

Welcome to tonight's session Supporting UCAS Applicants

Agenda:

6:30 – 7pm Presentation

7 – 7:30pm Q&A panel

Panel:

Fiona Black – Head of UK Recruitment

Charlie Potter – UK Student Recruitment Officer

Dan Keenan – Widening Participation Articulation Officer

Keith Hutchison – Admissions Applicant Experience & Student Experience Officer

The Q&A will be open throughout the presentation for your questions



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Pre-application - help young people to:

- Understand the UCAS application process
- Consider their university and course choices
 - Research grade & subject entry requirements
 - Check for additional admissions tests: UCAT, LNAT etc
 - Look for any work/volunteering experience requirements
- Complete their Personal Statement
- Successfully complete their UCAS application



How to Apply - UCAS

- Online application, all UK universities
- Cost to apply - £27.50 for 5 choices
- Fill in application via school (UCAS centre)
- Guidance and help available via school and UCAS Hub
- UCAS deadline 31st January 2024
- Meet the **school deadline** for completed applications



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UCAS Hub

- Create UCAS profile
- Links to lots of great information and advice
- Personal statement advice
- Course searches and recommendations
- Webinars, top tips and more!
- Make application and choose final 5 courses
- Personal information, previous exam results, current subjects and nominated contact



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Choosing a University

Considerations could include:

- Location: city, town, rural; Scotland or further away?
- Rankings, reputation
- Style: campus/city based; broad-based/specialist
- Size: of campus, number of students

Sources of information

- Open Days
- UCAS fairs
- School fairs
- Family and friends
- Current students - Unibuddy



Choosing a course

- Interests and career aspirations
- Entry requirements
- Course structure: including joint honours and flexible degrees
- Accreditations
- Study abroad/work placements
- Teaching and assessment
- Prospectuses/printed material
- Web pages – for most up-to-date information

gla.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees/





How UofG present our Higher Entry Requirements

SQA Higher Entry Requirements

- BBBB is the minimum requirement from S5 to be reviewed for an S6 offer
- Offers are not guaranteed to applicants who meet the minimum from S5
- Typically offers will be made at AAAAA by end of S6. B at Advanced Higher is equivalent to A at Higher
- Additional requirements: Higher English and a Higher Humanities subject at AA. (AB or BA may be considered).
- You should refer to the entry requirements for both subjects when applying for a joint honours degree programme. The mandatory requirements for both subjects must be met.

Minimum
Highers achieved by
end of S5 for
consideration for offer

Offers cannot
be guaranteed

Offer offers are
based on S5 and S6
grades combined

Advanced Highers
are 'double counted'.

Check for
mandatory subject
requirements.



How UofG present our Higher Adjusted grades Requirements

SQA Higher Adjusted Entry Requirements* (by end of S5 or S6)

- MD20: BBBB (also other target groups*)
- MD40: AABB*
- Additional requirements: Higher English and a Higher Humanities subject. Successful completion of Top-Up or one of our Summer Schools.

Find out more: [gla.ac.uk/study/wp/adjustedoffers/](https://www.gla.ac.uk/study/wp/adjustedoffers/)

- Top-Up - completed during school year
- Summer School - completed in June/July over 4 weeks

Target groups:

- Care experienced, estranged, young carer, asylum seeker, refugee

Highers achieved by end of S5 or S6

Guaranteed offers for MD20 and target groups

MD40 will be prioritised

Check for mandatory subject and additional criteria requirements.

All information can be found here including postcode checker, target groups & pre entry programmes



Alternative qualifications & entry routes

A Level

- AAB-BBB
- Additional requirements: one A-level Humanities subject.

International Baccalaureate (IB)

- 36 (6,6,5 HL) – 32 (6,5,5 HL)
- Additional requirements: HL English and HL Humanities subject.

Standard HNC/HND (at college)

- HN entrants generally enter Year 1 of undergraduate study
- Required to attend and pass the University of Glasgow Summer School
- Additional requirements of specific Higher subjects

Further post-school Access routes

- UofG Access to Higher Education Programme, HNC Articulation Programmes (Yr2 entry) and SWAP

We accept a range of alternative qualifications and entry routes

A Level and IB requirements have a range of grades

Check for mandatory subject and additional criteria requirements.

