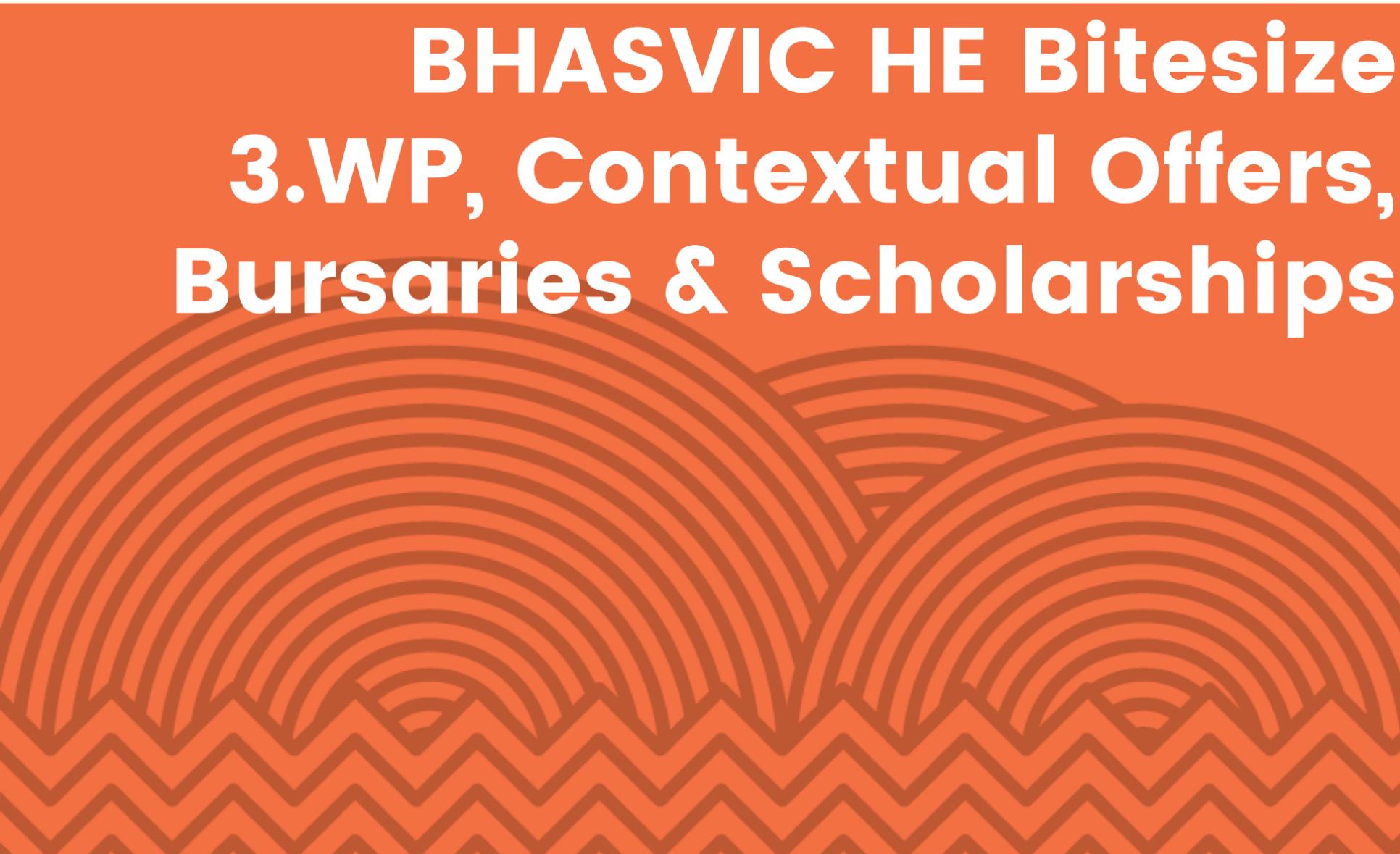


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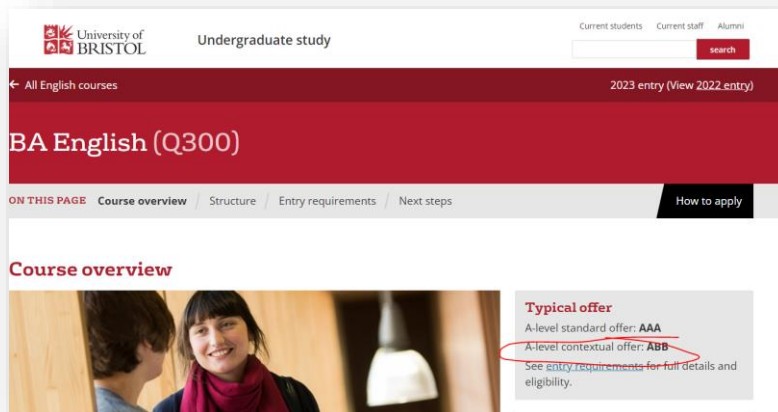
# Aims of the Session



- Understand what we mean by **Contextual Offers**
- To know how you can **access university schemes** if you are a WP student
- To know about **scholarships and bursaries**

# Contextual offers?

- \* When you look at the **entry requirements** on uni websites check out the **contextual offer**



University of BRISTOL Undergraduate study

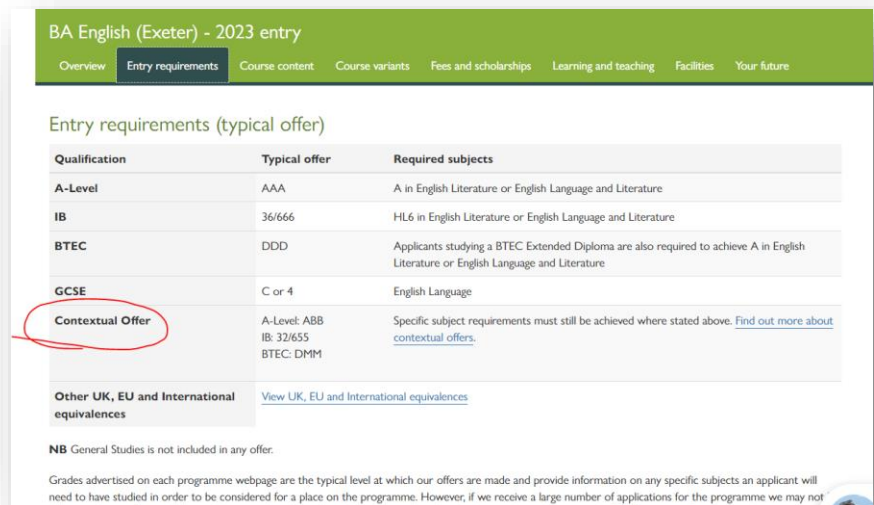
BA English (Q300)

2023 entry (View 2022 entry)

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**Course overview**

**Typical offer**  
A-level standard offer: AAA  
A-level contextual offer: **ABB**  
See entry requirements for full details and eligibility.



BA English (Exeter) - 2023 entry

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Entry requirements (typical offer)

Qualification	Typical offer	Required subjects
A-Level	AAA	A in English Literature or English Language and Literature
IB	36/666	HL6 in English Literature or English Language and Literature
BTEC	DDD	Applicants studying a BTEC Extended Diploma are also required to achieve A in English Literature or English Language and Literature
GCSE	C or 4	English Language
<b>Contextual Offer</b>	A-Level: ABB IB: 32/655 BTEC: DMM	Specific subject requirements must still be achieved where stated above. <a href="#">Find out more about contextual offers.</a>
Other UK, EU and International equivalences	<a href="#">View UK, EU and International equivalences</a>	

**NB** General Studies is not included in any offer.

Grades advertised on each programme webpage are the typical level at which our offers are made and provide information on any specific subjects an applicant will need to have studied in order to be considered for a place on the programme. However, if we receive a large number of applications for the programme we may not

# Contextual offers

- \* Contextual offers at all universities will apply if you are a **Widening Participation student** or fit the unis **eligibility scheme**.
- \* Please note that this can be different to our WP scheme and they do vary.

