

UCAS

Applying to UCAS

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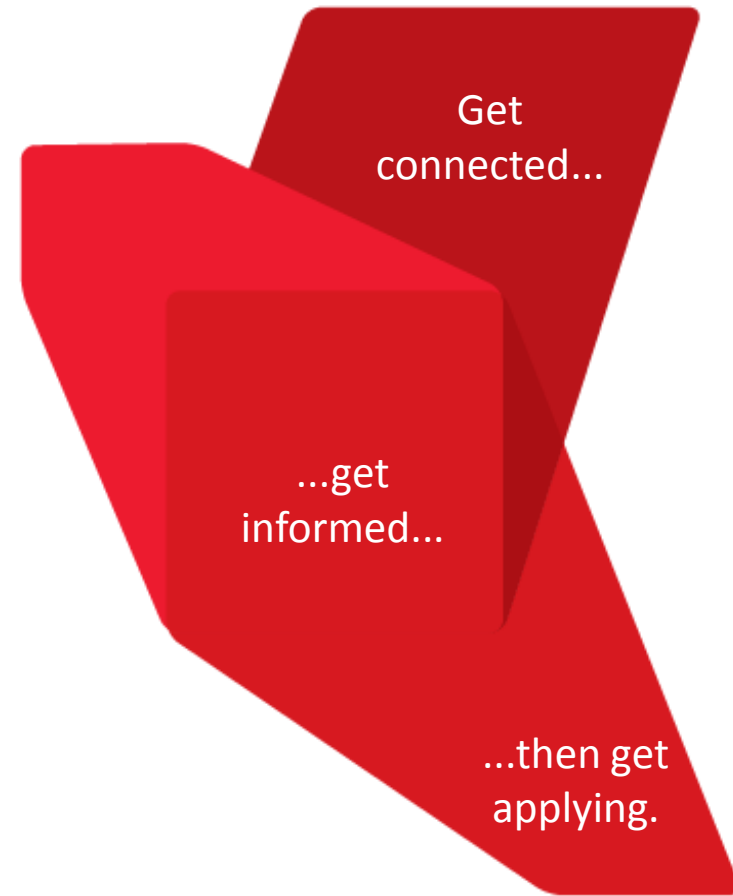
The UCAS student journey

THREE STEPS TO APPLYING



Before you apply...

- Go to www.ucas.com.
- Find out the **UCAS deadlines** – make sure you know what deadline is relevant to you
- **Research** – career options, universities, courses you're interested in and minimum entry requirements.
- **Go to a UCAS event** – even if you're not sure about what you want to do, speak to those in the know.
- **Learn from others** – watch student videos at UCAS.tv.



Things to consider

- Finance – course fees, grants, travel and living costs
- Travel – to and from your home
- Accommodation – University halls or private residences?



Living away
from home...

...are you
ready to 'go it
alone'?

When to apply

Mid-June	Applicants can register and start to complete their application.
Mid-September	Schools can start to submit completed applications to UCAS.
15 October	Medicine, dentistry, veterinary sci/med and Oxford <u>or</u> Cambridge.
15 January	Application deadline for most courses.
24 March	Many art & design courses (check each course for deadline).
30 June	Applications after this date held for Clearing.



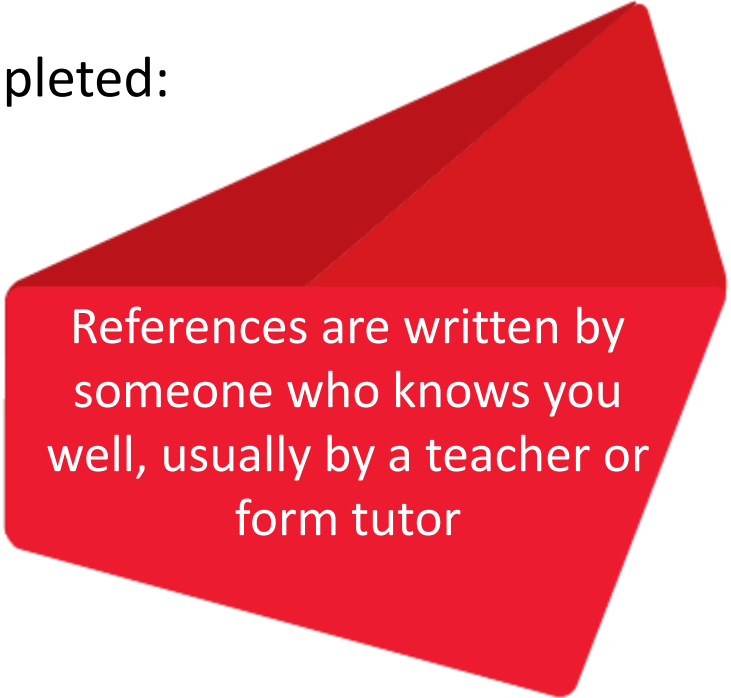
The UCAS application

Making a UCAS application

Begin your application at www.ucas.com/apply

Below are the sections that need to be completed:

