

BHASVIC Guide to:

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For students applying to **Higher Education**



University schemes Contextual Offers

University Widening Participation schemes (WP only)

1. If you take part in an event or opportunity at a specific university you do not then have to apply to that university
2. Most activities are free unless otherwise stated
3. You should check each university that you are applying to and determine whether they have a Widening Participation programme, each university will have its own criteria and it is your responsibility to check whether you meet their requirements.
4. Widening Participation may lead to a reduced grade offer at some universities but this is not the case at all universities. Universities run schemes that can lead to reduced grades and these may start in Year 12 or Year 13. Examples of these schemes are below

If you need further support please email wp@bhavic.ac.uk Kind regards, Lynne Trower

Contextual offers are when universities take into account applicants' personal circumstances when considering each candidate. For example, a university's normal entry requirements might be ABB at A-Level, but if you've attended a school with low progression rates to higher education or you've spent time in local authority care, they will lower the requirements to BCC. Over the last few years contextual offers have become common in UK universities.

The idea behind contextual offers is to make access to Higher Education more equitable for disadvantaged students. In deciding whether or not to make a contextual offer, a university will look at the wider circumstances surrounding your achievements so far. They'll consider things such as where you grew up, whether you have a disability, or whether you're entitled to free school meals.

If you meet their criteria, you'll then be accepted onto the course with lower entry requirements than those usually needed, or sometimes the academic entry requirements will remain the same, but your application will be given special consideration. At the University of Oxford, for example, the admissions tutors look at your application and 'raise flags as appropriate'; in some instances, 'students with such flags will be strongly recommended for interview.'

How will my application be assessed?

Each application will be considered by the university on a case-by-case basis. By looking at your personal situation, admissions tutors will assess your potential to succeed on an undergraduate course.

Typical criteria for contextual offers

Not all UK universities make contextual offers. For those that do, each one sets its own criteria, but they usually include a few of the following:

- You have a disability.
- You're a young carer. A carer is anyone who cares, unpaid, for a friend or family member who cannot cope without support due to illness, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction.
- You've had your educational studies hindered by circumstances in your personal, social or domestic life.
- You've been separated from your family.
- You're applying from an eligible school, college or sixth form. For example, if the performance of your school, college or sixth form is lower than the national average, your academic performance so far might be given special consideration.
- You've spent time in local authority care. Very often, you'll need to declare that you're a care leaver on the UCAS form and have it confirmed by your referee.
- You're a refugee.
- You're a first generation Higher Education attendee (you're the first in your family to attend higher education).
- You're entitled to discretionary payments or free school meals at school/college.
- Some universities run an access, widening participation or outreach programme, and completion of this might make you eligible (contact the university to find out how to be considered for this on your application).
- You live in an area with less advantaged socio-economic characteristics. This will usually be assessed using the POLAR or ACORN postcode search.

POLAR (Participation of Local Areas)

POLAR is a classification tool that groups areas across the UK based on the proportion of young people who participate in higher education. The most recent version of this classification tool is POLAR4, which is based on the findings of a 2017 report carried out by the Higher Education Funding Council for England. The report looks at how likely young people are to participate in higher education across the UK and shows how this varies by area.

POLAR classifies local areas into five groups - or 'quintiles' - based on the proportion of 18 and 19-year-olds from that area who enter higher education. Quintile one shows the lowest rate of participation. Quintile five shows the highest rate of participation.

A university that offers contextual offers based on a POLAR postcode search might, for example, give special consideration to applicants from the lowest two quintiles.

You can access a POLAR postcode look-up tool [here](#).

ACORN

ACORN is a classification tool that associates specific geodemographic profiles to individual UK postcodes. It was created by CACI – a market analysis and location strategy consultancy – to help people understand consumers’ lifestyle, behavior and attitudes, together with the needs of communities. It’s



widely recognised and used by both the public and private sectors to help with the effective targeting of policies, services and communications. Your postcode might fall into a particular ACORN group, such as group four (‘financially stretched’) or five (‘urban adversity’), in which case you might qualify for a contextual offer.

You can find out more about ACORN [here](#).



Worth knowing: Sometimes a contextual offer will only apply if you accept the university in question as your firm choice.


How to apply



For many contextual offers your UCAS application will be assessed by the admissions tutors when you apply to the university and there is no need to do anything extra. However, for others you will need to complete a separate application form and submit this to the University before, or at the same time as, applying through UCAS.



University	Offer	Links & Eligibility
ALL UNIVERSITIES	UCAS APPLY FORM: Add the letters WP to further details in each university choice if Widening Participation.	
		All Access AUB – AUB – Arts University Bournemouth
 UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM	Your Contextual Offer is normally one grade lower than the typical offer shown on our course pages or in our	https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/requirements/contextual-offer.aspx




