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UCAS and University applications

Post-16 Widening
Participation & Outreach

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Aims of the session

- Overview of Post-18 options
- Understand the university application process
- Explore personal statements
- Overview of Student Finance





About Me!



- A level route
- Unsure on what to do
- Msci Contemporary Chinese Studies at the UoN
- Year abroad at UNNC



Our UK campuses



University Park
Campus



Jubilee Campus



Sutton Bonington



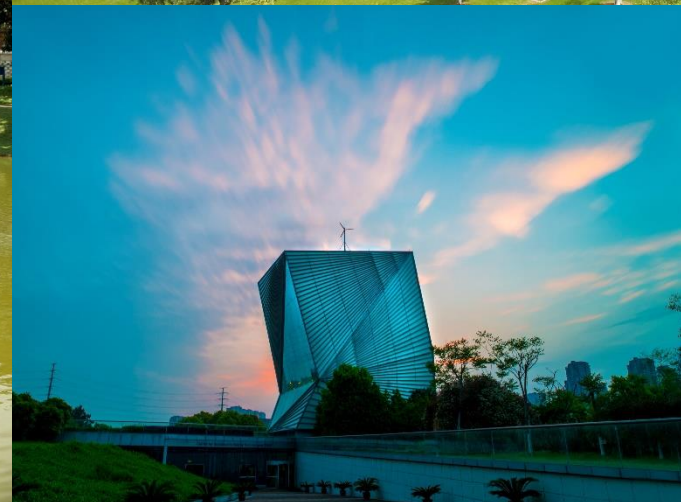
