



What's Next?

Helping students make good choices

**Preparing for life after A levels & a move to
more independent living**



Collaboration
+
Communication
+
Organisation
+
Structured Assessments

= SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

(who take ownership for their learning / progress)

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Choosing a University

You can apply to 5

Does it offer your subject area
or specific course?

League tables

Russell Group





7th September

UCAS begin to receive applications



15 October

Closing date for Oxbridge, all medicine, dentistry and veterinary courses



25 January

Deadline for all other courses except art and design courses with a 24 March deadline



395

**Higher
Education
Institutions in
the UK**

**> 50,000
Courses**



- Register with UCAS via the Hub
- Use your username and password to apply online – need buzzword if applying with school
- Can add up to 5 choices, unless applying to study medicine, veterinary, medicine/science, dentistry – then it's 4 choices



- Can't apply to BOTH Oxford and Cambridge
- Applying costs £22 for 1 choice, or £26.50 for 5 choices
- Apply by the equal consideration date
- Providers can't see other choices when you apply



Making an application

The screenshot shows the UCAS application dashboard for a 2020 Undergraduate application. The user's personal ID is TBM000000. A progress bar indicates 33% completion. The dashboard is divided into two main sections: 'My profile' and 'Application questions'.

My profile

- Profile overview**: A sidebar menu with a 'Centre information' section at the bottom.
- Personal details**: 'Name, age, title and gender'. Status: Section complete.
- Contact and residency details**: 'Address, email, telephone and where you live'. Status: Section complete.
- Work experience**: 'Employment, part, unpaid or volunteer work'. Status: Section in progress.
- Education**: 'Qualifications and periods of study'. Status: Start this section.
- Nationality details**: 'Birthplace and nationalities'. Status: Start this section.
- Supporting information**: 'Do other providers know how to support you during your studies?'. Status: Start this section.
- English language skills**: 'Is English your first language?'. Status: Start this section.
- Finance and funding**: 'Tell us how you'll fund your study'. Status: Section complete.
- Diversity and inclusion**: 'Only shared with a centre if you have a place on your application is a retired'. Status: Start this section.

Application questions

- Personal statement**: 'Why do you want to study this subject?'. Status: Section in progress.
- Choices**: 'Choose details'. Status: Section complete.
- Reference**: 'Provide details of your referees'. Status: Start this section.

Sections to be completed:

- Personal details
- Contact and residency details
- Work experience
- Education
- Nationality details
- English language skills
- Supporting information
- Personal statement
- Choices – make up to five
- References (not visible for students linked to centres)
- Finance and funding
- Diversity & inclusion (for students with a UK home address)

What is a personal statement?

An opportunity to write directly to University Admissions and justify why you deserve a place on your chosen course.

It should cover:

Why you are applying – your ambitions and what interests you about the subject and studying at higher education level?

What makes you suitable – any relevant skills, experience or achievements gained from education, work or other activities?



Why does it matter?

We have limited information on applicants

- Durham only interviews for Primary Education & Foundation Courses
- We want to know about the person behind the grades

Competitive courses

- High number of applications for limited course places means there is competition
- Students with similar academic profiles
- Your opportunity to stand out from the crowd



Undergraduate Applications 2020/21 Cycle for 2021 Entry

Home/Islands Fees

Department	Places Available	Total Applications	Applications Per Place Available
Accounting	23	52	2.3
Accounting and Finance/Mgmt	34	441	13.0
Anthropology	74	265	3.6
Archaeology	55	159	2.9
Biological & Biomedical Sciences	111	659	5.9
Chemistry	89	479	5.4
Classics & Ancient History	73	502	6.9
Combined Honours in Social Sciences	53	510	9.6
Computer Science	62	611	9.9
Earth Sciences	62	217	3.5
Economics	71	1057	15.0
Education Studies	15	72	4.8
Engineering	167	742	4.4
English Studies	147	1137	7.7
Finance	15	216	14.4
Foundation Centre	95	625	6.6
Geography	172	763	4.4
Government & International Affairs	59	752	12.7
History	160	1151	7.2
Law	127	1300	10.2
Liberal Arts	49	433	8.8
Management	67	626	9.3
Marketing	14	156	11.1
Mathematical Sciences	243	1062	4.4
Modern Languages & Cultures	184	735	4.0
Music	47	312	6.6
Natural Sciences	167	1006	6.0
Philosophy	55	400	7.3
Philosophy, Politics & Economics	46	376	8.2
Physics	138	836	6.1
Primary Education	77	339	4.4
Psychology	145	882	6.1
Sociology	96	389	4.0
Sport and Exercise Sciences	68	614	9.0
Theology & Religion	58	203	3.5
Total	3116	20075	6.4