	<p>prospectus, but can differ depending on the subject you would like to study.</p> <p>Am I eligible for the Contextual Offer?</p> <p>The Contextual Offer allows the University to consider additional your socio-economic data, alongside UCAS information, to help make the decision about your application to study at Birmingham. You may be eligible for the Contextual Offer if you meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You've spent time in local authority care (and you have documented this on your UCAS form) OR • Your home postcode is in a low progression to higher education neighbourhood. <p>To check your postcode to see if you are in a low progression neighbourhood, visit the Office for Students postcode look-up tool. Under 'Area based measure postcode look-up', enter your postcode. The map will reload for your area. In the box in the top right hand corner it will detail the quintile for the area. For September 2020 entry, your postcode should be assessed as 1 under either POLAR3 or POLAR4. Beyond 2020 (for September</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Scholarships, Grants and Bursaries > Undergraduate Funding Database <p>General Bursaries/ Scholarships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Chamberlain Award - for students with household incomes below a certain threshold > UBSport Scholarship - provides financial and specialist support awards for talented National and International level athletes > Sport Scholarships - provide support for approximately 30 individual athletes annually across a range of tailored sport scholarships programmes <p>Subject Specific:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Professor HO Thomas Scholarship – an annual scholarship of £2,000 for a Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic undergraduate MBChB student, with a primary focus towards Black students studying Medicine and Medical Sciences > Computer Science Undergraduate Scholarship - for students who have made Computer Science their firm choice and have performed to a high standard in an interview/aptitude test and in their A Levels > Entrance Scholarships for Chemical Engineering – for high A level achievers entering their first year of study in the School of Chemical Engineering > Haworth Scholarship - for the four highest achieving students entering their first year of study in the School of Chemistry > Materials Science Entry Scholarship - awarded as a contribution to tuition fees for undergraduate students commencing their studies in Metallurgy and Materials > Physics Entry Scholarship - awarded to academically outstanding students who make the School of Physics their firm choice
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	<p>2021 entry onwards) it should be assessed as 1 under POLAR4. If you're eligible, you just need to submit your UCAS application in the normal way and we will take your circumstances into account when considering your application.</p>	<p>> Hannah Bladon Scholarship - contributes towards a project in Theology and Religion</p>
	<p>Discover Bath is a summer programme which aims to give prospective students a taste of first-year life and study at the University of Bath, together with the opportunity to gain an alternative offer (see details below).</p>	<p>Discover Bath is free-of-charge, including on-campus accommodation, free meals for the duration of your stay, a programme of academic sessions (lectures, seminars, workshops) and fun social activities. Your travel to the University can be reimbursed (reasonable travel within the UK only). Discover Bath is available to all Year 12 (or equivalent) students who are academically able to study at Bath in their chosen subject and meet our widening participation criteria. If you do not meet our widening participation criteria then unfortunately you won't be eligible for Discover Bath but you may wish to consider our Step into Bath residential instead. Discover Bath</p>
 <p>Apply Year 13</p>	<p>Your grades are only part of the picture. At BU we want to learn about you and your life experiences as this allows us to identify your potential to succeed if you haven't had the same educational opportunities as other applicants.</p> <p>What this means in practice is that we look at more than just your academic performance when making you an offer. 'AccessBU' allows you to tell us about personal circumstances that are not always evident in your UCAS application. We then use this information when considering your application to decide if we can make</p>	<p>https://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/how-apply/entry-requirements/what-we-look/accessbu</p> <p>When we receive your application, we will automatically assess your eligibility for AccessBU if you fall into any of the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You have been in care • We're committed to supporting young people in care and care leavers to enter and succeed in higher education. We offer a range of support to make your transition to university life easier. • You live in an area with a low participation rate in Higher Education • You can check to see if you live in an area with a low participation rate by searching for your postcode on the Office For Students website. A postcode in POLAR4 or IMD Quintiles 1 or 2 will mean you're eligible for an AccessBU offer. • You live in an area with less advantaged socio-economic characteristics


	<p>you an offer that gives you a better chance of accessing Higher Education.</p> <p>If you are unable to meet the entry requirements published on our website, we may be able to make you an offer through AccessBU if you meet our criteria.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can check to see if you live in an area with less advantaged socio-economic characteristics by searching for your postcode on the Acorn website (you will need to register). Postcodes in categories 4 to 6 will mean you're eligible for an AccessBU offer. • You have a disability, medical condition or learning need • We are committed to helping you access university if you have a disability, medical condition or learning need that has affected your previous study. • You have been recognised by the UK government as an asylum seeker or refugee • We recognise the barriers to accessing Higher Education if you are an asylum seeker or a refugee. You will find help and support on the Refugees Support Network website. • You took exams at a school or college with low performance scores • If you attended a school or college with low GCSE or A-level attainment, we will take this into consideration. <p>You can still be considered for AccessBU if you do not fall into any of the categories listed above. All you need to do is complete our AccessBU Application Form.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities in a huge variety of subject areas – arts, sports, sciences (including healthcare), social sciences (including psychology), business, humanities and lots more. • A variety of summer schools in different subject areas. • Trips to other universities. • Mentoring by university students. • Help with writing your personal statement when you're ready to apply to uni and practice interviews in a university setting. • Lots of talks and workshops about preparing for university for both students and parents. 	<p>University of Brighton Outreach Programme University of Brighton Outreach</p> <p>https://blogs.brighton.ac.uk/wideningparticipation/</p> <p>You are eligible if you meet any of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your parents/guardian have not been to university. • You are in care or have been in care before. • You have lost contact with your family. Often referred to as estranged, but not in the care of the local authority. • You have a diagnosed disability (including a learning disability) • You are a young carer. • You receive the 16-19 bursary. • You received Free School Meals or Pupil Premium at secondary school.



