

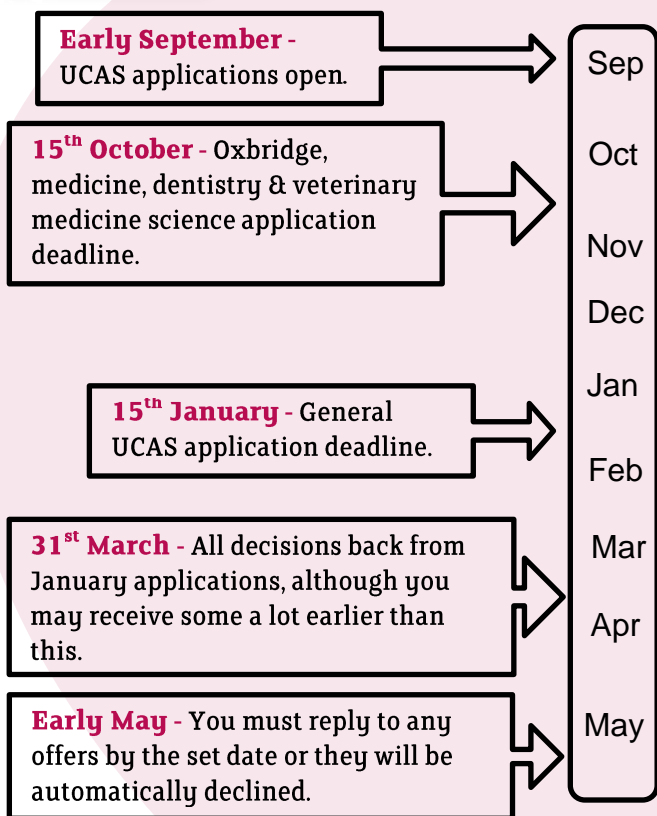
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Applying to HE

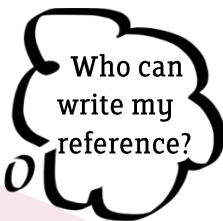
You apply for University through the online Universities and Colleges Admission Service (UCAS) the year before you want to start (usually in year 13).

Website - www.UCAS.com

Your UCAS Application Journey...



The dates in the above timeline are for applications entered before 15th January. If you apply later than this the dates will differ.



Your reference must be completed by a teacher who knows you well enough to comment on your abilities. Your application can't be processed without one!

November/December - Internal School and College UCAS application deadline period. The exact date will differ between institutions; you need to meet the internal deadline in order to have a reference added to your application in time for the 15th January deadline.

- Your Application checklist:**
1. Complete all required details on the online application form
 2. Choose up to 5 different courses/institutions
 3. Complete your personal statement
 4. Ensure your school/college reference is organised
 5. Submit final application

Your personal statement

Is your opportunity to show your chosen institutions why they should pick you. It should include your skills, relevant experience and why you want to study that particular course. You can only have **one** for your whole application, so make sure your choices are similar enough to be covered by the same personal statement.

Once you receive all of your offers you must pick a firm and insurance choice...

Firm = 1st choice
Insurance = 2nd choice

If you meet the conditions you must go to your firm choice, you can't swap around so be sure when you make your decisions!

UCAS Tariff Points...

The current UCAS tariff point system has been used from 2017 entry onwards. Use the online calculator (UCAS website) to work out what points you will get for your predicted grades. This will help you to make the right decisions when choosing your 5 courses/institutions.

Example:

Qualification and Grade	New Tariff
A level grade A*	56
A level grade A	48
A level grade B	40
A level grade C	32
A level grade D	24
A level grade E	16

How do I make an informed decision...?

Going to university is a life changing experience so it is really important that you are happy with your choices...
 Visit: **Your local UCAS conventions** - to meet hundreds of HE providers in one place!
 Book onto: **Open days** at your 5 choices (or at least your top 2!)
 See the campus, meet staff and get to know if your course is right for you.