

Preparation	Resource	Guidance
University research	http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/applying	<p>To apply for Oxbridge you must be excited by the prospect of learning in an intense and academically-focused environment. The hard work required to complete an Oxbridge undergraduate degree is for the most part, unique in its challenge and intensity of study. Therefore, don't apply for Oxbridge because you want an 'Oxbridge degree' – apply because you are passionate about your chosen subject and feel capable of being challenged by world class experts in the field.</p>
Admissions criteria	http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/courses/admission-requirements https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/applying/entrance-requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nearly all who apply to Oxbridge have outstanding academic credentials with the highest grades at GCSE. You will not be unique in that regard: you are competing against the best students. What makes you stand out? - Oxbridge has a rigorous application process with pre-admissions written tests and interviews that prove especially challenging for prospective undergraduates. Therefore, don't feel entitled to an offer: focus on what you can do in your written tests and interviews that show you stand out in your love for your subject and your academic potential in the discipline. Be humble, positive and enthusiastic.
College research	http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/colleges https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/colleges	<p>Nevertheless, if you are passionate about your chosen subject, read and research about it constantly, have a genuine love for the discipline as shown by how much you do in relation to furthering your knowledge and deepening your experiences in relation to it, and have achieved excellent grades so far, especially at GCSE, then consider applying.</p>
Course research	http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/courses https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/courses?ucam-ref=global-header	<p>Use the links to the left to conduct research on the similarities and differences between Oxford and Cambridge, what A-Level grades are required to gain entry to specific courses, the range of colleges to which you can apply (Oxbridge is collegiate: the college is where most supervisions and tutorials will happen so it does matter which college you choose, beyond where you sleep, eat, play sport and socialise). The college is the learning and living environment: select the right college for you. An open application where you don't pick a college is perfectly acceptable and does not disadvantage your application.</p> <p>The courses of offer at one or both universities should also be researched thoroughly to ensure you select the correct focus of study, for you.</p>

Application preparation	http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/guide https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/applying	<p>Be focused on being able to commit to paper why you want to study a chosen course, why that subject truly ‘floats your boat’ and how your ‘relationship’ and fascination with it go way beyond your A-level lessons. Practising being able to articulate why you’ve chosen the course you have, why it’s the right course for you and why you think the subject is best of all is a good starting point for personal statement drafting.</p>
Pre-Admissions tests	http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/guide/admissions-tests https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/applying/admission-assessments	<p>Previous pre-admissions tests are available on the websites of both universities. Research what pre-admissions written assessment applies to your course and do as many practices as you can. Ask relevant subject staff at school to talk to you about this and look at what you produce. We can’t always mark to an Oxbridge mark scheme but we can offer you support as experienced educators who’ve already graduated (at least once) in our chosen field.</p>
Interview preparation	http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/guide/interviews https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/applying/interviews http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/guide/interviews/interview-timetable	<p>Durham Johnston students are consistently very successful in this process because they show their passion for their subject, their intellectual humility (they are teachable and tutors pick up on and like this) and intellectual flexibility. The best students like a challenge and respond well to questioning and guidance when they meet tutors.</p>

	https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/applying/interviews/what-do-interviews-involve	
Subject preparation	https://www.edx.org/course?utm_campaign=Mooc.org&utm_source=Mooc.org&utm_medium=Mooc.org-Banner&utm_content=CTA http://www.open.ac.uk/postgraduate/preparing-for-study https://www.futurelearn.com/	<p>Read, read, read! Be voracious in your reading. (Do it all the time and never be satisfied – have the desire to always want to know more and go further).</p> <p>Utilise ‘lockdown’ to go above and beyond, showing your inquisitive nature, your passion for the subject and your academic capability.</p>
Deadlines	https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/applying/dates-and-deadlines https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/admissions-timeline?wssl=1	<p>Subject to change/confirmation due to unprecedented circumstances. Keep your eye on Oxbridge and UCAS websites. We’ll react accordingly and do our best to support your application.</p>

<p>Durham Johnston support</p>	<p>Regional outreach conference Spring</p> <p>Open Days and residential visits Summer</p> <p>Lunch time meetings September-December</p> <p>Extended after school sessions September-December</p> <p>Oxford university application masterclass Autumn</p> <p>Oxford university interview masterclass Autumn</p> <p>Durham university mock interview masterclasses November</p> <p>Mock interviews November</p> <p>Interview preparation support December</p> <p>Feedback and decision support January</p>	<p>Our very successful programme supports Durham Johnston students with the full process from application (October) to decisions made on offers by Oxbridge in the following January. Use the support on offer. The more research you conduct and advice from experienced, informed staff that you heed, the more competitive applicant you will be.</p> <p>You must focus on being able to show your love for and capability in the chosen course for which you have applied. The subject increasingly has to become your life. You can do this!</p> <p>Good luck! JW</p>
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