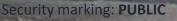
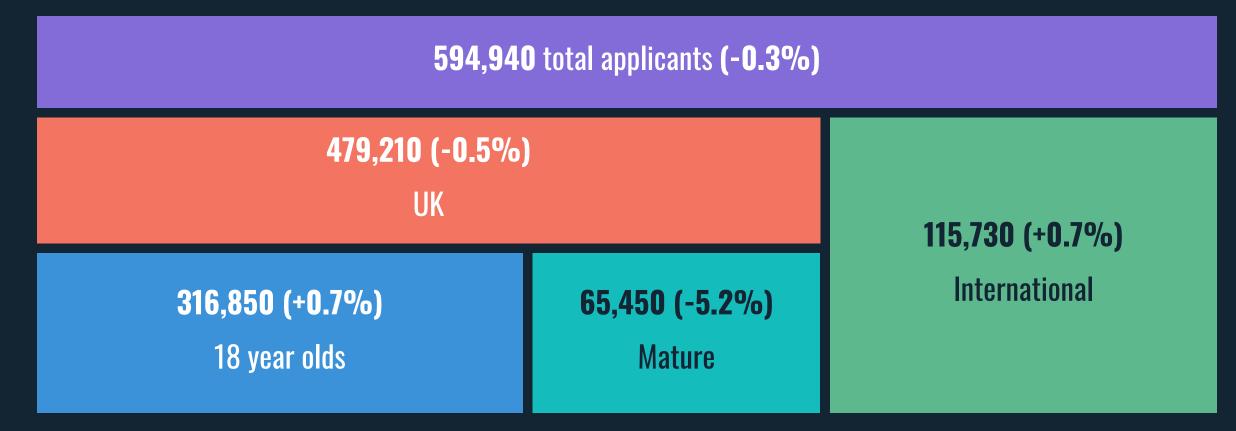
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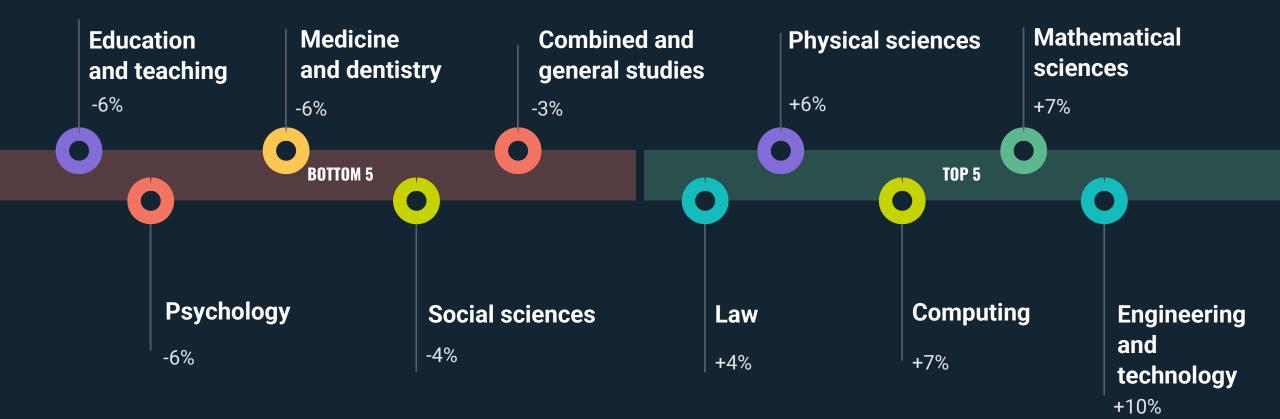


Second highest number of UK 18 year old applicants on record

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Subject applications – Stem in demand

