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A Parents Guide to Applying to University

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What is UCAS

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Central
application
service

Main
method of
entry in UK

50,000+
courses at
395+
providers

Apply for up
to 5
universities
or courses

Restrictions



How to Apply

Including what Universities look for in an application

How to apply

2023 COURSE SEARCH IS NOW LIVE! >

YOUR HUB

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Your **to do list**
Open to do list >



Your **preferences**
Update for a better experience >

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Your **notifications**
Open notifications >

YOUR 2023 APPLICATIONS



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FAVOURITES

TOP 5 COURSES UNI & COLLEGES LOCATIONS SUBJECTS PAGES

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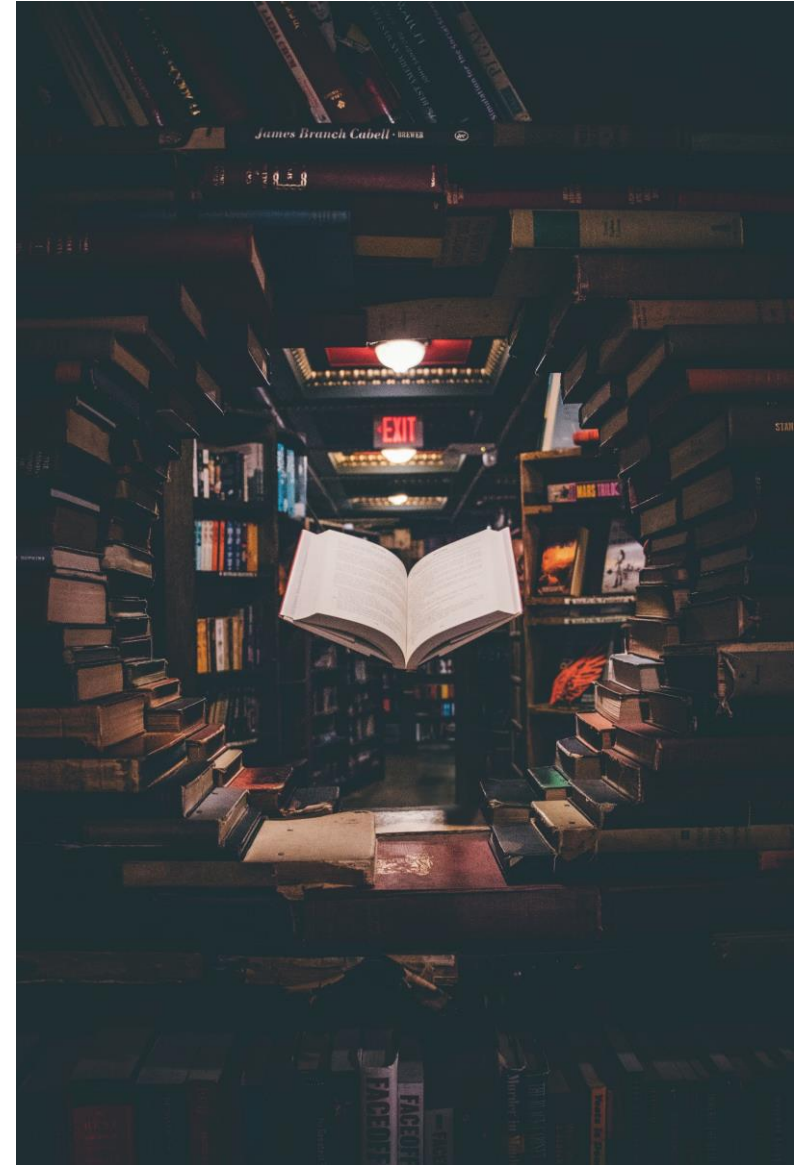
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Apprenticeships

Advertisement. Why the ads?

A guide to understanding the Application Process

What do universities look at?

