



Next Steps Evening 2 Higher Education



Next Steps Evening 1 – May 2021

- Benefits of higher education
- Student Finance
- The UCAS Application
 - Personal Statement
 - Shortlisting courses and entry requirements
 - How New College supports students to apply to HE

Y13 Welcome Evening – September 2021

- Reminder of key dates and deadlines
- How students can get support with their personal statement and UCAS application

Tonight – Next Steps Evening 2

- How do students submit their application?
- What happens after the application has been submitted?
- How and when to apply for student finance
- University accommodation



Sending the application and
what happens next



Sending the application

Friday 26th November – internal UCAS deadline

Students need to have seen their Progress Tutor to check their application. This process takes 30 minutes, **so students shouldn't leave it until Friday.**

Prior to seeing their PT, students should ensure that they have:

- completed the actions on their feedback wrapper
- completed all sections of UCAS Apply
- completed their final personal statement draft (following their initial feedback from their PT, feedback from external providers and subject-specific feedback from a teacher)

Only after their application has been checked by their PT, can students 'pay and send' on UCAS Apply.

If they still need to, students can send their statements to personalstatement@hull.ac.uk and their team will be available to provide feedback (usually within a day or two).

After the Application

Once the application is submitted, they will receive information about how to log in to UCAS Track

Different universities will respond to applications at different rates. Some will respond quickly, some will wait until after the official UCAS deadline of the 15th January.

Universities treat all applications in the same way, provided that they are received by 15th January.

Typical responses are:

- Conditional or unconditional offer
- Invite to interview (after which an offer may be made)
- Conditional or unconditional offer for an alternative course
- Rejection

Types of offer

Conditional offer – you can have a place on the course provided that you meet the requirements stated (check these carefully – they may be different to the entry requirements listed on UCAS or in the prospectus)

Note that some universities are giving conditional offers that they will make unconditional if you put them as your firm choice.

Unconditional offer – you don't need to achieve any specific grades, but you should check if there is anything else that you need to do in order to secure your place

Firm and insurance choices

From the offers received, students will need to choose a **firm** choice and an **insurance** choice

Firm choice – this is the course they will do if they meet the requirements of the offer

Insurance choice – this is the course they will do if they miss the requirements of their firm choice but meet the requirements of their insurance choice

Students make this choice on UCAS Track

The deadline for most students will be **9th June 2022**, however, students should check on UCAS Track should they have a different deadline

Firm and insurance choices

Before choosing their firm and insurance choices, we would advise students to:

- wait until after the February mock exams
- consider their options again in detail – thinking about whether the course or university is right for them, and to consider transport, accommodation and finances
- be wary of being lured by an unconditional (or ‘conditional unconditional’ offer) for the wrong reasons
- speak to their progress tutor before making any final decisions

A few things to note...

Your insurance choice should have lower grade requirement than your firm choice – if they are the same or higher, then missing your firm choice will also mean missing your insurance choice

If an unconditional offer is chosen as your firm choice, then you can't have an insurance choice or apply through clearing if you change your mind on results day

When you choose your firm and insurance choice, you need to decline all of your remaining offers

Once you have made your firm and insurance choices, you have 14 days to inform UCAS if you change your mind. This is called a 'reply swap':

- if you change your mind after 14 days, it may still be possible, but there are no guarantees
- If you change your mind after 23 July, you can't do a reply swap

After the application – what if...?

I want to change a course that I have applied for at a university

If you haven't had an offer yet, contact UCAS – they will advise next steps

If you have had an offer from them yet, contact the university – they may let you swap

I don't want to go to any of my choices

Contact UCAS – they can advise next steps. If it is not possible to change anything, then speak to your Progress Tutor as soon as possible. They will talk you through the UCAS Extra process that opens at the end of February

I change my mind about my firm and insurance choices?

Reply swaps



Student finance



Types of financial support

Tuition fee loan

All students are eligible for a loan to cover the cost of tuition fees

Maintenance loan

A loan to cover living costs – the amount depends on household income in the previous tax year

Other types of support, depending on your circumstances:

- Disabled students allowance
- Dependents grant
- Special support grant
- ***Course specific bursaries – NHS funded courses etc***
- ***University grants***

You can find out how much you are likely to be eligible for using the Student Finance Calculator at: <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance-calculator>

When and how to apply

Student finance applications expected to open in February 2022 (with an expected deadline of May 2022)

1. Students create an account on the student finance website
2. They enter their details and the contact details for the parents/carers in their household
3. Parents/carers then receive an email invitation to create an account – this is where they will complete their section of the application and provide evidence of household income for the **2020-2021 financial year**
4. The application is reviewed by Student Finance and students receive information of their student finance entitlement
5. Students will need to reapply each year and parents/carers will need to provide information each year

Students can opt for parents/carers to provide evidence by post if you prefer

What counts as household income?

Any of the following would count as a student's household income:

- your parents' income, if you're under 25 and live with them or depend on them financially
- the combined income of one of your parents and their partner, if you're under 25 and live with them or depend on them financially
- your partner's income, if you're over 25 and live with them (even if they spend most of their time abroad)
- income you get from your own savings, investments or property, for example dividends or rent

If you split your time between households, you should use the household where you spend most of your time



Accommodation



University Accommodation

Each university will have a different process for handling applications for accommodation

Most universities guarantee accommodation for at least the first year, provided internal application deadlines are met

Most universities allow students to apply for or reserve accommodation as early as March.

However, do not let the need to apply for accommodation make you rush your firm / insurance decision.



Q&A