Top 5 and bottom 5 percentage changes in applications by CAH1 subject grouping



HEALTHCARE FOCUS

Applicants/applications to healthcare courses and percentage change since 2023





Pharmacology, toxicology and pharmacy 45,080 +9%



+5%



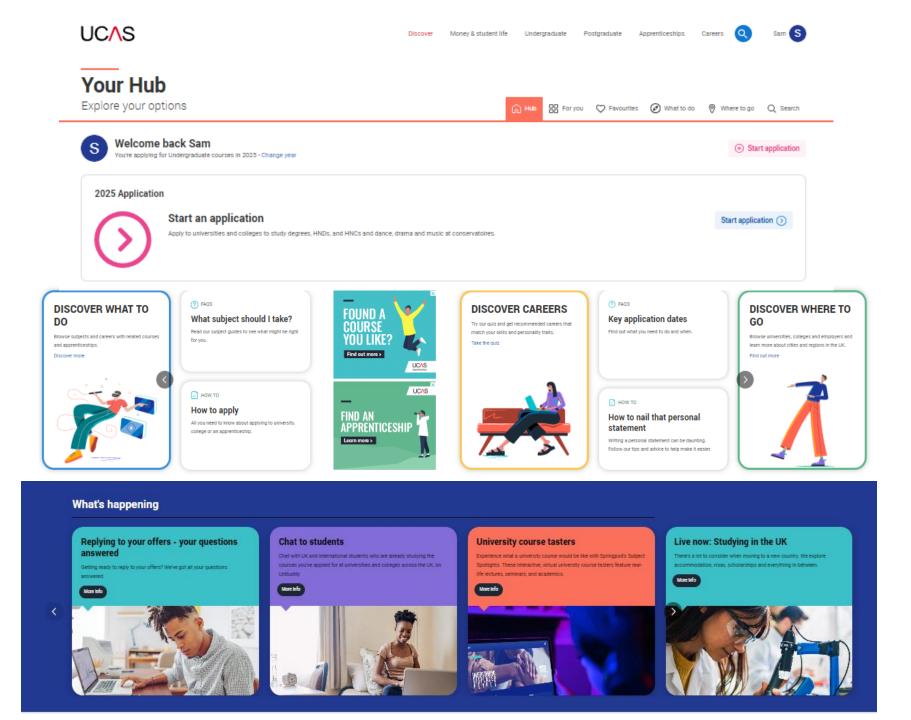


Medical sciences 74,200 **Nursing applicants** 31,100 -7%

Midwifery applicants 7,740

-13%





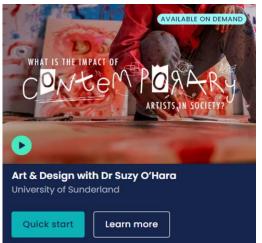
Subject Spotlights through UCAS hub



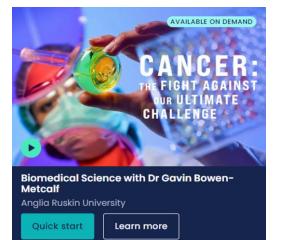














Your support on Subject Spotlights.

Chat to students



Peer-to-peer chat facility hosted on ucas.com powered by Unibuddy.



Connect, ask questions and learn about student experiences

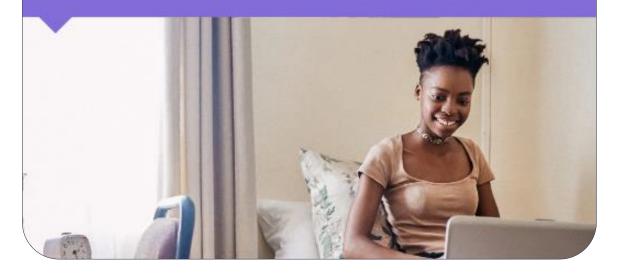


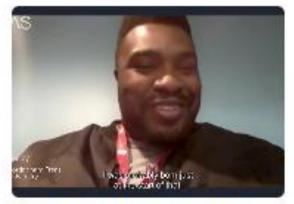
Over 4,900 active ambassadors, with unlimited chats available

Chat to students

Chat with UK and international students who are already studying the courses you've applied for at universities and colleges across the UK, on Unibuddy

More info





What are my options after school? – Sponsored by Nottingham Trent University

Thinking about going to uni, doing an apprenticeship, or taking a gap year? Our experts give top tips on how to decide which path is right for you.

