

UCAS preparation 2024/2025

Ongoing	PSHE lessons this term have a UCAS focus
Monday 18 th March	UCAS convention
Wednesday 1 st May	Talk by University of Surrey (parents only)
Tuesday 14 th May	UCAS goes live
Thursday 11 th July	University of Surrey visit
Summer term	Open days

Open Days

<https://www.ucas.com/explore/search/events>

<https://www.opendays.com/>

Individual university websites

X5 authorised



Undergraduate open days

Current students Current staff Alumni

Open days

Friday 16 June and Saturday 17 June 2023

[Book your place →](#)

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Undergraduate visits > Undergraduate Open Days

Undergraduate Open Days

Our Open Days are the best way to get a taste of life at Sussex. You'll learn more about our courses, have the opportunity to chat to current students and meet the academics you'll be learning from.

**On-campus Open Days: Saturday 3 June 2023
or pre-register for our October Open days**

We're delighted to be able to invite you to visit our campus and experience Sussex in person at one of our Undergraduate Open Days this year.

Key dates

- 14th May** UCAS Undergraduate Apply opens for 2025 entry.
- 8th July** Rough draft of personal statement to mentors
- 10th July** Conservatoire application open
- 3rd September** First day for receipt of completed applications
- 13th September** **Final draft of personal statement to mentors**
- 2nd October** Application deadline for conservatoire music applications
- 15th October** Application deadline for courses in medicine, veterinary medicine/science, and dentistry, and courses at Oxford or Cambridge.
- Half term** All applications sent off – INTERNAL DEADLINE
- 29th January** UCAS final deadline

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What you should be doing now:

1. Register in the UCAS hub to start your research ucas.com/hub
2. Planning your Open Days (X5)
2. Research
3. From 14th May start your application by signing in and putting in your basic details
4. Buzzword : Osborn25
5. Summer examinations form the main basis of the UCAS predicted grades

A Level	Grade A*	56
	Grade A	48
	Grade B	40
	Grade C	32
	Grade D	24
	Grade E	16

BTEC	Distinction*	56
	Distinction	48
	Merit	32
	Pass	16



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UCAS Information: How to apply to University

Saint Cecilia's Church of England School

UCAS

How to apply

Personal statements

What next...

What is UCAS

What is UCAS

Central
application
service

Main
method of
entry in UK

50,000+
courses at
395+
providers

Apply for up
to 5 courses

Restrictions



2025 Application



Start an application

Apply to universities and colleges to study degrees, HNDs, and HNCs and dance, drama and music at conservatoires.

[Start application](#)

Your next steps

DISCOVER WHAT TO DO

Browse subjects and careers with related courses and apprenticeships.

[Discover more](#)



 FAQs

What subject should I take?

Read our subject guides to see what might be right for you.

 HOW TO

How to apply

All you need to know about applying to university, college or an apprenticeship.



DISCOVER CAREERS

Try our quiz and get recommended careers that match your skills and personality traits.

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Veterinary Biosciences

University of Surrey

2024-2025 • 4 Years • BSc (Hons) • Sandwich

Tariff points: 120/144



Veterinary Biosciences (with integrated year in industry)

