

Post 18 Applications

University Applications
Degree Apprenticeships
Student Finance



UCAS application key facts

- Application is entirely online
- Maximum of five choices
- Some choice restrictions:
 - medicine, veterinary medicine/science, dentistry (maximum of four)
 - Oxford **or** Cambridge
- Conservatoires are a separate application
- Application cost: £34.50 – fee waiver for FSM/care leaver
- Equal consideration
- ‘Invisibility’



When to apply for 2027 entry?

Dates	Deadlines
12 May	UCAS Undergraduate applications open for 2027 entry.
15 June	All students to register on UCAS and link to our school during PD lesson.
1 September	Completed applications can be submitted to UCAS.
1 October	Application deadline for conservatoire music applications. (internal deadline – September)
15 October	Application deadline for courses in medicine, veterinary medicine/science, and dentistry, and courses at Oxford or Cambridge. (internal deadline – September)
13 January	Application deadline for all other undergraduate courses. (internal deadline – December)



Section 1: Personal Details

Section 2: Contact Details & Residency

Email address – **Do NOT use your school email address.** UCAS & Universities will use this email on results day at which point you will have left contact, and your school email will have been closed.

Nominated access – Please add someone. If for whatever the reason UCAS needs to contact, you on results day and cannot get hold of you they will contact this person.

Section 3: Nationality

Please ensure this information matches the information on your passport.

Section 4: Supporting information

Section 5: English Language Skills

Section 6: Finance & Funding

This is where you will be asked if you intend to use student finance or pay the university fees yourself. Please be aware that this is not a student finance application, you will need to apply to student finance separately.

Section 7: Diversity & Inclusion

Section 8: More about you

This section asked questions about physical and/or mental health conditions as well as caring responsibility, FSM, refugee status etc.

Section 9: Education

List all GCSEs including subject, exam board and grades. Date awarded will be August 2024.

For your A Levels you will list the subject and exam board and then put the date as “pending”. We then enter your UCAS predicted grades when we add your reference.

You can also add any other qualifications you may have gained such as Music, Languages etc.

Section 10: Employment

Section 11: Extra Activities

Any other activities you have done not including qualifications (this goes in the education section) – don’t worry about listing everything here. Your “extra activities” are usually better placed in your personal statement/reference (and it will only let you add two!).

Section 12: Personal Statement

You will need to copy and paste your personal statement into the three sections once you are happy it is complete and ready.

Section 13: Choices

Section 14: Reference & Predicted Grades – School do this.

Section 15: Application History

Nothing to do here. This is just an overview of your application.



Personal Statements


4000 character limit
Minimum of 350 characters per section

[Personal statement toolkit | UCAS](#)


- A key feature of the university application.
- Split into the following three questions:
 - Why do you want to study this course or subject?
 - How have your qualifications and studies helped you to prepare for this course or subject?
 - What else have you done to prepare outside of education, and why are these experiences useful?




Supporting students in writing personal statements




PD sessions on writing competitive statements including analysing and critiquing example statements.



Supporting time management throughout the process of developing their statements and applications.



PD lessons on super curricular activities, finding work experience, reflecting on skills etc.



Ongoing feedback from personal statement supervisors



Research

UCAS hub

- [Search tool](#) – to look for providers, courses, and minimum entry requirements. Use the [subject guides](#) to help find more information.
- [Open days](#) and [virtual tours](#) – a great way to explore campuses and facilities.
- [UCAS' higher education exhibitions](#) – useful to meet different universities and colleges, and explore options.
- Learning from others – [student videos](#) and [blogs](#).
- [Career options](#) – use the [job profiles](#) to explore different career roles and pathways, or take the [Buzz quiz](#) to find out more about individual strengths, and what roles they may suit.
- The [career finder tool](#) is ideal for considering options after education, including searching for [apprenticeships](#).



Applicant replies

Applicants should wait for all decisions from all choices. They can then choose one:

- **firm** – if all conditions are met, this is where they will be placed, **and**
- **insurance** – lower conditions, in case firm conditions are not met (**only** if firm choice is not unconditional)

Any other offers must be declined.

If a student firmly accepts an unconditional offer, they must decline any/all others.





