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# Who are UCAS?

- An independent non-profit charity.
- The UK's centralised admissions service for undergraduate higher education.
- Provide impartial information and advice about higher education in the UK.
- Process over ½ million applications each year including 140,000 from outside the UK.
- Not responsible for making decisions on applications nor advising students where to apply.

# Your UCAS journey



Research



Application



Personal statement



Receive and Review

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# Research



# Full time undergraduate courses

- 4 in Northern Ireland
- 21 in Wales
- 21 in Scotland
- 303 in England



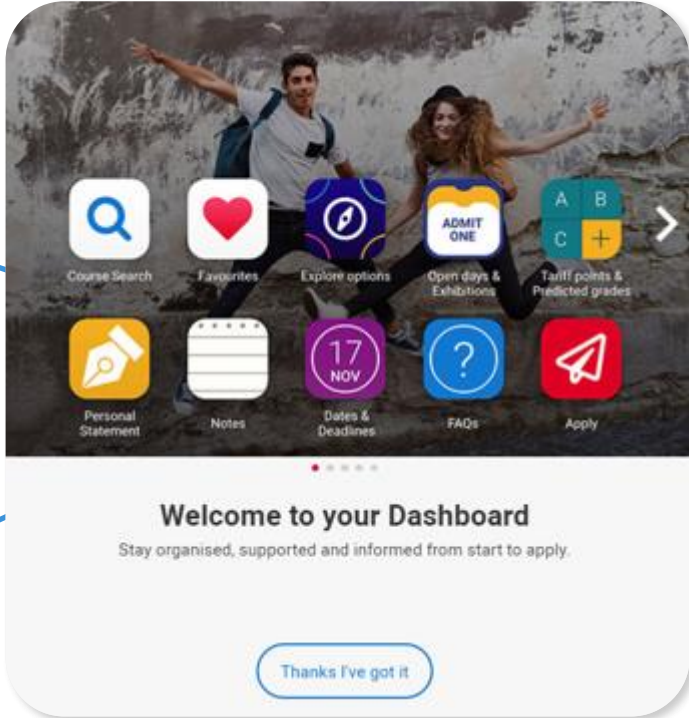
# Research – use the UCAS Hub



**Get organised:**  
Tools to search, favourite, shortlist, reflect, diary, and build application.



**Define what's important:**  
Distance from home, teaching satisfaction, work experience options, job outcomes...



**Make it yours:**  
Organise tools, remove the ones they don't need, and tick off their to do list. It's their space, and their future.



**You might not have thought of...**  
Expand horizons by pushing options they might not have considered.

# Research – it's free!



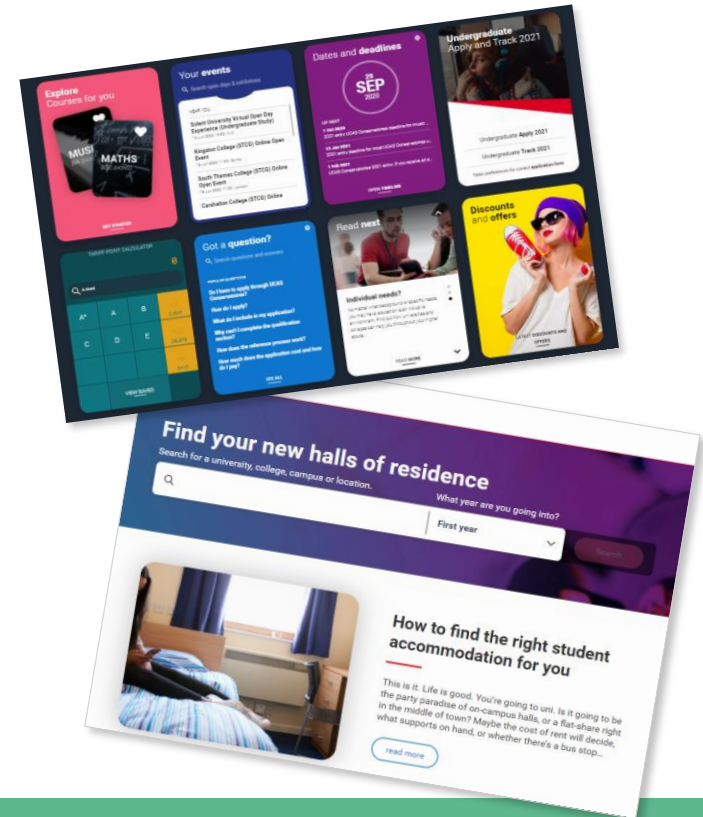
[New accommodation search](#) – where someone lives whilst they study is important, but it's not always easy to compare what's on offer. Students can find what accommodation options they have before they apply.



