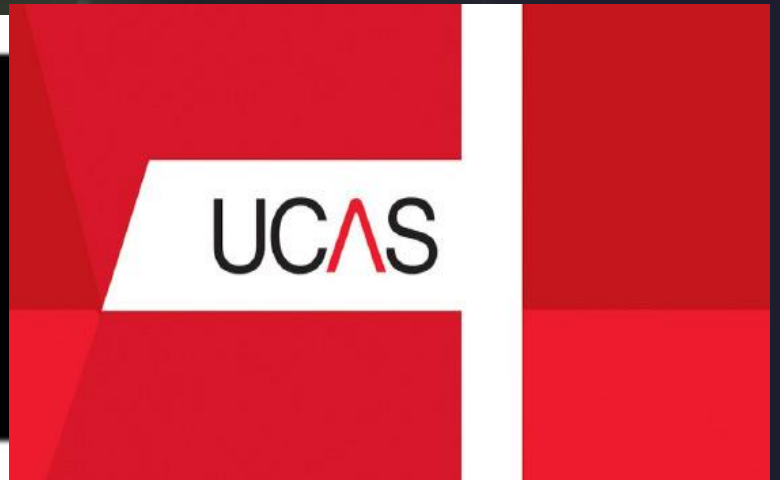
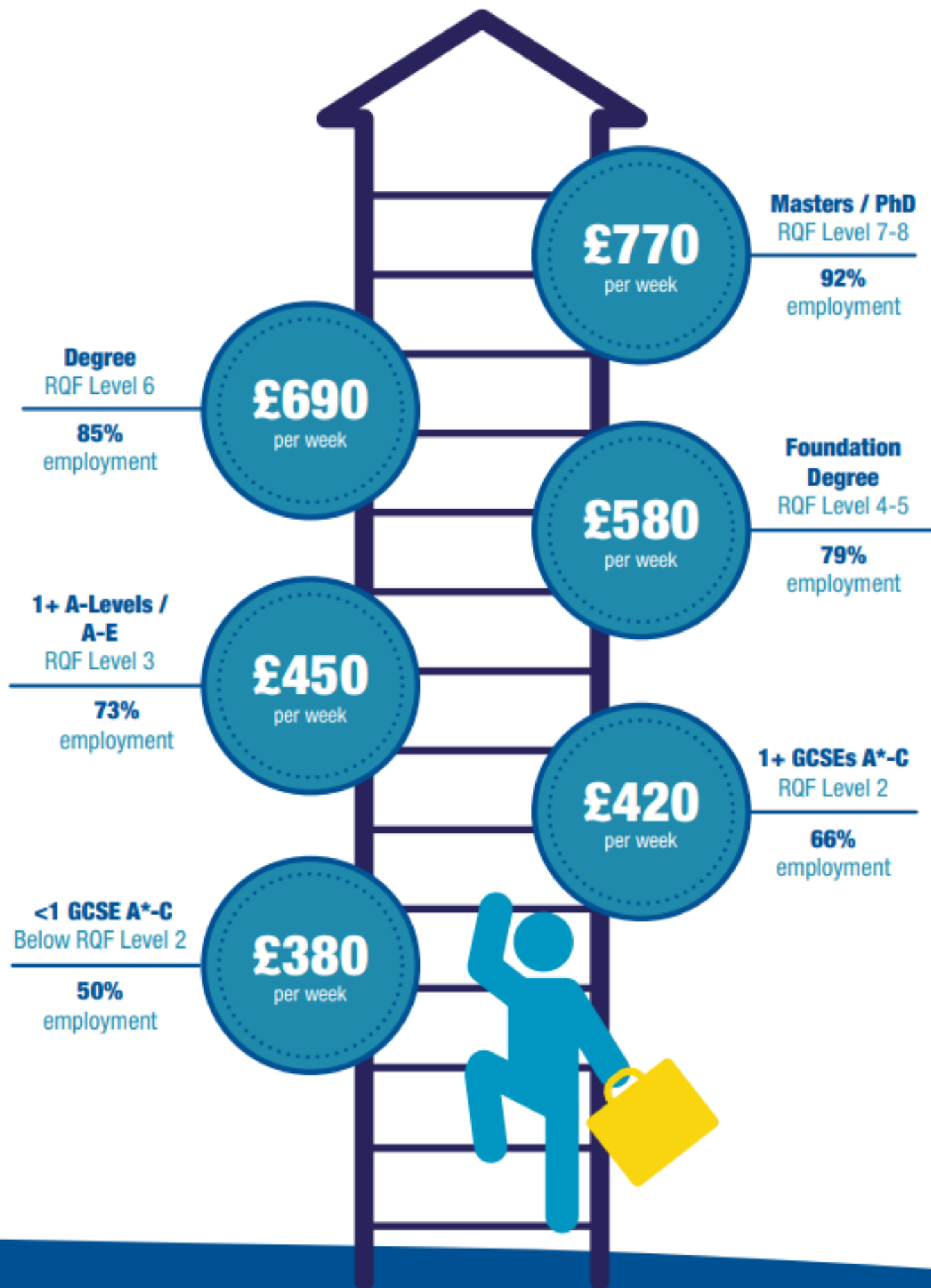


