




Supporting your Child's University Application

University Applications

Where do we begin?


Students will apply to university using **The University and Colleges Admissions Service**, known as UCAS.



UCAS lists all available courses, their entry requirements and some basic course details




You can then look on the University's own site for further details



UCAS is also the service that processes applications, they act as a "bridge" between you and the university

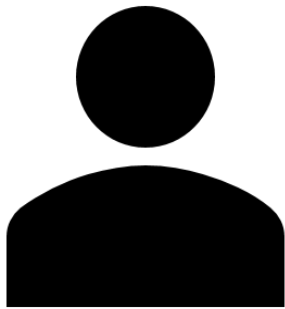
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UCAS charge
£24 for a full
application

University Applications

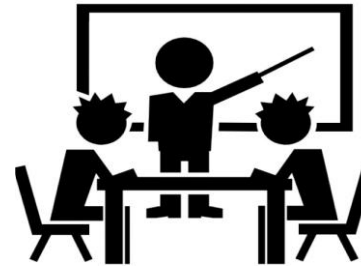
What goes on an application?



Personal
Information



Academic Grades -
achieved &
predicted



Reference – from a
teacher



Personal Statement
– from student

UCAS Application: Timeline

Choose
a
Subject

Complete
UCAS
form

Receive
Offers
from
Uni's

Become a
Fresher!

Pick
5
Uni's

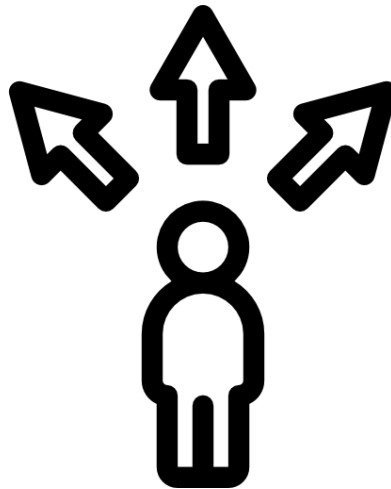
Apply for
Student
Finance

Collect
Exam
Results

Stages of your UCAS Application



Before applying you will need to pick which universities and courses you would like to apply for.



Choosing a Course

Where do we begin?

If they know what they want to study they should:

Compare the course at various universities

Check the module information

Check that the course is what they think it is

Check the course will qualify them for any careers that they might consider once they graduate

Check whether they're likely to need to do some further study at the end

Choosing a Course

Where do we begin?

If they have no idea what they want to study, they should...

Not worry or feel pressured to invent a plan

Think about what subjects/activities they love and what they love about that.

Look at UCAS and use the career finder to search terms to get started

Research their interests for possible careers and any related courses

Speak to their teachers and you

What should you be looking for in a course?

- Entry requirements – subjects, experience and grades
- Number of applicants per place
- Do they interview?
- Basic course and assessment information - modules
- Reasons for rejection

Do your research!

What resources should I use?



Prospects.ac.uk

- Explores different job sectors and degree courses that would qualify you best for careers
- Offers advice on how to be as employable as possible within your chosen career.



University League Tables

- An annual report on how people feel about university
- Indicates employability
- Satisfaction of students



National Student Survey

- Annual census of nearly ½ million students.
- Shows students opinions on course and university satisfaction.

Stages of your UCAS Application



Once you have selected which universities you want to apply for you will apply online for 5 courses using UCAS

5

Be realistic

How do we work out if my child meets the entry requirements?

Universities will specify what entry requirements they have set

These will be either clear
A,B,C grades

Or UCAS Tariff Points

The UCAS logo, featuring the letters 'UCAS' in a bold, sans-serif font. The 'U' and 'C' are black, the 'A' is red, and the 'S' is black.

What are UCAS Tariff Points?

