

HOW IT WORKS:

applying to a UK university or college

1 APPLY ONLINE

Register with UCAS on ucas.com. Then find and favourite courses in the UCAS search tool. Check entry requirements and application deadlines:

- > **15 October** – all courses at Oxford, Cambridge and most courses in medicine, veterinary science / medicine and dentistry.
- > **26 January** – the majority of courses.

2 WAIT TO HEAR BACK

The universities or colleges will decide whether to make you an offer. It'll be either

- > **unconditional** if you've already met the entry requirements.

or

- > **conditional** if the offer's based on your exam results.

If you're not accepted by all five universities or colleges, or you decline the offers you receive, you can use **Extra** to apply for more choices, one at a time.

3 REPLY TO YOUR OFFERS

Once all the decisions are in, you have to reply to your offers by a specific deadline.

- > Select a **firm choice** – this is your first choice.
- > If your firm choice is conditional, select an **insurance choice** too, if you want – this is a back-up choice in case you don't meet the conditions for your firm choice.
- > **Decline** any other offers.

4 FIND OUT IF YOU'VE GOT YOUR PLACE

Head to your application:

- > If your firm choice is **unconditional** – the place is yours!
- > If your place is **conditional**, the university or college will update your status when they have your exam results or other evidence that you've met the conditions.
- > You may be unsuccessful if you don't meet the conditions – in this case you can use **Clearing** to apply for more courses.