



Cambridge University Sixth Form Law Conference



The Cambridge University Sixth Form Law Conference was founded over forty years ago to give Year 12 students who may be interested in studying Law at degree level a balanced view of the Law, both as an academic subject and as a profession, and also to offer an insight into life as a Cambridge undergraduate.

The Conference is run by a voluntary committee of seven current law undergraduates and relies on the invaluable support of the Law Faculty.

The 2019 Conference will take place from **Monday 25th March 2019 to Thursday 28th March 2019.**

Accommodation will be alongside current students in colleges. The aim of the Conference is not to 'hard sell' either Law or Cambridge but to give a unique experience which will without doubt help students when faced with difficult decisions about their future.



The cost of the 2019 Conference is £155. This is a slight increase on last year to reflect the rise in accommodation prices in Cambridge. This includes all lectures, workshops, tours, activities, meals and accommodation. We also offer **55 fully-funded places**, and work closely with the Cambridge Admissions Office (CAO) to ensure that financial assistance is given to those students who need it the most. When you apply, you will be asked if you would like to be considered for funding.

More details about what the conference involves, their partner colleges, reviews by former delegates and application details can be found on the website.

<http://www.cambridgesixthformlawconference.com/apply/>

Apprentice Open Day



The aim of this event is to help you gain a better understanding of Sky and the breadth of opportunities they have on offer for you within their work experience and apprenticeship programmes.

Early careers

You've probably never considered a career in Sky before – but if you're looking for an apprenticeship or work experience that gives great support and excellent benefits, why don't you go along to their Open Day and find out what jobs are out there for you!

You don't have to know which career path you want to take after school, all they're looking for is enthusiasm and a willingness to learn. So why not come along with your best friend or family member to find out more.

Who: They're looking for you! Anyone 16+ is welcome to come along and find out more about Sky and our opportunities on offer.



What to expect:

- Introduction to Sky - You'll meet the Early Careers team and see what it's like to work at a company like Sky.
- CV Writing Workshop - You'll get some useful application hints and tips to help you successfully apply to one of our Apprenticeship or Work Experience opportunities
- Apprentice Panel/ Networking - You'll hear from existing apprentices about their career journey in Sky and you'll get to chat to them about all the cool things they do here.

Spaces are limited so please apply soon to avoid disappointment. They're going to be running more events after Christmas but they're keen to share general hints and tips before you break up for the holidays.

Any questions please email earlycareers@sky.uk

When

13th Dec 2018, 16:30-18:30

Closing date

10 December 2018, 09:00



University Applications

The Complete University Guide has some great advice regarding unconditional university offers.



Depending on the strength of your application and the institution or course that you are applying to, you may find that you receive an unconditional offer from a university. This section will explain what an unconditional offer is and how you should best respond to receiving one.

What are unconditional offers?

If you receive an unconditional offer then you have already met the entry requirements for a college or university – the place is yours if you want it.

If you still have exams to take when you get this offer, the results of those exams will not affect whether or not you are accepted.

Unconditional offers will come in one of two ways:

- Unconditional offer to study at a university.
- Unconditional offer to study at a university, **but only if you select that university as your firm choice**. If you select it as your insurance choice, the offer will become conditional (i.e. you must achieve the required grades).

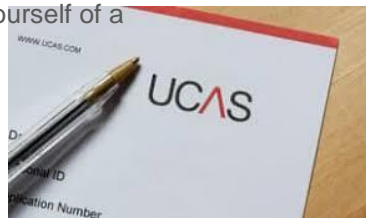
There are pros and cons to getting an unconditional offer. Most people don't get them, so it can be a real confidence boost knowing that a university wants you enough to offer you one. However, you need to make sure you carry on working as if you received a conditional one for numerous reasons: future employers make look at your grades for example.

How to reply to an unconditional offer

When you receive an unconditional offer, your instinct may be to accept the offer as quickly as possible and assure yourself of a place at university.

However, this is not a decision you should rush. Most offers will have a deadline of the May

before Results Day in August, so you will likely have a couple of months to make your decision. You should use that time to take the following steps:



1. Find out more about the university's motives

Unconditional offers are much less common than conditional ones. So, if you receive one you should ask yourself: why is the university making this offer – is it a genuine recognition of your excellent potential, or a pure recruitment strategy to entice more high achieving students?

