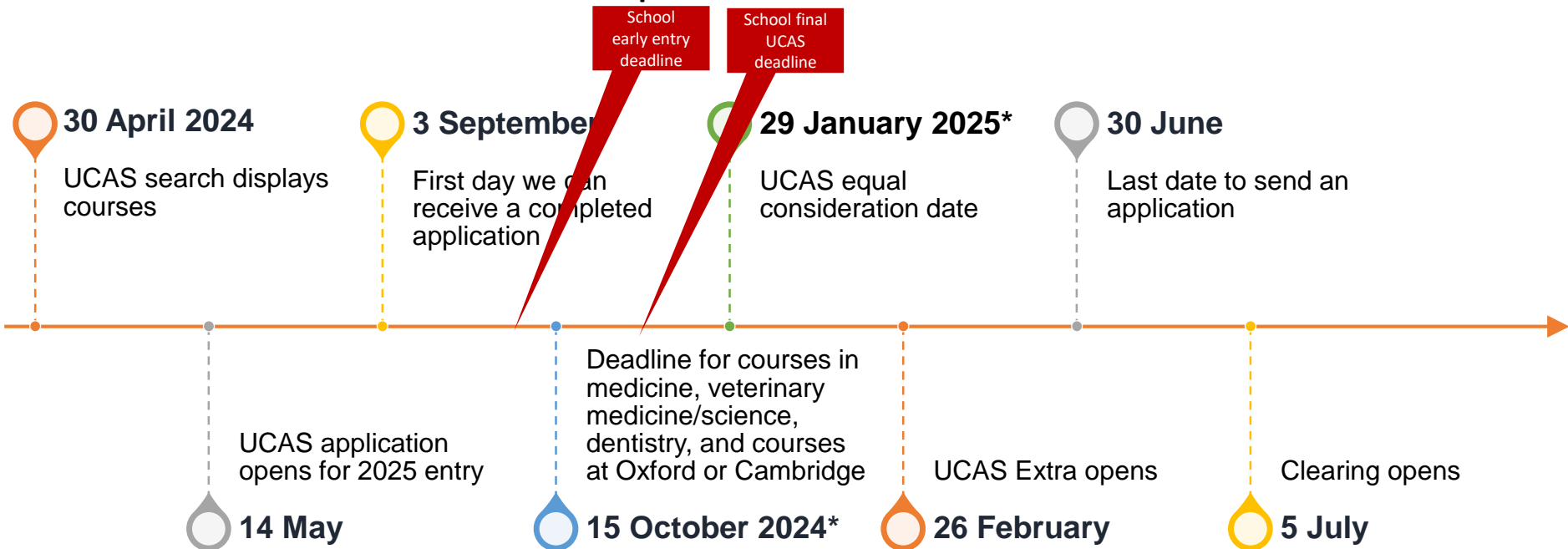
When to apply 2025 entry



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30th September 11th November



* 18.00 UK time

Key facts



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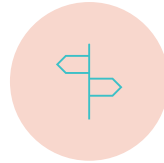
Start your application from
14 May 2024



Universities and colleges **can't see** your other choices when you apply.



Apply by the **equal consideration date**.



Five choices, unless applying to study medicine, veterinary, medicine/science, dentistry – then it's **four choices**.



You **can't apply to both** Oxford and Cambridge.



Applying costs **£28.50**.

Linking to a school



- If you're applying with the help of a school, college or centre you should enter their '**buzzword**' to link your application to them.
- The buzzword is a unique code set by your school, college or centre is **taverham2025**.
- By linking your application you're giving your school, college or centre permission to view and track your application.
- It also means they'll provide you with a reference, and send your application to UCAS on your behalf.



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

Yes

No

Select Yes here.

START >



Application

Profile:

- Personal details
- Contact and residency details
- Nationality details
- Supporting information
- English language skills
- Finance and funding
- Diversity and inclusion*
- More about you

* (for students with a UK home address)

The screenshot displays a dark-themed application profile interface with a yellow background. The profile is organized into a grid of sections:

- Profile** (Header)
- Personal details >** (Name, age, title, and gender) - Status: Section complete
- Contact & residency details >** (Address, email, telephone, and where you live) - Status: Start this section
- Nationality details >** (Country and nationality details) - Status: Start this section
- Supporting information >** - Status: Section in progress
- English language skills >** (Is English your first language?) - Status: Start this section
- Finance & funding >** (Tell us how you'll fund your study) - Status: Section in progress
- Diversity & inclusion >** (Only shared with a provider once you have a place or your application is archived) - Status: Start this section
- More about you >** (Tell us about any circumstances that you might need support for during your studies) - Status: Start this section

Application

Experiences:

- Education
- Employment
- Extra activities*

- Personal statement
- Reference**
- Add choices – up to five

*(for students with a UK home address)

** (not visible for students linked to their school/college)



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The screenshot displays the UCAS application interface on a yellow background. It features a dark blue rounded rectangle containing the following sections:

- Experience**
 - Education >**
Your qualifications and periods of study
Section in progress (blue bar)
 - Employment >**
Employment, paid or unpaid, or volunteer work
Section complete (green bar)
 - Extra activities >**
Activities you have attended in preparation for higher education
Start this section (blue bar)
- Personal Statement**
 - Personal statement >**
Why do you want to study this subject?
Start this section (blue bar)

The personal statement



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The only section you have full control over



Your only chance to market yourself as an individual



The same for all of your choices



A maximum of 4,000 characters, or 47 lines



A minimum of 1,000 characters



There isn't a spelling or grammar check



No formatting allowed

UCAS' similarity detection service:
every personal statement is run
through software to check for
plagiarism.



