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# Applying to University

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# Introduction

- Applying to University
- Personal Statements
- Top Tips



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### 2024 Application



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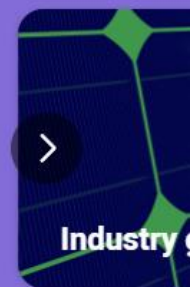
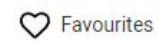
## Your next steps



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# What to do

Discover subjects and careers



## Discover subjects

### Subject guides

Discover what subjects you can do

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# UCAS APPLICATION

2024 Undergraduate application

Your Personal ID number

1779379267

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## Application **status**

### Centre information

You are not linked to a centre. Use the link below to link your application to your centre.

Add buzzword

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PROFILE

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# Profile

## Personal details

Name, age, title and gender

[Start this section](#)

## Contact & residency details

Address, email, telephone and where you live

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## Nationality details

Birthplace and nationalities

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## Supporting information

So that providers know how to support you during your studies

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## English language skills

Is English your first language?

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## Finance & funding

Tell us how you'll fund your study

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## Personal details

Contact and residency details

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**Title \***

**First and middle name(s) \***

Make sure your name is as it appears on any official documents, such as your passport, birth certificate or driving licence.

**Last name \***

Make sure your name is as it appears on any official documents, such as your passport, birth certificate or driving licence.

**Previous name(s)**

Tell us any other names you've been known by (for example maiden name), as it helps when we're matching educational records.

**Preferred name**

Let us know what we, and your chosen universities and colleges, should call you in our correspondence.

**Date of birth \***

Day    Month    Year

DD ▾	MM ▾	YYYY ▾
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## Contact details

Mobile telephone number

Other telephone number

**Email address \***

You can update your email address in your UCAS profile

**Postal address**

**Address type \***



## Nominated access

**Do you want someone else to be able to act, or speak on your behalf, about your application? e.g. A parent, teacher, other relative or guardian. If you are using an agent, you can choose to enter their details.**

You're able to enter details of someone you're happy to help manage your application - this is called nominated access.

Yes  No

# EMPLOYMENT

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**+**  
Add employment

## Add employment

**Company/organisation name \***

**Role title \***

**Company/organisation address \***

**Start date \***

Month Year

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**Finish date**

Month Year

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**Was/is your position full time or part time? \***

Full time  Part time

Save

Cancel

# Tips for Applicants

- Enter as much detail as you can
- Check everything is correct before submitting
- Be sure not to miss anything out
- Spell your name correctly!
- Don't use a school email address
- Create a sensible email address if you haven't already got one



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**[Personal statement](#)**

[Reference](#)

Our guide to [writing your personal statement](#) (opens in a new window) should help you complete this section.

We strongly recommend you write the statement using a word-processor and paste it in to your application.

You can type your statement directly into the box or edit a statement you have pasted in.

**Personal statement \***

Characters used: 15 of 4000 characters

Save draft

Save & Preview



You have used 0 of 47 lines based on the preview and 0 of 4000 characters.



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# Why is the Personal Statement Important?

- Provide evidence of skills needed for the course
- Prove interest in the subject
- Demonstrate your commitment
- Stand out from the crowd



# What do Admissions Tutors look for?

- Apply in time
- Reference
- Do they meet the entry requirements?
- Will they be able to cope with the academic demands of the course?
- Do they have a genuine interest and enthusiasm for the course?



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# Personal Statements: The Facts

- You can only write one personal statement
- Your personal statement can be a maximum of 4,000 characters or 47 lines, whichever comes first
- You should always keep a copy of your personal statement
- All applications are processed online
- UCAS has no spelling or grammar check
- UCAS has similarity detection software – make sure all work is your own
- You can't use **bold**, underlining or *italics*
- You apply through UCAS, not to universities directly

# Personal Statement Checklist

- Reasons for choosing the course or subject
- What you enjoy in any related subjects now
- Career goals
- Interests or hobbies
- School or college experience – positions of responsibility
- Work experience and employment
- Skills relevant to the course
- Motivation – Commitment – Enthusiasm

Remember, it is a statement not a story



# Get Involved



- Keep a note of your musical and sporting activities
- Consider taking part in voluntary activities



- Consider paid work, but remember to balance this alongside your studies
- Work experience is a good idea, particularly if you want to go into caring professions



- Make time for extra-curricular activities, for sleeping and having fun!