- GCSE grades
- Predicted A-Level grades (or equivalent)
- Personal statement
- Teacher's reference
- Pre-interview tests
- Written work or portfolio
- Interview(s)



A guide to understanding the application process – 2024 entry

5th September 2023

UCAS Applications can be submitted (registration & applications can be started from 16th May 2023)



16th October 2023 (6pm UK time)

Deadline for applications to Oxbridge and most courses in medicine, veterinary and dentistry



31st January 2024 (6pm UK time)

Deadline for applications to all other programs

UCAS



Late May 2024

All Universities Offers should be received if applied by the Jan deadline. Time to chose firm/insurance choices



15th August 2024 (TBC)

A Level Results day, Adjustment & Clearing



Personal Statements

What is a personal statement?

Key element of the UCAS application form

A statement of **4,000** characters

One statement for five choices

An opportunity to **'sell yourself'** a secure an offer / invite to interview

Contributes to our decision

Takes time to do it well



Start
preparing
early –
Multiple draft
versions

Structuring the statement



Start

with a big list of ideas



75%

Subject specific



25%

Extra curricular

At this stage, you can list out your ideas (skills, hobbies, achievements etc.)

Best when these two are **merged** throughout the statement

Select **specific examples**

Pick the **strongest examples** from your list



Won't complete it first time!

Think about, and make it relevant

Why this subject?