Aberystwyth University

2024-2025 • 4 Years • BSc (Hons) • Sandwich including industrial placement

Tariff points: 104/128



Animal Biology

Nottingham Trent University

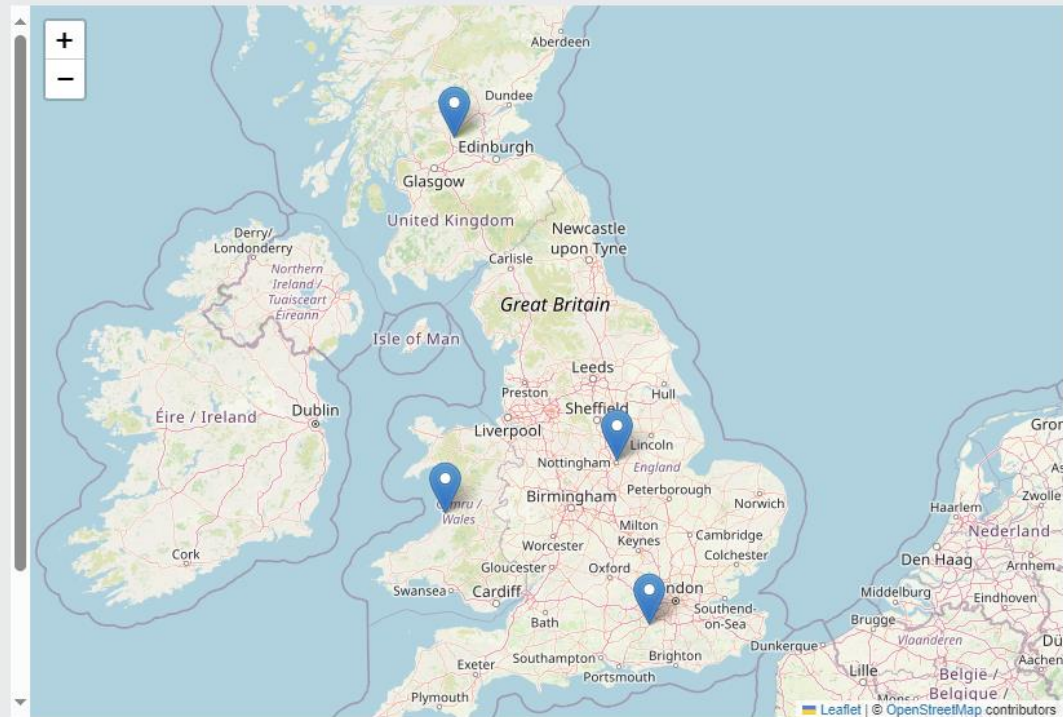
2024-2025 • 4 Years • BSc (Hons) • Sandwich

Tariff points: 104/112



Animal Biology

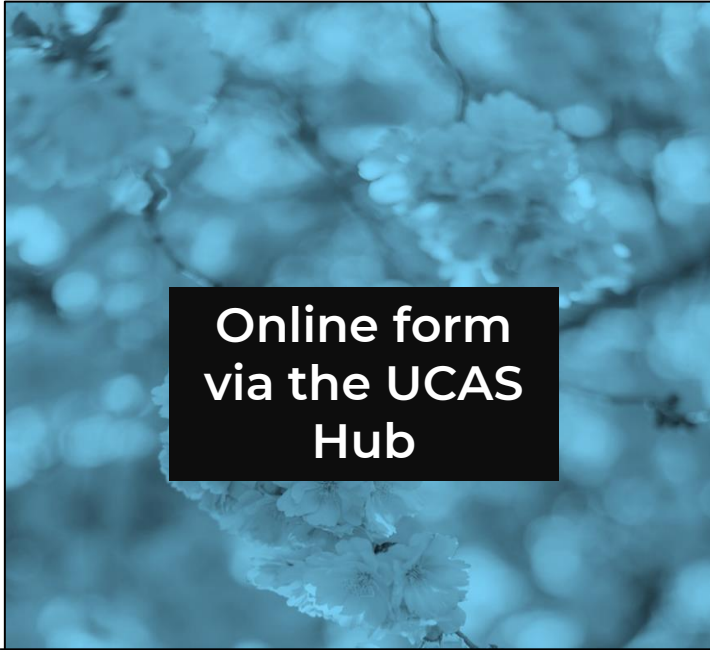
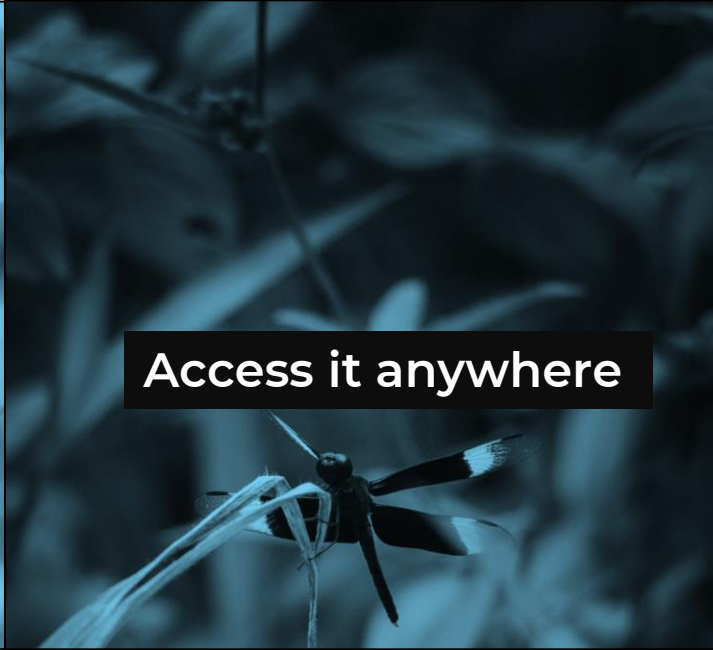