Duration: 25:38

24 Nov 2023, 11:41



The secrets to a successful interview or audition

Full of hints and tips on how to show the best version of you. Get insider info on how to prepare so you can answer any question like a prol

Duration: 16:32

17 Nov 2023, 10:00



Hub Live - How to apply to a UK university

Everything you need to know about finding and applying to universities in the UK. Experts and students answer your questions.

Duration: 24:35

12 Oct 2023, 08:41

16 Jun 2023, 11:19



Hub Live - Applying to Oxford and Cambridge

Applying to Oxford or Cambridge? Find out exactly what they're looking for and how to get accepted.

Duration: 23:49

5 Oct 2023, 12:01



Should I use AI to write my personal statement?

Get the inside scoop from admissions experts who reveal if it's ok to use AI to help write your personal statement or if it's considered cheating.



Hub Live - 16 October deadline Hear from the experts as we answer all your questions about making your application stand out. Duration: 21:47 22 Jun 2023, 13:39



Personal Statement Hacks

Find out exactly what unis are looking for. We'll debunk some personal statement myths and give you some top tips on what to include and what to avoid

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UCAS application essentials

We walk through the UCAS application, with top tips, what's involved, how to boost yours - including uni taster sessions, gap years and volunteering.

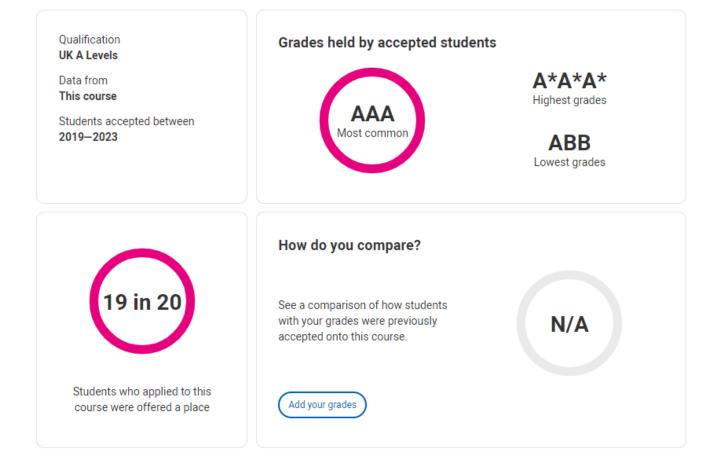
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Student access to entry grades data

- Now live students can see the grade profiles of students accepted onto courses, alongside offer rates.
- It shares information about student grades upon entry into higher education.
- Students have told us that this information would help them make informed decisions about their future.