Work experience

Taster days or Summer Schools

Volunteering

Future career

Further reading

Sports Clubs

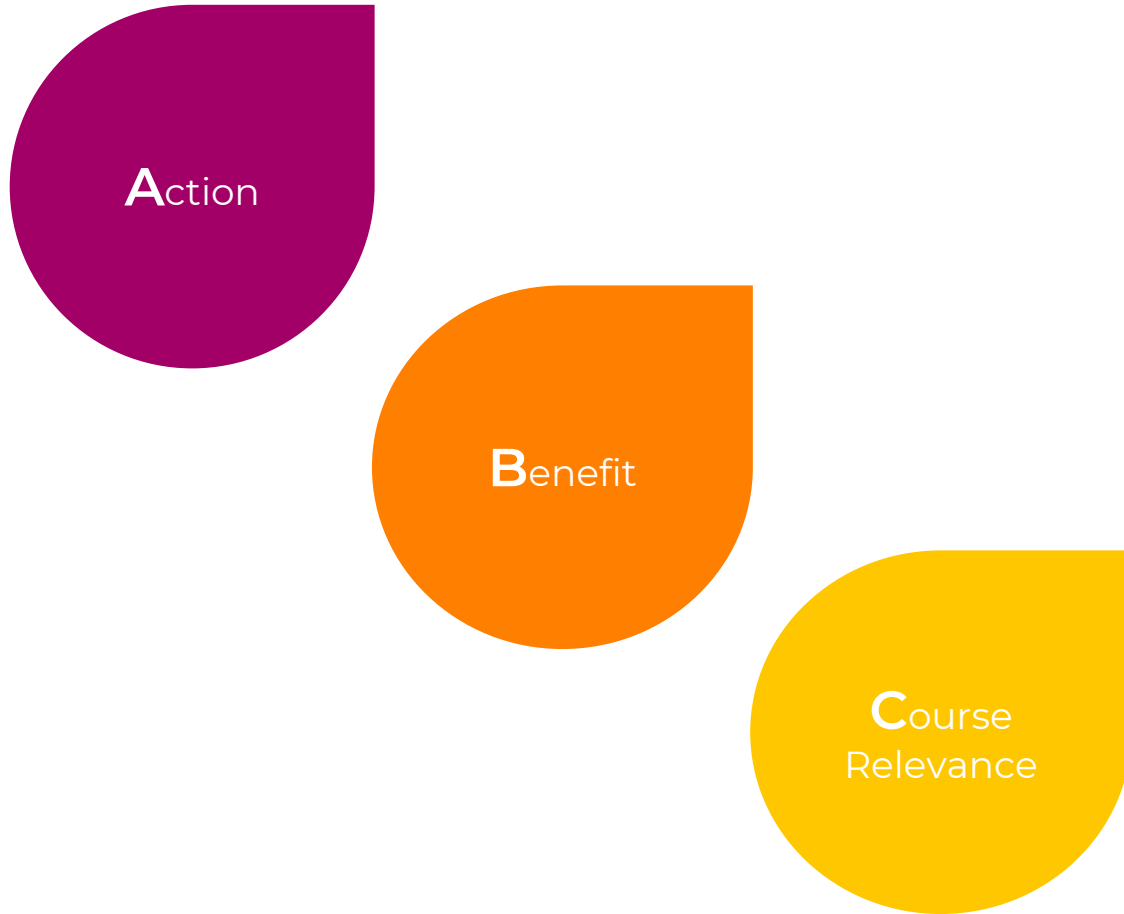
Your skills & interest

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

Pivotal moment

Positions of responsibility

Make it relevant – not just a list!



Action

What did
you do?

“I spent two weeks doing an
internship at GlaxoSmithKline
in the summer”



Benefit

How has
this
helped
you?

“From this, I developed a deeper understanding of the drug development process, from conception to production”



Course relevance

Make
it relevant

“Having an understanding of how drugs are developed will be a useful foundation for the pharmacology modules within the Biochemistry degree.”



What next?

What next?

Research: course & university

Book onto an **Open Day**

Five choices

Once you have an offer, an **Applicant Day**
too

Ask lots of **questions!**

Speak to current students





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Student Finance

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Surrey Fee

Surrey Fee 2022

£9,250
per year

£1,850
Professional
Training
Year
(TBC)

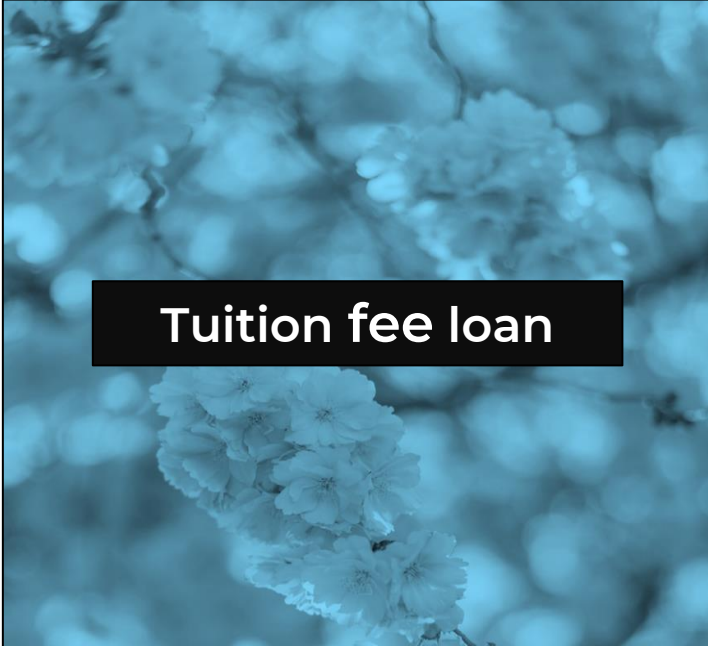



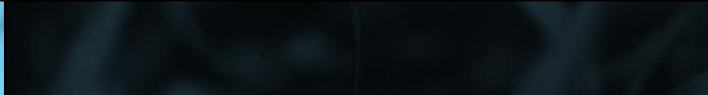

No up
front cost

Repay after
graduation



Student Loans

Loans available

 <p>Tuition fee loan</p>	 <p>Maintenance loan</p>	 <p>Student Loan</p>
<p>All UK Students Paid to the university directly Up to the maximum public fee</p>	<p>UK students Based on household income, place of study and where you live Paid directly to you</p>	<p>Tuition fee loan + Maintenance loan = Student Loan</p>
		