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You live in an area where not many people go to university (we can let you know by checking your postcode)* • You are studying an Access to Higher Education course / are a mature student. • You are a refugee or asylum seeker.
		<p>Discover Bristol - new program for Year 13 students</p> <p>We are launching a new virtual project for Year 13 students starting in Autumn 2025. Applications have not opened yet, but students and school staff can sign up on this expression of interest form to be notified when applications do open.</p> <p>Successful participants of Discover Bristol will receive a guaranteed contextual offer or interview, depending on the subject. To find out more about contextual offers please see our website. Contextual offers Study at Bristol University of Bristol</p>
		<p>You may find the following list useful. Please contact the University of Cambridge directly to check the latest details of their bursary and scholarship policies:</p> <p>> Cambridge Undergraduate Financial Support - includes links to individual college funding</p> <p>General Bursaries/ Scholarships:</p> <p>> Cambridge Bursary Scheme - for Home/EU students with household incomes below a certain threshold</p> <p><i>Students should look on the websites of the individual Cambridge colleges to find out about other sources of financial support</i></p>


	<p>You may find the following list useful. Please contact Cardiff University directly to check the latest details of their bursary and scholarship policies:</p> <p>> Bursaries – the university offer a range of bursaries to help with the costs of studying with them</p>	<p>General Bursaries/ Scholarships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Armed Forces Bursary - for full-time students who have served in the armed forces > Asylum Seekers Opportunity Award - for asylum seekers and children of asylum seekers (two awards available) > Cardiff University Bursary - for full-time undergraduate students from lower income households who qualify for UK funding for living costs > Care Leavers Bursary - for students who declare in their UCAS application that they are in care > Estranged Student Bursary - for young students who are irreconcilably estranged from their families at the beginning of their course (considered on case-by-case basis) > Next Step Bursary - for students who have participated in the University's Widening Participation Scheme, and whose household income is below £35,000 > Student Carers Bursary - for young-adult carers who are more likely to incur extra financial costs and greater challenges due to managing a caring role alongside their studies
	<p>Check website</p>	<p>https://www.dur.ac.uk/study/ug/apply/contextualoffers/</p> <p>You may find the following list useful. Please contact Durham University directly to check the latest details of their bursary and scholarship policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Scholarships > Funding Information - search for all funding opportunities available by subject or qualification

 Edge Hill University		Widening Access and Student Success Edge Hill University Fair entry criteria - Edge Hill University
	<p>You may find the following list useful. Please contact the University of Edinburgh directly to check the latest details of their bursary and scholarship policies:</p>	<p>> Funding for UK Students - funding information for prospective undergraduate UK students</p> <p>General Bursaries/ Scholarships:</p> <p>> The Andrea Levy Scholarship - to support Black African and Caribbean heritage applicants from socio-economically challenged backgrounds</p> <p>Subject Specific:</p> <p>> School of Engineering Scholarships for Electronics & Electrical Engineering – for students entering Electronics and Electrical Engineering programmes</p> <p>> School of Physics and Astronomy - awarded annually to new undergraduates who have achieved the best entrance qualifications in Physics</p>
 UNIVERSITY OF EXETER SCHOLARS Apply Year 12	<p>Exeter Scholar</p> <p>The following benefits are available to participants who are actively taking part in the Exeter Scholars experience and who meet the minimum pass criteria for their subject activity strand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An understanding of university life and an opportunity to hear directly from current university students about their experiences 	<p>https://www.exeter.ac.uk/exeterscholars/apply/year12/nationwide/)</p> <p>Year 12 Nationwide</p> <p><i>Students based outside of the South West</i></p> <p>Applications for this pathway are now open, and close at 9am on Tuesday 22nd June.</p> <p>Please read the programme eligibility below. You can find information about the available subject streams here and complete the application form here.</p>


	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased confidence to help you prepare for the transition to higher education • Learn more about a subject area of your choice before choosing whether to study it at university • Develop key skills and knowledge to help boost your university application and aid your current studies • The chance to make new friends • Support and guidance with completing your university application form • Financial support to cover all travel costs associated with completing Exeter Scholars • Exclusive access to an Exeter Scholars reception at September pre-application Open Days in both Exeter and Penryn • A travel bursary for travel costs to attend a University of Exeter Offer Holder Visit Day or admissions interviews • A reduction in entry requirements of up to 2 A Level grades or equivalent lower than the standard entry requirements for all University of Exeter Undergraduate courses* <p>* All offers or invitations to interview will be made subject to applications fulfilling any subject specific and GCSE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You do not live in Devon, Cornwall, Somerset, Bristol, or Dorset (OR you are a participant in the Realising Opportunities programme) • You have achieved a minimum of 8 GCSEs at grades A*–C or 9–4 to include GCSE Maths and English at Grade 4 or Grade C and above • You are a Home/EU registered student, or you expect to be so by the time you apply for higher education <p>PLUS</p> <p>You meet one of the following 9 criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. You live in a neighbourhood where a low percentage of young people progress to higher education as defined by your home postcode* 2. You live in a low-income neighbourhood as defined by home postcode* 3. You are in receipt of free school meals** 4. You are eligible for school bursaries** 5. Your parents have not studied at university 6. You are or have been living in care*** 7. You have caring responsibilities**** 8. You have a disability 9. You are an estranged student**** <p>Bursaries and Scholarships - details on bursaries, scholarships and awards to help with your tuition fees and living costs</p> <p>Funding for Prospective Students – find all the funding for prospective students here</p> <p>General Bursaries/ Scholarships:</p> <p>> Sports Scholarship Scheme - awarded to students of outstanding sporting ability who show evidence of achievement at international level in their chosen sport.</p>
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	entry requirements, admissions tests, and interviews.	> Choral and Organ Scholarships - the University has close performing relations with Exeter Cathedral and three local churches, each offering scholarship schemes
Imperial College London		Bursaries and Scholarships Scholarships Search Tool General Bursaries/ Scholarships: Imperial Bursary - for students with household incomes below a certain threshold President's Undergraduate Scholarships - to reward students who demonstrate the highest academic excellence and potential Subject Specific: 6 Year MBBS Payment options - specific options for Medical degree programmes
Lancaster University 		Lancaster Access Programme provides you the opportunity to take part in a range of activities, workshops and access dedicated resources to prepare you for University and work towards a lower offer on application to Lancaster. Participants on the Access Programme receive a number of benefits including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extra consideration and a lower offer on application to Lancaster • Access to a dedicated online portal and resources • Opportunity to participate in a variety of activities and events • Dedicated contact with Lancaster staff and student ambassadors Lancaster Access Programme Lancaster University Full details of these benefits is communicated to you throughout the programme,