Our campuses



 China Campus



 Malaysia Campus





Key info

Top 100 Global University

QS World University Rankings 2024



Award-winning campuses

22 Green Flag Awards for our green spaces



Sports University of the Year 2024

The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide

No. 2 in the UK for top employers



High Fliers Graduate Report 2023

No. 7 in the UK for research



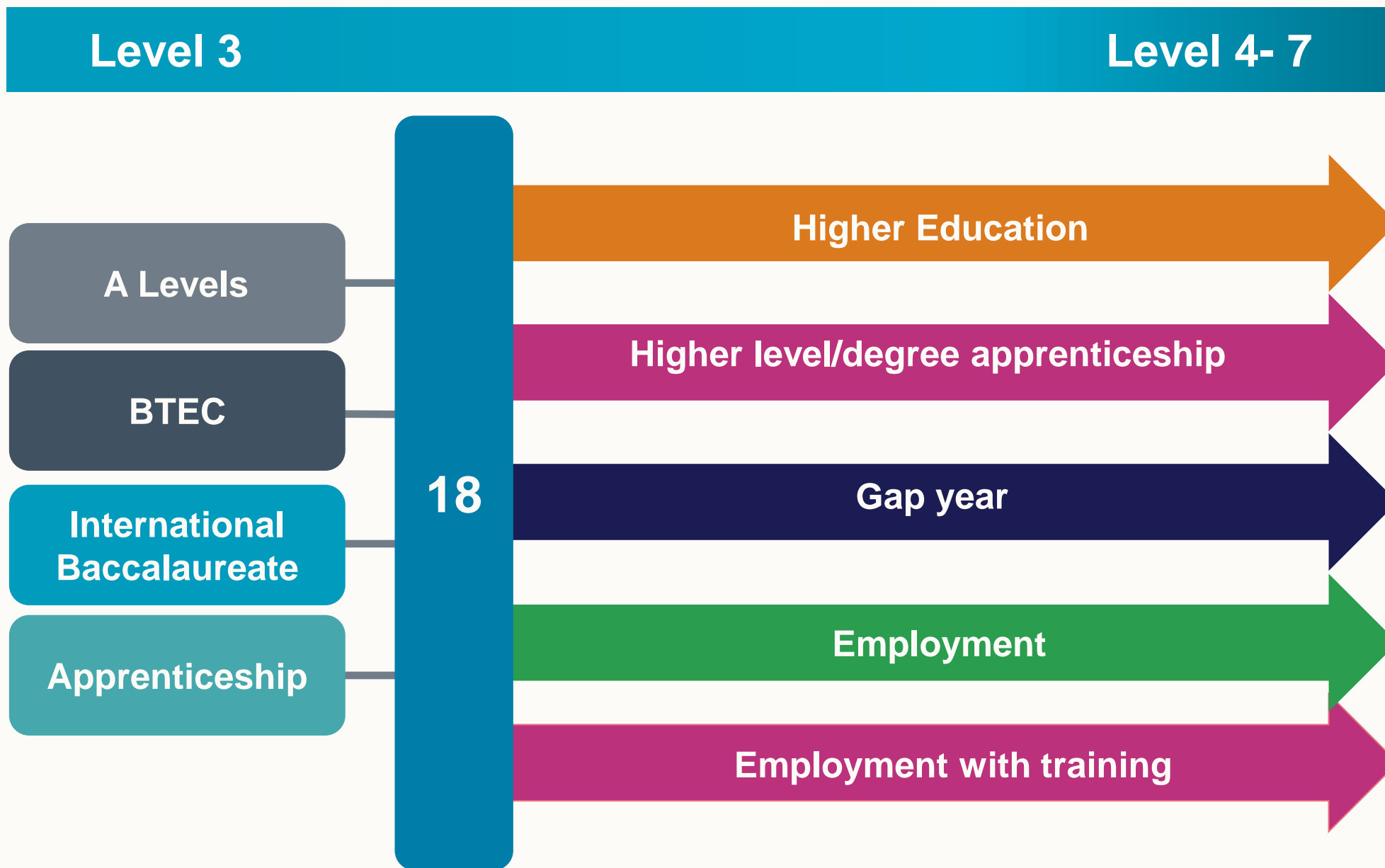
Research Excellence Framework 2021



Post-18 Options

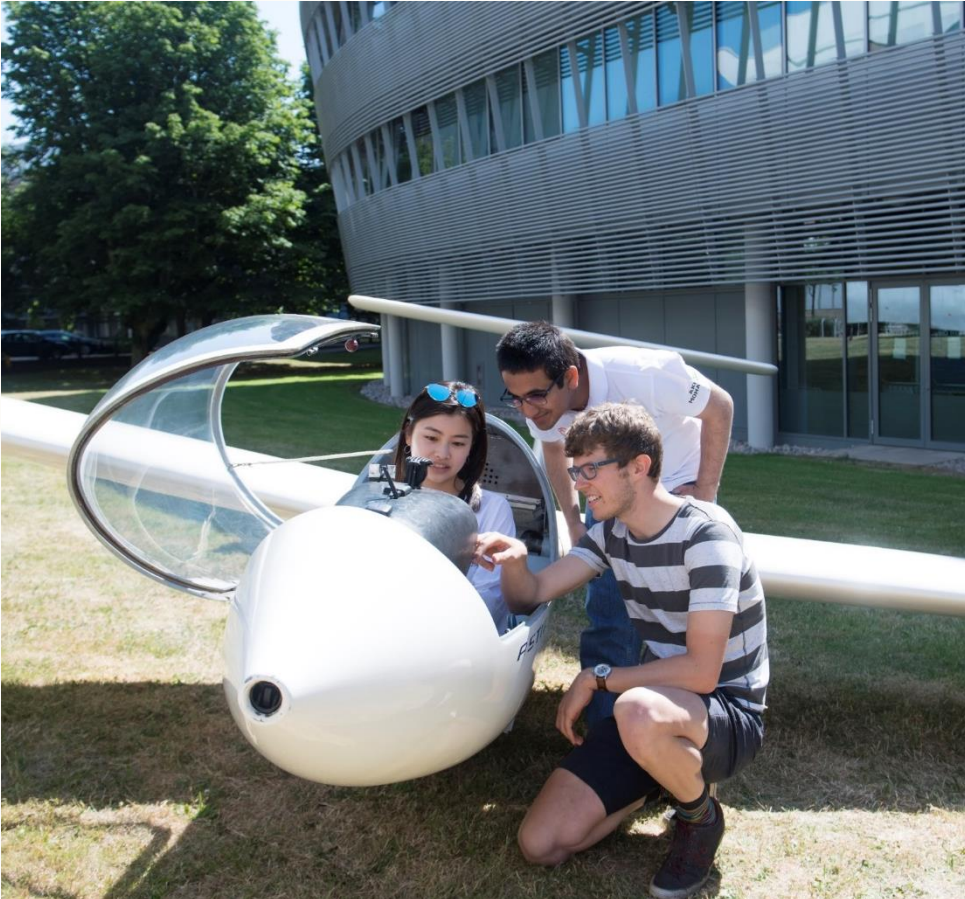


Your post 18 options





Why go to university?