Maintenance loan 2023

Household Income	Home	Elsewhere	London
£25,000 & under	£8,400	£9,978	£13,022
£30,000	£7,694	£9,265	£12,297
£35,000	£6,988	£8,552	£11,571
£40,000	£6,282	£7,839	£10,845
£45,000	£5,576	£7,125	£10,120
£50,000	£4,869	£6,412	£9,394
£55,000	£4,163	£5,699	£8,668
£60,000	£3,698	£4,986	£7,943
£65,000	£3,698	£4,651	£7,217
£70,040	£3,698	£4,651	£6,485

Where a student is living during their studies

Correct for September 2023 entry – figures released Jan 2023 by SFE

N.B Minimum loan cut off points; for students living at home is £56,910, for students living elsewhere £60,836, for students living in London £67,422. Households over these thresholds will receive the minimum loan available.

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Additional funding

- 1** Have a disability, long-term health condition, mental health condition or specific learning difficulty (Maximum allowance of £26,291 per year if required)
- 2** Have children or other dependants
- 3** Study Nursing, Midwifery or Allied Health Courses



Applying for Finance: 2023

March 2023

Student Finance open for applications



May 2023

Deadline for applications



Summer 2023 Confirmation from SLC



September 2023

First of three instalments for that year



2024

Re confirm year 2 funding



Repayments

How and when do you pay back student loans?



£25,000

Threshold (from April 2027 it will rise with RPI)



9% of salary

annually over £25,000



40

years



52%

will not repay all of their loan in the 40 year period*



Moving

Abroad



Interest Rate

will be based on RPI

Repayment

Salary	Approx Monthly repayments with £25,000 threshold (2023/2024)	Approx Monthly repayments with a forecasted threshold of £25,710 (2027/28)
£25,000	£0	£0
£28,000	£22	£17
£30,000	£37	£32
£35,000	£75	£69
£40,000	£112	£107
£45,000	£150	£144
£50,000	£187	£182

Psychology
3 years

Earn the same - Monthly repayment the same

Veterinary
Medicine
5 years

Other sources of income

Part-time work opportunities

On campus

- Students' Union - shops/bars/events
- Help with open days
- Student ambassadors
- Department work

Off campus/ in town

- Transfer your job from home
- Seasonal work
- UniTemps



FAQs

FAQs*

What does 'income' mean?

This is your combined annual family income, before tax and national insurance have been deducted. But you can deduct any pension contributions made. If you're self-employed, your income is the total income amount on your Self-Assessment form.

Is there a penalty for repaying early?

No, you can pay some or all of the loan off early with no penalty

When do the '40 years' start?

The first April that you are eligible to make repayments from (normally the April after graduation)

Supporting two (or more) students at the same time?

Your income will be reduced by approx. £1,130 a year (if you have a child under 16 and/or another child at university)*

Which tax year are Student Finance England asking for?

2021 to 2022 if your child or partner is applying for the 2023 to 2024 academic year

*Multiple sources. Correct as of Jan 2023 for September 2023 entry.

FAQs*

My income will be lower this financial year. What should I do?

You can give your details for the current tax year if you think your household income will be at least 15% lower than the tax year you've been asked to provide details for

What is 'household income' (supporting your child)?

You, your partner, if you live with them (even if you were not living with them during the previous tax year)

What is 'household income' (supporting a partner)?

Your household income is the combined income of you and your partner (even if you were not living with them during the previous tax year).

Will the loan affect a mortgage application?

No!

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Things to consider

Use the **calculator** ([gov.uk/student-finance-calculator](https://www.gov.uk/student-finance-calculator))

Deadline in the May before your September start

Tick the **sharing box** for free money!

Bursary or scholarship is non-repayable

Final thoughts

Don't worry!

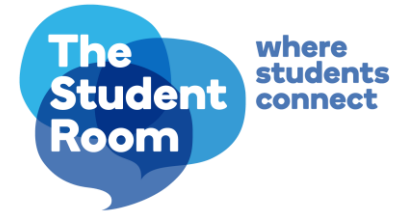
Talk to your 'household'

Complete the application **together**

Mind the **gap**

Budgeting – **upfront costs** & planning for **instalments**

Find out more



Thank you, if you
have any questions
please get in touch.

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