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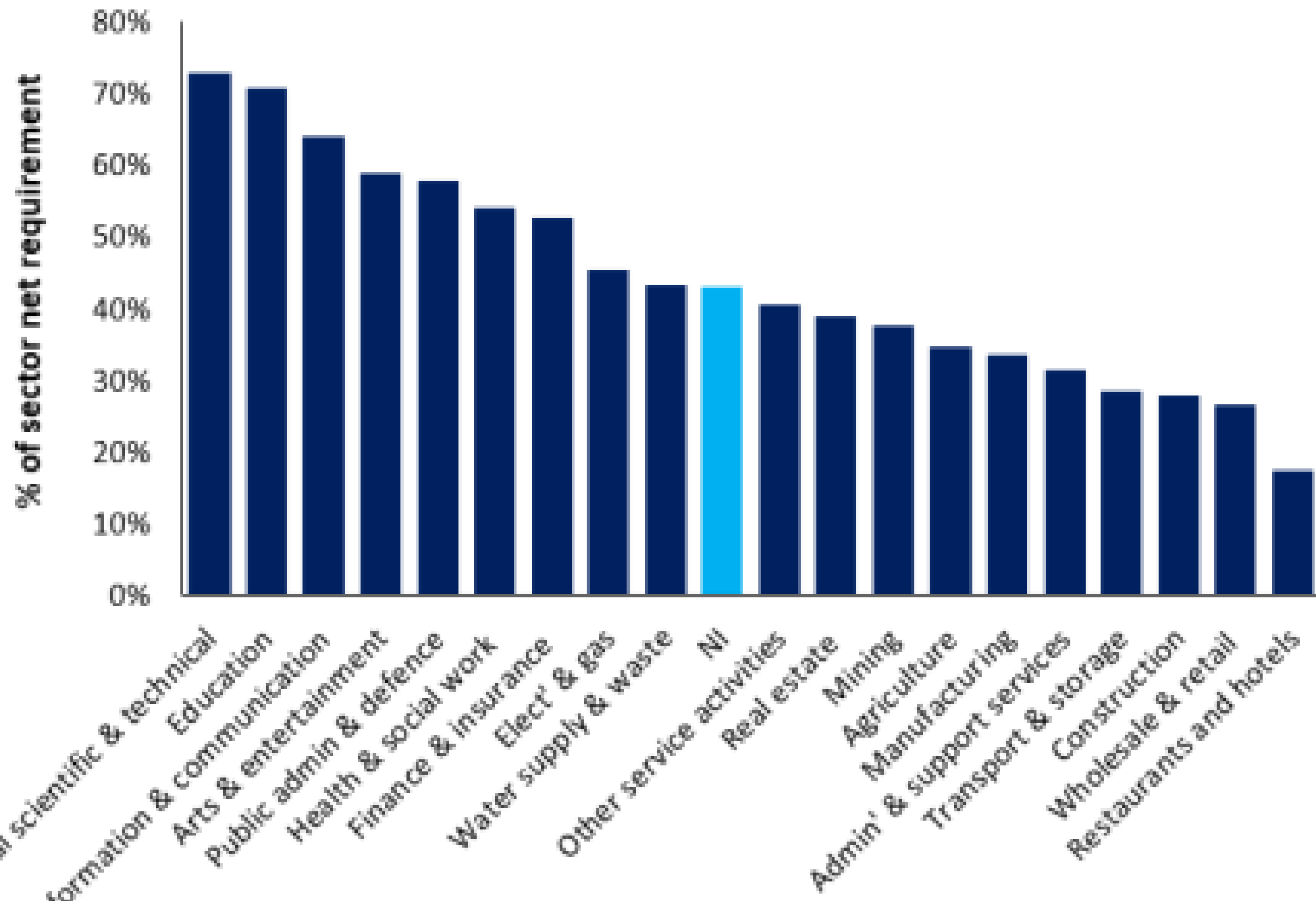