# How Not to Do it



"I am a keen to study Forensic Science as I love watching CSI, they always figure it out."



"My interest in medicine stems from my enjoyment of 'Greys Anatomy' and other related TV series."



"I am very interested in Law after watching 'Suits'."





# What can I talk about?

- University taster day or lecture
- Documentaries
- Current affairs and news stories
- Journals and articles
- Higher level texts
- Recent experiences or influences



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# Do

- Create a list of ideas before starting
- Focus on your strengths, not weaknesses
- Produce several drafts
- Ask people for feedback
- Research into the course and University
- Check your punctuation, grammar and spelling

# Don't

- Use words you don't understand
- Talk about irrelevant things
- Lie – you may be questioned at interview
- Talk about negatives/weaknesses
- Leave it too late
- Copy or download a personal statement - UCAS have plagiarism software

## Your choices



Add

### Add choice

University/college name \*

University of Birmingham

Course \*

Location \*

### Search for courses

 Find courses and providers

### Biochemistry (C700)

University of Birmingham (B32)

Location: Main Site

Start date: 30 September 2024

Further details: *Not provided*

Point of entry: 1st year

Deferred entry: No

Live at home while studying: No



If you've spoken to your chosen university or college and they are willing to consider your application to start the course after the first year, please enter the year you wish to start, e.g. 2nd year.

Save

Cancel



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## Biochemistry (Molecular and Cellular) (C700)

University of Oxford (O33)

Location: Lady Margaret Hall

Start date: 06 October 2024

Further details: *Not provided*

Point of entry: 1st year

Deferred entry: No

Live at home while studying: No

### INFO

**!** [There may be an assessment](#)

You may be required to attend an interview or audition or provide a portfolio, essay or other piece of work to help the course tutor decide if you're suitable for this course.



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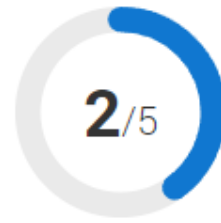
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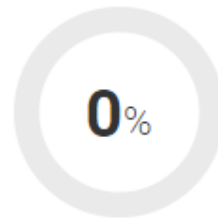
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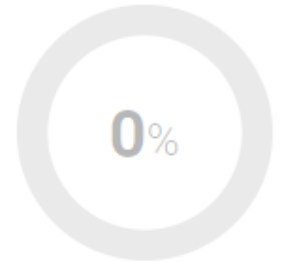
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# Key UCAS Facts

- All applications made online
- Maximum of five choices
- Some choice restrictions:
  - max 4 choices for Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and Dentistry
  - Oxford or Cambridge
- ‘Invisibility’
- Equal consideration



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# Additional Requirements

Before you receive an offer, you may be asked to complete:

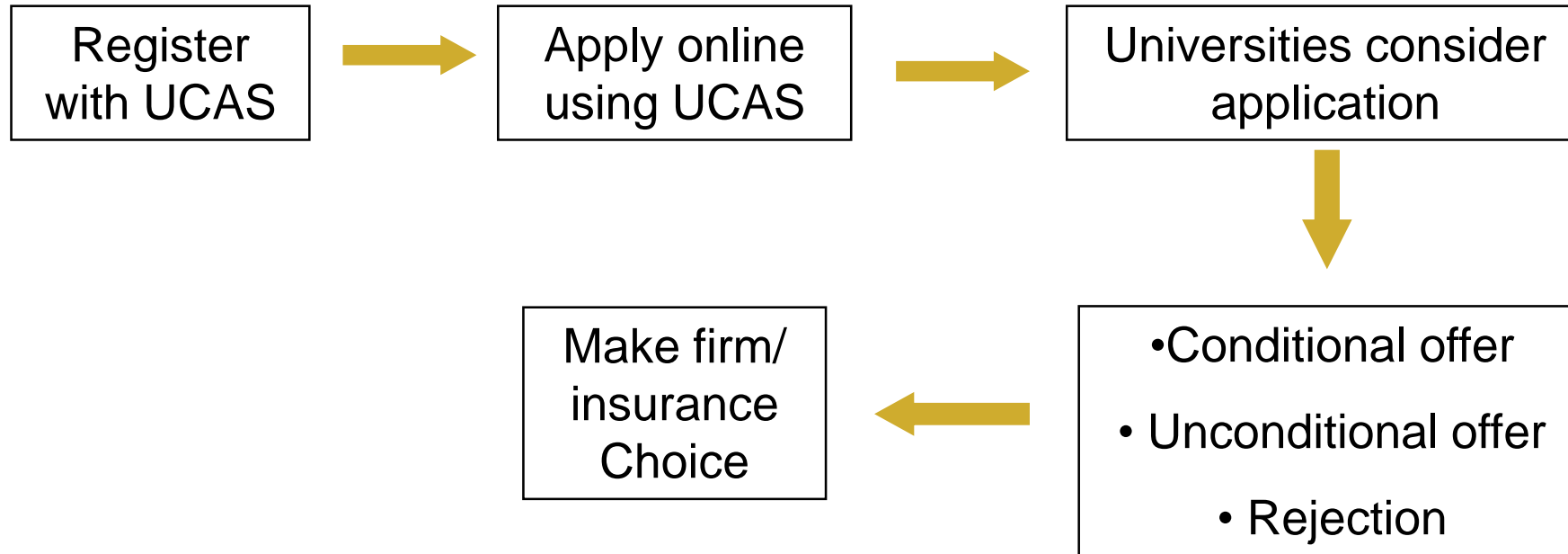
- Interview
- Admissions test
- Separate personal statement
- Monologue or video for drama and theatre arts
- Admissions essay
- Portfolio request