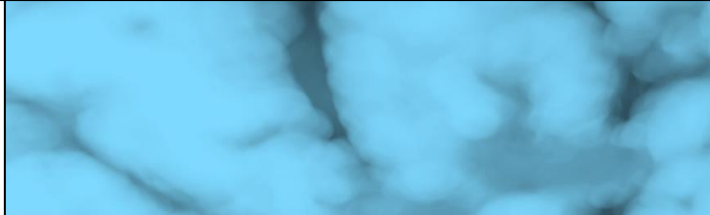


University of Stirling



How to Apply

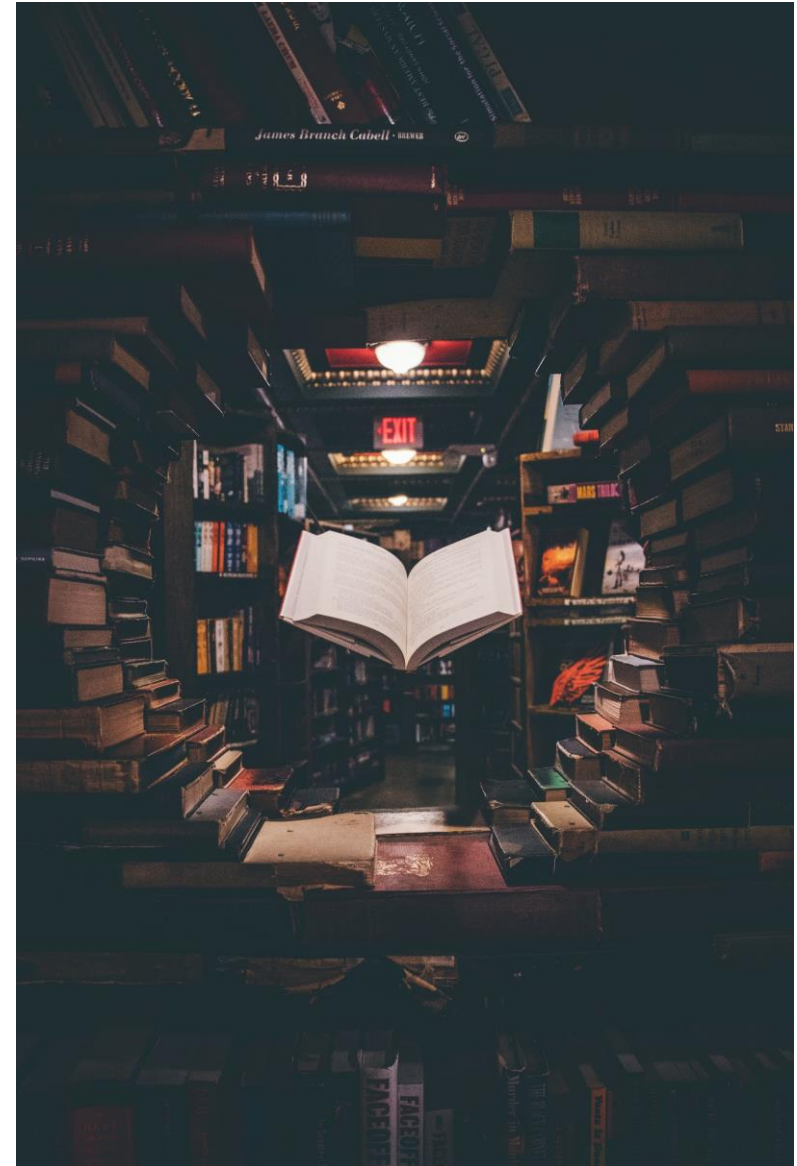
Including what Universities look for in an application

How to apply

 <p>Online form via the UCAS Hub</p>	 <p>Access it anywhere</p>	 <p>Small fee 2025 entry £28.50 for up to five choices</p>
<p>Personal details & Choices</p>	<p>Education, Employment & any additional information</p>	<p>Personal Statement & Reference</p>
		

What do universities look at?