- UCAS Tariff points are allocated to qualifications generally studied between the ages of 16 to 18.
- Some universities and colleges use UCAS points in their entry requirements, so you may need to know how many points your qualifications are worth.
- **You can do this by visiting:**
<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/tariff-calculator>

Stages of your UCAS Application



Once you have applied you will be able to track any offers using UCAS



UCAS – Tracking your application

Track is the online system that allows you to follow the progress of your application



Unconditional offer



Conditional offer
(most common)



Unsuccessful



Stages of your UCAS Application



Once you have received all of your offers you will have to pick between them and respond within one month.



Replying to offers

Once you have received your offers you can select a maximum of two offers:

One as a **'firm'** acceptance
(first choice)

The other as an
'insurance' acceptance
(back-up choice)

You can then decline any
remaining offers.

Once you've decided, if
you are not holding an offer,
you may be able to use
UCAS Extra or Clearing to
find alternative places.

Stages of your UCAS Application



After receiving your results you will be confirmed to either your **'firm'** or **'insurance'** choice.



If you get worse results than expected then you can apply for other universities using **UCAS Clearing**

UCAS Extra, Clearing and Adjustment



Teaching
Excellence
Framework



What is Extra?

Extra gives you the opportunity to apply for more universities should you receive none of your 5 choices or have declined them.

Extra is great for those who need to apply for an additional university – a sixth choice!



Extra

Apply to Universities with remaining places **one at a time**

Opens between February - July

Course spaces are advertised on UCAS website

Might be worth considering a related subject

Once you accept an offer you are committed to it

If you are eligible you will be offered the EXTRA option on track.



For more info: UCAS → Extra Choices

What is Clearing?

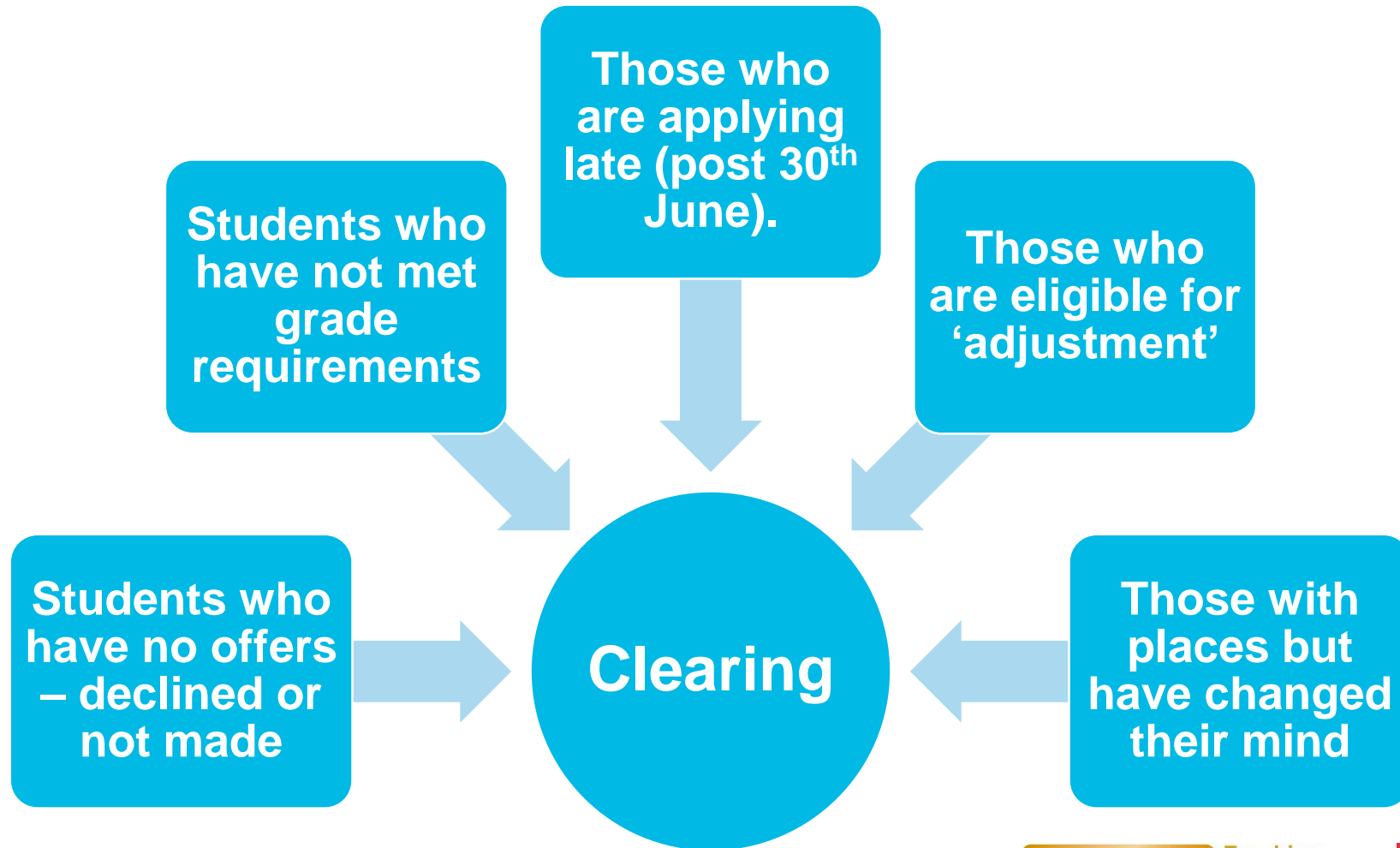
Clearing is how uni's and colleges fill any places they still have on their courses.