[Join our UCAS Hub lives and Facebook Lives](#) – each live session is hosted by an expert panel to give you what you need to make an informed decision.



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# The UCAS Application



# When to apply\*



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\*Please note all dates are subject to change.

\*\* All at 1800 UK time.

# Apply key facts

- Application is entirely online.
- Maximum of five choices.
- Some restrictions:
  - Maximum of four choices for medicine, veterinary science/medicine, and dentistry.
  - Can only apply to either Oxford **or** Cambridge.
- Simple application cost:
  - One choice – £22.
  - Two to five choices – £26.50
- Equal consideration if deadlines are met.
- Invisibility.



# Making an application

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
- Finance and funding

The screenshot displays the UCAS Application dashboard for a 2020 Undergraduate applicant. The top navigation bar includes links for Further education, Undergraduate, Postgraduate, International, Courses, Account, and a user profile icon. A progress indicator shows 33% completion. The main section is titled 'My profile' and contains a grid of application sections:

- Profile overview**: Includes instructions on how to start the application and links to the UCAS website.
- Personal details**: Name, age, date of birth, and gender. Status: Section complete.
- Contact and residency details**: Address, email, telephone, and other contact info. Status: Section complete.
- Work experience**: Employment past, present, or volunteer work. Status: Section in progress.
- Education**: Qualifications and periods of study. Status: Start this section.
- Nationality details**: Employment and nationalities. Status: Start this section.
- Supporting information**: Documents that provide extra info to support the application. 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 partner if you have a partner or your supervisor is a witness. Status: Start this section.

Below the 'My profile' section is the 'Application questions' section, which includes:

- 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.

# Decisions



Track

An admissions tutor can make one of three decisions:

- unconditional
- conditional
- unsuccessful

A student may also be asked to:

- attend an interview
- produce a portfolio
- take an admissions test



# Replying to offers

## Firm

If all conditions are met, this is where a student will be placed.

## Insurance

Usually lower conditions in case the firm conditions are not met.

## Other offers

All other offers must be declined at this point.