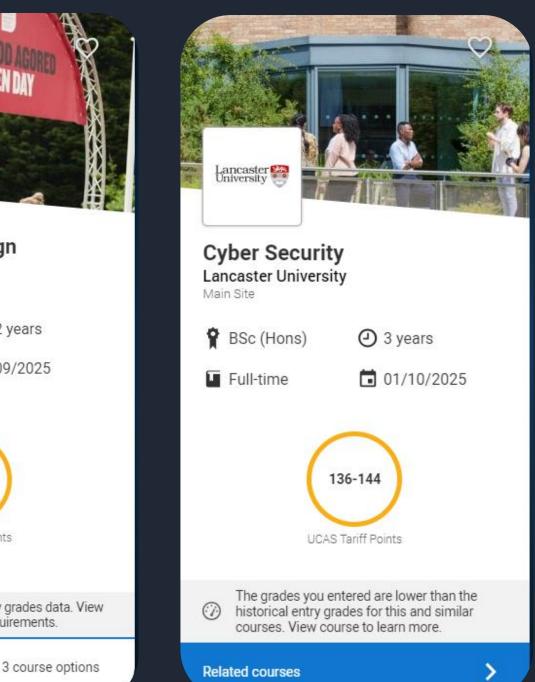


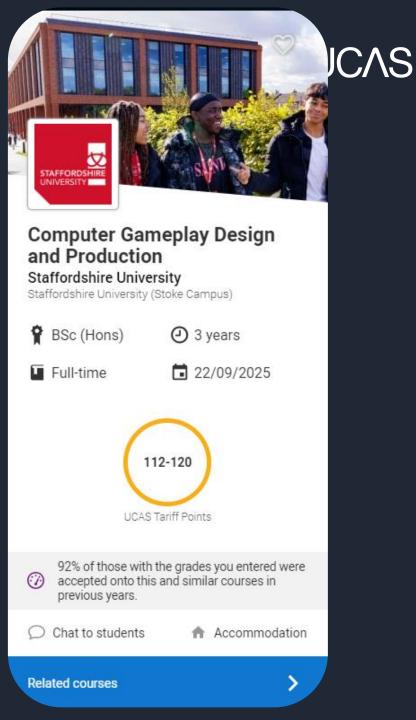


Game Art and Design University of South Wales Multiple Locations

FdA ② 2 years
 Full-time ③ 09/2025
 UCAS Tariff Points
 Not enough historical entry grades data. View course to explore entry requirements.

Related courses >







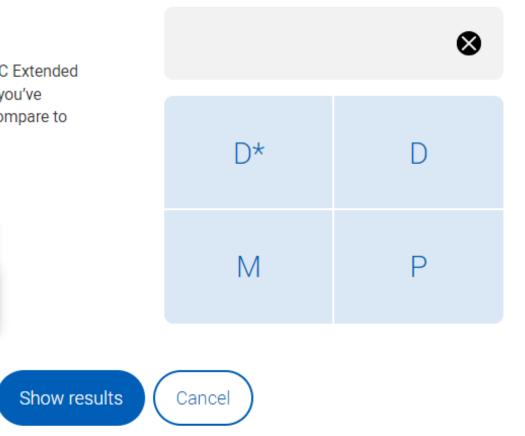
Your grades

Add three of your UK A Level or BTEC Extended Diploma grades, predicted or those you've already achieved, to see how they compare to the grades previously accepted.

Qualification

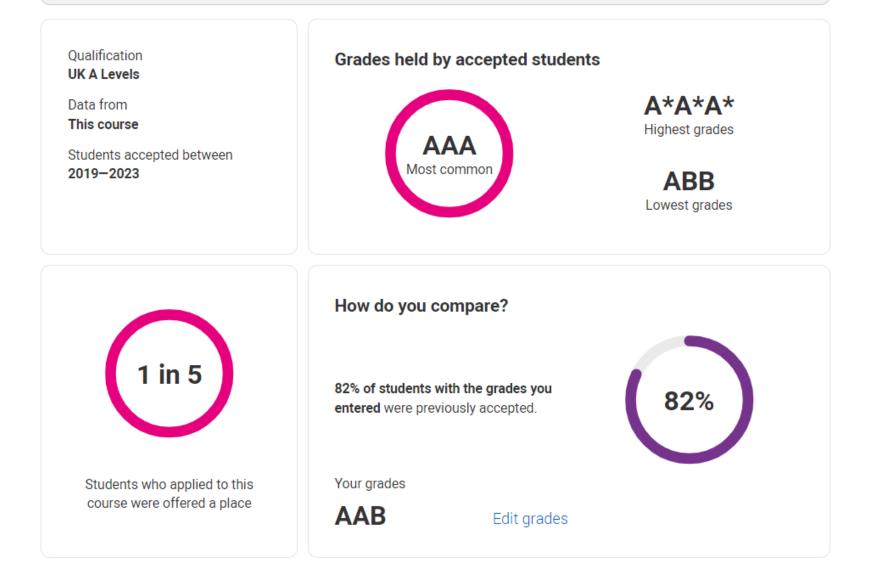
BTEC Extended Diploma -

UK A Level BTEC Extended Diploma



This course has a required grade that may not be listed in the data below. Check the entry requirements for the full qualification requirements.