# WP Schemes

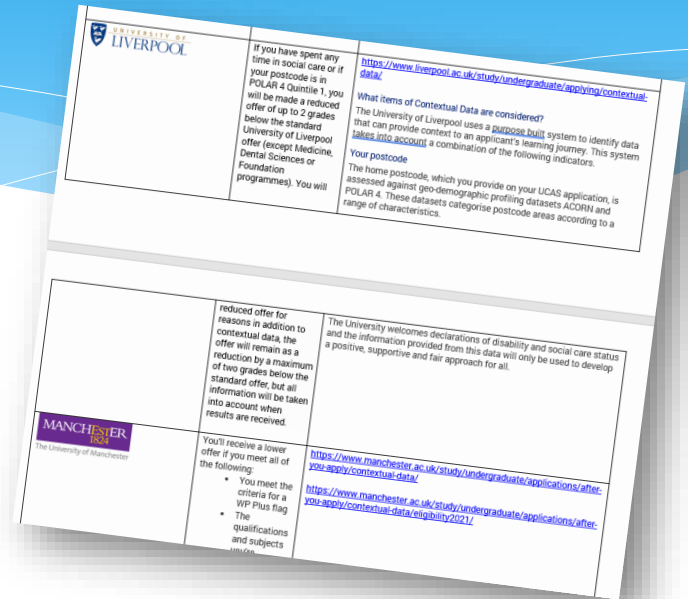
- \* Widening Participation is a broad scheme that covers **low income households, young carers, refugees and asylum seekers, have been in care or living independently, have a disability, first generation scholars** and even if you live in a **postcode area** that not many students go to uni.
- \* **Almost half our students are eligible for the scheme**
- \* It will be noted on your **application form** and **student finance** will pick it up (much later down the line) as your parents/carers will disclose their household income for you to get a loan
- \* **If it applies to you use it!!!!**

# WP Schemes & Contextual offers

- \* Contextual offers from universities take into account **applicants' personal circumstances** when considering each candidate.
- \* For example, normal entry requirements might be ABB (or BTEC equivalent), but if you've attended a school with low progression rates to university or spent time in care, they will lower the requirements to BCC (or BTEC equivalent), .
- \* Over the last few years **contextual offers have become common in UK universities.**
- \* The idea is to make access to Higher Education more **equitable for disadvantaged students.**
- \* If you meet their criteria, you'll be accepted onto the course with lower entry requirements than 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. Admissions tutors will assess your potential to succeed on an undergraduate course.

# WP Schemes at Universities

- \* We have produced a **list of Universities that offer schemes.**
- \* Sometimes you will need to complete a **task (e.g. online module)**, attend a summer school, or complete an application form.
- \* **These are all really worthwhile, designed to make sure you are ready for uni and given every opportunity to tell the uni your circumstances and succeed.**