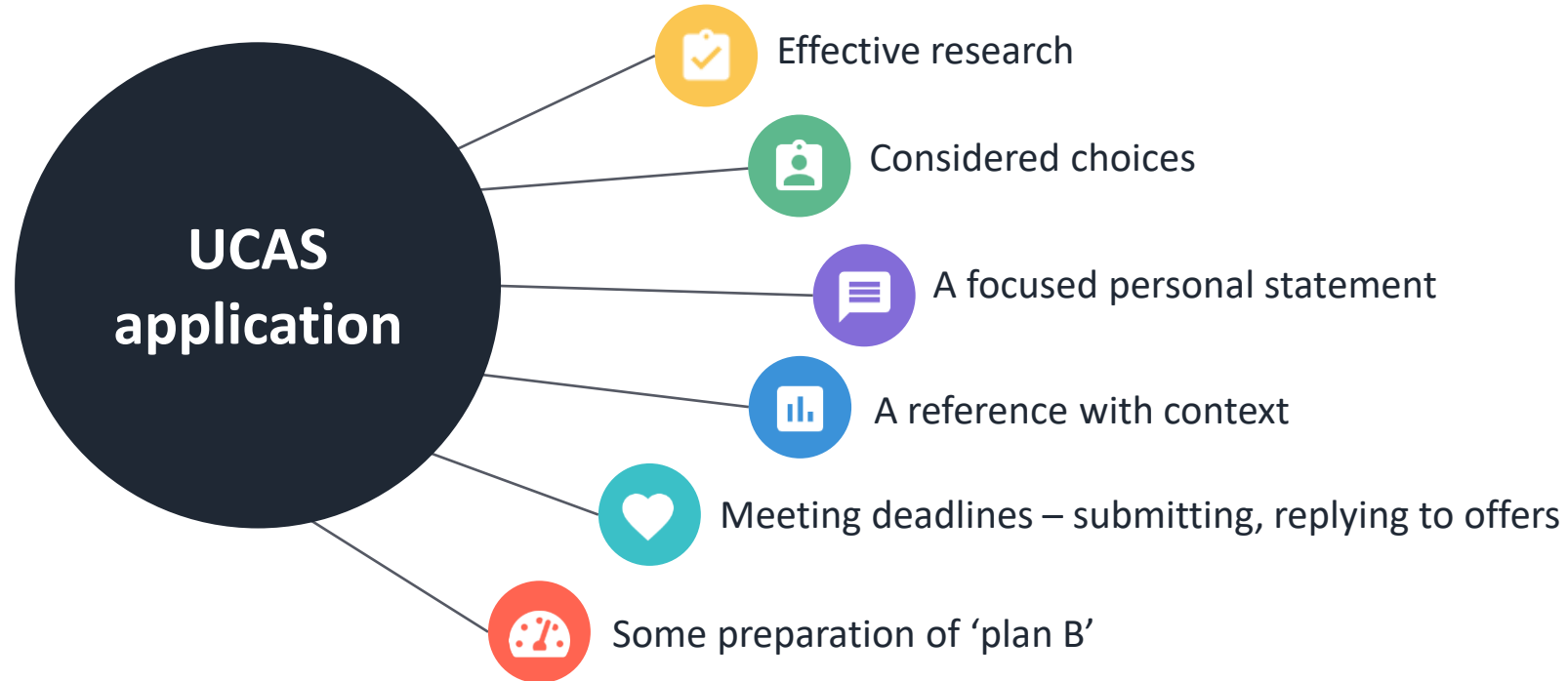


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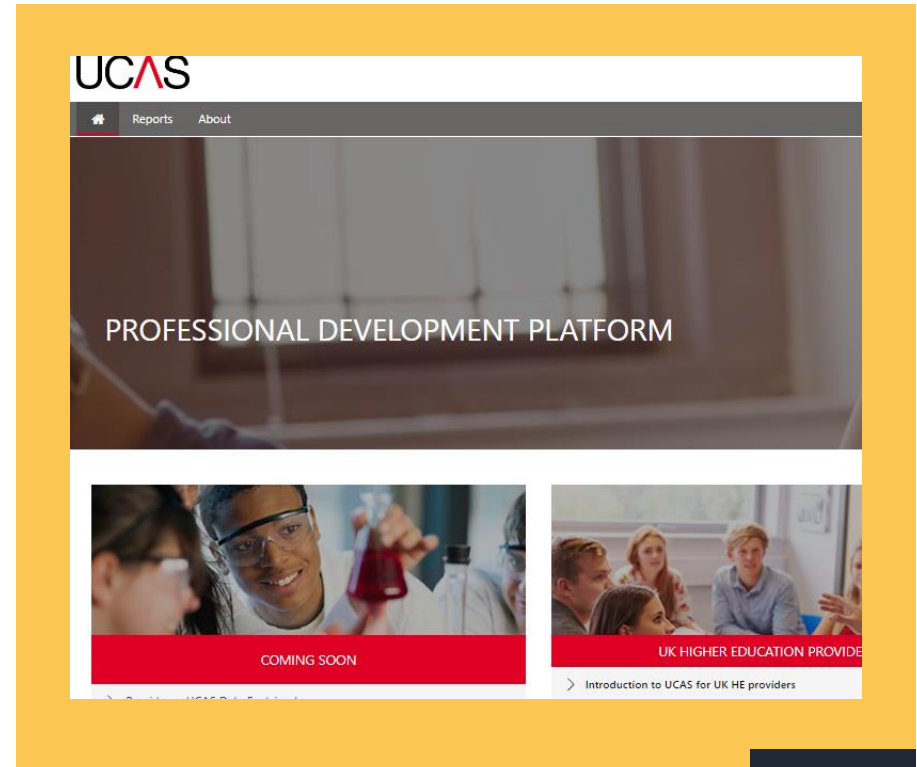


# Factors for successful applications



# Free E-learning

- [Pdp.ucas.com](https://pdp.ucas.com)
- Available modules include:
  - An intro to UCAS
  - Reference writing
  - The UCAS HUB
  - UG Application 22
  - Intro to PS



# Adviser resources

- The adviser newsletter, monthly email with key information, [sign up here](#).
- [www.ucas.com/advisers](https://www.ucas.com/advisers) contains all adviser resources, including toolkits for pre-application and application.
- [Adviser guide](#) 2021.

# Keeping you informed



Adviser webinars hosted in one place to book and catch up on



Updates published via the newsletter and on adviser section of UCAS.com



Digital training to support your staff including online modules

# Additional help

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