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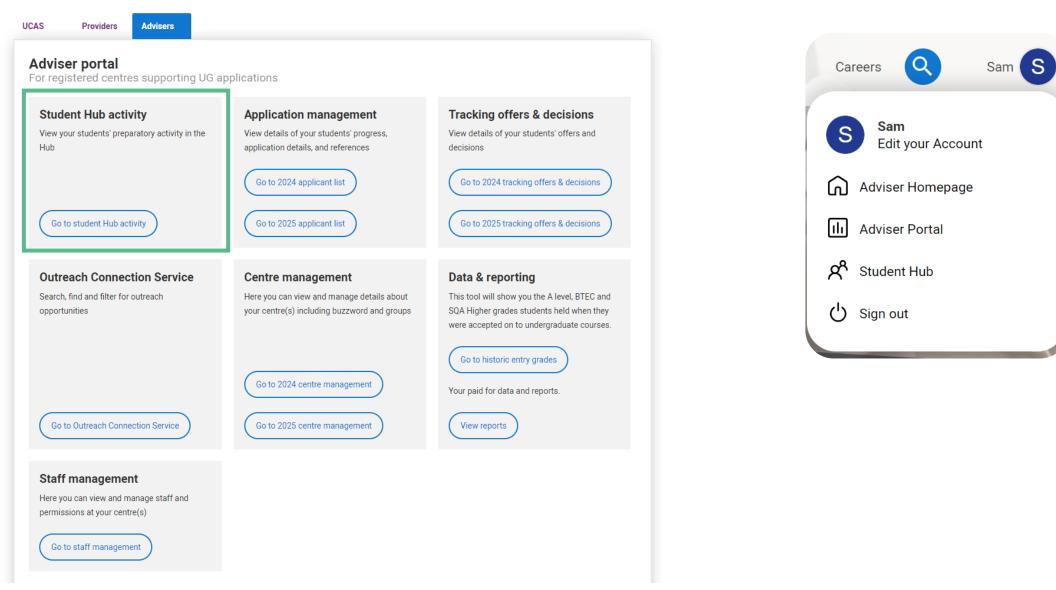
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Student Hub activity

UCAS Training School UCAS centre number: 19048

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The Five Clearing Personas

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DIRECT TO CLEARING

Applied directly into Clearing, usually mature applicants

MIND-CHANGERS

Declined their offers – changed where or what subject they will study

DECLINE MY PLACE (DMP)'

These applicants declined their original choice and deliberately self-released into Clearing

DISAPPOINTED ON RESULTS DAY

Didn't achieve the grades for their Firm/Insurance offer

NO OFFERS GOING INTO CLEARING

Applied in the main scheme but either didn't receive offers or declined them

TRADE-UPS

Declined their offers – changed where or what to study based on achieving higher grades than expected

Persona Split



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SUPPORTING YOU THROUGH CONFIRMATION AND CLEARING





Confirmation and Clearing essentials If you're new to advising, or need a refresh on the essentials, this page contains the essential

 The results process
 Confirmal dates

 What happens, when, and what your students need to do to avoid delays to their application.
 Find the impo your students





A look towards C&C

Our Confirmation and Clearing <u>Adviser Hub</u> is live! Including:

- NEW: The C&C 2024 Toolkit with two downloadable presentations – <u>The student application journey</u> and <u>What</u> <u>you need to know</u>.
- NEW: A Confirmation and Clearing <u>checklist</u> to help prepare your students for results day.
- Key dates during confirmation and clearing.
- The <u>results process</u> in detail, so you know what happens and when.
- A <u>Clearing guide for parents</u>.