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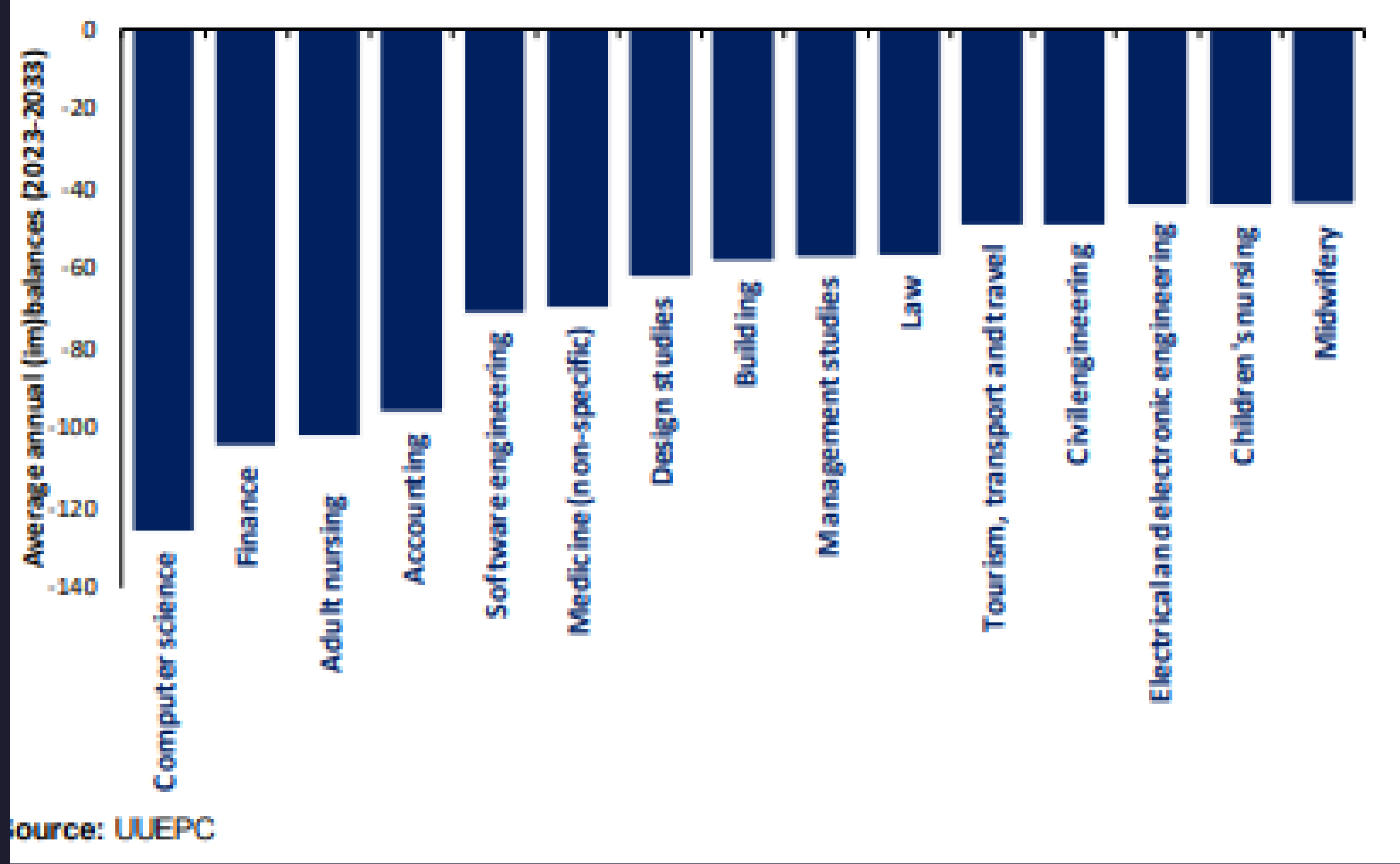


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Level 6+ Annual Average Net Requirement by Sector



Most undersupplied subject Level 6 NI 2023-2033



Careers Programme in U6th and L6th

Virtual and In-
person
Workshadowing
Events

University Talks

UCAS Exhibition

Lower 6 UCAS
Programme

Individual
Interviews in L6th
and in U6th

Open Days at
Local Universities

PATHWAYS 2024 –
19th September

UNIFROG

Interview
Skills
Day



Admission Tests

UCAT – all medicine applicants

LNAT – some law applicants

ESAT, MAT, PAT etc – Oxford and Cambridge

TMUA - Durham University, Lancaster

University, the University of Warwick, the

University of Sheffield or the University of

Southampton,





- Over the summer, students were advised to have researched what they want to study and where to study.
- They have been told that the most important thing is the **COURSE**.
- UNIFROG is a great tool for research for both courses and universities.



Things they should consider:

Make sure they are on target to meet the entry requirements required

Check A Level or equivalent of requirements as well as those at GCSE level

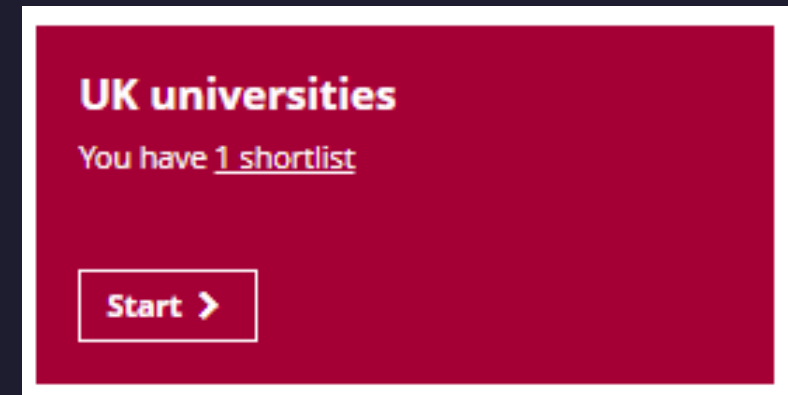
Are they required to sit an entrance exam, aptitude test or attend an interview?


Are they aware of what qualification you will achieve from your chosen degree?



Using the UK Universities tool

Unifrog has a tool that allows them to search for universities in the UK based on the factors most important to them. Log into Unifrog and scroll down to the 'UK universities' tool.



 What do you need to know about UK universities?