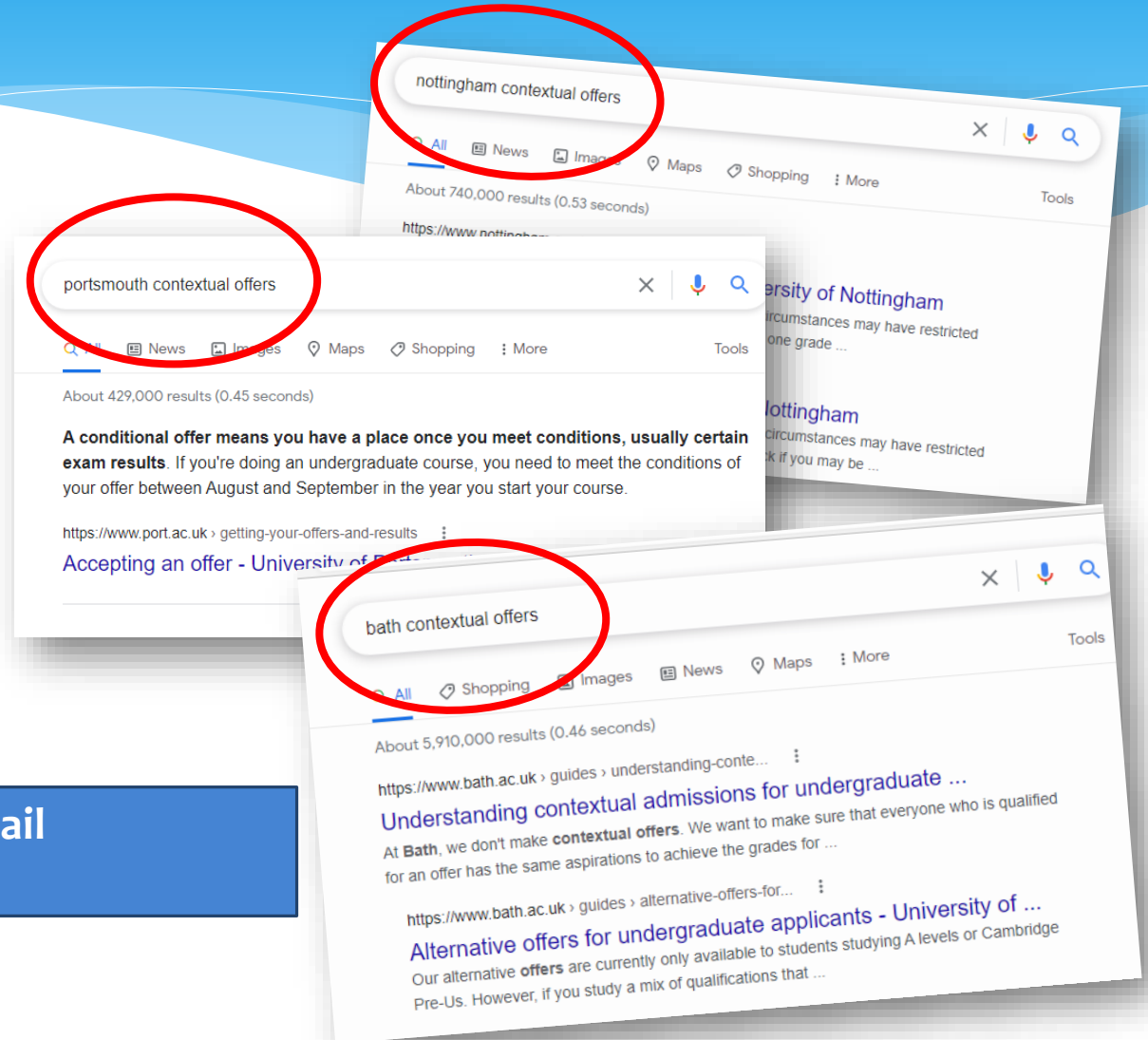


Notable schemes our students often use are Access to Leeds, In2Surrey, Newcastle Partners, Exeter Scholars (deadline June A1) but there are more

# WP Schemes at Universities

\* Check out our list but research offers at any university you will be interested in.

If you need more help email  
wp@bhasvic.ac.uk



# University Bursaries

- \* Every university will run **bursary schemes** to support students to be able to live at university. **These might be based on academic, sporting or musical achievements, household income or subject specific relevant to the course they are applying for.**
- \* Types of incentives include discounted course or accommodation costs, iPads and laptops, money towards travel expenses and books.
- \* These are on **top of your student maintenance loan and non-repayable (free)**
- \* They **vary from uni to uni** and will have **different household income thresholds.**
- \* **Do your research and find out the different criteria**

## University of Bristol Bursary

The University of Bristol Bursary is paid to thousands of students every year.

Awards of up to £2,060 are available for every year of your course.

This is not a loan: it is a grant from the University that does not have to be repaid. Payments are made directly into your bank account in two instalments in December and March. You are also eligible for a discounted Active Plus sports pass.

You may also be interested in applying for [additional funding](#).

### Eligibility

You are eligible if you:

- are a Home UK undergraduate on a full-time or part-time programme;
- are eligible for and have applied for a means-tested government maintenance loan;
- have a household income of £42,875 or below.