It's an ideal way for you to find another course if you have no offers.



Don't Panic!

Reasons to use Clearing



Clearing

Clearing has a catalogue of all the courses still with places.

You can apply for any course with spaces still available.

If you are eligible your application will be automatically entered into clearing, you can will find your clearing number on track.



Usually opens at 6am on results day

It is **always** worth phoning universities

Don't forget -
Colleges offer
Foundation Degrees
and Extended
Degrees

For more info: UCAS → No offers? Learn how clearing works

What is Adjustment?

Each year some students pass their exams with better results than expected, exceeding the conditions of their firm offer.

You can only use Adjustment if you have met and exceeded your conditions for your '**firm**' and you hold a **conditional** offer.

It's an ideal way for you to find another course whilst holding onto your current offer.



UCAS - Adjustment

You must register for Adjustment

Unlike clearing, there are no lists of vacancies, will need to contact Uni's directly.

An applicant has five days to use Adjustment and have an alternative confirmed, otherwise they will remain accepted by their firm choice



Opens on results day

Think about student finance and accommodation

Doesn't impact confirmed place unless new choice is chosen

For more info: UCAS → Adjustment – if you've done better than expected

Key Dates for 2019 entry

Applications can be submitted from 5th September 2018

15th October 2018 – deadline for Oxford and Cambridge and most medicine, veterinary science and dentistry courses