UK Universities

World class	In the QS world university rankings, four UK universities feature in the top 10, while a further 26 rank in the top 200. Generally the UK is considered second only to the US in terms of the number of top universities.
Earning potential	In the UK jobseekers without a degree earn up to £12,000 a year less than their graduate peers entering the job market, the equivalent of more than £500,000 over an average working life.
Sweet deal	British students studying at UK universities can get government loans to cover fees and living costs; the loans don't have to be paid back until after they are earning at least £26,575 a year, and even then the loans are paid back only gradually. EU students are (for the moment) entitled to the same treatment. Students from elsewhere in the world pay more to study at UK universities.
Applications	Students apply directly for specific degree programmes, eg 'History at Birmingham University'. This is unusual compared to other university systems, where students often only decide what they will major in in their second or third year of study.
Hierarchy	In the UK some universities are widely perceived as more prestigious than others, and have higher entry requirements. Unifrog gives you all the data you need to assess how prestigious universities are perceived to be - but our advice is to take this into consideration along with other factors, such as how your chosen subject area is taught.
UCAS	You can apply to a maximum of 5 degree programmes per year, all via one form on UCAS. Although it takes some effort to make your application as strong as possible, the process is straightforward compared to most other university systems.

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












Using the UK Universities tool

Enter the potential grades and select up to 10 subjects related to what they wish to study.

Select courses below

Pick the best courses for you by ranking, filtering and searching. Click next when you're done.
Stuck on a strange term? Check out the [glossary](#) ▾

Rank ▾ Filter ▾

Aspirational (4) Top of your range	Solid (11) In the middle	Safe (70) At the bottom
<p> Liberal Arts - 3FT BA (Hons)  Durham University RG A Level: A*,A,A</p>	<p> Liberal Arts - 3FT BA (Hons)  King's College London, University of London RG A Level: A,A,A</p>	<p> German and Russian Studies - 4FT MA (Hons)  The University of Edinburgh RG A Level: A,B,B-A,A,A</p>
<p> European Social and Political Studies (4 years) - 4FT BA (Hons)  UCL (University College London) RG A Level: A*,A,A</p>	<p> Liberal Arts - 4FT MLibArts  Queen's University Belfast RG A Level: A,A,A</p>	<p> Liberal Arts - 3FT BA (Hons)  University of Bristol RG A Level: A,B,B-A,A,A</p>
<p> German and Beginners' Russian - 4FT + Abroad BA (Hons)  University of Oxford</p>	<p> Liberal Arts - 3FT BA (Hons)  University of Nottingham RG A Level: A,A,A</p>	<p> Liberal Arts With Study Abroad - 4FT MLibArts  University of Bristol</p>

The longlist will show every relevant course. It's sorted into Aspirational, Solid, and Safe options.



Predicted Grades Policy

In line with UCAS guidance, departments will not base predicted grades on what students require to apply for a particular course or university or on the basis of their promise to work harder to achieve it. Inflated predicted grades lead to a poor correlation between predictions and outcomes, undermining the integrity of our predictions with many universities. Re-sit examinations cannot be taken into account at the time of making predicted grades for application to university.



Predicted Grades Policy

The College adopts an optimistic, consistent and evidence-led approach across the student body when determining predicted grades. In coming to an honest professional judgement, departments will use:

- AS results (where AS examinations have been taken). *For the vast majority of students, their AS examination result will automatically become their predicted grade.*
- UMS scores for consideration of whether a student sits close to a higher grade boundary (*close would normally be within 5 UMS marks of a higher grade boundary*).
- UMS scores for predicting the A* grade (for prediction of the A* grade, pupils should be achieving 90%+ UMS at AS).
- UMS scores for predicting performance in A level Further Mathematics. As Further Mathematics Specification is a separate subject, Mathematics grades attained at AS cannot be used for Further Mathematics predictions. However, **A level Mathematics UMS scores will form the basis of Further Mathematics Predicted Grades.**
- Internal Assessment results for final L6 examinations (linear subjects)
- Evidence of commitment and work ethic in L6, where the AS result is demonstrably different to performance consistently seen in assessment throughout L6th.
- **The College will not predict below a D grade.**

In summary, the College's process is evidence-based and realistic utilising tangible data.



Predicted Grade Policy

Early Applicants

Those applying for Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Medicine have an earlier deadline for UCAS application, with forms submitted internally in September and sent to UCAS early in October. The early applicant group are applying to some of the most competitive courses in the UK and therefore **MUST** have strong AS performance to support a competitive application. Predicted grades will be based on their AS performance where available as there will not be sufficient time to re-assess work in their Upper 6th year.

Standard Applicants

If a standard applicant is unhappy with their AS performance/predicted grade, they will have one opportunity to improve this grade based in each subject on one substantive assessment to take place in the first term of their A2 year. Pupils apply for this additional assessment opportunity [here](#) by the end of September of their A2 year; **late applications will not be accepted**. Each subject will set out the specific details of what this additional assessment will involve/when it will take place. Departments will use the results of this additional assessment to either move a predicted grade up or to confirm the original predicted grade; predicted grades will not be moved down on the basis of this assessment.

Information from UCAS for Parents

The best place for parents and guardians to get the support they need is www.ucas.com/parents. Here they'll have access to a wide range of guidance and resources, all designed to help them through the different stages of the application process:

- ▶ **Parent videos** – for advice, hints, and useful tips.
- ▶ **Parent newsletters** – all the updates and information they need, along with timely explanations of the application process. Parents and guardians can sign up at www.ucas.com/parents-signup.



