

## R12: unconditional offers

### University of Reading's perspective on unconditional offers:

*For 2014 entry, the University of Reading piloted an unconditional offer scheme which, from 2015, became our Academic Excellence Scheme. The scheme makes unconditional offers to a proportionately small group of our applicants who have not yet completed their A level or equivalent studies, but who meet particular academic criteria. This means that, for eligible applicants, all the academic conditions for entry to their chosen programme are removed. Most subject areas offered at undergraduate-level participate in the scheme.*

*The university has analysed the final degree results of our students against their GCSE performance, to identify the GCSE attainment profiles that correlate with achieving a 2.1 or above at degree-level. We use this information to select applicants to participate in the scheme, where their GCSE performance indicates that they would thrive academically at the University of Reading and go on to achieve a strong degree result.*

*In 2018, our first cohort of students who joined the university through the Academic Excellence Scheme graduated with 93% achieving a first or higher second class honours degree, as compared to 82% of other graduates (based on all graduating students in 2018/19 achieving a full honours degree, excluding certificate and diploma of education awards).*

*The University of Reading makes a range of offers to best fit the different circumstances and experiences of our applicants. We take a tailored approach to assessing each application to make the most appropriate offer, taking account of whether an applicant has already completed their A levels (or equivalent) or is still studying, the course they've applied for, the grades achieved at GCSE level, their personal statement, and whether the course they're applying for requires them to attend an interview. Alongside our tailored approach, we are committed to fairness and transparency in how we assess applications, with details being made available to applicants on which offer they are likely to receive on our website, at [www.reading.ac.uk/ready-to-study/study/what-offer-will-i-get](http://www.reading.ac.uk/ready-to-study/study/what-offer-will-i-get).*

## Definitions of offer types:

### Unconditional offer

This is an offer made by a provider where they are satisfied that an individual has demonstrated sufficient attainment and potential to succeed on their chosen programme. Based on the offer status at the 30 June application deadline.

### Conditional unconditional offer

An offer made by a provider which was originally conditional, but becomes unconditional if the applicant selects that offer as their firm (first) choice. By definition, conditional unconditional offers that are selected as a firm choice by the applicant become unconditional and are also included in the unconditional offers group (see above).

### Offer with an unconditional component

All offers showing as having an element of unconditional offer-making, that is, unconditional offers plus conditional unconditional offers that have not been selected as firm (and hence remain conditional unconditional).

### All offers

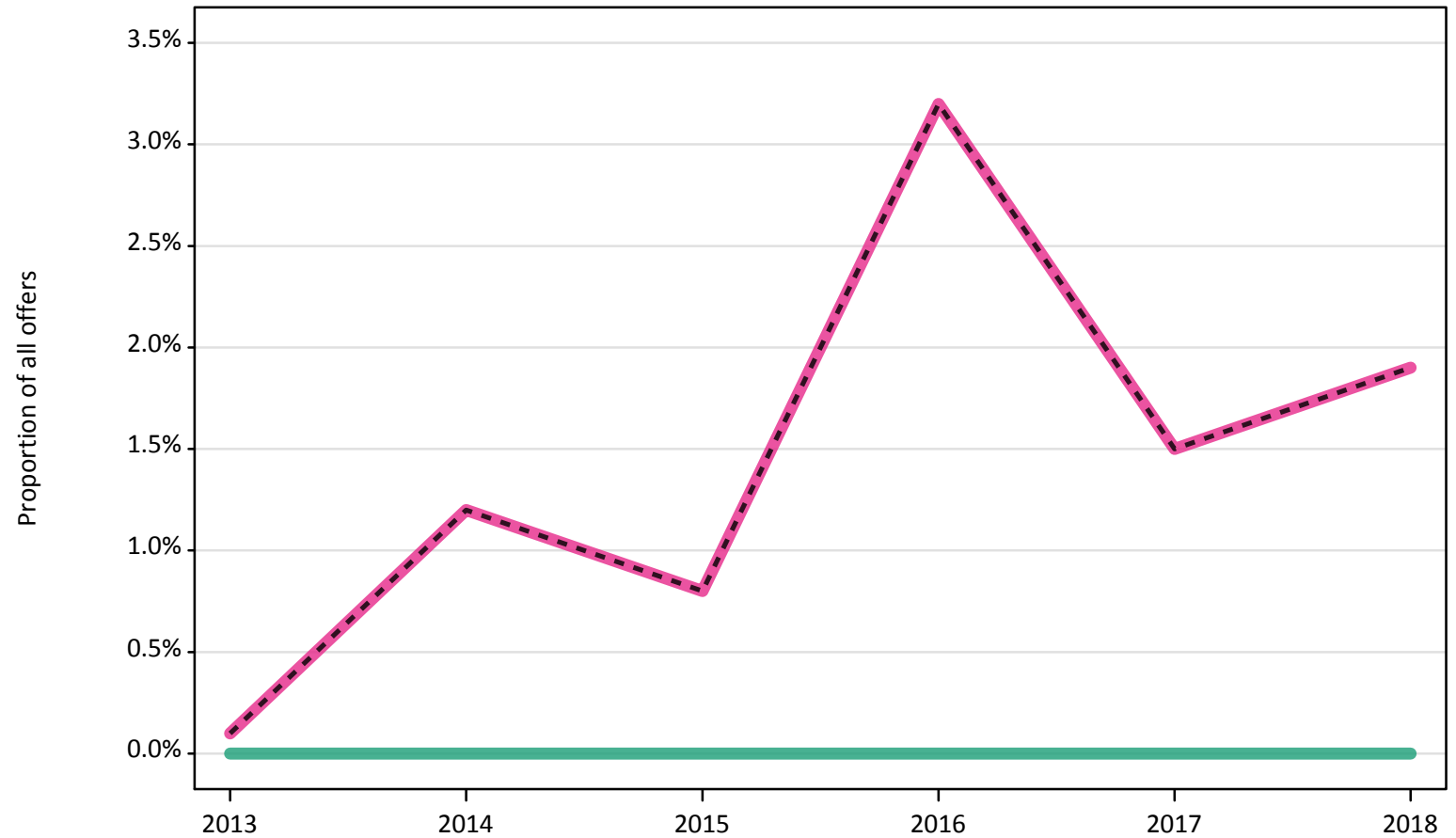
All offers made by the provider, subject to the coverage of this report. This includes conditional as well as unconditional offers to 18-year-old main scheme applicants domiciled in England, Northern Ireland, and Wales.

**Technical note:**

The coverage of this report is limited to offers made by 30 June, to 18-year-old main scheme applicants domiciled in England, Northern Ireland, and Wales. This is because these applicants are least likely to apply already having achieved a full set of qualifications typically required for undergraduate higher education.

**A.1 Proportion of all offers that are unconditional, by cycle year**

- Unconditional offers
- Conditional unconditional offers
- Offers with unconditional component



## A.2 Unconditional offers by cycle year

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Unconditional offers	5	115	95	370	175	190
Conditional unconditional offers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Offers with unconditional component	5	115	95	370	175	190
All offers (conditional and unconditional)	10,035	9,530	11,715	11,600	11,470	10,075

## A.3 Proportion of all offers that are unconditional, by cycle year

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Unconditional offers	0.1%	1.2%	0.8%	3.2%	1.5%	1.9%
Conditional unconditional offers	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Offers with unconditional component	0.1%	1.2%	0.8%	3.2%	1.5%	1.9%

Note: Percentage values are not printed in the above table if the total rounded number of offers for that year is below 100.