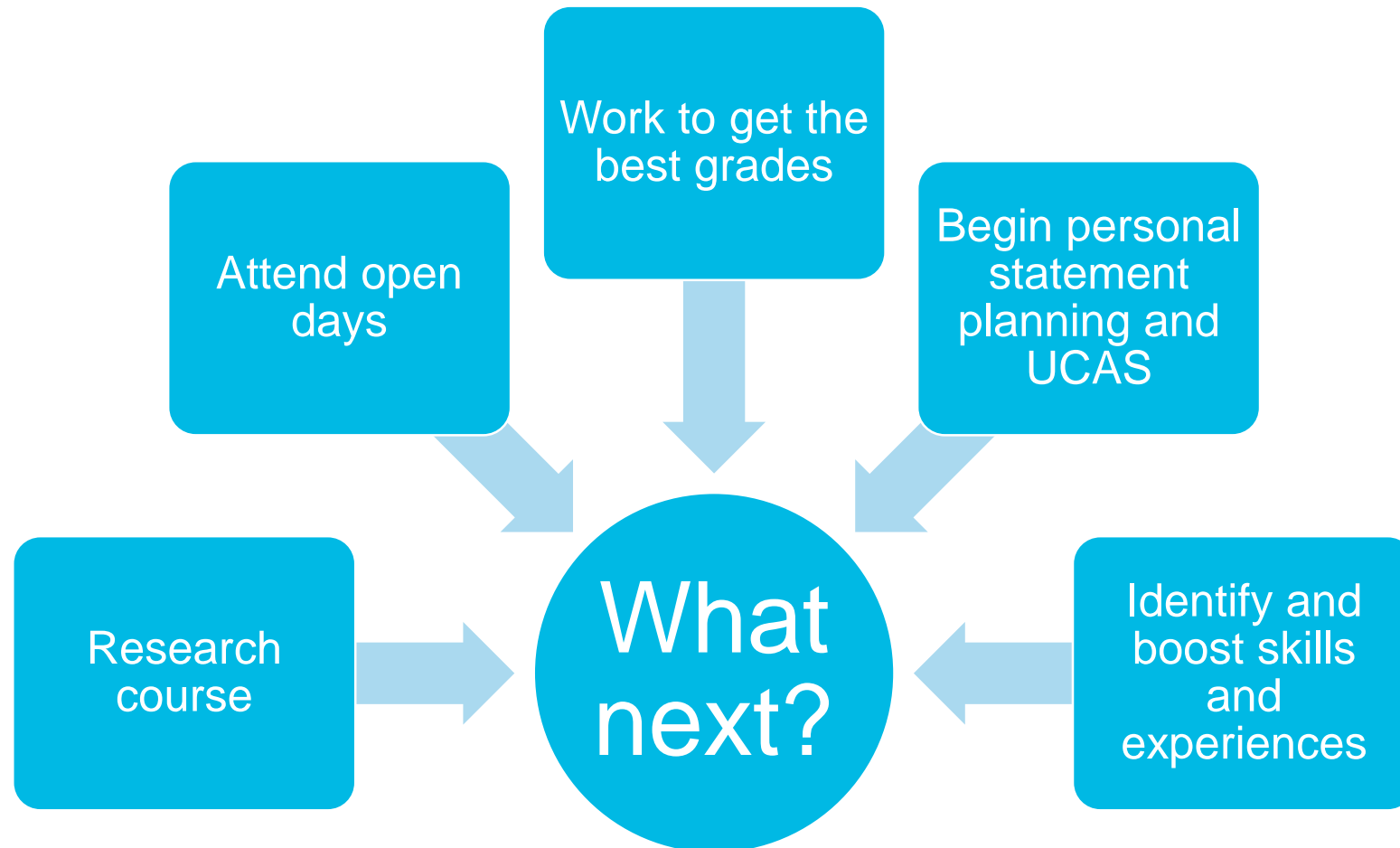
15th January 2019 – application deadline

Once all offers received one month deadline to reply to offers.