Daisy's UCAS Application

Personal details

COMPLETE ✓

Title	Miss
First and middle name(s)	Mathilda Daisy
Last name	White
Previous name(s)	
Preferred name	Daisy
Date of birth	01 January 2008
Gender	Woman

Nationality

COMPLETE ✓

What is your country of birth?	United Kingdom
What is your nationality?	UK national
Dual nationality	

Where you live

COMPLETE ✓

Add the addresses you have been living at since 1st September 2023 to the present day.

Address 1 (Current address)

Dates you lived here:	01/2008 - Present
Address:	2 Rugby Court, Belfast, County Antrim, BT7 1PN
Reason:	Permanent home
Please confirm your home address	
Home address:	2 Rugby Court, Belfast, County Antrim, BT7 1PN
Area of permanent residence	Belfast
Residential category	UK Citizen - Northern Ireland

Contact details

COMPLETE ✓

Mobile number	+447896926853
Other telephone number	+447896926852
Email address	tmccrum861@c2ken.net
Postal address	2 Rugby Court, Belfast, County Antrim, BT7 1PN

Nominated access

Do you want someone else to act, or speak on your behalf, about your application?	Yes
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Daisy's UCAS Application

Supporting information

COMPLETE ✓

Have you ever lived or worked in the EU (excluding the UK), European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland? No

Do you have a parent, step parent, spouse or civil partner who is an EU (excluding the UK), EEA or Swiss national? No

Finance & funding

COMPLETE ✓

What will be your main source of funding for your studies? UK, Chl, IoM or EU student finance services

Student support arrangements LGR 2024 NIBd - Belfast

Diversity & inclusion

COMPLETE ✓

Equality monitoring

Ethnic origin White

Care support information

Have you been in care? No

Parental education Yes

Occupational background Accountant

More about you

COMPLETE ✓

Every year, over 60,000 students with a physical and/or mental health condition, long-term illness, or learning difference apply through UCAS to study at a university or college in the UK, and access a range of support available to help with their studies, day-to-day activities, travel, or lifestyle.

Would you consider yourself as living with any of the following? A learning difference (e.g. dyslexia, dyspraxia, or AD(H)D)

Further details about your disability I get extra time in my examinations.

Would you consider yourself estranged from both your parents (i.e. you are not in contact with and supported by either of your parents)? No

Do you have any unpaid caring responsibilities (not including parenting)? No

Are you a parent or do you have parenting responsibilities for a child aged 17 or under? No

Daisy's UCAS Application

Methodist College

September 2019 - June 2026

National centre number: 71237

Type of study: Full time

Study mode: In person

GCE Advanced Level (A Level)

Biology

Awarding organisation: CCEA Grade:
 Qualification date: August 2026

Chemistry

Awarding organisation: CCEA Grade:
 Qualification date: August 2026

GCE Advanced Subsidiary

Biology

Awarding organisation: CCEA Grade: A
 Qualification date: August 2025

Chemistry

Awarding organisation: CCEA Grade: C
 Qualification date: August 2025

Chemistry

Awarding organisation: CCEA Grade:
 Qualification date: August 2026

Awarding organisation: CCEA Grade: A

Qualification date: August 2025

Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Cert RQF (360) (2016 to Present) Sport

Awarding organisation: Pearson Grade:
 Qualification date: August 2026

Module(s)

Module title	Grade	Qualification date
Application of Fitness Testing		August 2026
Professional Development in the Sports Industry		August 2026
Anatomy and Physiology	Distinction	August 2025
Fitness Training and Programming for Health, Spor	Distinction	August 2025

General Certificate of Secondary Education (Grade 9-1) First awarded 2017 Russian

Awarding organisation: Edexcel Grade: 9
 Qualification date: August 2024

General Certificate of Secondary Education (Grade A*-G) Chemistry

Awarding organisation: CCEA Grade: A
 Qualification date: August 2024

English Language

Awarding organisation: CCEA Grade: A
 Qualification date: August 2024

English Literature

Awarding organisation: CCEA Grade: B
 Qualification date: August 2024

French

Awarding organisation: CCEA Grade: A*
 Qualification date: August 2024

Daisy's UCAS Application

Choices

COMPLETE ✓

Physiotherapy (B160)

Ulster University (U20)

Campus: Derry-Londonderry

Start date: September 2026

Point of entry: Year 1

You may need to take an admissions test

As part of the application process for this course you may need to sit the following admissions test: Institution's own test

Live at home while studying: No

(IOT)

Deferred entry: No

Criminal convictions: Undeclared

Physiotherapy (B162)

University of Plymouth (P60)

Campus: Main Site

Start date: September 2026

Point of entry: Year 1

Live at home while studying: No

Deferred entry: No

Criminal convictions: Undeclared

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 tutor decide if you're suitable for this course.