2. Don't let an unconditional offer affect your choice of university

If the offer was just conditional (i.e. with grades attached), would you still choose that university? If so, then great! Accept the offer and work as hard in your A Levels as possible, secure in the knowledge that you have your place.

However, if your real ambitions lie elsewhere, choose the university that you really want to go to. It may be that achieving a grade or two below your offer is still enough to get into your firm choice.

3. Keep working hard

Don't let an unconditional offer impact your work ethic. If you've also received conditional offers that feel a little out of reach, use these as a motivation to work even harder. It could mean that by April you feel more confident of achieving the conditional offer meaning that you do not need to accept the unconditional one.



4. Check scholarships and financial support

Conditional offers are linked to performance in your A Levels. You can be offered a place based on achieving specific grades or UCAS points. In some cases, conditional offers can come with a monetary incentive if you achieve better than what your offer asks for. For example, if you are offered a place with ABB, the university may offer you money off your tuition fees or a contribution to your maintenance loan if you achieve AAB or higher. If you have this sort of offer as well as an unconditional one, think carefully about which one to accept.

That said, don't let money be the main factor when making your decision. If the university that offers you a scholarship does not feel right for you, do not go there.

5. Make use of your insurance choice

If a university is making you an unconditional offer without the need to choose it as your firm choice, you could hedge your bets and select that university as your insurance choice. This lets you go for your real first choice, safe in the knowledge that you have a guaranteed backup.

6. Be aware that an unconditional offer is quite rare

Don't assume that universities will continue to make unconditional offers in this way, or that because you have high predicted grades you will receive an unconditional offer. The criteria used by universities are not clear and may change.

7. Seek advice

Speak to university admissions officers, careers



advisers, friends, family and teachers. They may be able to provide a different perspective on the issue.

8. Remember you're in a fortunate position

Deciding what to do with an unconditional offer is tricky, but let's face it – it's a nice problem to have! Most applicants won't be lucky enough to receive such an offer, and others may not receive any offers at all, so stay positive and remind yourself how well you've done to find yourself here

<https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/universities/applying-to-university-and-ucas-deadlines/unconditional-offers/>

Degree Apprenticeships



For apprentices, AWE is a unique place to earn while you learn. You'll achieve extraordinary things, every day. And you'll build invaluable skills on a national award-winning scheme. AWE plays a crucial role in national defence. They have been at the forefront of the UK nuclear deterrence programme for more than 60 years. Supporting the UK's Continuous At Sea Deterrence programme and national nuclear security are at the heart of what they do.

An AWE apprenticeship will give you on-the-job training and hands-on experience of working in a business. They'll also support you to gain a professional qualification. You'll be involved in a range of stretching challenges, working on projects that you won't find anywhere else. And, as you help them to secure the nation, they'll help you to secure a uniquely rewarding career.



Their nationally recognised Skills Academy has been at the forefront of apprenticeship schemes, from the moment it opened its doors 65 years ago - winning awards for both the Academy and some of its apprentices.

If you have a real passion for learning, are committed to personal achievement and success and want a great career then an AWE apprenticeship could be for you.

Applications are open now

They have a variety of apprenticeships on offer:

- ☐ Precision Machining - Level 3
- ☐ Precision Machining- Level 4
- ☐ Control and Instrumentation- Level 3
- ☐ Control and Instrumentation - Level 4
- ☐ Electronics- Level 3
- ☐ Electronics -Level 4
- ☐ Electrical Maintenance- Level 3
- ☐ Electrical Engineering- Level 4
- ☐ Mechanical Maintenance- Level 3
- ☐ Mechanical Maintenance- Level 4
- ☐ Project Controls
- ☐ Finance
- ☐ Control and Instrumentation (C&I) Technical Author - Level 4
- ☐ Radiation Protection (Health Physics)
- ☐ Laboratory Technician - Level 3
- ☐ Business Administration
- ☐ Nuclear Engineering - Level 6
- ☐ IT Infrastructure Technician - Level 3
- ☐ Quality Inspector - Level 3