- Personal details
- Additional information (UK only)
- Student finance (UK and EU only)
- Choices – make up to 5 choices
- Education
- Employment
- Personal statement
- A reference



References are written by someone who knows you well, usually by a teacher or form tutor

Personal statement – start early

Include:

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

If you get invited to an interview take your personal statement with you and be prepared to answer questions about it.

The questions universities and colleges will ask:

- have you chosen the right subject for the right reasons?
- do you have a range of interests?
- does the personal statement confirm your interest in the subject?
- have you studied independently?
- are you motivated and committed?
- do you possess good numeracy and literacy skills?


Personal statements are checked against thousands of others, so don't copy someone else's.

Decision-making by institutions

An admissions tutor can make one of three decisions:

- **Unconditional offer**
- **Conditional offer**
- **Unsuccessful**

Or they can offer a place on an alternative course.

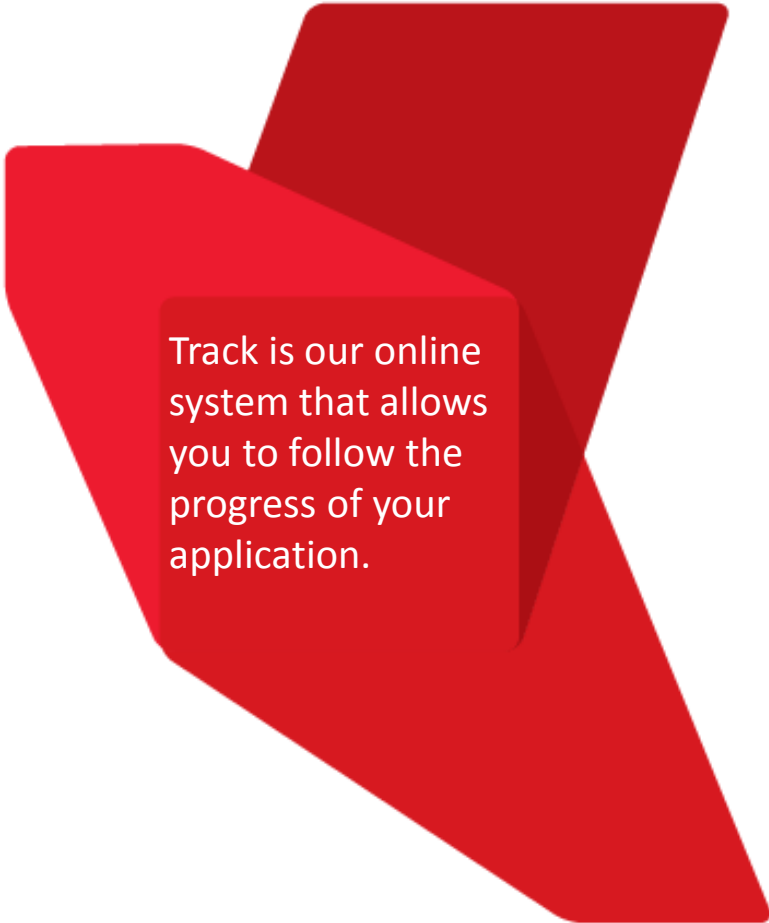


Institutions can also request an interview, ask to see your portfolio or ask you to take an admissions test.

Tracking your application

You can see what is happening with your application on Track.


- Follow the progress of your application 24/7.
- See your choices and personal information.
- See offer details.
- Reply to offers online.



Track is our online system that allows you to follow the progress of your application.

Replying to offers

- Once you have decisions on all your choices, you can hold a maximum of two offers:
 - One as a **'firm'** acceptance – your first choice
 - The other as an **'insurance'** acceptance – acts as a back-up if you do not get into your 'firm' choice.
- You can then decline any remaining offers.



When all decisions and replies are made and you are not holding an offer, you may be able to use Extra or Clearing to find available places

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Or call us

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To speak to one of our trained advisers between 08.30 – 18.00