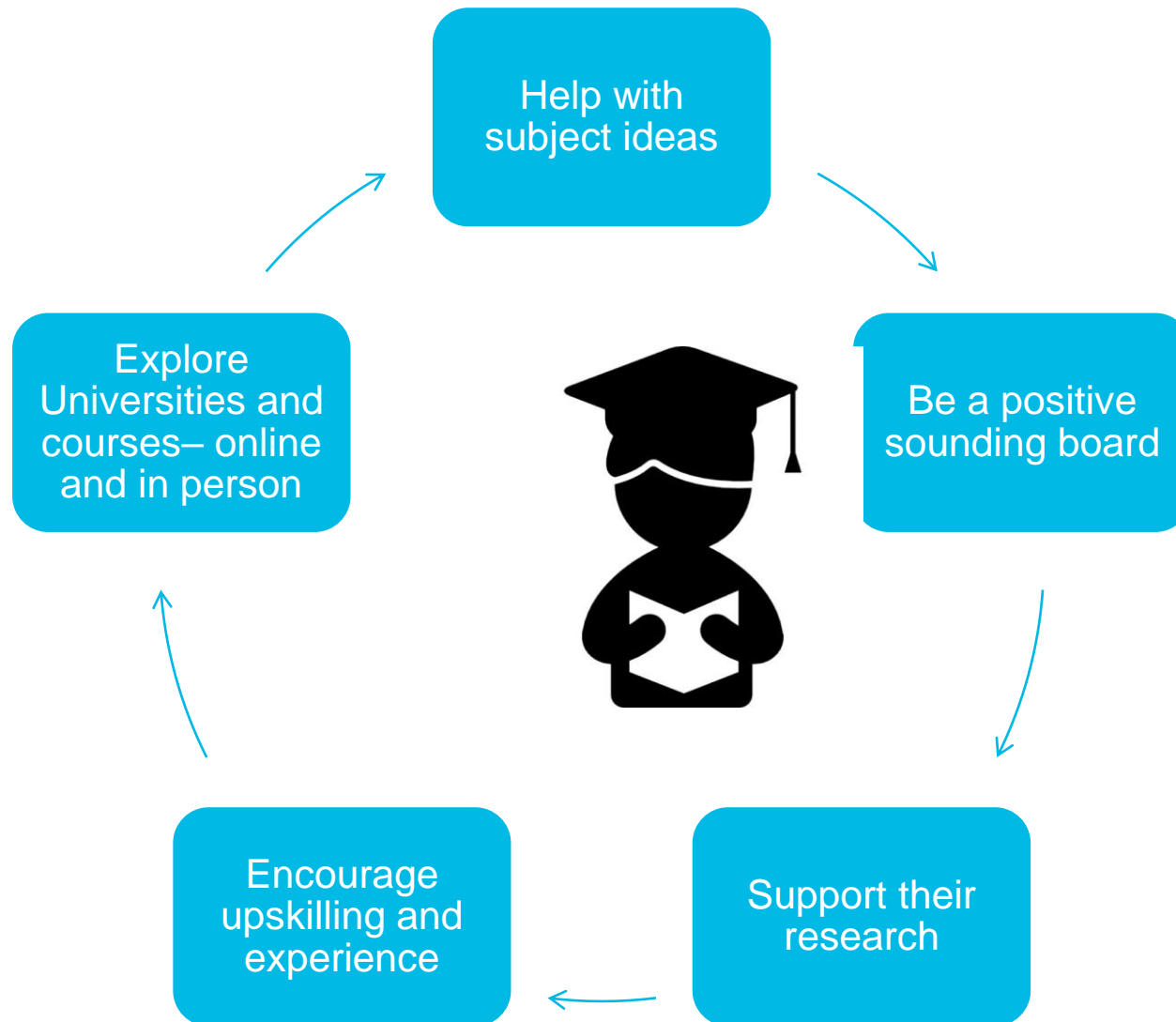
30th June – final UCAS deadline



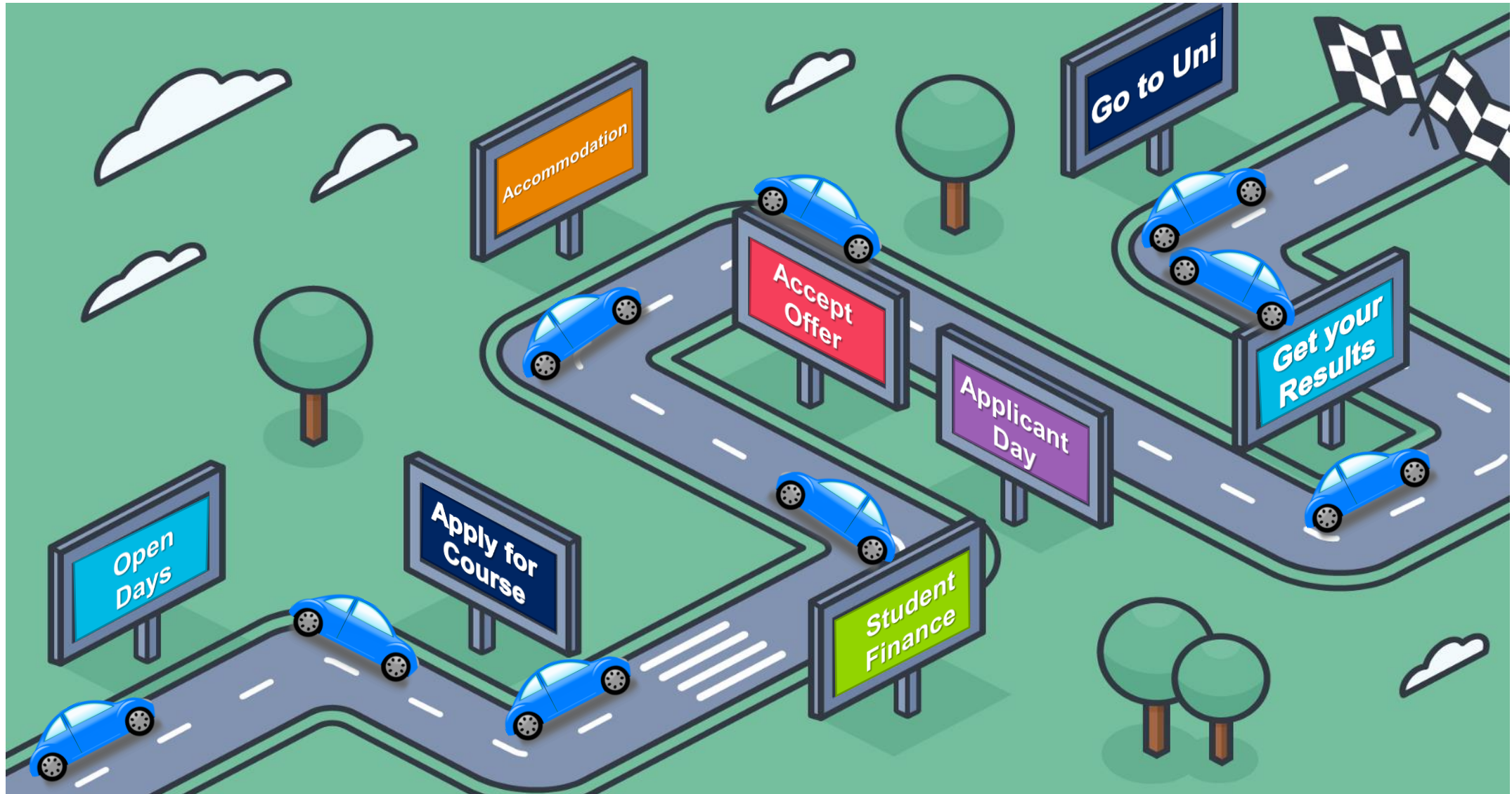