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# UCAS – Step by Step



# Offers

- Most applicants receive a Conditional Offer because they are still completing qualifications
- They can be expressed in:
  - UCAS tariff points (128 points)
  - Grades (ABB in A-Levels)
  - Specific Subjects (A in Biology)
  - Combination of all (128 points, including an A in Biology)
- Unconditional offers
- Invite to interview/portfolio request

# Replying to Offers

When all decisions have been received, you can hold a maximum of 2 offers:

- Firm Choice
- Insurance Choice
- All other offers are declined

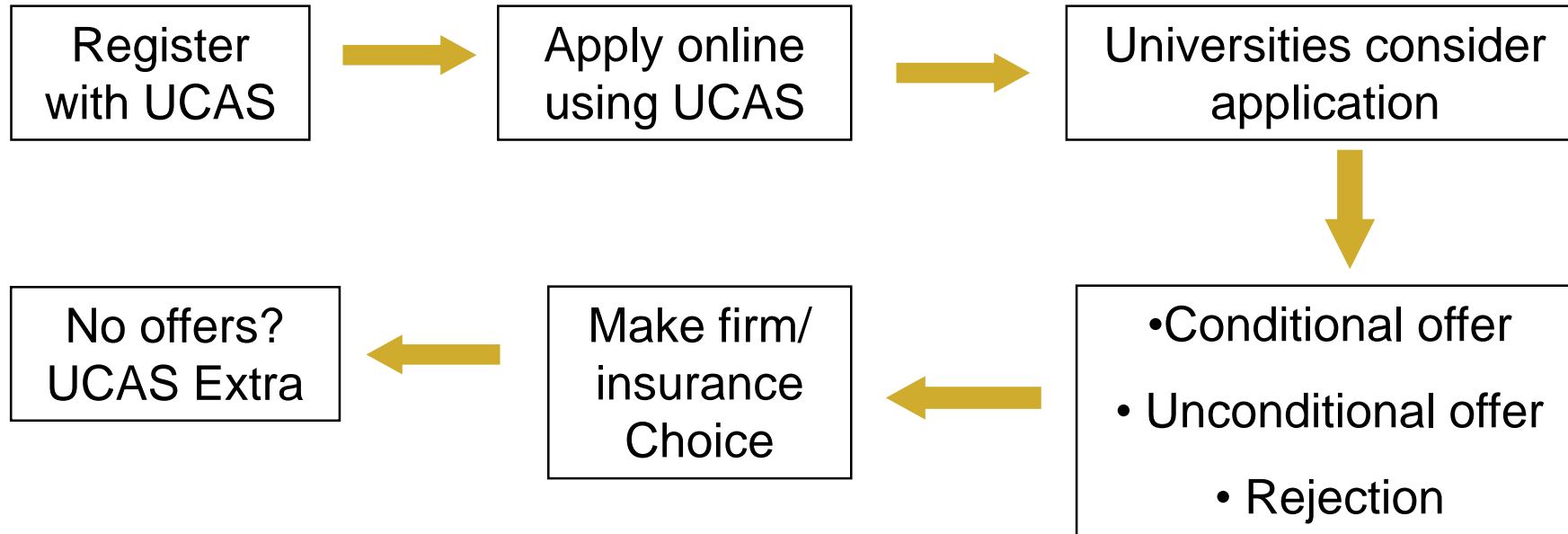
**FIRM:** where you really want to go

UCAS will show your Reply Date

**INSURANCE:** somewhere you would be happy to go if you don't get into your FIRM choice



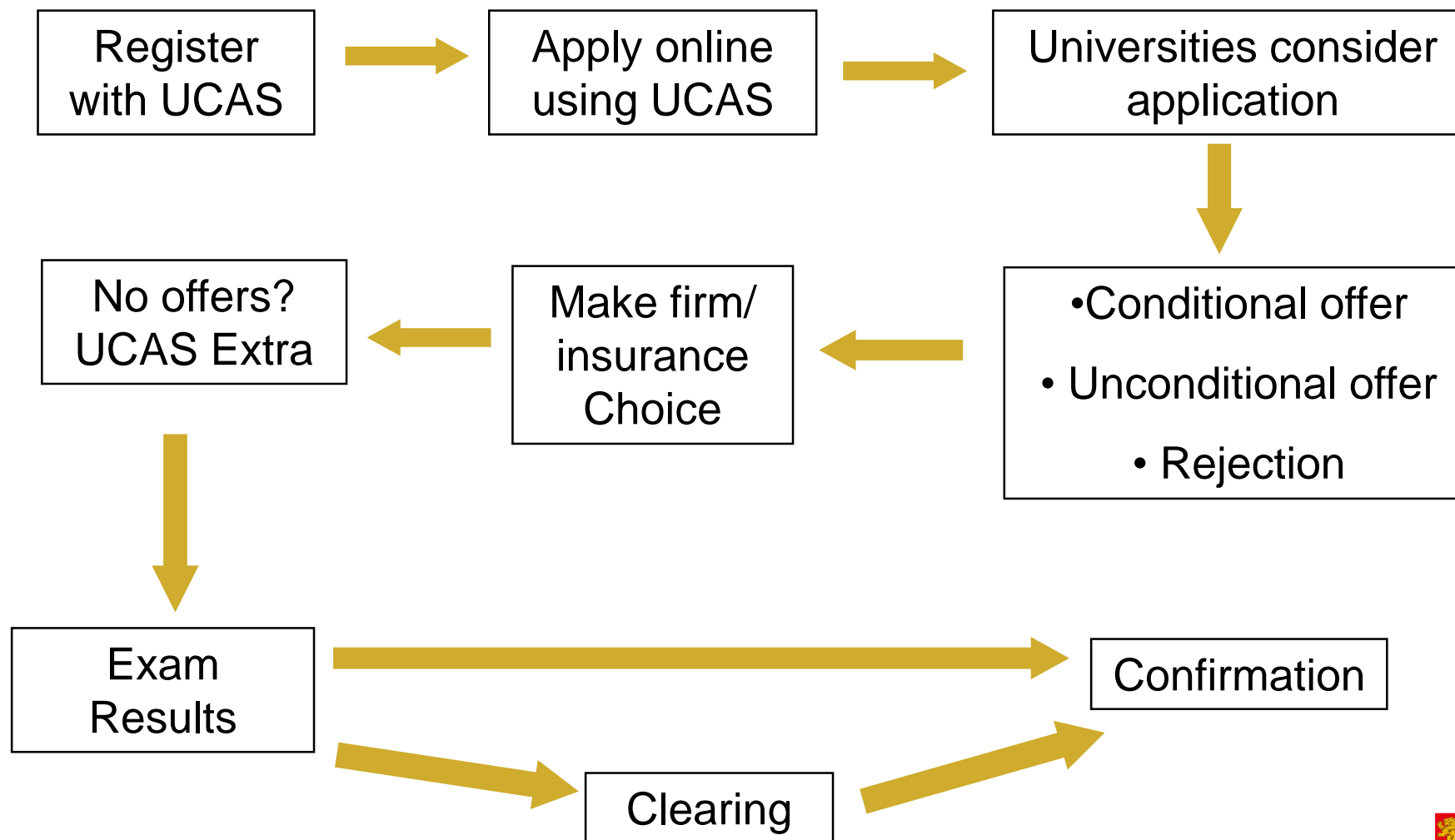
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# Who Can Use Extra?