		support also continues once you reach university through the Lancaster Success Programme
		<p>You may find the following list useful. Please contact King's College London directly to check the latest details of their bursary and scholarship policies:</p> <p>> Undergraduate Funding at King's - scholarship and bursary opportunities</p>
 <p>Apply Year 13</p>	<p>When you apply, your UCAS application will receive additional consideration. If successful, you will receive a standard offer and you'll be offered lower entry requirements for your chosen course. This could be up to two grades lower than our standard offer. For example if the standard entry requirement for your course is AAA at A-level, the Access to Leeds offer could be ABB.</p> <p>There are also lower entry requirements for qualifications equivalent to A-levels such as BTEC Nationals and the International Baccalaureate.</p> <p>Only applicants who make the University of Leeds their firm choice will remain eligible for an Access to Leeds offer.</p>	<p>http://www.leeds.ac.uk/info/130588/access_to_leeds</p> <p>The Access to Leeds programme is for students who want to study an undergraduate degree with us, but their background means they are less likely to attend university.</p> <p>It could offer you the chance to study an undergraduate degree with lower entry requirements than listed on our course pages.</p> <p>Around 900 eligible Access to Leeds students register on an undergraduate course at the University of Leeds every year. Read our Access to Leeds student profiles.</p> <p>There are two possible routes into Access to Leeds:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. You can apply for Access to Leeds directly if you meet our Access to Leeds eligibility criteria. 2. You could be confirmed as eligible when your UCAS application is processed. If this happens, you will receive an email to tell you. <p>Once we have confirmed you are eligible you will also need to complete a short-study skills module and assignment to get you ready for university. This has many benefits in helping to prepare you for university life, including learning about academic skills and study techniques, and introducing you to the University campus and facilities</p> <p>Undergraduate Funding</p>

	<p>Support to prepare for university We will offer you support to prepare for studying at university, including:</p> <p>Access to our online library and Virtual Learning Environment.</p> <p>A launch event on campus to find out more about our facilities, and the Access to Leeds module. You will also get to meet current students, other Access to Leeds students and attend workshops.</p> <p>Special consideration for financial support If you are an Access to Leeds student this will be taken into account if you apply for one of our scholarships</p>	<p>General Bursaries/ Scholarships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Means Tested Scholarships - based on your personal circumstances > Laidlaw Scholarships – to support leadership and research skills development Enterprise Scholarships - to support aspiring entrepreneurs
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	<p>Check out the contextual offers and Disrupted Study Programme</p> <p>If you have spent any time in social care or if your postcode is in POLAR 4 Quintile 1, you will be made a reduced offer of up to 2 grades below the standard University of Liverpool offer</p>	<p>https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/applying/contextual-data/</p> <p>Contextual Admissions Indicator Tool</p> <p>Disrupted Education Programme - Widening Participation - University of Liverpool</p>

	<p>(except Medicine, Dental Sciences or Foundation programmes). You will be notified of this by email.</p> <p>If you are made an offer, but narrowly miss the terms of that offer when the examination results are published, you may be given additional consideration and prioritised when places are confirmed.</p> <p>If you originally applied for Year 1 entry but have been made a changed course offer for a programme at Carmel College, you will be prioritised in the Carmel admissions processes.</p> <p>If you already have your examination results when you apply, contextual data may be used to determine whether an unconditional offer may be made or not.</p> <p>Where an applicant would be eligible for a reduced offer for reasons in addition to contextual data, the offer will remain as a reduction by a maximum of two grades below the standard offer, but all information will be taken into account when results are received.</p>	<p>Check out the Disrupted study Programme to see if you are eligible – also contains eligibility of health reasons.</p> <p>What items of Contextual Data are considered?</p> <p>The University of Liverpool uses a purpose built system to identify data that can provide context to an applicant's learning journey. This system takes into account a combination of the following indicators.</p> <p>Your postcode</p> <p>More details may be found on the relevant websites at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACORN • POLAR There is a postcode tool on this website which will show you which POLAR quintile your home postcode is in. <p>Applicants from POLAR 4 Quintile 1 will automatically receive a reduced offer of up to 2 grades below the standard offer (except Dental Sciences, Medicine and Foundation programmes)</p> <p>If you have a disability</p> <p>If you declare a disability your application will be referred to our specialist Disability Support Team. They are experts in making individual assessments on an applicant's circumstances.</p> <p>If you have spent any time in social care</p> <p>If you have spent any time in social care you will qualify for a reduced offer of up to 2 grades below the standard offer (except Medicine, Dental Sciences or Foundation programmes).</p> <p>The University welcomes declarations of disability and social care status and the information provided from this data will only be used to develop a positive, supportive and fair approach for all.</p> <p>You may find the following list useful. Please contact the University of Liverpool directly to check the latest details of their bursary and</p>
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		<p>You may find the following list useful. Please contact the London School of Economics directly to check the latest details of their bursary and scholarship policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Fees and Funding - find individual scholarships and bursaries offered for the academic year here