2025 updates



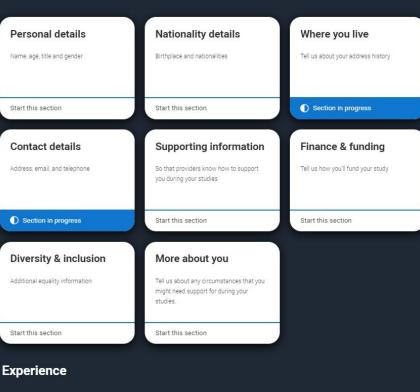
Key Dates – 2025 entry

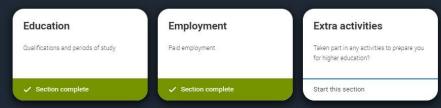


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Improvements for 2025 applications

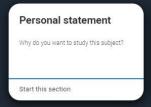
- Improvements to the Education section
- Changes to English Language Skills section
- Changes to the Nationality details section
- New section Where you live
- We have run two deep dives webinars covering these changes which can be <u>watched on demand.</u>





Personal Statement

Profile



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Where you live

- A new section in the application.
- Students will be asked to add the addresses they have lived at since 1 September 2022.
- From those added, a student would select one as their home address and whether they are there **permanently** or **temporarily**.
- We are collecting this to help Universities and Colleges ensure students are paying the correct fees.

for a temporary reason

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Address type					
- Select an option -					
Address line 1					
Hint Text	Why were you living here?				
Address line 2	Universities and colleges need to know whether you are living here permanently o for a temporary reason				
Hint Text					
City/town	- Select an option - V				
Hint Text	- Select an option -				
County/Region/Province/State	This is my permanent home Temporary for education (boarding school)				
Hint Text	Temporary for education (non-boarding)				
Country	Temporary for work Temporary because of my parents/guardians job/study				
- Select an option -	Temporary whilst seeking asylum or similar				
What date did you start living here? Enter month and year	Other				
-MM- V / -YYYY- V					



Education Section



Prepopulate 'place of education' when an applicant is linked to centre.



Extra school address information for manually added schools.



New question: Study mode – In Person / Online.



New options in Attendance type: Exam only added and sandwich removed.

Pick your qualification type

Choose the type of qualification you would like to add - you can search for specific qualifications and view those shortlisted by your adviser within each group.

A Level, AS, EPQ, and T Levels V GCSE and equivalent BTEC V Job related Scottish qualifications International and EU V Baccalaureate Apprenticeships Access to HE Technical (not including BTEC) Core maths HNC, HND, and Degrees Performance, Art, and Design V More UK Qualifications All qualifications All qualifications

All qualification category types will be shown to all students

Search for your qualifications

If you cannot find your qualification, select the "All qualifications" filter and search there, if you still can't find your qualification you can select the "All qualifications" filter and search "Other".

Your qualifications shortlist will be presented to linked students.

Provided by your school or college

- + Cambridge International A Level
- + IGCSE (A*-G)

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- + International Baccalaureate Extended Essay
- + International Baccalaureate Diploma
- + International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme

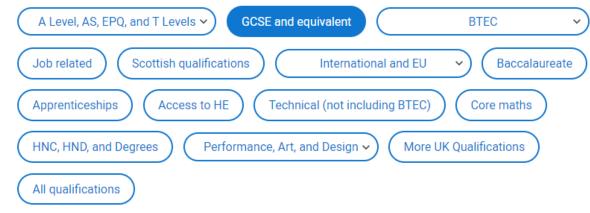
Can still search all other qualifications if needed in that group.

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Provided by your school or college

- + GCSE (Grade 9-1)
- + GCSE Double Award (9-9 to 1-1)



Education section

What is being (re)moved?