All HNC/D qualifications we accept can be found: gla.ac.uk/undergraduate/entryrequirements/guidance/

All information about these post-school routes can be found: gla.ac.uk/study/wp/adultreturners/



Personal Statement - overview

- Each university will use personal statements differently
- One personal statement for all 5 choices, but don't worry, we understand this
- Don't be nervous about it! Universities want you to do well, it's an opportunity not a trap
- Lots of help & advice from school and UCAS Hub
- Have conversations with family, teachers, friends: what am I good at? what have I achieved?
- Glasgow – looking to see who you are, what your achievements and aspirations are.

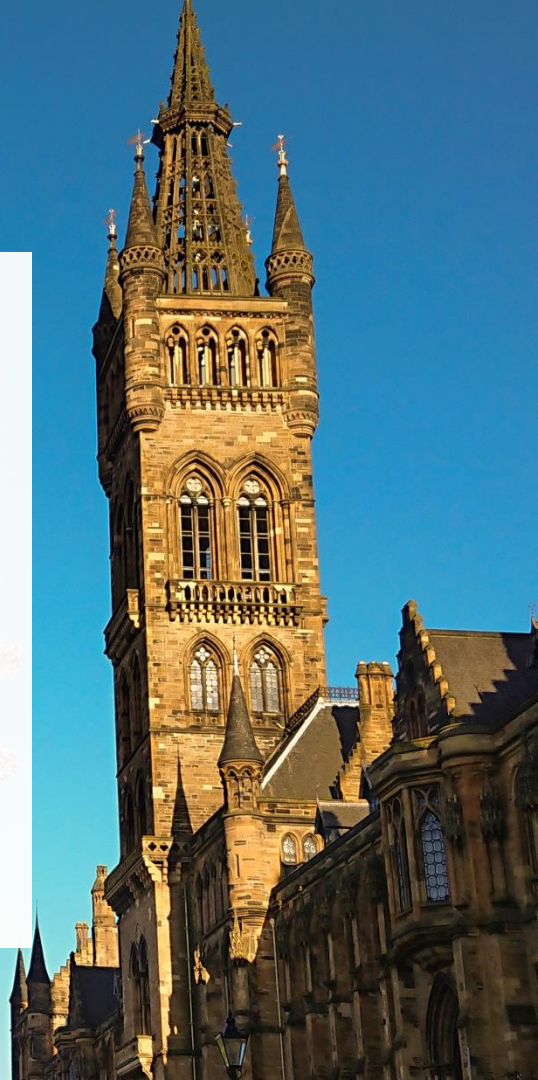
Professional degree programmes may have more specific personal statement requirements and want to see evidence that you understand what the profession entails and a genuine passion for the subject. Include relevant work/volunteering/community experience.

- ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/writing-personal-statement/how-write-personal-statement



Personal Statement – top 10 tips

1. Be personal – what are **your** motivations and interests?
2. Check spelling and grammar
3. Be relevant
4. Avoid cliches/too many quotes – use your own thinking and ideas
5. Use evidence
6. Reflect on experiences and skills
7. Do NOT plagiarize – including use of AI
8. Avoid jokes
9. Tell the truth
10. Be positive – about yourself and what you will bring to the course





Post application - help young people to

- Monitor UCAS Hub and check offer requirements
- Monitor 'to do' list on Applicant Self Service
- Check emails for information from the universities they have applied to
- Make firm and insurance choice decisions before the deadline
- Not panic if universities are slow to make offers – understand the timescales and behind-the-scenes activity involved
- Apply for SAAS funding (typically March) and student accommodation (typically July)



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UCAS Hub

- Log-in & track applications
- Universities will update decisions via UCAS Hub – and offer details can be viewed there too
- Where applicants reply to their offers
- Edit details, including contact details - important so universities can contact you, during and after school
- Add new choices (UCAS extra/clearing)