		<p>General Bursaries/ Scholarships:</p> <p>> LSE Accommodation Bursary - for students with household incomes below a certain threshold</p>
 <p>MANCHESTER 1824 The University of Manchester</p>	<p>You'll receive a lower offer if you meet all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You meet the criteria for a WP Plus flag • The qualifications and subjects you're applying with meet our published entry requirements. For example, if a course requires Chemistry and Maths you must be taking both of these subjects. • You're applying for a course where the minimum entry requirements are ABB and the course must not be a Faculty of Science and Engineering foundation course. • Your predicted grades are within two grades of our minimum entry requirements. For example, your predicted grades are BBB where the standard entry requirements are AAB. • You successfully complete any additional selection requirements such as an interview or aptitude test (eg UCAT for Medicine). 	<p>https://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/applications/after-you-apply/contextual-data/</p> <p>https://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/applications/after-you-apply/contextual-data/eligibility2021/</p> <p>> Scholarships and Bursaries - including The Manchester Bursary, Foundation Year Bursaries and Undergraduate Access Scholarships</p> <p>General Bursaries/ Scholarships:</p> <p>> Article 26 Scholarship - intended to help sanctuary seekers progress into higher education</p>



Apply Year 13

- Receive a lower conditional offer to study at Newcastle University via the PARTNERS Programme Receive a **lower conditional offer** to Newcastle University
- Attend the PARTNERS Academic Summer School
- Develop skills necessary to be a **successful student**
- Meet other students and increase your confidence
- **Receive support** through the application process, on results day and after entering the University



- <https://www.ncl.ac.uk/schools/partners/#whatispartners?>


. To be eligible for our PARTNERS Programme supported entry route for 2021 entry you must meet one (or more) of the following criteria.


Click on the links below to check your eligibility against each factor:



1. **your home postcode**
2. **your entitlement to Free School Meals, Pupil Premium funding, discretionary school/college payments**
3. **the school or college you attend or have attended**
4. **you have experienced time in care**
5. **your parent/carers' experience of higher education and their current occupation**
6. **you have a disability/long-term health condition and are in receipt of the Personal Independence Payment (PIP)**
7. **you are a recognised carer**
8. **you are estranged and living independently of your family due to relationship breakdown**
9. **you are from a black or minority ethnic group and attend a state school**
10. **your parents/carers are serving or have served in the armed forces at key educational times**
11. **you are from a Gypsy, Roma or Traveller community**
12. **you have refugee status**
13. **you are an asylum seeker**
14. **you are a parent/carers and responsible for a child under the age of 17**



[Scholarships and Bursaries](#)

		<p>Opportunity Scholarships - for students with household incomes below a certain threshold</p> <p>Sports Scholarships and Funding – for talented sporting individuals</p> <p>St Nicholas' Educational Trust Scholarship – for students from Newcastle and the surrounding area</p> <p>Subject Specific:</p> <p>Subject Scholarships - including scholarships in engineering, computing, mathematics, Statistics and Physics and more</p>
 <p>The University of Nottingham</p> <p>UNITED KINGDOM • CHINA • MALAYSIA</p>		<p>Bursaries and Scholarships</p> <p>General Bursaries/ Scholarships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Sports Scholarships - a selection of scholarships for a range of sports > The Witty Entrepreneurial Scholarship - for promising student entrepreneurs from lower-income backgrounds. > The Helena Kennedy Foundation Bursaries - for students with household incomes below a certain threshold > Funding for Refugees and Asylum Seekers – including ‘The Maycock-Whileman Scholarship’ and ‘The WH Revis Article 26 Scholarship’
 <p>UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD</p>		<p>Oxford Bursaries and Scholarships – Oxford bursaries and scholarships</p> <p>General Bursaries/ Scholarships:</p> <p>Scholarship support for low income UK students – for low-income UK students (based on household income assessment)</p> <p>Palgrave Brown UK Scholarship - for students who have been resident or educated in Norfolk or Suffolk</p> <p>Oxford-Arlan Hamilton & Earline Butler Sims Scholarship – for UK</p>

		residents of Black African or Black Caribbean heritage, who are from disadvantaged backgrounds
	https://www.brookes.ac.uk/outreach/post-16/brookes-engage/	<p>Who can take part?</p> <p>To be eligible to apply for Brookes Engage, you must meet all of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be in the first year of a two-year Level 3 qualification (e.g. A Levels, BTEC, or equivalent) Have 5 GCSEs A*-C/ 4-9, including English and Maths (or expect to have 5 GCSEs including English and Maths by July 2024) Live in England Be aged 16 or 17 at the time of starting the programme <p>To be eligible to apply for Brookes Engage, you also need to meet at least one of the following criteria.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently eligible for free school meals or 6th form bursary Currently live in local authority care, or have lived in care Are a young carer (are under 18 and help to look after a relative with a disability, illness, mental health condition, or drug or alcohol problem) Have a disability, mental health condition, or specific learning difficulty Are of black or minority ethnic origin Have official refugee status in the UK, or are an asylum seeker Are from a traveller family Have at least one parent/carers who has served in the armed forces at any time within the past six years Are irreconcilably estranged from both birth parents Live in an area where progression to university is low. To find out whether this applies, please visit www.officeforstudents.org.uk/data-and-analysis/postcode-search/. Instructions on how to use: Type your postcode in the search box. Check the box marked 'MSOA (used to calculate POLAR4 and TUNDRA)' Look at the box on the right hand side