- Essential for some professions
- Internationally recognised qualification
- Develop expertise
- Challenge yourself
- Invest in your future



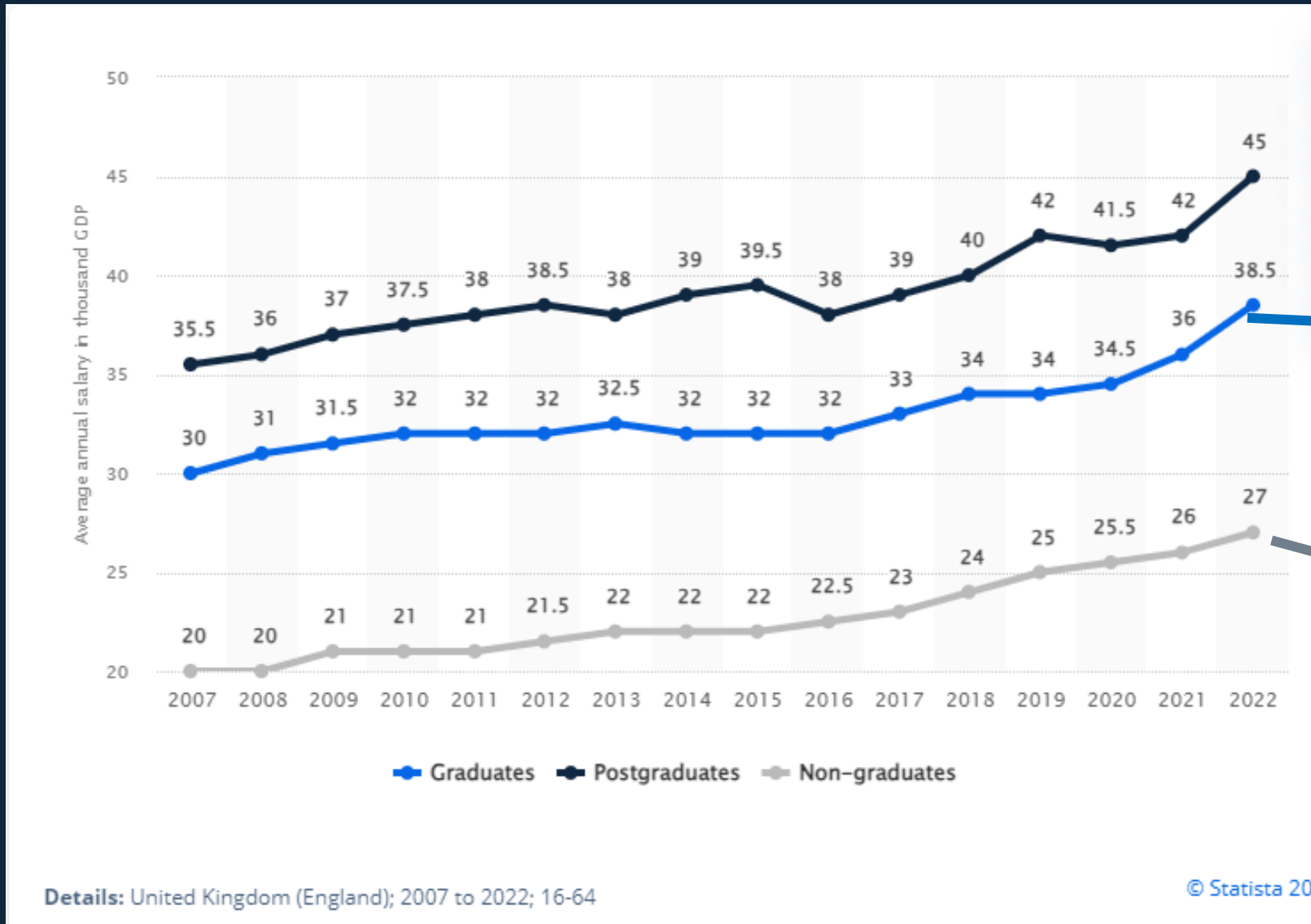
What are your options?

