

YOUR UNI APPLICATION TIMELINE

Started thinking about university? We get it, the application process can feel super intense. Don't worry! We've mapped out exactly what happens when so you can feel confident about each step, without the added stress. LET'S GO!

MAY TO JULY

University research season begins!

This is your time to start seeing what's out there. You can start exploring all the courses, unis and entry requirements.

Loads of universities start their open days, too. Go! Chat to current students and get a feel for what uni life could be like. It'll make your decisions so much easier.

SEPTEMBER

UCAS >> applications can officially be submitted (you can start your application much earlier, though). There's a lot to get through, so take your time! Here's what you'll need:

1. Personal and contact details
2. How you expect to pay uni fees
3. Education and any paid work details
4. Hobbies
5. Your personal statement
6. References
7. Your university choices

Your personal statement is super important and your opportunity to show who you are outside your grades. Talk about your passions, what you want for the future and why you've applied for the course.

OCTOBER

First huge deadline! Applications for Oxford, Cambridge and most medicine, dentistry, and veterinary courses close mid-October.

NOVEMBER

Unis start interviews. Not all courses or universities do this. If you've applied for Oxford and Cambridge or for medical degrees, you'll likely attend an interview.

JANUARY

Main application deadline for most university courses. This gives you plenty of time to perfect your application. Already applied? Now it's time to focus on your studies while universities look over applications.

FEBRUARY TO MAY

Universities start sending out offers! Remember, every offer is an achievement. Whether it's conditional or unconditional.

MAY TO JULY

It's decision time. You'll need to choose your firm choice (your top pick) and insurance choice (your backup) by the deadline. Take your time, pick where you know you'll be happiest.

SEPTEMBER

UNI BEGINS. ENJOY FRESHER'S WEEK.

AUGUST

RESULTS DAY! Whether it's A Levels, a BTEC or similar, this is when you'll find out if you've hit the grades for your offers.

Didn't get the grades you needed? Clearing will be open. UCAS has a great tool that'll match you with courses you can do.

HIGHERiN TOP TIPS:

Start early. The more universities and courses you explore, the more you'll know what fits your goals. (plus, deadlines!)

Be authentic with your personal statement. Universities want to know about YOU, not what you think they want to hear.

Keep track of deadlines. Applying for university is a long process and it's easy to miss bits.

Staying organised = less stress.