Physiotherapy (B162)

Cardiff University (C15)

Campus: Main Site - Cardiff

Start date: September 2026

Point of entry: Year 1

Live at home while studying: No

Deferred entry: No

Physiotherapy (B160)

University of Liverpool (L41)

Campus: Main Site

Start date: September 2026

Point of entry: Year 1

Live at home while studying: No

Deferred entry: No

Criminal convictions: Undeclared

Medical Physiology (B120)

University of Manchester (M20)

Campus: Main Site

Start date: September 2026

Point of entry: Year 1

Live at home while studying: No

Deferred entry: No

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 tutor decide if you're suitable for this course.

More about you

UCAS Free School Meals Application Fee Waiver

You must answer, 'Yes' to this question in 'More about you' to identify you are eligible for the free school meals application fee waiver.

The college need to agree to the eligibility when reviewing the application and will be checking with SIMS.

Are you currently receiving free school meals, or were you in receipt of free school meals between the ages of 11 to 18?

Yes No Don't know

Mark this section as complete *

You must complete all mandatory fields in this section before you can mark it as complete. All sections must be marked as complete before you can send your application.

Save this section



Help for free school meals

Young people in the UK are usually eligible for free school meals if their parents or carers are on a low income or in receipt of certain benefits. If you're not sure, ask your school – they will be able to confirm this for you. You may also be eligible if you're paid qualifying benefits directly, instead of through your parent or carer. For more information about answering this question read our [FAQs](#).



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Free School Meal Application Fee Waiver

If you are eligible for the free school meals waiver you need to choose ‘Apply with FSM fee waiver’, when you ‘Pay and submit’.

If you can't see this option but think you're eligible:

1. Check you have answered ‘Yes’ to the question in ‘More about you’.
2. Check with your school or college BEFORE entering any card details.

Once you pay by card (even if you are eligible), this cannot be reversed; a fee waiver cannot be applied after you have completed the pay and submit process.

1 Check your application 2 Terms and conditions 3 Pay and submit

Pay and **submit**

Which payment option should I choose?

You cannot amend this choice later so please select the right option for you.

Free school meals (FSM) waiver

You have answered 'yes' to the free school meal question. You should use the 'Apply with FSM fee waiver' below.

UCAS is waiving the application fee for students who have received **free school meals funded by the UK government**; if you have received free school meals at any point in the last six years, you do not need to pay the UCAS application fee.





Your school, college or centre will need to agree you receive/have received free school meals, once you submit your application.

[Check if you are eligible](#)

[Apply with FSM fee waiver](#)

Pay by card

Select this option if you are paying the application fee of £28.95 yourself. We accept the following credit and debit cards for payment.

Amount due £28.95

The next screen you see may be from your card issuer. It is here to give you added protection when making online payments.

[Pay by card](#)

[Back to Terms and conditions](#) [Return to application](#)



Disability advisors and learning support coordinators

Every university or college has a disability advisor or learning support coordinator to help your son/daughter get the most out of their time in higher education.

They can tell them about the support available, for example, equipment to help them study.

You or your son/daughter may find it useful to contact the university or college's disability adviser or disability coordinator before they make a final decision about where to study. It is also a good idea to go and check the institution out for themselves.

When applying to a university, they do not have to tell them about their disability but they will need to do so to get additional support or funding.



Where can I get more information or support about applying to higher education with a physical and/or mental health condition, learning difference or long-term illness?

- [Find out more about applying to higher education if you are a disabled student, or if you have a physical or mental health condition, learning difference or long-term illness.](#)
- [NADP is the National Association of Disability Practitioners](#) – you can find out more about your rights and the support available.
- [Lead Scotland](#) can provide advice and information for Scottish students.
- [The National Autistic Society \(NAS\)](#) can provide help and information for students with autistic spectrum conditions, including Asperger's syndrome.
- [Student Minds](#) is the student mental health charity. Their [Know Before You Go](#) and [Transitions](#) guides will help you make a successful start in higher education.
- [UMHAN](#) is the University Mental Health Advisers Network – students can [find information about their rights and the support on their website.](#)
- [Disability Rights UK](#) has a lot of [information and guidance](#) for students, including a [helpline](#). You can also [read their blog.](#)
- [Find out more about applying for Disabled Students' Allowance.](#)

Student Loans and Grants

- **Available Support**

NI students can apply for fee and maintenance funding **online** through SFNI

EU students can apply for fee loan only support. **Postal** applications only using form EU25N.

- **Eligibility**

SFNI will determine eligibility. Students should contact their local SFNI office if they have any queries about eligibility

[SFNI Eligibility Criteria Presentation 25-26](#)



Available Support

- Tuition Fee Loan –
 - up to £4,855 per year for study at NI universities,
 - £9,535 for study at universities in England, Scotland and Wales
- Maintenance Loan – based on household income
- Maintenance Grant – for lower-income households
- Special Support Grant
- Extra Help – e.g. Disabled Students' Allowance, Childcare Grants

Studying in the Republic of Ireland

Students who normally live in Northern Ireland and choose to study at a relevant institution of higher education in the Republic of Ireland (public university or college) are not charged a tuition fee, however they are required to pay a student contribution charge. SFNI offer a Student Contribution Loan to help cover this charge.



Quick Guide for Students

1. Apply via studentfinancenl.co.uk
2. Opens to new Undergraduate students March of each year
3. New students should create an online account when applying
4. Provide income details up to thresholds only
5. Apply early!!! You do not need a confirmed place at University to make an application. Late applications may delay payments in time for the start of your course.
6. Fee loan payments are paid direct to your university or college on your behalf and you only have to start repaying it once you've left your course and are earning over £26,065 a year.