		<p>of the map under the 'POLAR4' measure. If the number here is Quintile 1 or 2, you are eligible.</p> <p>Live in an area of higher socio-economic disadvantage. To find out whether this applies, please visit http://imd-by-postcode.opendatacommunities.org/imd/2019. Instructions on how to use: Type your postcode into the search box. Download the Excel spreadsheet generated. If the number in the column labelled 'Index of Multiple Deprivation Decile' is 1-4, you are eligible.</p>
 <p>QUEEN MARY UNIVERSITY OF LONDON</p>		<p><u>Access to Queen Mary</u></p> <p>The Access to Queen Mary programme is designed to give students a head start in preparing for university life through tailored academic and pastoral support, helping to boost their attainment and confidence. Participants enjoy a wide range of exclusive benefits, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A contextual offer up to three A-Level grades below the standard offer. • Guaranteed entry to our Student Ambassador scheme upon joining Queen Mary. • 1:1 personalised tutoring in an A-Level subject of their choice. • Financial support for travel to campus for special events and activities. • Tailored study skills sessions to ensure academic success. • Expert advice on university applications and personal statements. • A £500 bursary in return for just 20 hours of volunteering. <p>Application deadline: Friday 15th November 2024</p> <p>For more information and the application form, please visit our webpage here.</p> <p><u>Scholarship Finder</u></p> <p>General Bursaries/ Scholarships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Asylum Seekers Fee Concession – intended for asylum seekers > Leverhulme Trade Charities Trust Undergraduate Bursary – for UK residents in financial need who is the child, spouse, widow or widower of a commercial traveller, pharmacist or grocer

		<p>> William Spilsbury Scholarship – for permanent residents of the City of London, the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, the London Borough of Newham or the London Borough of Hackney with a household income below a certain threshold</p> <p>Subject Specific:</p> <p>School of Law Scholarships and Bursaries – a range of scholarships and bursaries in the School of Law</p> <p>Sanctuary Scholarship – for asylum seekers or those with temporary immigration status studying on degree programmes in the Faculty of Science & Engineering or the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.</p> <p>School of Economics and Finance Scholarships - 15 Excellence Scholarships available to Home, EU and Overseas students</p> <p>Science & Engineering Widening Participation Scholarships – for students who have engaged with at least one Queen Mary outreach activity and meet a range of other criteri</p>
	<p>Royal Holloway believe that everyone should have access to higher education which is why a contextual offer for students has been developed to meet certain Widening Access criteria.</p>	<p>Our contextual offer is a reduction of up to 2 grades lower* compared to the original entry requirements advertised on our website and undergraduate prospectus. Contextual offers (royalholloway.ac.uk)</p> <p>The contextual offer is made to students who meet certain eligibility criteria (see below) who are from backgrounds or personal circumstances that means they are generally less likely to go to university. *Subject specific grades and GCSEs are not part of the contextual offer * Does not include the Integrated Foundation Year</p>
 <p>The University Of Sheffield.</p>		<p>General Bursaries/ Scholarships:</p> <p>Experience Sheffield Scholarship – for students whose household income is less than a certain amount.</p> <p>Sports Scholarships - for students who compete at an elite level in their sport</p>

		<p>Subject Specific:</p> <p>Undergraduate Academic Achievement Scholarships – the Computer Science Department offer scholarships to home students that have achieved certain A levels</p> <p>School of Architecture - Fees and funding</p>
	<p>Solent University's mission and strategy are dedicated to the pursuit of an excellent university education that enables learners from all backgrounds to become enterprising citizens and responsible leaders, while also promoting economic and social prosperity for the communities we serve. Solent is a proud champion of widening participation, which is at the core of our operations and our culture.</p>	<p>Contextual offers (solent.ac.uk)</p>
 <p>Access to Southampton (A2S) Apply year 12</p>	<p>A2S is a programme of events and activities designed to give you insight into studying at a research-led university, and to support your application.</p>	<p>Apply here</p> <p>Eligibility Access to Southampton (A2S) is open nationally to students living permanently in the UK. Students must apply to A2S when they are in Year 12 or the first year of A-Level (or equivalent) study. To be eligible for the A2S scheme you must attend a state school, have the potential to study at the University of Southampton and meet at least one of the following eligibility criteria:</p> <p>In receipt of a 16-19 bursary or similar grant OR received Free School Meals during at any point during your secondary school studies Been in local authority care or looked after for three months or more OR are estranged from your family Are a Young Carer</p>

Current home post code shows that you live in an area with low levels of progression to Higher Education. (Postcodes within the lowest 2 POLAR4 quintiles)

Current home post code shows that you live in area that falls within the lowest 20 per cent of the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD). Eligibility for the POLAR4 measure can be checked at www.officeforstudents.org.uk (Postcodes in the lowest 2 POLAR4 quintiles qualify).

Eligibility for the IMD measure can be checked at dclgapps.communities.gov.uk (Postcodes in the lowest 2 deciles qualify).

Participating subjects
A large number of our subject areas participate in the Access to Southampton scheme.

