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# NEXT STEPS EVENING

- Higher Education and the UCAS process
- Degree and Higher Apprenticeships
- Gap Years
- Employment



# WHY UNIVERSITY?

- Essential for some career paths
- Financial reasons
- Develop new transferable skills and subject knowledge
- Increase your confidence and independence
- Broaden your experiences
- Invest in your future



- Financial reasons** The new [figures](#) published by the Department for Education show a continued rise, as working-age graduates aged 16-64 earned a median salary of £34,000 in 2018, a rise of £1,000 from the previous year, while their non-graduate peers who chose a different path earned a median salary of £24,000

- Give time to decide on your chosen career path



# CONSIDERATIONS

- You will commit a long time to your studies
- Employability skills alongside academic study
- Contact time
- Life changes
- You may earn less than an apprentice
- You will have intense workload
- It requires high levels of self-discipline
- You won't be guaranteed a job





# FUTURE PROSPECTS

- In 2019–20, 80% of graduates who responded to HESA's Graduate Outcomes survey were in employment or unpaid work.

## Unemployment rates and median salaries in England, 2020

- In 2020, median salaries for England-domiciled graduates were £9,500 higher than median non-graduate salaries.
- The graduate unemployment rate was 3.7%, compared to 5.3% for non-graduates



Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA)



## Students by sex, subject area and level of study

- In 2019–20, undergraduate student numbers were highest in the subjects of business, subjects allied to medicine and social sciences.
- Psychology had the highest proportion of female students at 81.1% with the lowest found in computing, and engineering and technology at 19.8% each.



# RUSSELL GROUP

- The Russell Group is made up of 24 world-class universities
- The group receives the majority of the research funding in the UK.
- These institutions share a strong reputation for teaching and learning and attract staff and students from around the world.
- Popular with graduate recruiters and highly rated by many major UK firms.



The Russell Group defines themselves as:

“a group committed to maintaining the very best research, an outstanding teaching and learning experience and unrivalled links with business and the public sector”.



# EARLY APPLICANT GROUP

Oxbridge, Medics, Vets, Dentists, Optometrists  
Entrance exams

[University Clinical Aptitude Test \(UCAT\)](#)

[The Law National Aptitude Test \(LNAT\)](#)

[Cambridge TSA \(Thinking Skills Assessment\)](#)

[Oxford TSA \(Thinking Skills Assessment\)](#)

[Maths STEP \(Sixth Term Examination Paper\)](#)

Interviews / Portfolios  
The personal statement  
The school's reference



## Choosing the Right University for you

- **Style** – traditional and subject based, modern universities, more vocational
- **Location** – cities or rural
- **Size** – more than 20,000 to 2,000.
- **Culture and facilities** – influenced by a range of factors e.g age, nationality, interests including the diversity of students who attend.
- **What graduates do** – destinations after university
- **Course content**
- **Tuition fees** – can vary. Check for scholarships or bursaries.
- **Living costs** – accommodation, transport, and food can vary enormously.



# TIMELINE

DATE:	
<b>15 October 2022</b>	2023 entry deadline for Oxford and Cambridge, and medicine, veterinary medicine/science and dentistry
<b>1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>Internal</b> Deadline for Applications
<b>25 January 2023</b>	<b>External</b> deadline for UCAS applications



# SUPPORT THROUGHOUT

- Early Applicant Group
- Blue Acorns: workshops for students
- Mock interview(s)
- Conference opportunities
- Personal Statement Support
- Tutor Monitoring
- Art/Creative portfolio support





# UNIVERSITY WEBSITES

- [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)
- [www.unifrog.org](http://www.unifrog.org) (parent code)
- [unistats.direct.gov.uk](http://unistats.direct.gov.uk)
- [www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk](http://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk)
- [www.opendays.com](http://www.opendays.com)



# STUDENT FINANCE

- There are **two** main streams of funding:
  1. Tuition fee loan (available to all)
  2. Maintenance loan (mainly means-tested)





# STUDENT FINANCE

## 1. Tuition fee loan

- Open to all
- Paid directly to university or college
- Full amount is covered – no more, no less
- Repayable, with interest\*
- Fees are currently £9,250 per year (£11,100 for accelerated degrees)





# STUDENT FINANCE

- **How can I finance my degree?**

- **2. Maintenance loan**

- Means tested over £25,000 household income

- Paid termly into bank account

- Repayable, with interest

- Minimum amount is non-means-tested

Status	Max. 2022/2023	Min. 2021-22
Living at home	£7,987	£3,516
Living away	£9,488	£4,422
Living in London	£12,382	£6,166
Year abroad	£10,242	£4,951