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



A guide to understanding the application process – 2025 entry

3rd September 2024

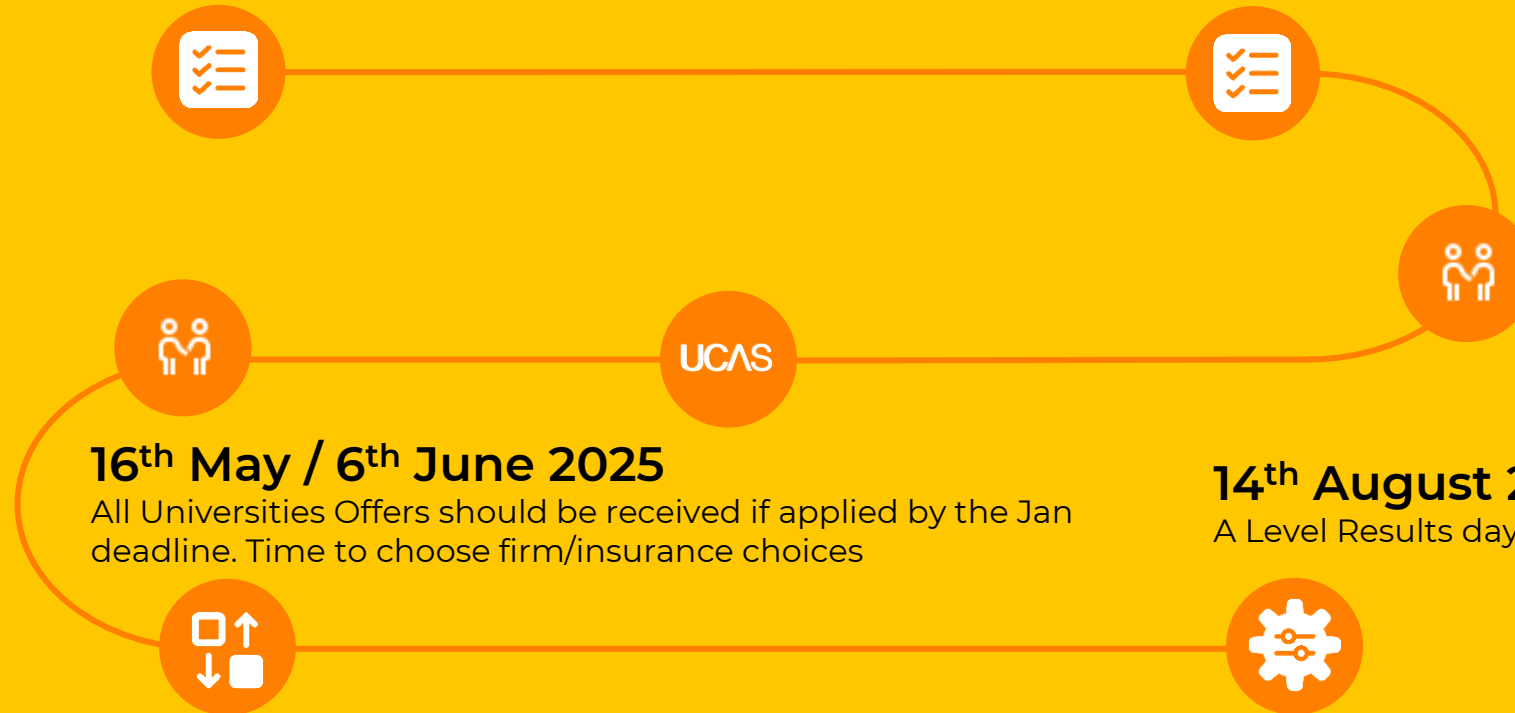
Completed UCAS Applications can be submitted (UCAS Course Search goes live 30th April, registration & applications can be started from 14th May 2024)

15th October 2024 (6pm UK time)

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

29th January 2025 (6pm UK time)