You need to shortlist & decide:

Your **Firm** University

Your **Insurance** University

There is a deadline to respond
based on when you received your
last decision

Insurance should be lower
grades than firm

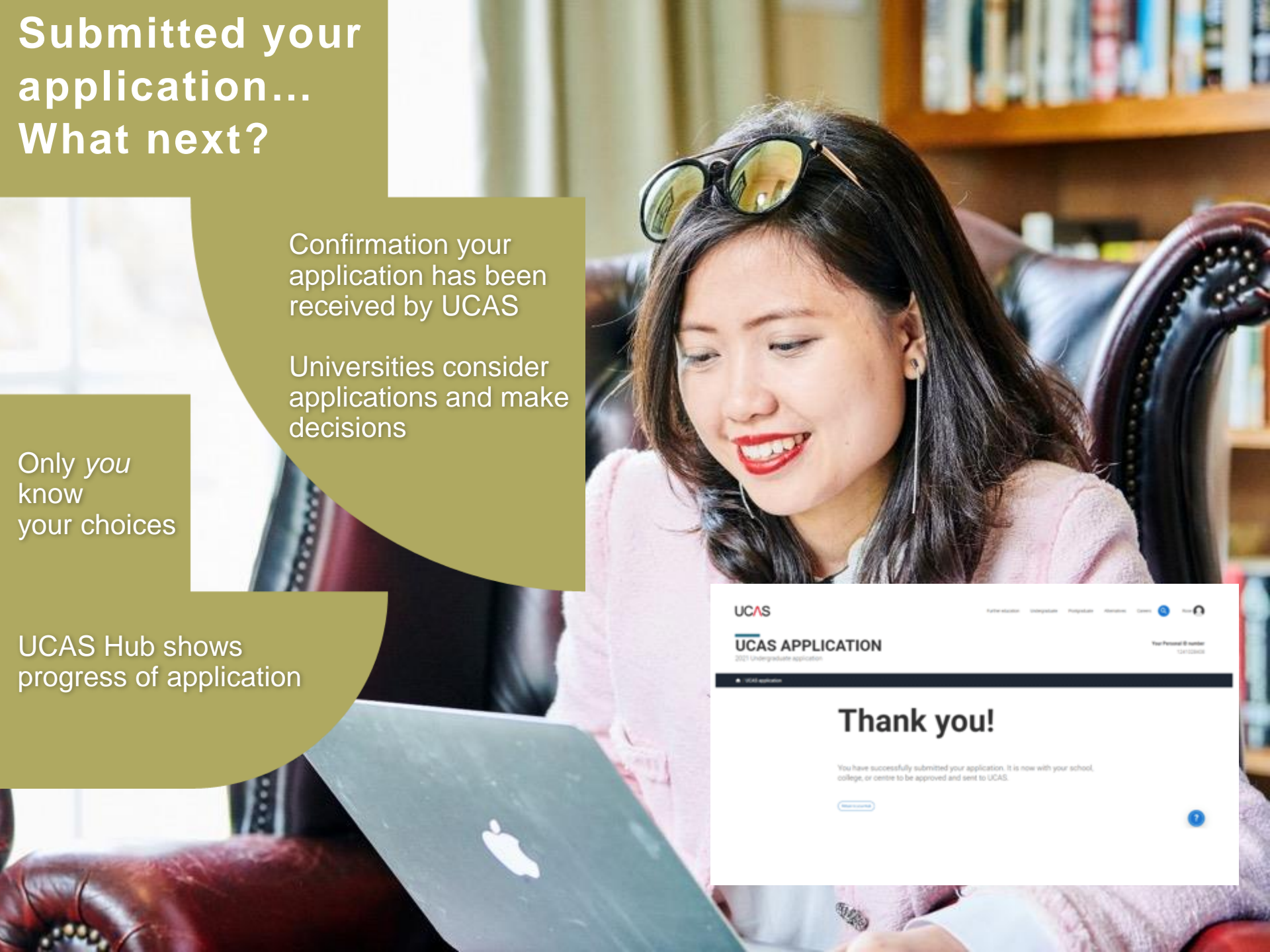


Results day



Firm Offer	Insurance Offer	Results	Probable Outcome?
AAB	BBB	AAB	Attend Firm university
AAB	BBB	ABB	Attend Insurance university, although Firm university may accept you as 'near miss'
AAB	BBB	BBC	Unless accepted as a 'near miss' by Insurance university you will enter Clearing





Submitted your application... What next?