- If you included five choices on your application, have received decisions from all five, and weren't accepted, or if you declined the offers you received
- If you did not use all your choices in your initial application, you can just add another choice
- If you don't hold any offers after 5 July, you will be able to add an additional choice using Clearing

# UCAS – Step by Step



# Summary

- Research both the courses and the universities that interest you, including a visit
- Be realistic, in terms of both your skills set and your likely academic attainment
- Discuss your choices with your teachers and family
- Spend time on your Personal Statement (and get someone else to read it each time you make a change)
- Use your school holidays wisely to read, research and complete extra-curricular activities e.g. volunteering, part-time work, hobbies
- Keep calm!



# Open Days

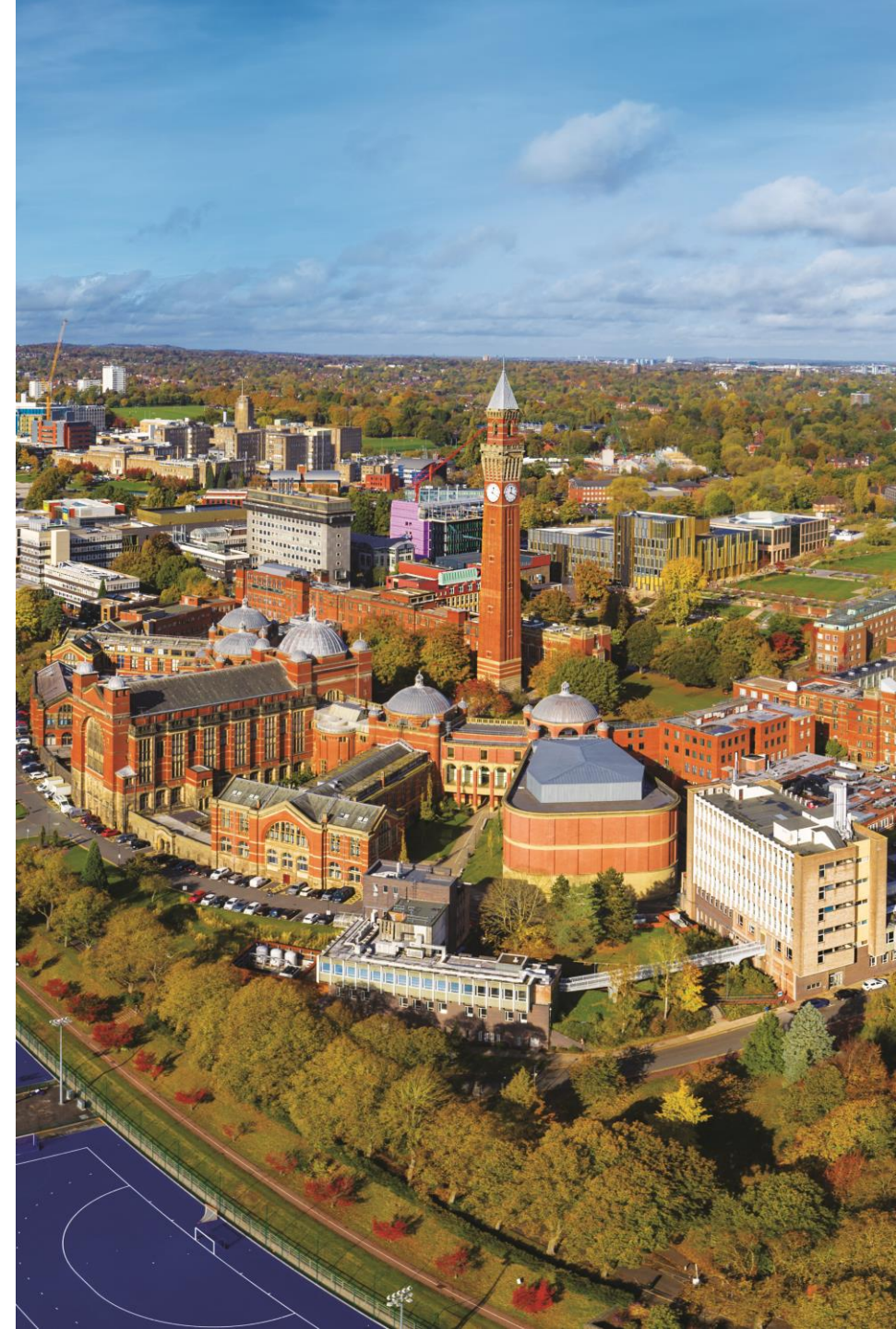
## Where it begins

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2024

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2024





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# Thank you! Any Questions?