Deadline for applications to all other programs



16th May / 6th June 2025

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

14th August 2025 (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

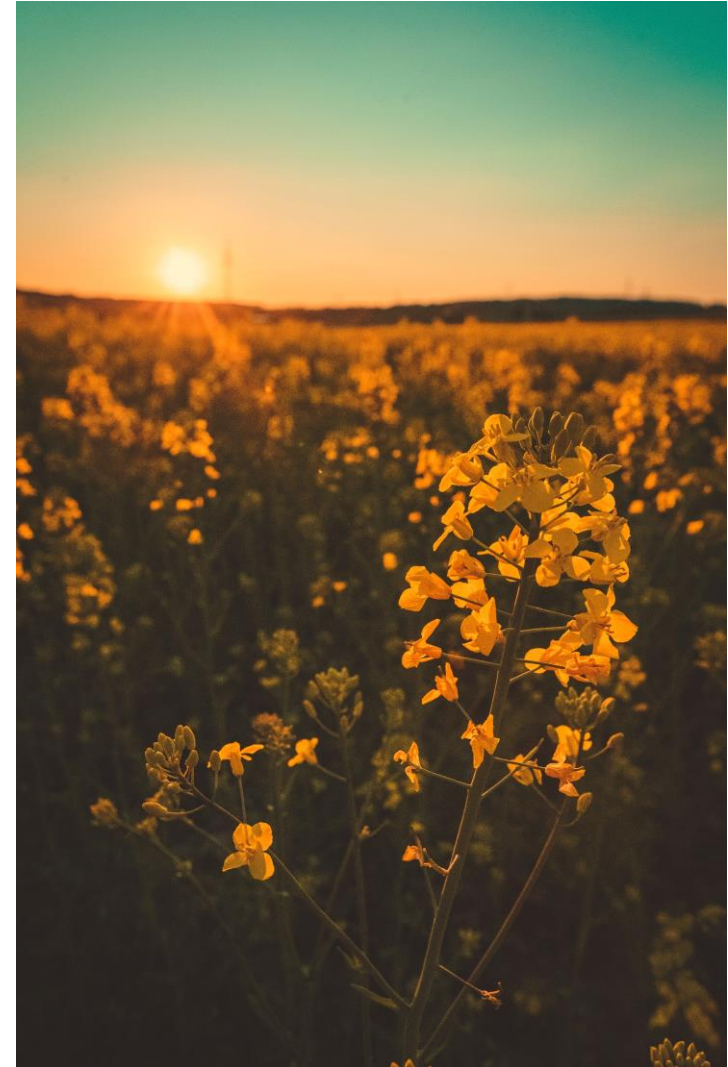
Do's – Advice for Students

Be sure of
you choice

Use the
'right'
language

Draft
Draft
Draft

Make it
relevant



Don'ts – Advice for students



Plagiarise



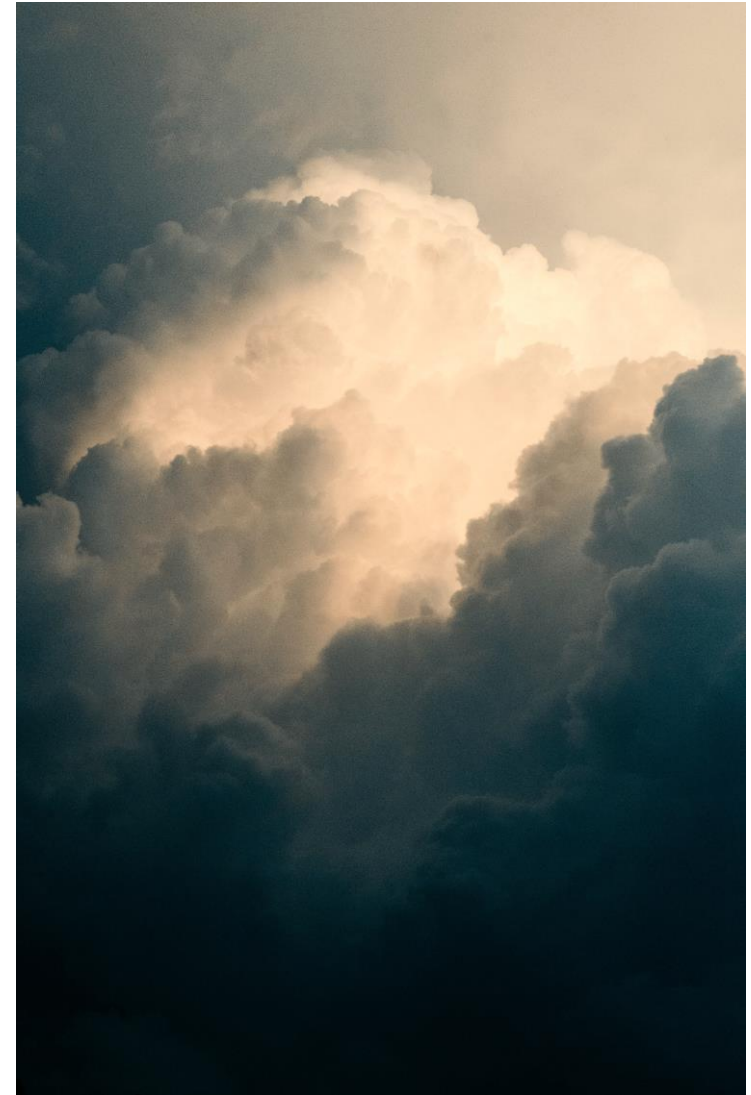
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spell check