Removal of 'highest qualification on entry' question - calculated data will remain.

Can you provide any of these certificate numbers?

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Number

International English Language Testing System (IELTS) TRF Number

Please state the highest level of qualification you expect to have before you start your course *

Below honours degree level qualifications Honours degree level or above qualifications I will have no qualifications



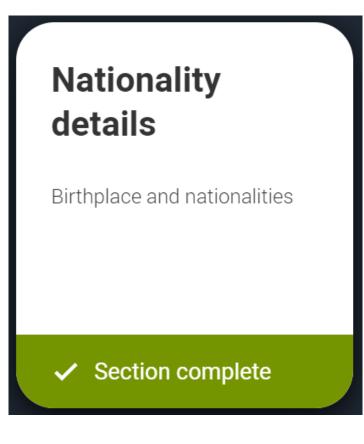
Moving TOEFL and IELTS numbers to this section – no change to data.

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Nationality details section

Additional questions are being added to help providers accurately determine an applicants fee status.

- When does your pre settled expiry date expire?
- Do you need a student visa to study in UK? "Don't know"
- Why don't you need a UK visa to study?
- What level was your [previous visa] study?
- Entering the Start and End date of that study completed.
- What is your UK visa or immigration status?



References for 2025 cycle

No technical changes

Enhanced adviser guidance

Good practice guidance for providers

Decoupled IAG for independent referees



Continue to gather feedback from advisers and providers

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What are providers are saying so far.

- The reference is used in multiple ways across universities and colleges.
- A common theme was the usefulness of the new structure to find additional context e.g. applicant background or school/education context.
- Responses also showed that the reference can be used in some cases to:
 - aid decision making during Confirmation and Clearing
 - help with the interviewing process
- Echoed adviser feedback that continued work is needed to embed the change and guidance on using the new format will continue to be reviewed and enhanced in future cycles.



References – think the C's of Context



Whole Cohort Context



Individual Circumstantial Context



Additional Course Context

Summary of updates to guidance

- The maximum 4,000 characters includes spaces, section headings, and line breaks, all of which take up at least one character. This means entered text will need to be under 3,800 characters
- Extenuating circumstances (section 2) further guidance as to what should be included, including sharing complex or sensitive circumstances directly with universities or colleges
- Other supportive information (section 3) short, concise, and factual sentences to demonstrate suitability for the course(s) applied for and add relevant context.

Please read guidance on ucas.com/advisers/references.





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- Divided into three sections.
 - Motivation for course
 - Preparedness for course
 - Preparation through other experiences
- All sections will be mandatory.
- 4000 characters total, split flexibly across the three sections.
- Adviser pack out in July 2024.



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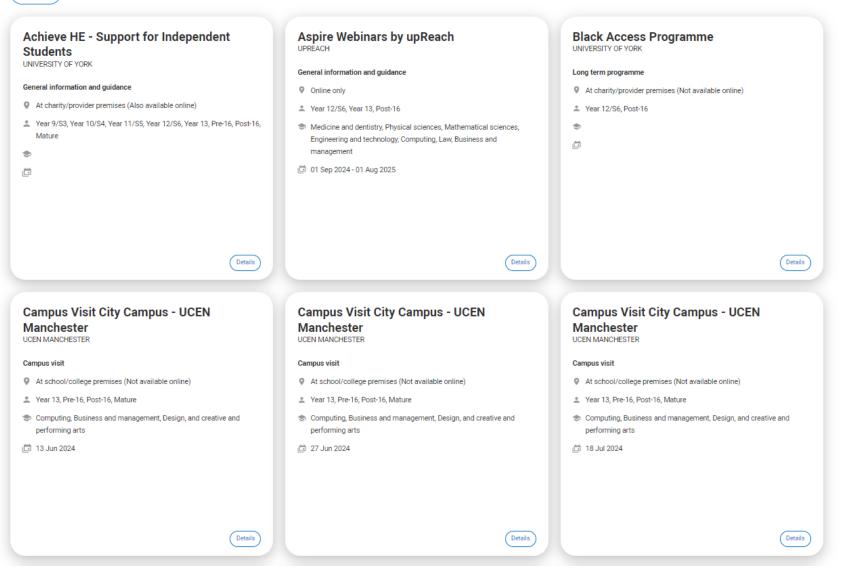
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Filter opportunities

Narrow down the list of opportunities using the filters below.