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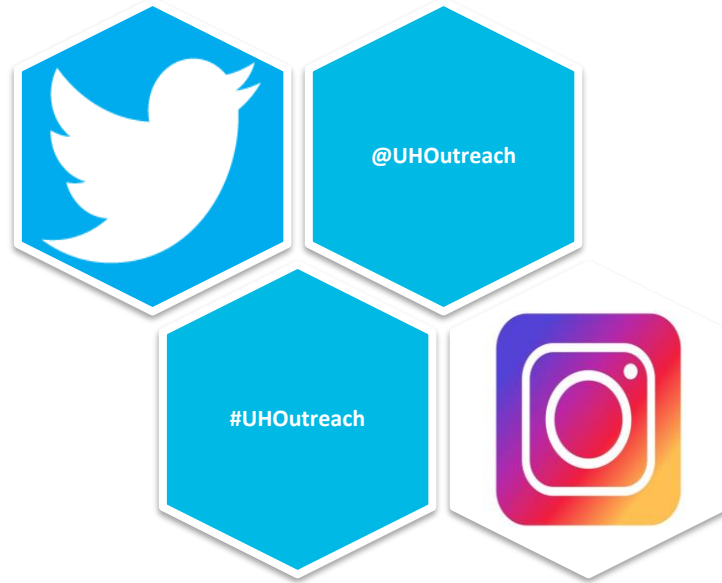


How can you help?