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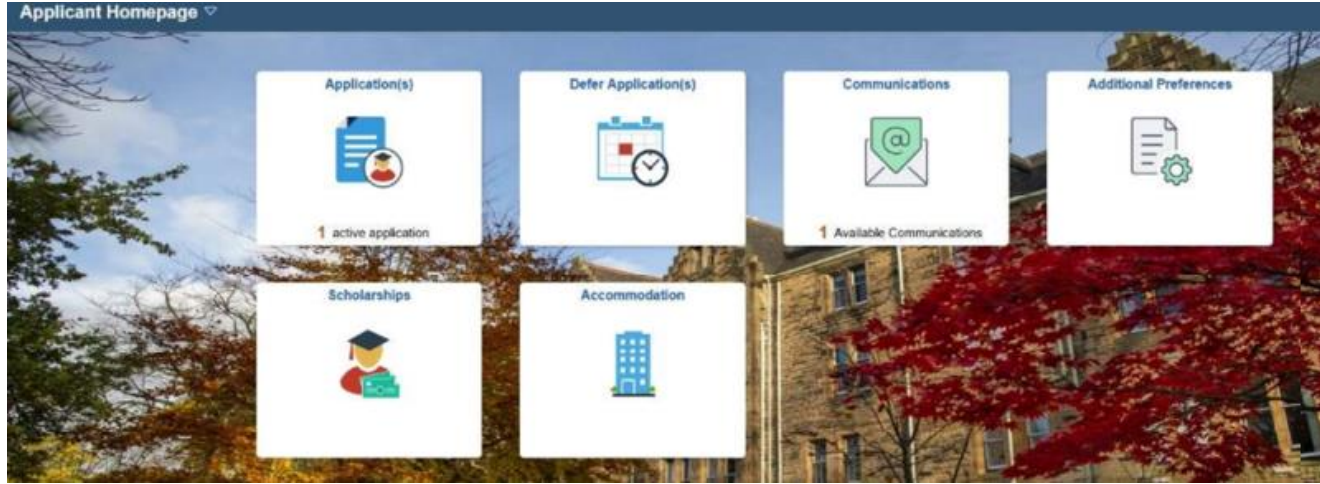
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Applicant Self-Service



- Check offers
- Check all emails and communications from the University of Glasgow
- Upload documents – e.g. National 5 results, evidence of domicile



UCAS key dates and university admissions process – offers and replies

- High demand courses won't be able to make decisions until they receive all applications and know what the grade cut-offs etc will need to be.
- Applicants must wait until they receive decisions on **all 5 UCAS choices** before accepting an offer.
- There is no advantage to accepting offers before the deadline.
- Don't panic if others have received their 5 decisions and you are still waiting for one or more universities to respond, admissions teams have lots of applications to process.

- **16 May** – date you should have received all university decisions
- **6 June** – date you have to make firm and insurance choices



University decision-making

- Qualifications, Personal Statement, Reference – **received via UCAS**
- Evidence of other qualifications – **send via Applicant Self Service** (e.g. Nat 5 results)
- Admissions tests, interview, portfolio, audition (eg LNAT, UCAT)

Decisions based upon the application and number of available spaces

Types of decision

- Conditional Offer
- Unconditional Offer
- Unsuccessful

Replies

- Firm accept
- Insurance
 - *not an option if firm choice is Unconditional*
 - *lower conditions offer*
 - *automatic transfer on results day if conditions of firm choice aren't met*
- *Check UCAS Hub on Results Day*
- Decline



Finance and Accommodation applications

Along with the UCAS application there are two other important applications that need to be completed, Student Finance and Accommodation (if applicable)

Student Finance:

- Apply for finance funding via Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS) - www.saas.gov.uk
- Tuition fees covered by the government but still need to fill in an application
- Funding for living costs available
- Applications open March

Student accommodation:

- Firm university choice and application before the deadline
- Deadline typically July
- 360-degree tours available - gla.ac.uk/undergraduate/accommodation/



What happens next?

- Results day
- Check UCAS Hub
 - *Support from school*
 - *Clearing and results lines*
- Celebrate success!
- Registration & enrolment
- Freshers' Week!

Thank you for listening, do you have any questions?

Useful Links

UCAS – <https://www.ucas.com/>

Courses - [gla.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees/](https://www.gla.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees/)

Widening Participation - [gla.ac.uk/study/wp/](https://www.gla.ac.uk/study/wp/)

Adjusted requirements - [gla.ac.uk/media/Media_996767_smxx.pdf](https://www.gla.ac.uk/media/Media_996767_smxx.pdf)

HN requirements - https://www.gla.ac.uk/media/Media_325440_smxx.pdf

Personal Statement advise - [ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/writing-personal-statement/how-write-personal-statement](https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/writing-personal-statement/how-write-personal-statement)

SAAS – www.saas.gov.uk

Accommodation - [gla.ac.uk/undergraduate/accommodation/](https://www.gla.ac.uk/undergraduate/accommodation/)



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