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Age (multi-select)

Filter by specific ages, age groups, or stages of education

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Criteria (multi-select)	
Filter by recognised criteria	
Socioeconomic disadvantage	Identity, culture, ethnicity and community
Live in target postcode	Gypsy, Roma, Traveller, Showman and Boater communities
Attend a state-funded school or college	Black, Asian and other ethnic minority students
Live in social housing	Refugees, asylum seekers, and those with limited leave to remain
Currently in receipt of a means tested bursary	Students from UK Armed Forces/Service children
In receipt of free school meals (FSM)	UK Armed Forces veterans/Service leavers
White working class males	Speak English as an additional language
First generation of your family to attend university	LGBTQ+ students
Homeless and Foyer students	Mature students
Personal circumstances	Performance and behaviour
Students with caring responsibilities	Students with special educational needs
Students with parenting responsibilities	Attainment is typically below average
Care experienced young people	Students who have been permanently excluded from school
Bereaved students	Students who display challenging behaviour at school
Disabled students	Locality
Students who are estranged from their parents	Local/commuter students
Students who are prisoners or have criminal convictions	Remote/rural area students

Resources to support you



ucas.com/advisers/help-and-training/toolkits/2025-cycle-toolkit

ADVISER GUDE 2025

FOR ENTRY TO UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE IN 2025

2025 Cycle Toolkit







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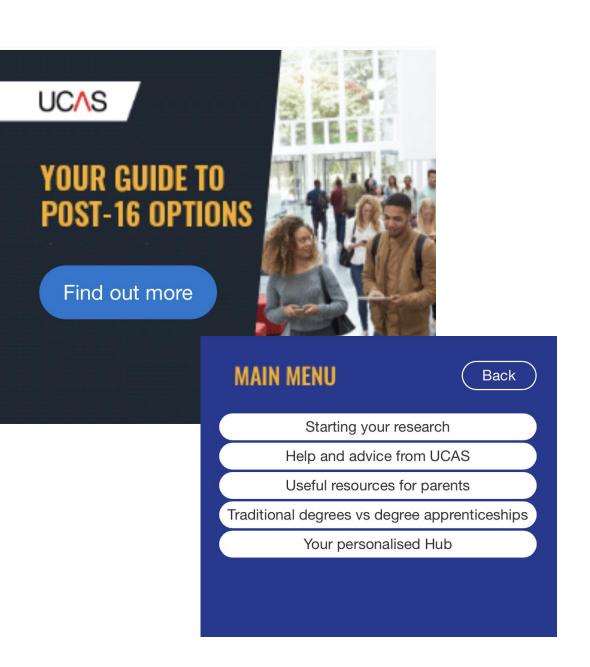
- A <u>reference guidance presentation</u> download and edit.
- FAQs for each section.
- Watch our short reference update video.
- Online course: UCAS references what you need to know. Accessed through the <u>UCAS Professional</u> <u>Development Platform</u>.
- <u>Reference terminology explained</u> understand processes and terminology for independent, centre-linked, and reference-only applicants.

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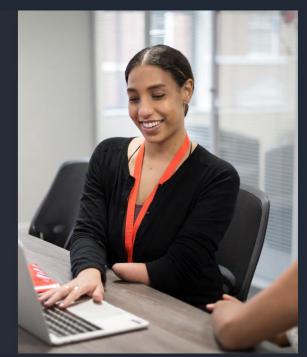


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