# STUDENT FINANCE

- **Repaying your loan**
- **Income** dependent in later years, not **borrowing** dependent
- 9% of all earnings over £25,000
- Outstanding balance written off after 40 years
- Student loans do **not** appear on your credit file
- Do the research and choose what's right for you



# STUDENT FINANCE

Income each year before tax	Monthly income before tax	Approximate monthly repayment
£27,295	£2,274	£0
£28,000	£2,333	£5
£29,500	£2,458	£16
£31,000	£2,583	£27
£33,000	£2,750	£42

(These repayments are based on September 2022 start date)



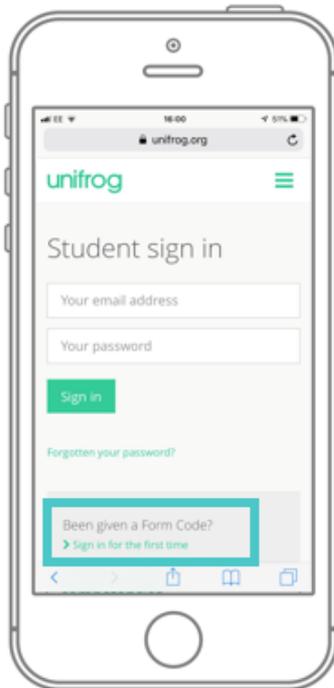
# STUDENT FINANCE

- [www.gov.uk/student-finance](http://www.gov.uk/student-finance)
- <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/student-loans-tuition-fees-changes/>
- <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/news/2022/02/student-finance-loans-changes-education/>
- [www.ucas.com/sfe](http://www.ucas.com/sfe)
- <https://www.savethestudent.org/student-finance/maintenance-loans.html>



# UNIFROG

Parents & guardians, get signed up!



Go to [www.unifrog.org/student](http://www.unifrog.org/student) and click 'Sign in for the first time'

You'll be asked for some details and a Sign up Code. This is what you need:

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After signing up, log into Unifrog using your email address and password via the student sign-in page!

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- [www.unifrog.org/code](http://www.unifrog.org/code)



# UNIFROG

- Students enter predicted grades and subject of interest. (predicted grades are typically based on Year 12 mock performance)
- Aspirational, solid and safe
- Filter by location, students satisfaction, hours of lectures, price of accommodation etc
- Direct links to university pages and open days
- Save shortlists and share with families and staff

## Unifrog University Shortlist

Helen Banks		Your Course: ASPIRATIONAL 12 SOLID 3 SAFE 1
Subject searches	psychology	
UCAS Range	104 - 128	
Qualifications	A Level, AS Level (Standalone)	
Completed	07/06/2022 16:51	

video

### Psychology - 3FT BSc (Hons)

UCL (University College London)  
London, England

[Website](#) [Open Day](#) [Course page](#) [Finance page](#) [Disabilities](#)  
[Contextual offers](#)

Main Contact: [study@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:study@ucl.ac.uk) 020 3370 1214

Outreach: 020 7679 3000

Main Site, Admissions, Gower Street, London WC1E 6BT



### Course facts

#### 2023 course description

This three-year programme, accredited by the British Psychological Society, exposes you to a very wide coverage of the field of psychology. It includes the opportunity for a measure of specialisation within your studies, so you can make informed and rational decisions about your future career.

UCAS course code  
C800

Uni sessions per week 20 hours	Independent study per week 16 hours	Placements / field trips etc per week 2 hours	Graduate jobs 94% after 15 months
2023 years of study 3 years full-time	2023 annual fees £9,250		
Students say good / great value 55%	Students say expectations exceeded 18%		

### Getting in

#### 2023 A Level entry requirements

A\*AA

Full-time 3 Years: To include at least one, preferably two subjects from: Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics and Psychology. Contextual Offers: please visit the course webpage for further details about our Access UCL scheme

You're taking more than one type of qualification, so on the [course page](#) double check that you will still meet the entry requirements.

