

## Applying through UCAS:

To apply to a UK university, you must submit an online UCAS application. This form includes:

- information about you
- the courses and universities you're interested in
- a personal statement about why you want to study at university
- a reference

You must pay an application fee which allows you 5 choices of universities.

### *When do I need to apply?*

UCAS have two application deadlines. If you are applying for a medicine or veterinary course, or applying to Oxford or Cambridge, you must submit your application by the middle of October.

For most other courses the deadline falls towards the end of January.

Don't worry if you miss your deadline, you can apply through 'Clearing' after your results by asking universities if they have available spaces.

To find out more detailed information visit the UCAS website.



## Applying to Student Finance:

The Government can grant you a Tuition Fee loan and Maintenance Loan through Student Finance to fund your studies.



### *What is a Tuition Fee Loan?*

This loan allows you to enrol on your course and access to your university's facilities. You can apply for a repayable Tuition Fee Loan of up to £9,250 to cover their course fee. This money is sent directly to your university.

### *What is a Maintenance Loan?*

This loan helps you with your living costs whilst at university, such as rent, food and travel. This loan is repayable and the amount you receive is based on your family income. The money is paid directly into your personal bank account.



## Some useful links:

- [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)
- [www.gov.uk/apply-online-for-student-finance](http://www.gov.uk/apply-online-for-student-finance)
- [www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowance-dsa](http://www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowance-dsa)

## Applying for a Disabled Students' Allowance:

The Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA) is funding to support students with long-term health conditions, mental health conditions or learning difficulties whilst at university.

It is **not** a loan. This means the money you receive does not need to be repaid.

### *How do I apply?*

- 1 You must fill out an online Student Finance England DSA application form and supply evidence of your condition/s. This could be a copy of a medical letter from your GP, or a diagnosis report from a specialist teacher.
- 2 Student Finance will confirm your eligibility and contact you to arrange a Needs Assessment. Don't worry, this is not a test! This is a relaxed meeting to discuss your learning needs and identify the support you need.



### *What kind of support could I receive? ”*

- specialist equipment
- assistive technology and software
- skills tutor or sign language interpreter
- help with travel costs & study materials



**Top Tip:** Apply as early as you can – you don't need a confirmed university place to apply!

# Disability Support

When you go to university your Education, Health, and Care plan (EHCP) will end.

This does not mean you will have no support. There will be a dedicated team of staff to support disabled students at your chosen university.

This team may be called the Disabilities Service, Accessibility Team, or Student Support Services. They can provide guidance about funding, including applying for the Disabled Students' Allowance, and discuss what study adjustments you may need.

## What support could I receive?

Extensions on coursework

Worksheets in an accessible format

Accessible teaching rooms

Extra time in exams

Lecture recordings

Sign language interpreter

Induction loops

Unrestricted lift access

The disability support team can help create a study support plan individual to you and your needs.



# Open Days

Open Days are a great way to find out whether a university is right for you. You can experience the facilities first-hand and talk to the staff and students.

Your needs may impact on how accessible an Open Day is to you and how comfortable you feel. University Open Days are designed to be accessible, but you can always contact the university in advance with your concerns.

Don't miss out if you are unable to attend in person, you can also attend a Virtual Open Day.

## What to investigate when attending an Open Day:



Courses



Accommodation



Study facilities



Student's Union



Wider area

Or scan!



For a more detailed guide to help you on your journey to university visit:

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