Unfortunately, at this time the following disciplines are not available through the scheme: Chemical Engineering, Ecology, Medicine, Midwifery, Natural Sciences, Physiotherapy and programmes based at Winchester School of Art.



If you're unsure whether your subject of interest participates please contact us.

You may find the following list useful. Please contact the University of Southampton directly to check the latest details of their bursary and scholarship policies:

- > [Funding for undergraduate students](#)

Subject specific:

- > [Achievement Award](#) - offered by the Department of Physics and Astronomy, awards will be based on a 500 word essay as and other criteria.>

		<p>> Other Funding and Awards - offered by the Ocean and Earth Science, National Oceanography Centre Southampton. Includes The Brian Sedgwick Oversby Endowed Fund, Robin Saunders Endowed Memorial Fund, Peter Killworth Memorial Scholarship, Reardon Smith Nautical Trust, British Geological Survey and Funding for International Students</p>
 <p>Apply Year 13</p>	<p>What is In2Surrey? In2Surrey is the University of Surrey's access scheme, through which eligible applicants complete a reflective assignment towards receiving the following benefits:</p>	<p>https://www.surrey.ac.uk/schools-colleges/in2surrey</p> <p>A reduction in entry requirements, equivalent to one A-level grade lower* A scholarship Access to an E-Mentor (a current undergraduate student) Travel bursary for applicant events Invitations to exclusive events that will support your transition to and through university. * Please note that we may be unable to offer a reduction in entry requirements for BTEC students or those with unconditional offers. Students must still meet all the essential requirements of the course they have applied to. Please see the FAQs document for further details.</p>
	<p>The programme is aimed at all students who are currently in Year 12 or 13, or those students considering returning to education as a mature student. Any student from across the UK can apply. All students will have access to our universal offer, which includes Information, Advice & Guidance (IAG) toolkits, online Live IAG events and Academic Tasters.</p>	<p>https://sites.google.com/view/universityofsussexaccess/home</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are from areas identified as a low participation neighbourhood or areas with indicators of deprivation (We will check your postcode for you once we've received your application) • are in receipt of free school meals, school or college bursary • are a care experienced young person • are a Young Carer • have a disability • are from Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities • are a Refugee or an Asylum Seeker • are a Service Child • are estranged from their family • are from a Black, Asian and minority ethnic background • are a mature student



> [Scholarships Finder](#) - UCL offers a range of financial awards aimed at assisting both prospective and current students with their studies

General Bursaries/ Scholarships: [UCL Undergraduate Bursary](#) - assessed on the basis of household income and residency status

[Estranged Student Bursary](#) – to enable UK students that are estranged from their family to pursue their undergraduate studies

[Care Leaver Bursary](#) - to enable students who live or have lived in care to pursue their undergraduate studies

[The Ernest Hecht Charitable Foundation Scholarship](#) – for UK domiciled students from disadvantaged backgrounds

[London Opportunity Scholarship](#) - for students who have taken part in certain UCL Widening Participation programmes

[Professor Sir Malcolm Grant Undergraduate Scholarship](#) - for UK students in financial need that show leadership potential

[The Watkins Bursary](#) - to enable UK domiciled students from low-income backgrounds to pursue an undergraduate degree

[UCL Access Opportunity Scholarship](#) – for asylum seekers unable to access student finance




Since 2017 entry, a number of contextual factors have been taken into account when assessing UCAS applications to build a more holistic and rounded view of students' academic achievement and potential. The contextual factors we use to inform decision-making and policy are drawn from UCAS application forms and a range of publicly available national datasets.

<https://warwick.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/apply/contextual-offers>





You may find the following list useful. Please contact the University of Warwick directly to check the latest details of their bursary and scholarship policies:

> [Student Funding](#) – including links to the Warwick Bursary and Scholarship Opportunities

	<p>Students must meet at least two of the following factors outlined below to be considered for a contextual offer:</p> <p>a) The applicant completed their Key Stage 4 qualifications at a school where average performance of students at Key Stage 4 Level was below the national average</p> <p>and/or</p> <p>The applicant completed their Key Stage 5 qualifications at a school/college where performance at Key Stage 5 falls within the bottom 40%.</p> <p>b) The applicant completed their Key Stage 4 qualifications at a school with above the national average entitlement/eligibility to Free School Meals (national average is 15.9%).</p> <p>c) The applicant lives in a neighbourhood where the proportion of students going into higher education is low (POLAR 4, quintile 1) or an area which has a high level of deprivation (Index of Multiple Deprivation [IMD], 0-20%).</p>	<p>General Bursaries/ Scholarships:</p> <p>> Warwick Scholars - for students who have engaged with, and successfully completed, one of our post-16 programmes</p>
	<p>See website</p> <p>What is a contextual offer? Contextual offers are a reduced offer for UK undergraduate students</p>	<p>https://www.york.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/applying/entry/contextual-offers/</p>