Start early

Include:

- academic achievements, past and present
- why you're interested in the subject area
- your knowledge of the course area
- your enthusiasm to go beyond the syllabus
- what you enjoy about studying
- details of your independent study skills





Consider...

- Universities and colleges will consider:
 - Have you chosen the course for the right reasons?
 - Can you achieve in a new learning environment?
 - Do you have a range of interests and aptitudes?
 - Do you have a depth of interest in the subject?
 - Have you studied independently?
 - Do you appear motivated and committed?
 - Do you have good numeracy and literacy skills?



PERSONAL STATEMENT BUILDER

4000 characters of 4000 remaining

[View personal statement guides](#)

[CONTINUE WRITING](#)

PERSONAL STATEMENT BUILDER

4000 characters of 4000 remaining

Writing about the course

Why are you applying for your chosen course(s)?

Write your text here...

Why does the subject interest you?

Write your text here...

Why do you think you're suitable for the course(s)?

Write your text here...

Do your current or previous studies relate to the course(s) that you have chosen?

Write your text here...

- > Skills and achievements
- > Work experience and future plans

 Preview

Save & close



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What to include in your architecture, planning or building personal statement



What to include in your animal science personal statement



What to include in your art and design personal statement



What to include in your biology personal statement



What to include in your business management personal statement



What to include in your chemistry personal statement



What to include in your computer science personal statement



What to include in your dance personal statement



Decisions

Universities and colleges will review the:



personal statement



qualifications



reference

They may also ask for:



admissions test



interview



portfolio/audition



Tracking your application



2023 UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATION

Waiting for decisions

Universities or colleges are considering your application.

Providers have until dd-mm-yyyy to respond to your choices.



2023 UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATION

All decisions received

You've received a decision from all of your choices. You can now reply to your offers at any time.

Reply by dd-mm-yyyy



2023 UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATION

Waiting for confirmation

You're waiting for confirmation of your choices. If you meet the offer conditions, the university/college will confirm your place. Send them your results if requested.

Follow your application 24/7:

- see your choices
- keep personal information up to date
- view and reply to your offers

You'll receive one of three decisions from your choices:

- unconditional offer
- conditional offer
- unsuccessful



Replies to offers

Once you have decisions on all your choices, you can choose two:

- One as a 'firm' acceptance – your first choice.
- The other as an 'insurance' acceptance. This acts as a back-up if you do not get into your 'firm' choice.

Any remaining offers must be declined.

Once all your decisions and replies have been made, if you are not holding an offer, you may be able to use Extra or Clearing to find available places.





Other options

Extra (26 Feb – 4 Jul)

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

Clearing (5 Jul – Oct)

- Apply after 30 June, receive no offers, decline all offers, not met conditions.
- Find vacancies from 5 July and add a Clearing choice to your application.





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Apprenticeships

What you need to know

www.ucas.com/apprenticeships

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Your pathways Side by side

When you register on ucas.com, you can sign up to be linked to relevant apprenticeship opportunities that match your profile.



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Looking for Apprenticeships?

We can match you to potential employers! Sign up for Smart Alerts to receive apprenticeship opportunities directly in your inbox.

[Go to Smart Alerts](#)

6 steps to follow



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Step 1

Register on
UCAS Hub

Step 2

Option to sign up to receive
alerts on opportunities that
match your profile

Step 3

Explore subjects, courses,
industries, job roles

Step 4

Build your
profile

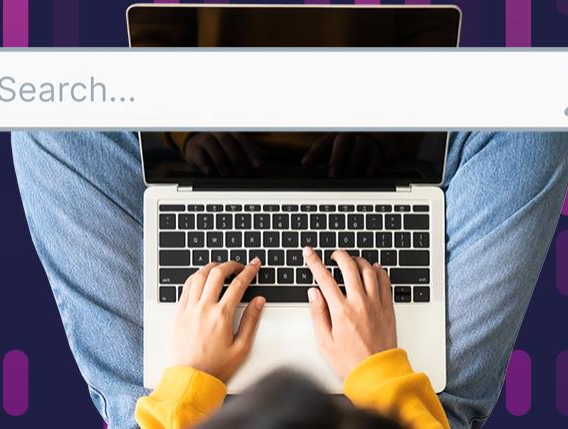
Step 5

Search
for vacancies

Step 6

Make an
application

Search...





How can I apply?

- Applications are made directly through the company or the education provider.
- There is no limit on the number of applications you can make.
- The application process might vary across vacancies, you could be asked for:
 - CV and Covering Letter
 - Application Form
 - In App/Site application
- You can apply for universities and apprenticeships at the same time!





REMINDER OF UCAS DEADLINES

You **MUST** focus on completing your UCAS applications as soon as possible.

It is often **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED** on many courses.



30th September 2024 is school deadline for Oxbridge and medicine courses.

15th October 2023 UCAS deadline for Oxbridge and medicine courses.

11th November 2024 school deadline for **UCAS applications**.

29th January 2025 UCAS final deadline for UCAS applications. **UCAS CLOSES!**



RECAP

You need to complete ASAP the following sections:



- Personal details
- Qualifications
- Employment

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Leaving **choices** and **personal statement** to be added
in from **unifrog**



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Thank you for
listening and good
luck with your
applications!