Nuclear Engineering Degree (Level 6) apprenticeship

On completion, a Nuclear Engineer Degree Apprentice will be able to use the knowledge, skills and behaviours developed to enable systems and equipment to operate safely, efficiently and in an environmentally sustainable way, meeting the requirements set out by AWE and those of the Professional Body Institutions. They will have a fundamental and core knowledge of engineering / science principles and practices and will be able to demonstrate discipline skills commensurate with their employed job role that typically will include design, plant performance enhancements, operational management, project management and maintenance of safety standards utilising analytical thinking to provide innovative solutions. They will also demonstrate good communication and team skills and the ability to communicate in a variety of forms to all levels within an organisation

As a Nuclear degree apprentice you will complete the following:



- BEng in Nuclear Engineering with specialist units, or BSc in Nuclear Science
- 12 x 4 week block delivery with residential facilities (flexible to employer requirements)



- Inquiry-led constructive learning and technology-based assessment
- Nuclear behavioural culture, safety and security
- Employer focused contextual content
- Practical engineering workshop practice and skills
- Full time employee

What does a typical day look like?

As a nuclear engineer apprentice you will learn the basics of hand tools, machining, electrical theory, circuits, instruments and control logic, before learning how to specify, troubleshoot and maintain various pieces of industrial equipment, such as nuclear vent and containment systems through lectures and practical workshop projects. You will then undertake focussed professional engineering placements in industrial nuclear buildings across the business to gain an appreciation of the additional challenges and safety requirements of providing engineering services in such an environment throughout the engineering lifecycle (Design, Construction, Commissioning, Operations, Utilities). Following completion of your placements and subject to the business need and your career aspirations, your final role placement will be selected and you will complete your training as a professional engineer in this area.

Comparable skills/interests

This role may appeal to you if you enjoy:

- Understanding how things work and improving them
- Solving problems in different ways
- Working with Control Systems (Coding Raspberry PI/Arduino, hacking consumer electronics, small audio electronic projects etc.)
- Working with Mechanical Assemblies (Car/bike/clock maintenance, restoration and modification etc.)
- Working with Electrical Systems (Home electrical maintenance, changing sockets/light fittings, vehicle electrical systems)
- Interest in learning / improving practical applications
- Applying engineering principles into real life scenarios

Mechanical Maintenance (Level 4) apprenticeships

AWE has a large and diverse portfolio of facilities and equipment across its sites at various stages of their life cycle, there are a wide range of roles that our level 4 apprentices can develop into working in one of the following areas: Utilities, Operations Engineering, Design Engineering, Construction and Commissioning. The group is responsible for a range of activities such as designing engineering solutions, commissioning new equipment, ensuring that facilities remain operational and maintaining utilities. The aim of the Level 4 apprentice is to take up a role in one of these areas with a mechanical engineering bias.

What does a typical day look like?

As a mechanical maintenance apprentice you will learn the basics of hand tools before moving onto various machining skills such as milling and turning. You will also learn how to troubleshoot and maintain various

pieces of industrial equipment through lectures and practical workshop projects. After you have learned the essential skills of maintenance and relevant manufacturing techniques you will move through a range of professional engineering placements across the business to learn about the engineering lifecycle (Design, Construction, Commissioning, Operations, Utilities). After your placements are complete and subject to the business need and your career aspirations, your final role placement will be selected and you will complete your training as a professional engineer in this area.

Comparable skills/interests

Mechanical Maintenance may appeal to you if you enjoy:

- Understanding how things work
- Problem solving
- Working with Mechanical Assemblies (Car/bike/clock maintenance, restoration and modification etc.)
- Interest in learning / applying practical skills
- Applying engineering principles into real life scenarios

Skills required

You'll need to demonstrate:

- A practical aptitude for engineering or technology
- Computer literacy (PC)
- Excellent team working skills
- Good communication skills
- Awareness of health and safety
- The ability to follow instructions
- The ability to concentrate for long periods
- A real passion for this type of work

Entry requirements

- 2 A levels (preferred) or 5 GCSEs at C (or equivalent) and above, 2 of which must be Math & English
- Ideal if you have previously achieved a level 3 BTEC

Qualifications achieved during your apprenticeship

- HNC in Mechanical Manufacturing Engineering (Technical certificate)
- Level 4 NVQ Extended Diploma in Mechanical Engineering
- Level 2 English, Maths & ICT (Functional Skills) – If required
- Employment Rights and Responsibilities (ERR)
- Personal Learning & Thinking Skills (PLTS)
- Process Safety Awareness Certificate

If you have any questions or queries relating to careers please contact the careers leader Kate Ward on wardk@haileyburyturnford.com