Next Steps: What will you have to get to Uni?





GOOD
LUCK!

Useful Websites:

<https://unistats.ac.uk/>

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings>

<https://www.ucas.com/>



Student Finance

2018/19 tuition fees

Full-time UK/EU students

Campus based
degree

£9250

College
foundation degree

£6165

Student Loans Company

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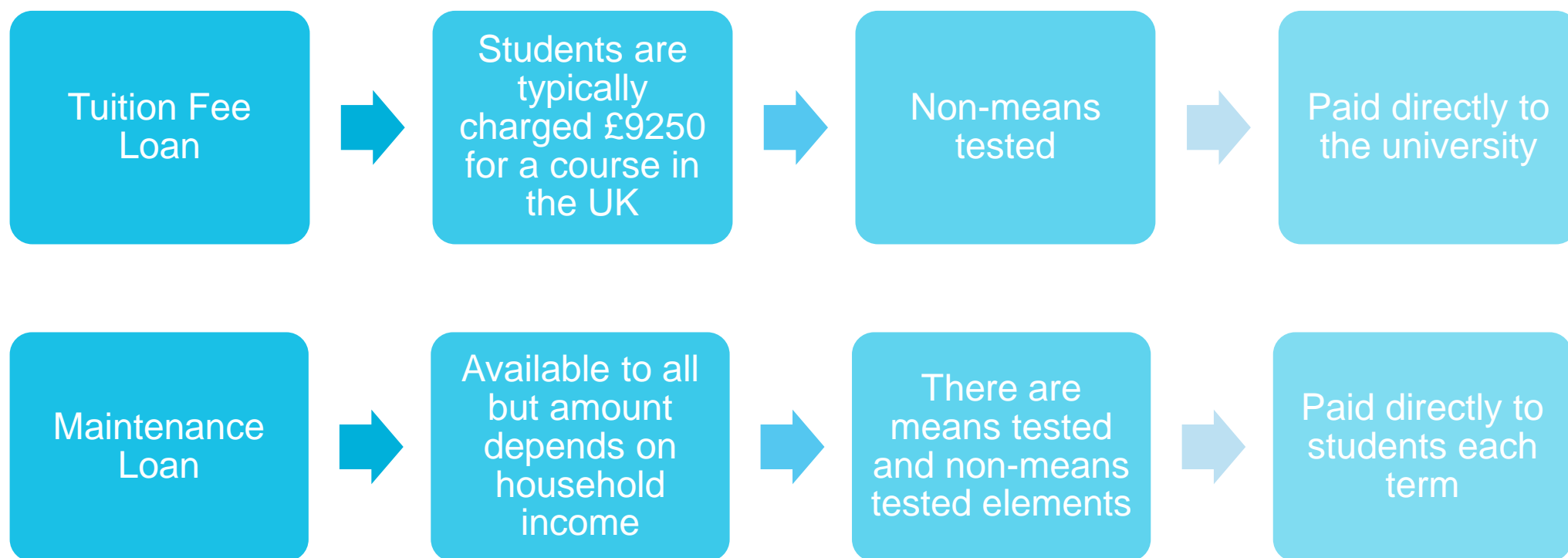
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University of
Hertfordshire **UH** 25

THE WORLD
UNIVERSITY
RANKINGS
2017 TOP 200
YOUNG

Key sources of financial help

Student Loans Company will supply two types financial support



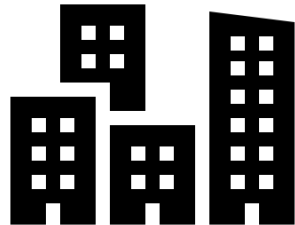
Key sources of financial help



If you live at home whilst you study



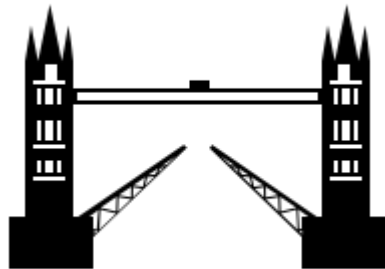
Up to £7,324



If you live away from home and study outside London



Up to £8,700



If you live away from home and study in London



Up to £11,354

Maintenance Loan

Living Away From Home

INCOME	MAINTENANCE LOAN
£25,000 (-)	£8,700
£30,000	£8,076
£40,000	£6,828
£50,000	£5,579
£60,000	£4,331
£65,000 (+)	£4,054