For full eligibility criteria, read the [terms and conditions](#).

## Sussex Bursary

### Sussex Bursary (2021)

The Sussex Bursary is replacing the First-Generation Scholar's scheme bursary for students starting at Sussex from September 2020. If you are a new Undergraduate student, with a household income of less than £25,000, you will automatically receive the award.

### What you get

£1,000 in your first year of study (either Year 1 or Foundation Year).

£500 in subsequent years.

### Type of award

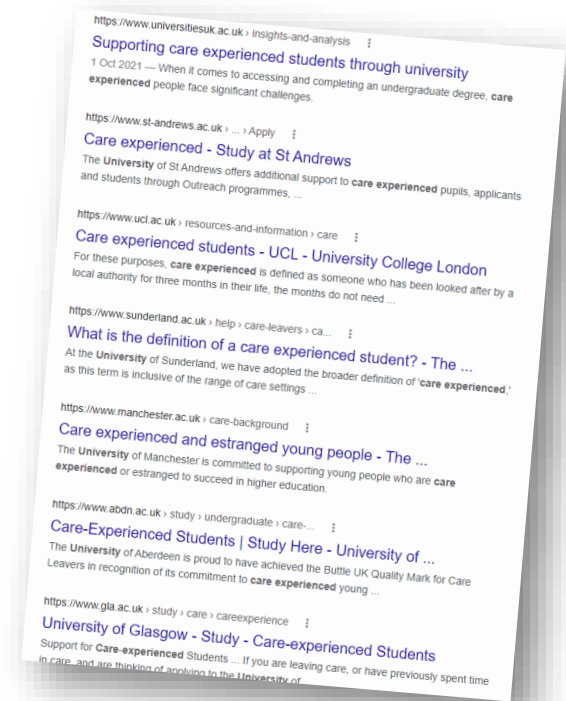
Undergraduate and Foundation Year

# Health and Social Care students

- \* Various funding is available to students studying **specific health and social care courses**. These are generally in addition to Student Loan funding
- \* Applications for funding are made directly to the NHS learning support fund and include:
  - \* exceptional support fund
  - \* parental support
  - \* training grant
  - \* travel and dual accommodation expenses.
- \* **Terms and conditions apply so students need to research eligibility criteria.** Further information can be found on the NHS Learning Support Fund website.

# Care leavers / Independently living

- \* Some of the most supportive schemes are for students that are living independently or have spent time in care
- \* For those in care [Propel | Home](#) and [Unite Foundation Scholarship = Unite Foundation \(\[thisisusatuni.org\]\(https://thisisusatuni.org\)\)](#)
- \* [Living Independently Stand Alone - supporting estranged adults in everyday life](#)
- \* But simply **google universities** and see what unis offer. There will be different challenges of juggling accommodation but unis will want to help.



# Disabled Students Allowance

- \* You may be entitled to DSA to support you when you go to university. This can help you with a variety of needs.
- \* This is why when you complete your UCAS Apply form it is really important to add any additional health information.

**Are YOU eligible  
for extra funding?**



You don't have to think of yourself as disabled to be eligible for Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs).

If you are a UK student and have a disability, long term health condition or specific learning difference you may be eligible for Government funding, which can pay towards the cost of software, hardware and study support.

**ADHD • ANOREXIA • ANXIETY • AUTISM**  
**BI-POLAR • CANCER • CHRONIC FATIGUE**  
**CROHN'S DISEASE • DEPRESSION • DIABETES**  
**DYSLEXIA • EATING DISORDER • EPILEPSY**  
**FIBROMYALGIA • IBS • MIGRAINES**  
**MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS • SPINA BIFIDA**  
**SPECIFIC LEARNING DIFFERENCE • TINNITUS**  
**VISUAL AND HEARING IMPAIRMENT and more**

To apply for DSAs, go to <https://www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsas>

To find out more about DSAs, or for support completing an application, contact the **Sussex Regional Access Centre**

**Phone** 01273 678497

**Email** [srac@sussex.ac.uk](mailto:srac@sussex.ac.uk) **Website** [www.sussex.ac.uk](http://www.sussex.ac.uk)

The DSA Claim It Campaign is supported by:



# Need extra help?

The Regional Access Centre at Sussex will help and advise you for free as will your prospective universities. Please be aware that we do not 'assess' in the way that DSA requires at BHASVIC so this will need to be done externally.