Confirmation your application has been received by UCAS

Universities consider applications and make decisions

Only *you* know your choices

UCAS Hub shows progress of application

UCAS

Further educationUndergraduatePostgraduateWorkplaceCoursesUCAS Hub

UCAS APPLICATION

2021 Undergraduate application

Your Personal ID number
1231234567

• UCAS application

Thank you!

You have successfully submitted your application. It is now with your school, college, or centre to be approved and sent to UCAS.

Return to application

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Clearing

Clearing is for applicants who have not secured a place at university

Universities who still have places available on their courses advertise them to applicants during this period

It begins in *August* following A Level results

You are eligible for clearing if you are holding no offers following your application

Have exceeded your conditions?

If you have exceeded the conditions of your offer and want to look at going to a different university than your firm choice, you will need to go through the clearing process.

Be aware, however, that a lot of competitive courses could be full!



Get your prospectus

Open Days

Friday 16th September

Saturday 17th September

durham.ac.uk/schools



Any questions?

dur.ac.uk/study/askus



@applydurham



What do we do in our PHE programme?



Is university for me?

If so, which subject should I study?

Which university is right for me?

Where do I want to live and study?

What career path is right for me?

How will the degree help me with my future working life?

Can I afford to attend university?





January - July (Y12)

Is university for me?

Which university?

How to apply - UCAS

Finance

Study residential visits

Open Days

Work shadowing

September - December

The personal statement

Interviews

Pre-admissions tests and sampled work

Oxbridge/Medicine/Veterinary/
Dentistry

Degree Apprenticeships

Employment

Applying: individual meetings

January - June (Y13)

No longer formal lessons

Assemblies on finance

Assembly on 'life at university'

Assembly on 'living independently'

One - to one - support



DURHAM JOHNSTON
COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL
DARE TO BE WISE

Our Structured Support Programme

TEF Gold

TEF Silver

TEF Bronze

TEF Provisional

RUSSELL GROUP

FOUR MEMBERS
ARE IN THE TOP
10
UNIVERSITIES
IN THE WORLD

University of Birmingham
University of Bristol
University of Cambridge
Cardiff University
Durham University
University of Edinburgh
University of Exeter
University of Glasgow
Imperial College London
King's College London
University of Leeds
University of Liverpool
LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS
AND POLITICAL SCIENCE
University of Manchester
Newcastle University
University of Oxford
Queen Mary University of London
QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY BELFAST
University of Sheffield
University of Southampton
University College London
University of Warwick
University of York

417,000 +
Undergrads

192,500 +
Postgrads

ARE ALSO
KNOWN AS
'RED BRICK'
UNIVERSITIES

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THE  TIMES
THE SUNDAY TIMES

Good University Guide 2022

WHERE TO GO AND WHAT TO STUDY



ZOE
THOMAS



Northumbria University
Alumni Association has over
212,000 >>
alumni across the world

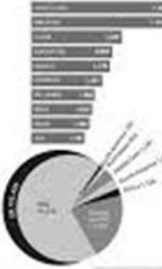
located in
175
countries

46% MALE 54% FEMALE



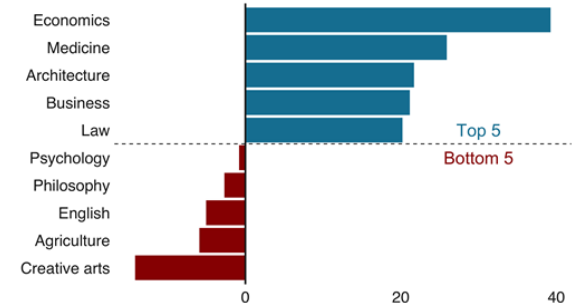
Northumbria University has alumni on every single continent in the world!

More information available at northumbria.ac.uk/alumni



Male art graduates earn 14% less than the average male non-graduate

Average male graduate earnings vs non-graduates, %



Source: IFS and Department for Education

BBC



UCAS Application

Students:

- Personal details
- Choices
- Education
- Employment
- Personal statement

Referee:

- Predicted grades
- Reference
- Pay and send
- Student/Referee Meeting: final review of details on form, reference and grades – and **send UCAS form together.**



Key dates for Apply 2023:

Oxford/Cambridge/Medicine:

Internal deadline 5th October

External deadline 15th October

All other applications:

Internal deadline 9th December 2022

External deadline 25th January 2023



Income	Expenditure
Tuition Loan	Tuition fees
Maintenance Loan	Accommodation
Bursaries (linked to personal circumstances / household income)	Living expenses (food etc)
Scholarships (linked to academic results or sporting / musical ability)	Books & materials
Earnings	Travel
Overdrafts	Servicing debts
	Etc.