Over-share



Rush



What next?

What next?

Research: course, then university

Book onto an **Open Day**

Make your **Five choices**

Once you have an offer, attend **Offer-Holder Day** too

Ask lots of **questions!**

Saturday
22
June

Undergraduate open day

This event is for all undergraduate programmes plus Medicine (Graduate Entry).

SELECT YOUR COURSE TO BOOK **+**



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Student Finance

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Surrey Fee

Surrey Fee 2024

£9,250
per year

£1,850
Professional
Training
Year
(TBC)

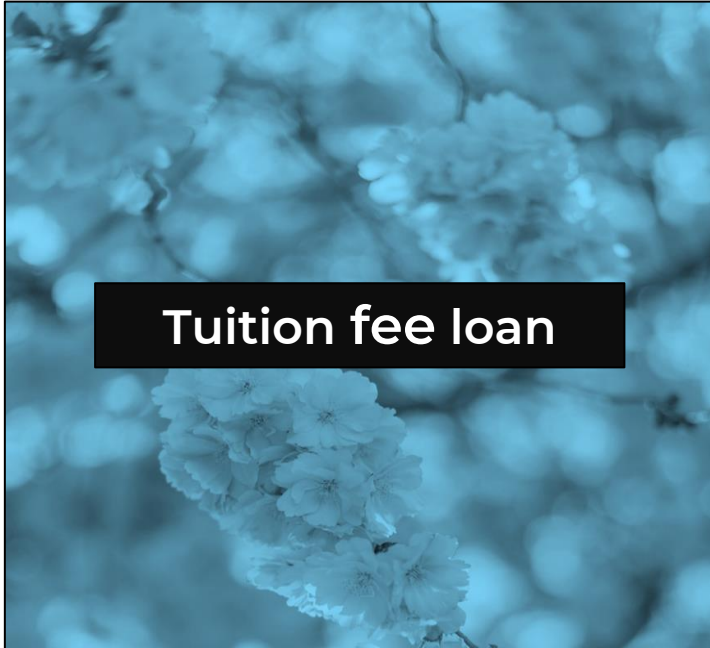





No up
front cost

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 2024

Household Income	Home	Elsewhere	London
£25,000 & under	£8,610	£10,227	£13,348
£30,000	£7,887	£9,497	£12,606
£35,000	£7,163	£8,766	£11,863
£40,000	£6,440	£8,035	£11,120
£45,000	£5,716	£7,304	£10,377
£50,000	£4,993	£6,573	£9,634
£55,000	£4,269	£5,842	£8,891
£60,000	£3,790	£5,111	£8,148
£65,000	£3,790	£4,767	£7,405
£70,000	£3,790	£4,767	£6,662
£71,000	£3,790	£4,767	£6,647

Where a student is living during their studies

Correct for September 2024 entry – figures released Jan 2024 SFE Calculator

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: 2024

March 2024

Student Finance open for applications



16 May 2024

Deadline for applications



Summer 2024 Confirmation from SLC



September 2024

First of three instalments for that year



2025

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?

2022 to 2023 if your child or partner is applying for the 2024 to 2025 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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