	<p>(typically one or two grades below the standard entry requirements).</p> <p>You could be eligible if you've spent time in local authority care (such as foster or residential care), or you live in an area in the UK that has low levels of progression to higher education.</p> <p>If you've taken part in a widening participation programme delivered by the Access and Outreach team at York, you could be eligible for a reduced offer of up to three grades below our typical entry requirements.</p>	<p>Undergraduate Fees and Funding - scholarships and bursaries for UK students to help with tuition fees and living expenses</p> <p>General Bursaries/ Scholarships:</p> <p>Equal Access Scholarships - for undergraduate students who are seeking refuge in the UK</p> <p>Subject Specific:</p> <p>Hull York Medical School Bursary – for students with a household income below a certain threshold</p> <p>Chemistry Scholarships – a range of scholarships for UK and International students</p> <p>Electronic Engineering Scholarships - scholarships for UK and International students on our BEng and MEng courses</p> <p>English Scholarships - for newly-enrolled undergraduate students of English Literature (Q300)</p> <p>The Annie Curry Williamson Scholarship – for students in the Department of Mathematics based on academic potential and household income</p> <p>Music Scholarships - specific scholarships available to Music students</p> <p>Philosophy Bursaries - Departmental Academic Excellence or Widening Participation Bursary for eligible students</p>
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Schemes and support for Young Carers / Care-experienced students

University	Offer	UCAS Apply form
	<p>Unite Foundation Scholarship = Unite Foundation (thisisusatuni.org)</p> <div data-bbox="539 416 840 584">  </div> <p>Unite Foundation Scholarship = Unite Foundation</p> <p>You can apply for the scholarship if you're: 25 or under; A statutory care leaver or estranged from your family; Starting or studying your first undergraduate degree</p> <p>thisisusatuni.org</p>	
	<p>Care Leavers Applying To University UCAS</p> <p>Lots of useful information and links</p>	
	<p>Propel Home</p>	<p>Propel is brought to you by Become, the charity for children in care and young care leavers. We provide help, support and advice so that young people who spend time in care can unleash their potential and take control of their lives.</p>



Disrupted Education

Our Disrupted Education programme provides support to year 9 to 13 students who have the ability to progress to university, but may need extra support, particularly;


- Care experienced
- Young adult carers
- Estranged students
- Forced migrants and asylum seekers
- Children of military families
- Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities
- Students with medical conditions which effect their education

Students will receive bespoke support throughout the application cycle and while they study with us. For more information please consult our [website](#).




Schemes and support for Refugees & Asylum Seekers

University	Offer	UCAS Apply form
<div data-bbox="116 233 481 432">  <p>Student Action for Refugees</p> </div> <div data-bbox="116 561 481 681">  <p>WE BELONG — YOUNG MIGRANTS STANDING UP —</p> </div>	<p>Many young people who are living in the UK do not have equal access to higher education because of their immigration status. They may be treated as international students and denied access to student finance, often only finding this out after they have already been accepted at university. This can leave their education and career ambitions in tatters. The good news is that there are now over 80 universities who offer scholarships for refugee and migrant students!</p> <p>Student Action for Refugees (STAR) and We Belong - two national charities advocating for equal access to higher education for young migrants, refugees and asylum seekers - have partnered to create a higher education information pack for school and college staff helping young people get to university: https://bit.ly/STARWBinfo</p> <p>It's with your help that we can make sure that young refugees and migrants get the right information and support. Please read the STAR and We Belong information pack and reach out to young people at BHASVIC who may need support to apply to university. I believe it is vital for your students to get this information and support soon so that their futures are not delayed. For more information and contact details you can visit www.webelong.org.uk and www.star-network.org.uk.</p>	

Schemes and support for Gypsies, Roma & Travellers

University	Offer	UCAS Apply form
 FRIENDS, FAMILIES & TRAVELLERS	Universities that provide grants for Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Students - Friends, Families and Travellers (gypsy-traveller.org)	

Open Day Bursaries (Just ones we have found search for more)

University	Offer	UCAS Apply form
 University of Sheffield	<p>https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/undergraduate/visit/access-travel-bursary</p> <p>Offer Holder Days and Open Days - our Access+ Travel Bursary Are you working with students who are eligible for Access+? We know that sometimes the cost of travel can make visiting us in person challenging, but if any students you work with meet our Access+ criteria, we might be able to help with their travel costs.</p> <p>Students may be able to claim back travel expenses if they visit us on Open Days, On Campus Subject Taster events, Offer Holder Interviews and Offer Holder Days. They can ask about this at the Access Sheffield stand in our central exhibition on all our Offer Holder days and Open Days.</p>	
	<p>Lots of information is here Open Day Travel Bursaries - UniFinder (universityfinder.org.uk)</p>	
 University of Salford <small>MANCHESTER</small>	<p>Open Day Travel Bursary</p> <p>We have shared details of our travel bursary with you previously, but would like to raise awareness again so you can share this with any students you know are attending our Open days this year. Our remaining open days are Saturday 04 November 2023 and Saturday 13 January 2024. The minimum amount is £15 for those with a shorter journey. The maximum contribution is £120 for those travelling from further afield. We ask students book in advance for open days, to ensure they receive information on claiming their bursary once they register at a check-in point at the event.</p>	

<p><i>BHASVIC Bursary Students</i></p>	<p><i>Travel for University Visits – We may support students with travel costs to attend university events such as Open Days, Applicant Days or Admissions Interviews. When deciding whether we can support a request, we will consider whether the trip is compulsory or optional, whether the university offers financial support for this purpose, and whether there is a viable alternative e.g. taking part virtually. All awards made under this category will be dependent on the budget we have available at the time. If funds are available, we will support students with a maximum of two visits per academic year. The amount awarded will be calculated using the cheapest form of public transport from BHASVIC to your destination, and will also take all available travel discounts into account. We will not pay for overnight accommodation costs associated with visits to universities, and can only support the costs of the student, not those of anybody travelling with them. Support under this category is not assessed automatically and you will need to contact us if this cost arises for you. Contact details are: bursary@bhasvic.ac.uk</i></p>	
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