Maintenance Loan and Grant Support Income Levels SFNI 2025/26 – Living at home

Student living at home

Household Income	Maintenance Grant	Maintenance Loan	Total
Up to £19,203	£3,475	£4,450	£7,925
£20,000	£3,300	£4,493	£7,793
£25,000	£2,201	£4,764	£6,965
£30,000	£1,215	£5,085	£6,300
£35,000	£689	£5,611	£6,300
£41,065	£50	£6,250	£6,300
£41,540	£0	£6,300	£6,300
£42,000	£0	£6,220	£6,220
£45,000	£0	£5,695	£5,695
£50,528 plus*	£0	£4,726	£4,726 Only £4,726 payable at this level



Maintenance Loan and Grant Support Income Levels SFNI 2025/26 – Living away from home (exc London)

Student living way from home (excluding London)

Household Income	Maintenance Grant	Maintenance Loan	Total
Up to £19,203	£3,475	£6,282	£9,757
£20,000	£3,300	£6,325	£9,625
£25,000	£2,201	£6,596	£8,797
£29,019	£1,318	£6,814	£8,132
£30,000	£1,215	£6,917	£8,132
£35,000	£689	£7,443	£8,132
£41,065	£50	£8,082	£8,132
£41,540	£0	£8,132	£8,132
£42,000	£0	£8,052	£8,052
£45,000	£0	£7,527	£7,527
£53,035 plus*	£0	£6,099	£6,099 Only £6,099 payable at this level



Maintenance Loan and Grant Support Income Levels SFNI 25/26 – Studying in London

Student studying in London

Household Income	Maintenance Grant	Maintenance Loan	Total
Up to £19,203	£3,475	£9,541	£13,016
£20,000	£3,300	£9,584	£12,884
£25,000	£2,201	£9,855	£12,056
£29,019	£1,318	£10,073	£11,391
£30,000	£1,215	£10,176	£11,391
£35,000	£689	£10,702	£11,391
£41,065	£50	£11,341	£11,391
£41,540	£0	£11,391	£11,391
£42,000	£0	£11,311	£11,311
£45,000	£0	£10,786	£10,786
£57,653 plus*	£0	£8,453	£8,453 Only £8,453 payable at t



What's the purpose of the personal statement?

It's your chance to:

- **show** your curiosity, knowledge and passion.
- **evidence** relevant skills and your potential.
- **communicate** your genuine interest and a desire to learn more.

Question prompts are there to help you but remember to:

- **link** your academic, extra-curricular and other experiences to your chosen area(s) of study.
- use relevant **examples** throughout your personal statement.

Don't panic about the sections:

- the important thing is to **explain** why you're including the example.
- reflect on what you've **learned** from it.
- the statement will still be reviewed as one piece.



Remember there's no right or wrong!



Format and structure



Three sections with question prompts



4,000-total character count split across sections



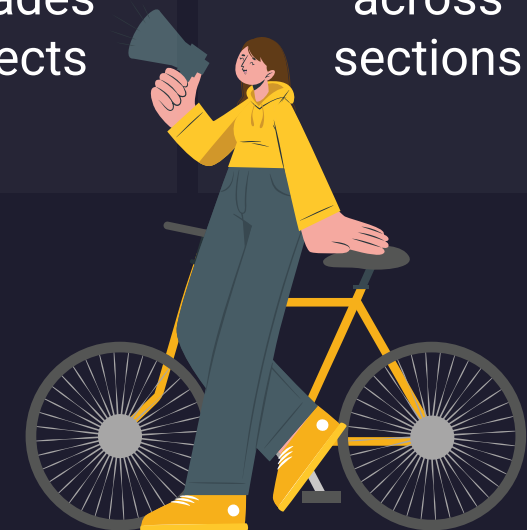
Minimum character count 350 characters per section



Don't waste characters listing grades and subjects



Don't repeat information across sections



What are the questions?



“ Why do you want to study this course or subject? ”



“ How have your qualifications and studies helped you to prepare for this course or subject? ”



“ What else have you done to prepare outside of education, and why are these experiences useful? ”



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Universities & colleges will consider

- Have you chosen the course for the right reasons?
- Do you have a depth of interest in the subject?
- Do you appear motivated and committed?
- Can you study independently?
- Are you genuinely engaged and knowledgeable about the area you're applying to?



Research is the foundation

Research and preparation is key when they are starting to think about your personal statement.

Before they start writing anything, take some time to:

- mind map what they might want to include
- build up a bank of examples they can refer to
- list evidence of their skills and experiences
- rank their evidence and examples that are MOST relevant to the course(s) they are thinking of applying to



Using Unifrog to help draft the personal statement

Materials

UK personal statement

✕ Started



Write

Add, edit and delete text

Preview

How it looks as one section



Section 1

Why do you want to study this course or subject?

Characters: 0 (Min 350. Our recommendation is about 1200)

Start >



Section 2

How have your qualifications and studies helped you to prepare for this course or subject?

Characters: 0 (Min 350. Our recommendation is about 1400)

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Section 3

What else have you done to prepare outside of education, and why are these experiences useful?

