

A Guide to University for Parents

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GROUP**

A WORLD
TOP 100
UNIVERSITY

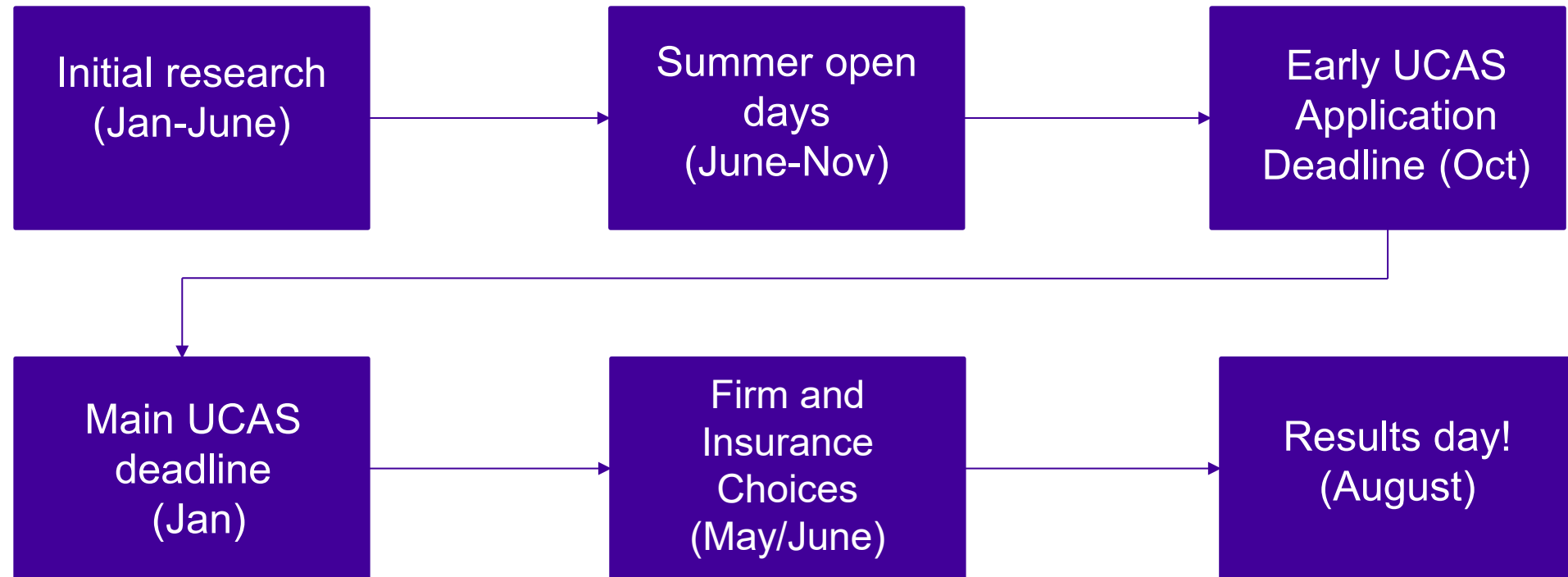


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The UCAS process





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Course considerations

Before you arrive

- Entry requirements
- Accreditation
- Specialisms
- Staff

Day to day

- Contact hours
- Facilities
- Module choices
- Teaching and assessment methods

Extra opportunities

- Study abroad
- Trips
- Field trips
- Career support

After graduation

- Links with industry
- Employment prospects
- Graduate destinations



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Student Life

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Societies

- Student societies are a great way for students to make friends with similar interests to them.
- Universities have a wide range of societies to choose from, at Sheffield we have 400+.
- Societies host a wide range of socials including sober socials, guest speakers and support sessions.



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Safety at University

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Is University a Safe Place?

- It is important your child feels comfortable in and around the university campus they are moving to
- Here are some ways Sheffield ensures this...

Women's
minibus

Taxi
scheme

Student
centric

Mixed
living areas

24hr
accommodatio
n security

Well lit
campus

Affordable
public
transport



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Is accommodation guaranteed at university?

- Depends on the university
- At Sheffield, guaranteed university accommodation providing:
 - You make UoS your firm choice and apply for accommodation no later than 28 July (2026)
 - You make UoS your insurance choice or accept through clearing and apply for accommodation no later than 31 August (2026)



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Room type

Cost

**What should you look
for when choosing
accommodation?**

Amenities

Location

Atmosphere



What types of accommodation does Sheffield offer?





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Where can my child live after first year?



Most move into private housing but some stay in University Provided Accommodation

Main Student Areas:

- Crookes
- Crookesmoor
- Broomhill
- Broomhall
- Ecclesall Road



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What if my child is struggling with the transition to university?

**Academic
support**

**Peer
mentors**

**Residence
life**

**Student
advice
centre**



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Uni Health Service

Mental Health
Support

**What other support is
available?**

Financial
Support

Disability and
Dyslexia Support
Services



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Employability

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You can succeed
without university!

**Will university
actually improve my
child's employment
prospects?**

On average, graduates
earn £10,000 a year
more than non-
graduates

It might open a few
more doors for them

Lots of jobs ask for 'a
degree'

Transferable Skills

- **Communication**
- **Self Motivation**
- **Leadership**
- **Collaboration**
- **Independent working**
- **Critical thinking**
- **Commercial awareness**
- **Organisation**
- **Communication**





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The Careers Service
and Jobshop

**What does the
university do to
support my child
getting a job?**

Department Specific
Support

Study Abroad

Industry placements



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Careers Service : The Jobshop

One to one
appointments with
professional
careers advisors

Get help with CV's,
finding work
experience, job
applications and
general career
direction

Online job site run
by the Student's
Union

Find part-time work
whilst studying and
vacation jobs



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Study Abroad

**The Turing
Scheme**

**Partnerships
all over the
world**

**Summer Schools
(1-3 weeks, in
europe)**



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Funding university

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Student Finance Explained

- University students can receive two different loans from Student Finance England- the tuition fee loan and the maintenance loan.
- The tuition fee loan covers the tuition cost of going to university. This is currently set at £9790.
- The maintenance loan contributes to day to day living costs a student has whilst studying. E.g accommodation, food, transport etc

Student Finance Explained

- The maintenance loan is means tested based on the household income of the residence where the student lives.
- Student Finance England have a maintenance loan calculator that provides the best estimate of how much maintenance a student will receive.

[Student finance calculator - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)



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How involved in the process should I be?

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Access +

You may be eligible for additional support through **Access+** if:

- You live in an area with a low rate of participation in higher education
- You're a care leaver
- You're care experienced
- You're estranged from family
- You're a carer
- You're a forced migrant
- You have parenting responsibilities
- You're entitled to free school meals

To check eligibility criteria visit: <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/access-sheffield/eligibility>



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- As an **Access+** student, you'll be eligible for wraparound support:
- financial support; Funded Open Days, IT & Equipment Bursaries, Sheffield Bursary
- a dedicated team on hand to answer your questions about university
- help with study skills and revision
- A reduced grade offer equivalent to one grade below the standard A Level entry requirements
e.g. if the formal entry requirements for your course are ABB and you meet the criteria, you'll receive an alternative offer of BBB.