#### Last year's successful applicants

66.9% of successful applicants did the same qualification types as you, and of these a typical result was:

**A Level: A\*AA**

Overall application success rate for Subjects allied to Medicine 19%	UK application success rate for Subjects allied to Medicine 18%
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### University facts

Guardian overall rank 9th	QS world rank 8th
THE Impact rank 101-200	People and Planet rank 19th
Guardian subject rank Psychology: 5th	Student welfare rank 102nd
Full-time undergrads 21,700	International undergrads 54%
Difficulty Aspirational - Out of your predicted range	UCAS uni code U80
Avg starting salary £26,309	Disabled students in skilled employment or study 76% after 6 months
Disabled 1st years 13.2%	

### Further information

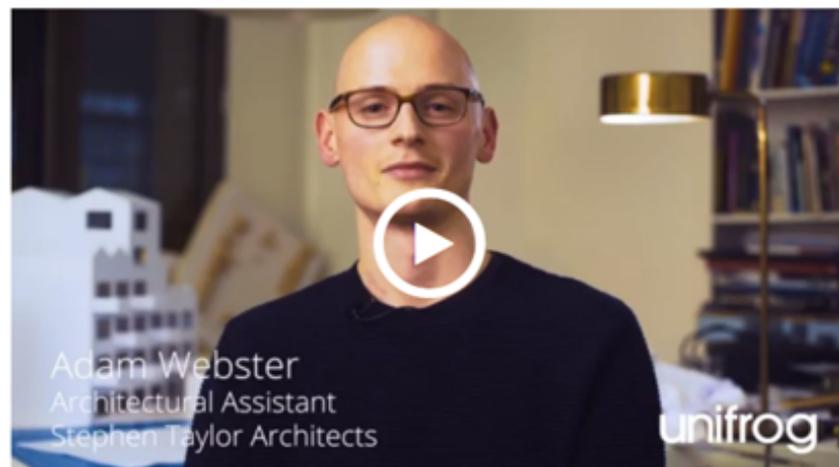


# WHAT IF I'M NOT SURE WHAT CAREER I WOULD LIKE?

- Over 1000 career profiles
- Presents information from a range of sources, including local and national LMI
- Includes qualifications and skills needed, interviews with industry professionals and labour market information
- Explores progression opportunities and what a working week really looks like

## Architect

Architects design new buildings and the spaces around them, and work on the restoration and conservation of existing buildings.





# WHAT IF I'M INTERESTED IN APPRENTICESHIPS?

## Apprenticeships

**AAT Apprentice - Intermediate Level**  
Employer: Henson Motor Group  
Learning Provider: Delivered by Newcastle College

**Key dates**

Key dates	Qualification required
<b>Deadline</b>	25 May
<b>Interview</b>	Check their site
<b>Start</b>	26 May

**Qualification required**  
English and maths at GCSE level - 5 grade (or equivalent) or above.

**Skills and personal qualities required**

The successful candidate will be proficient in using Microsoft Excel and managing spreadsheets. They will be confident with numbers and have a high level of attention to detail.

- A passion for accountancy
- Professional attitude
- Well organised

**Quick facts**

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Weekly Wage	Hours a week	Employer Vacancies	Duration	Distance from home
Competitive	Working 9-5:30 Minutes breaks	1	12 months	1 miles

**Job description**

The apprentice will gain experience in a range of duties for which they will be responsible:

- Purchase Ledger
- Credit Control
- Invoice Processing
- Raising Invoices
- Allocation of Payments
- Statement reconciliation
- Processing transactions

**Employer description**

Henson Motor Group is one of the UK's largest car supermarkets. Established in 1996 Henson Motor Group were the first to pioneer the new and used car supermarket concept, not only in Newcastle but in the North East.

- Students can find live apprenticeship vacancies
- Vacancies are updated daily
- Rank and filter opportunities by factors like distance from home, weekly wage and application deadlines
- Direct link to the 'apply' page
- Each apprenticeship vacancy includes practical information about the opportunity, employer and training
- Save unlimited shortlists to refer back to later



# HIGHER AND DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

## What are apprenticeships?

 Employed	 Paid a salary	 Contract
 80% work 20% off the job	 Typically 1-4 years +	<b>600+</b> 600+ standards
 Intermediate - Degree level	 Real job = responsibilities	 Not the easy option



# Apprenticeship levels

Name	Level	Equivalent educational level
Intermediate	2	5 GCSE passes at grade A*- C or 4-9
Advanced	3	2 A Level / Level 3 diploma / International Baccalaureate
Higher	4,5,6 & 7	Foundation degree and above
Degree	6 & 7	Bachelor's or master's degree



# Higher and degree apprenticeships

**Work full time and study part-time**

 <b>Learning</b>	 <b>Salary</b>	 <b>No debt</b>	 <b>NUS</b>	 <b>Experience</b>	 <b>4-6 Years</b>
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 **University fees paid by employer and/or government**