- Over 52,000 courses offered in UK
- Over 8,00 Apprenticeship courses
- Over 400 UK providers
- Variety of institution types
- Options overseas





Career prospects leading to higher salaries



Graduates

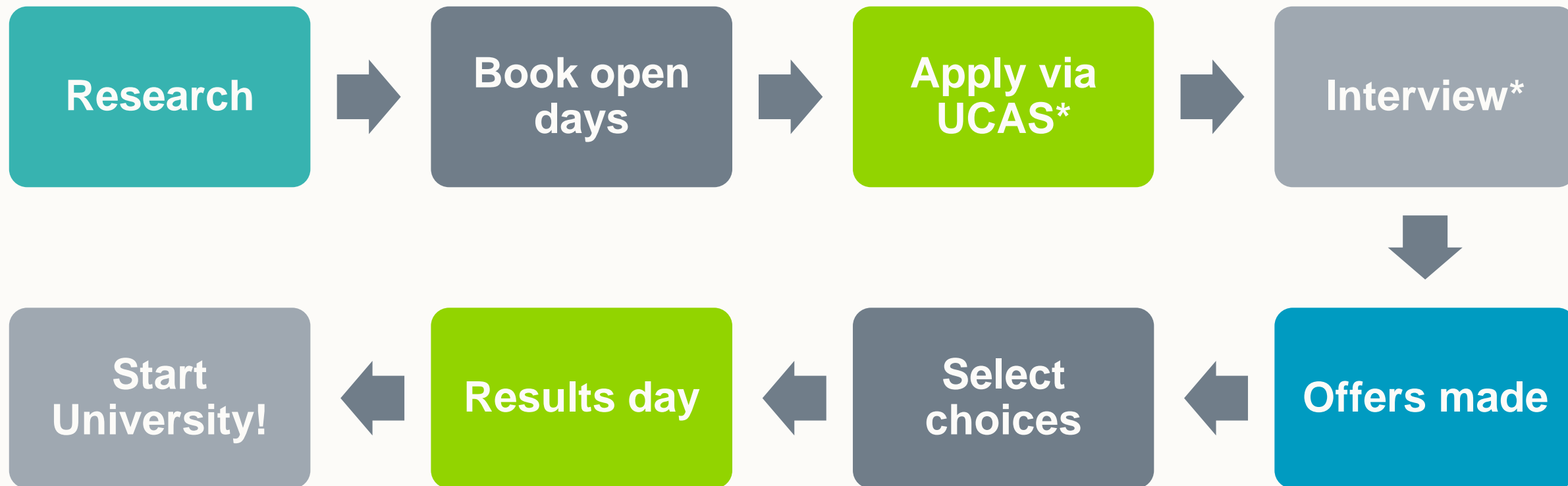
Non-graduates



Making choices



Overview of UCAS cycle



*you may be required to sit additional admissions tests, and/or interviews for certain courses



Career



Quizzes

How can I
support them in
deciding what
to study?



Current subjects



Something new



How can UCAS help?

- UCAS Hub: Course finder
- Open Day information
- Key dates
- Entry requirements