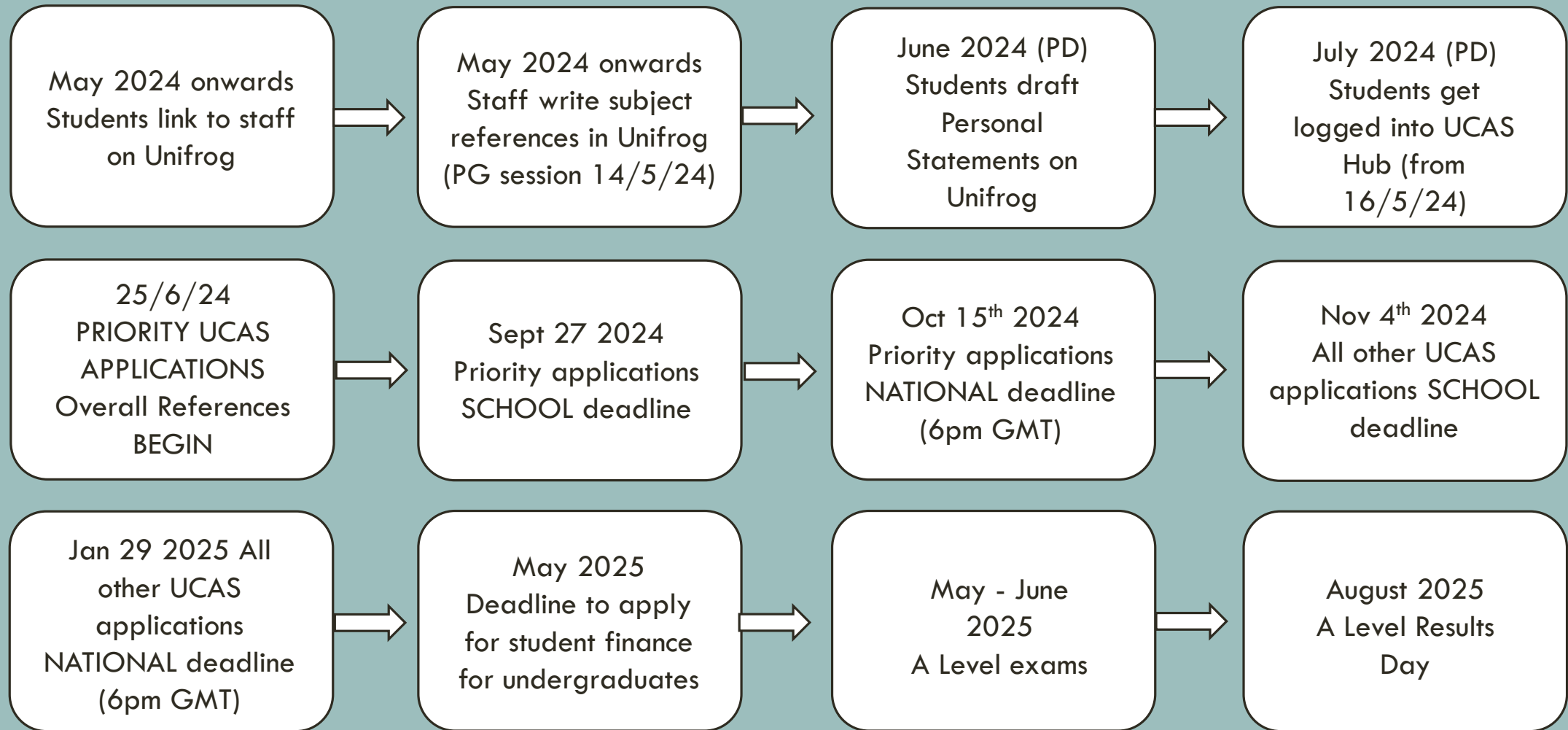


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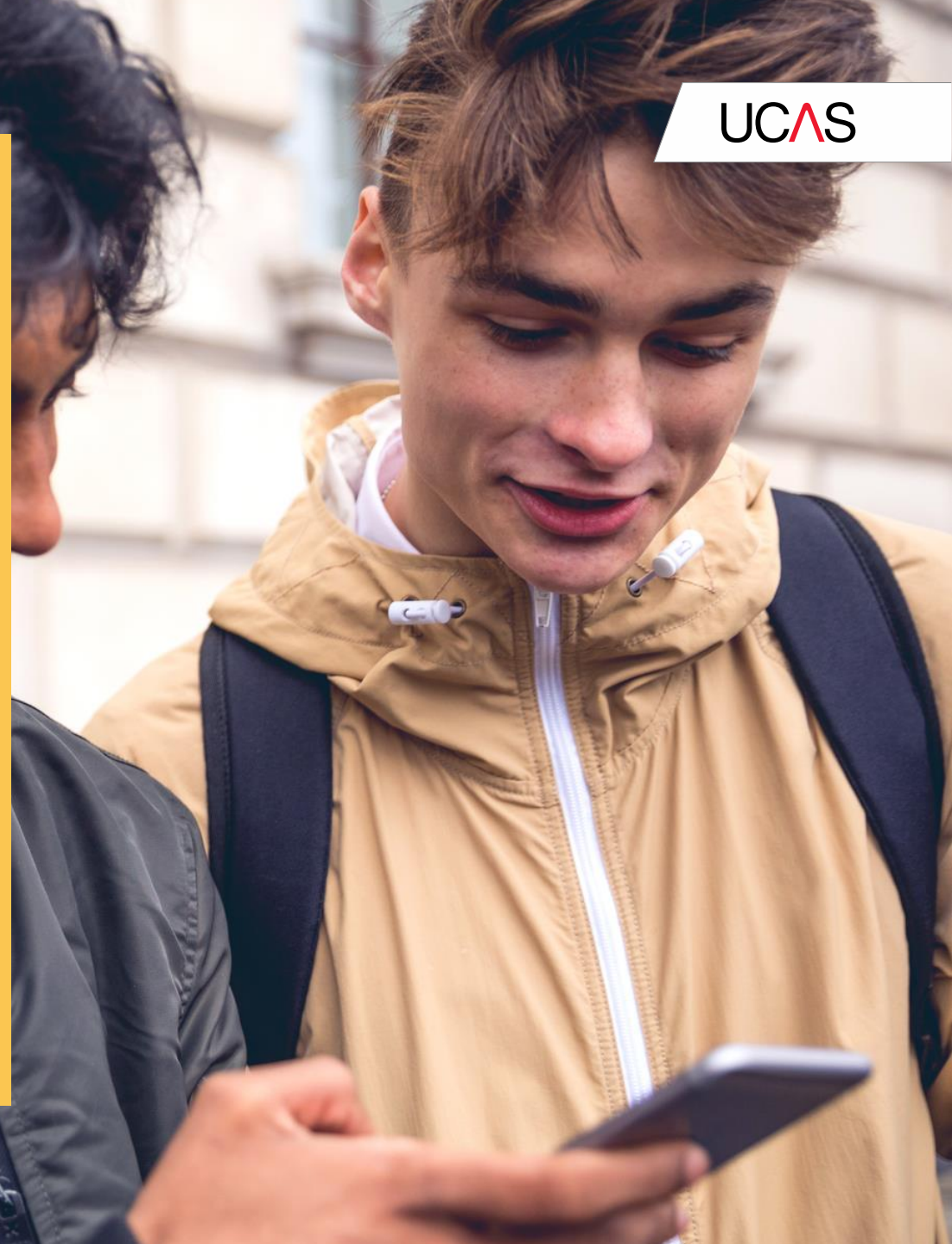


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# My Application

Registering for an Undergraduate application.



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Diversity and inclusion

Personal statement

Choices



**COMPLETED**



**INCOMPLETE**

**BY THE END OF THE SUMMER TERM 2024...**

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