Living At Home

INCOME	MAINTENANCE LOAN
£25,000 (-)	£7,324
£30,000	£6,707
£40,000	£5,473
£50,000	£4,238
£60,000 (+)	£3,224

Living Away in London

INCOME	MAINTENANCE LOAN
£25,000 (-)	£11,354
£30,000	£10,719
£40,000	£9,449
£50,000	£8,178
£60,000	£6,907
£65,000	£6,272
£70,000 (+)	£5,654

Student Finance England

Application process

- Students need to apply. Parents details may be required
- Applications will open in Spring 2018
- Apply by end of May to guarantee funding in place for start of term
- You don't have to wait until you have a confirmed place
- For further information : www.gov.uk/studentfinance

What information will Student Finance need?

Type 1: From You Proof of Identity



Passport details

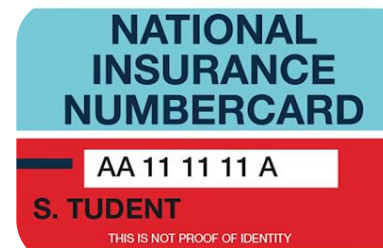


Birth Certificate

Type 2: From Parents/Carers Proof of Household Income



P60



National Insurance
Number



Payslip

Repayments

Repayments start from April following graduation

- Only when students earn over £25,000 a year will they start making repayments.

You will only pay 9% of their income above the repayment threshold

- This is deducted via tax system – PAYE.

No penalty for early repayments



Responsibility lies with the student



Balance on outstanding loan cleared after 30 years

Repayments

What do repayments look like?

Gross Salary	Amount of salary from which 9% will be deducted	Monthly repayment
£25,000	£0	£0
£27,000	£2,000	£15
£29,500	£4,500	£33
£31,000	£6,000	£45
£33,000	£8,000	£60

Student Finance England

Additional support

Scholarships and bursaries

- Offered on the basis of academic ability, following means testing, or for other reasons (e.g. disability).

Fee waivers

- These reduce tuition fees, either on their own, or in a broader package of support with a bursary.

Hardship funds

- These can help if your child is struggling financially, either before or during uni.

Disabled students: those with an impairment, health condition or specific learning difficulty (e.g. dyslexia)

Care Leavers

Child Care/Parental Learning Allowance

Adult dependent allowance

Student Finance England

Previously NHS funded courses

Tuition for these courses was previously paid for by the NHS. Students will now take out a tuition fee loan and maintenance loan from SFE

- Adult Nursing
- Mental Health Nursing
- Dietetics
- Physiotherapy
- Children's Nursing
- Learning Disability Nursing
- Midwifery
- Radiography
- Radiotherapy

Student Finance England

Previously NHS funded courses

Supplementary funding through the NHS (17/18 arrangements)

- Non-repayable grant of £1,000 per year for students with eligible child dependants
- Access to exceptional support of up to £3,000 per year for students in severe hardship
- Support for excess travel and dual accommodation expenses incurred due to attending practice placements.

For further information: www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/Students

Student Finance England

Part-time students

- First time undergraduates can apply for a Tuition Fee Loan to cover the cost of tuition
- To qualify you will need to be studying at least 25% of the full time equivalent course per year
- Loans for living costs may be available for 18/19. Details TBC

What to do next?

- Keep yourself up-to-date: www.ucas.com
- Apply for funding: www.gov.uk/studentfinance
- Keep checking our website: www.herts.ac.uk
- Fully research your options and choices
- Start planning your finance now.....

We can help – Visit our finance stalls on College Lane and de Havilland today!

Contact us

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- Financial Support:
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Thank you