Aston Executive Leadership Degree Apprenticeship PgDip

Degree apprenticeships, MBA

This postgraduate apprenticeship offers an in-depth personal and professional development programme designed to transform learners into confident, informed business leaders.

Duration: 2 Years

 [Bookmark this course](#)



Chartered Manager Degree Apprenticeship BSc (Hons)

Degree apprenticeships

Progress into a management career, gaining real business experience through Aston University's apprenticeship partners, while studying Leadership and Business Management.

Duration: `.cr_start_date { display: none;important; }` 3 Years

 [Bookmark this course](#)



Digital & Technology Solutions Specialist Degree Apprenticeship MSc

Degree apprenticeships

This is a master's level apprenticeship that will transform you from a technical professional into a leader in your specialism.

Duration: 2 Years

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Digital and Technology Solutions Degree Apprenticeship BSc (Hons)

Degree apprenticeships

Our longest running Degree Apprenticeship will launch your career in the IT sector. Choose from two specialist pathways: Software Engineering or Business Analytics and benefit from our employer network.

Duration: 4.5 Years

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Digital Marketing Degree Apprenticeship BSc (Hons)

Degree apprenticeships

This Level 6 Degree Apprenticeship



Engineering Postgraduate Diploma Degree Apprenticeship PgDip

Degree apprenticeships



Healthcare Science (Audiology): Degree Apprenticeship BSc (Hons)

Degree apprenticeships



Professional Engineering (Control/Technical Support Engineer) Degree Apprenticeship BEng (Hons)



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BDO

JLR

KPMG



How you will learn

Apprenticeships are structured differently to a traditional degree; you'll spend the majority of your time working full time in your clinical job but will be released for study time to complete your academic learning.

You will study through a combination of online learning resources and sessions on campus where you will learn through tutorials, lectures, and practical sessions. You will attend campus for several blocks of study (usually two to three days at a time) in each year, plus assessments and/or exams. It is a great opportunity for you to meet face-to-face with your peers and our academics.

Your off-campus distance learning teaching will be delivered via our virtual learning environment, Blackboard. You will access theoretical learning materials for general study, revision and assessment. This platform allows you to access a comprehensive range of study materials, recorded lectures, online tutorials, scientific journals, e-journals, databases and much more.

A Levels

GCSE's

Eligibility

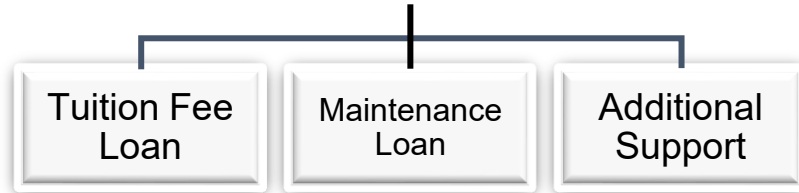
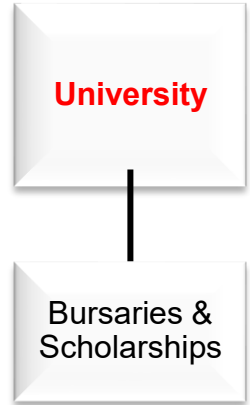
Three A Levels are required and must include one science subject from Biology, Chemistry or Physics (Biology preferred). A typical minimum offer would be ABB at A Level.



Student Finance

For courses starting on or after January 1, 2027, in England, student finance will transition to the [Lifelong Learning Entitlement \(LLE\)](#).

This new system replaces previous funding with a single, flexible entitlement of up to £38,140 for tuition fees and maintenance loans, covering four years of study (levels 4 to 6). Applications for 2027 start in September 2026.



Tuition Fee Loan

This is the money that covers the fees for going to university and goes straight to the provider.

Maintenance Loan

This money is provided to cover costs such as accommodation, food, bills, books etc. This is means tested – dependent on household income and where you're going to study.

Additional Support

Other sources of money available eg. Disabled Students Allowance, Childcare Grants, Parents Learning Allowance and Adult Dependent Grants



Financial Support

Disabled Students Allowance (DSA)

OCR Bursary

Scholarships/Bursaries e.g. Aberystwyth, NHS Wales

University Schemes



Thank you

Post-18 Next Steps: Questions