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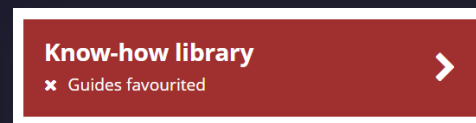


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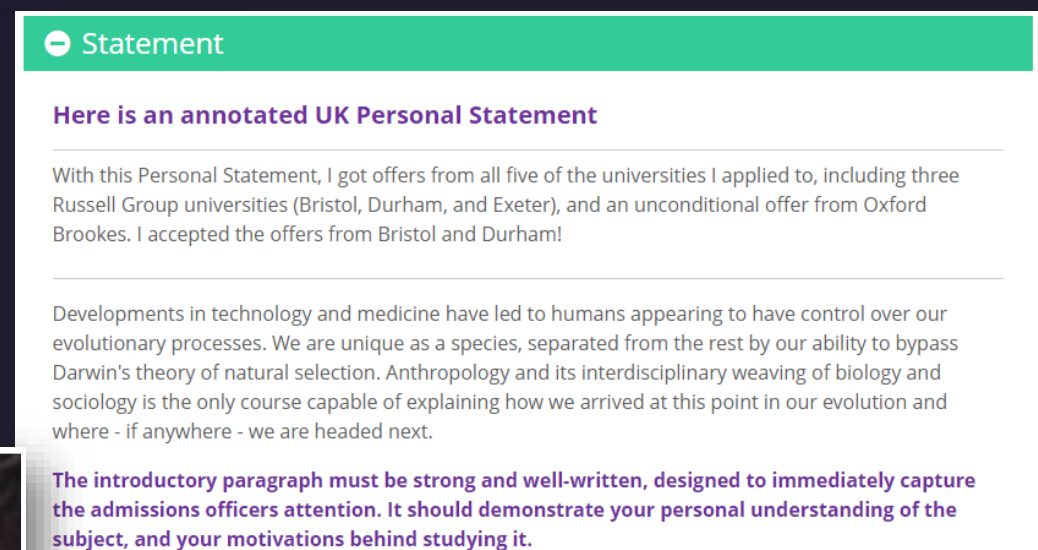
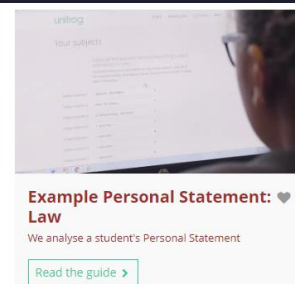
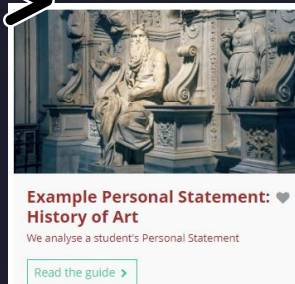
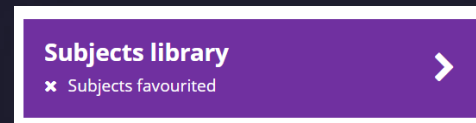
Using Unifrog to help finalise the personal statement

Research can be done using the following Unifrog tools:

- Know-how library



- Subjects library



When ready to send the UCAS Form

- All sections ticked
- They must agree to share information with us
- Pay fee online - £28.95
- UCAS will waive the fee for any students who receives Free School in last six years
- Remember to click to allow the College access to your TRACK
- Click on “Send to Referee”
- Parents to send email to Careers tutor to confirm that they are happy with the completed form



School Deadline

All Early
Deadlines forms
must be ready to
hand in on
**Tuesday 23rd
September.**

All other Forms
should be ready
for **Wednesday
12th November**



What happens next?

- Writing Reference and checking
- Full check of application form
- Sort out queries with student
- Corrections
- Send to UCAS



- Might look to you that nothing is happening!
- BUT IT IS.
- Early deadline applications take priority.



- UCAS sends application to universities
- Some respond quickly
- Some wait until after closing date before deciding
- Interviews?
- Offers/rejections!
- Given reply date – provisional 6th May 2026



- Students choose 2 of their offers
 - CF – 1st Choice
 - CI – 2nd Choice
 - Don't withdraw without seeing me!
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- Provisionally – 13th August 2026
 - Students should be here that day and for a few days afterwards
 - Confirm destinations



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- Can use alongside UCAS
- Students will receive more information concerning this during a tutorial session in October/November – the system will not be live till 5th November 2026
- Very different system
- We have no access to it



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How do I work out my points score?

The equivalence will be calculated as follows:

Points conversion table			
Grade	Best 3 A-Levels	4th A level	AS Level/EPQ ¹
A*	192	24	24
A	165	24	24
B	142	20	20
C	120	18	18
D	100	16	16
E	67	14	14

Single Sitting:

A single sitting refers to a single academic year (i.e. 2025 academic year runs from September 2024-August 2025)

Bonus points for mathematics:

25 additional points will be awarded for a grade E or better in A level Mathematics. This applies to only ONE mathematics subject of the following: Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Pure Mathematics, and only where that subject is used as one of the subjects for scoring purposes. NB Mathematics and Pure Mathematics cannot be counted separately for points purposes.



**Their applications, their
Future.
Their responsibility!**