**100+ Universities offer apprenticeships**

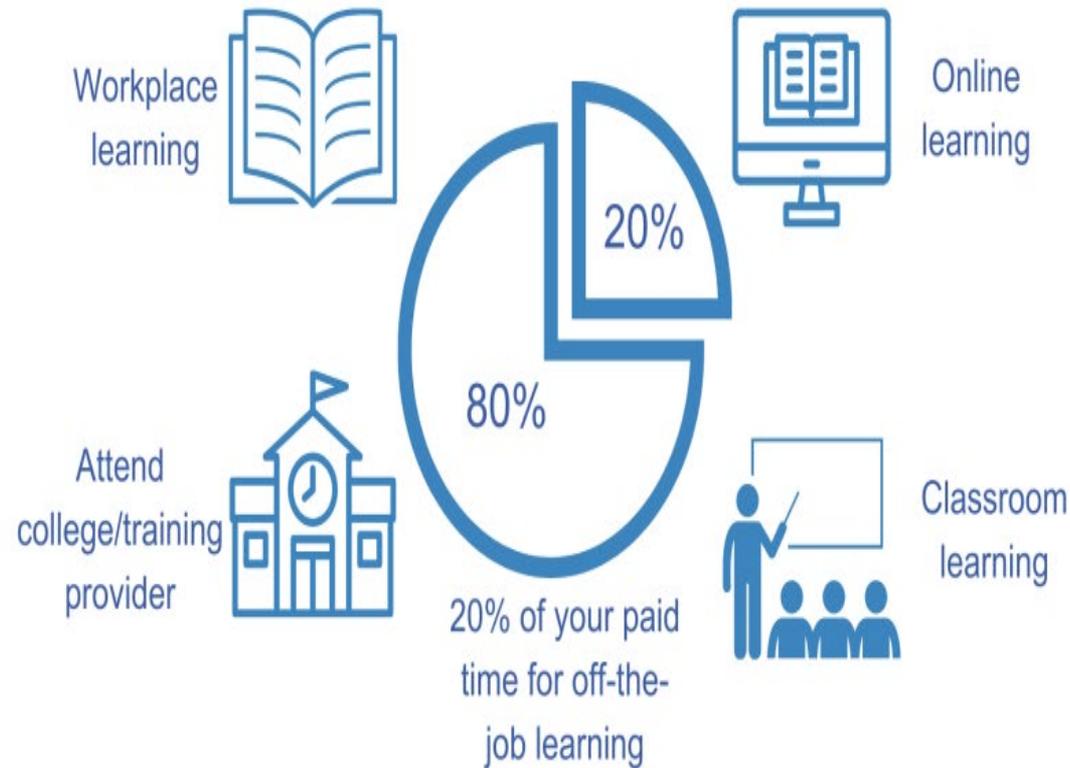
**SCAN ME**



[Scan here to view the higher and degree vacancy listings 2022 -](#)



# How an apprenticeship is delivered





# Which employers offer apprenticeships?



Cabinet Office



BRITISH AIRWAYS



Santander





# How do you find an apprenticeship?



Register on Find An Apprenticeship



Manage your alerts



Do your research



Contact companies



Search and apply



To find an apprenticeship visit GOV.UK



# APPRENTICESHIP WEBSITES

- [Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)
- [Higher & Degree Listing - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)
- [www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk](http://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk)
- [Steps to Success | Student Ladder](#)
- [Jobs and Recruitment on reed.co.uk, the UK's #1 job site](http://reed.co.uk)
- [Starting your graduate career, find jobs, schemes, internships and career advice | targetjobs](#)



# GAP YEAR-TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

- Extremely useful if used in the right way. Make it count!
- An opportunity to research future career paths.
- Build your personal profile.
- Maturity and Independence, soft skills, cultural capital
- Work Experience.
- High Quality Employment.
- Volunteering &/or Travel.
- Study an interest.
- Deferred Entry (UCAS).





# USEFUL WEBSITES

- [www.goabroad.com](http://www.goabroad.com) - Help with planning.
- [www.internationalteflacademy.com](http://www.internationalteflacademy.com) - Dedicated to teaching English as a foreign language.
- [www.projects-abroad.org](http://www.projects-abroad.org) - International volunteering projects.
- [https://www.volunteerforever.com/article\\_post/best-volunteer-abroad-programs-organizations-projects/](https://www.volunteerforever.com/article_post/best-volunteer-abroad-programs-organizations-projects/)



# EMPLOYMENT

- Extensive career advice (Steve Cooper/former students).
- Work experience/shadowing opportunities in your chosen field.
- Application support.
- C.V. support.
- Mock interviews.
- Sign-up to email alerts.