**SUSSEX  
REGIONAL  
ACCESS CENTRE**

*Supporting student diversity across  
Brighton & Sussex*

- Provides Needs Assessments for students applying for the Disabled Students Allowance (DSA), including prospective students.
- Offers advice to students and staff in the selection and use of accessible learning technologies, including free apps and software.
- Supports individuals with a diverse range of study needs, including dyslexia, mental wellbeing, sensory loss, medical conditions, mobility differences, etc.

[www.sussex.ac.uk/srac](http://www.sussex.ac.uk/srac)

# And scholarships....



- \* **Some unis offer scholarships schemes (please research)** but there is a brilliant one stop shop for scholarships – essentially free ££££ whatever your circumstances – you just need to apply.
- \* If you can think of **wealthy ex-uni students leaving money to universities to set up funds** – essentially this is what scholarships are offered from.
- \* **[Find a Scholarship - The Scholarship Hub](#)**
- \* This is a one stop shop for scholarship for engineering, being a vegetarian, writing a short essay on climate change – all sorts of weird and wonderful
- \* You will need to **set up an account** but essentially a lot of money goes unclaimed every year but a lot of applications are successful. Try it.

# So what to do now.....

- \* Research entry requirements for contextual offers if WP
  - \* Download a copy of our WP schemes list and have a read
  - \* Make an account for the scholarship hub
  - \* Research university bursaries
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- \* If a care leaver or living independently check out the support offered using the links.

# Welcome to UCAS Pathway

## Useful Resources

### Widening Participation

This exists to improve social mobility from under-represented groups in higher-education. Many universities have different criteria - see the document to the right for more details (although you may like to do your own research).

You may be listed as a student on our WP scheme for a variety of reasons. **This could be home postcode, care experienced, household income, free college meals or a variety of other reasons.**

We cover WP and your apply form in the lunchtime apply sessions so don't worry if you don't yet know how to enter it on your form. Use it though!



BHASVIC Contextual Offers  
WP and Care-experienced...



Our Support Service



University-brochure-Bursary-  
information-for-individual-...



Choosing a Course Choosing  
a University Using UCAS...

The PDF documents above list many universities and their schemes and bursaries. You can search for any uni WP criteria (and the benefits) by searching for example 'bristol uni widening participation'.

They should list bursaries / reduced grade offers.

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## **BHASVIC Guide to:**

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- **Contextual Offers**
- **Widening Participation (WP) Schemes**
- **Support for Care-experienced and Children in Care**
- **Support for Refugees & Asylum Seekers**
- **Support for Gypsies, Roma & Travellers**
- **Open Day travel offers**

## Cardiff University

Cardiff University describes itself as "a top five university for research excellence in a beautiful, student-friendly capital city"



Minimum bursary

**1,000**

Max income for min bursary

**35,000**

Maximum bursary

**1,000**

Max. income for max, bursary

**35,000**



## Conservatoire for Dance and Drama

(CEASED TO ACCEPT STUDENTS AFTER 2022)

A conservatoire of eight schools delivering world-leading education and vocational training in dance, drama, circus arts and technical theatre.



Minimum bursary

**£2,000**

Max income for min bursary

**£25,000**

Maximum bursary

**£2,000**

Max. income for max, bursary

**£25,000**

## Coventry University

The origins of Coventry University can be linked to the founding of the Coventry School of Design in 1843.



Minimum bursary

Max income for min bursary

Maximum bursary

Max. income for max, bursary

No information is available for this institution please check their website, as this may be updated later in the year

## De Montfort University

De Montfort University in Leicester, UK offers a range of undergraduate, postgraduate and research courses



Minimum bursary

**3,500**

Max income for min bursary

**25,000**

Maximum bursary

**3,500**

Max. income for max, bursary

**25,000**



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