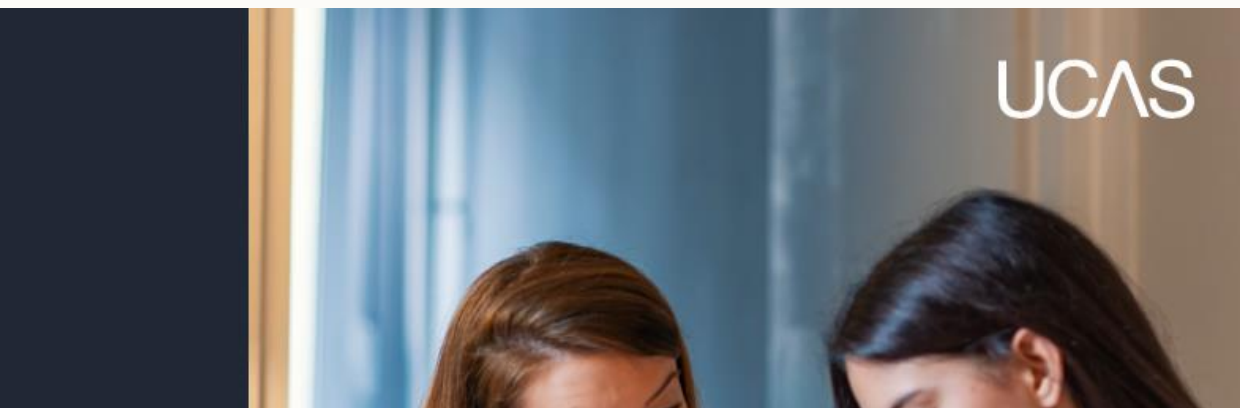




PARENT, GUARDIAN AND CARER GUIDE 2024

Everything you need to support your child
with their higher education choices

UCAS



CONTENTS

1. Pre-application planning, and exploring their options

- Key dates at a glance
- How to pay for uni
- Planning their future
- All about apprenticeships
- Other alternatives to university
- How you can help with researching their options
- Help your child stand out from the crowd

2. Making a UCAS application

- How to fill in the UCAS application
- Help your child write a great personal statement
- Considering music, dance, or drama?
- Considering teaching?
- Journey of an application

3. What happens next?

- What happens once UCAS gets their application?
- Replying to offers
- Preparing a plan B
- Getting exam results
- Finding university accommodation
- Bills, budgeting, and preparing for uni

4. Additional useful resources to help you

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ABOUT THE PARENT, GUARDIAN AND CARER GUIDE

As a parent, guardian, or someone with caring responsibilities, you're likely to be one of the most important and trusted sources of information and advice to your child. With that in mind, UCAS has produced this guide.

It's designed to give you the tools to guide and support a young person applying to study at university or college in 2024, through their decision-making and the UCAS application process.

If you have any questions, find out how to get in touch at ucas.com/contact-us

UCAS TERMS EXPLAINED

Throughout the application process, you'll come across a number of terms you may not be familiar with.

Go to ucas.com/ucas-terms-explained to find out what they mean.



Facilities

Location 



Study abroad

Employability 



City/Campus

What should be considered when choosing a university?

Student life 



Ranking



Size



Open Days

- Attend many!
- Get a feel for the place
- Ask lots of questions
- Virtual open days & taster lectures





Personal Statements



Personal Statement

- Explain why you are applying
- Demonstrate your suitability
- Character limit 4000 (47 lines)
- Avoid plagiarism or using AI
- Read by admissions staff and/or academics
- One statement for all





Suitable skill set



A **genuine** interest for the subject(s)



Intellectual curiosity

What are universities looking for?

A well-rounded individual

A collection of white line-art icons for a baseball, a basketball, and a football, representing a well-rounded individual.

Engagement with the subject outside of the curriculum



Structure

70-80%

Introduction

Analysis of academic activities

20-30%

Wider skills

Analysis of extra-curricular activities





Student Finance



Overview of Student Finance

- Tuition fees are £9,250
- Student loan and Maintenance loan available
- Repayments start after you graduate





What support is available?

Help from the Government

- Tuition Fee loan
- Maintenance loan
- Some grants available



Help from Universities

- Bursaries
- Grants
- Scholarships





Other Funding

Local authority
care bursary

Disabled
Students'
Allowance
(DSA)

**Childcare
Grant**

**The Parents'
Learning
Allowance**

**Dependants'
Grant**

**NHS Learning
Support Fund
(LSF)**

**NHS bursaries
(for Med or
Dentistry)**

**Study
abroad/travel
grants**



Loan Repayments

- April after you graduate
- Repay 9% of income over £25,000
- Like a 'graduate tax' deducted from monthly salary
- Loan is written off after 40 years





Repayments

England – Plan 5

Approx repayment from April 2027 based on estimated RPI

Gross Annual Income	Approx Monthly @ £25,000	Approx Monthly @ £25,710
£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



Top Tips from UCAS



Start research early



UCAS Hub



Know the deadlines



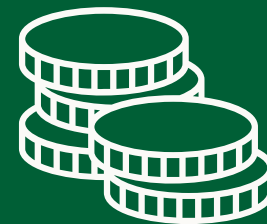
Check entry requirements



Understand Extra and Clearing



Read about
SFE



Accept
feedback &
redraft





Thank-You!

Any questions?

How did I do?



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