

Q50: unconditional offers

Queen Mary University of London's perspective on unconditional offers:

Queen Mary has made unconditional offers in a small number of subjects since the 2013 year of entry. We have adopted a range of different approaches to unconditional offer-making, and these have been approved in each case by our recruitment and admissions committee. These are as follows:

1. Unconditional offers made to students who apply after they have completed the relevant entry qualifications, for example, applicants who apply after taking a gap year between school and university.

2. Unconditional offers made to students who have not yet completed their qualifications. These are made on the basis of the UCAS application alone, following assessment of the applicant's academic attainment, including AS level performance, and their potential to succeed on the course. We discontinued this approach to unconditional offer-making in the 2017 year of entry, as the reforms to A levels in England meant that many applicants were no longer taking AS level examinations.

3. Unconditional offers made after an interview with the applicant. This has been the only approach to unconditional offer-making at Queen Mary since the 2017 year of entry, and involves the following steps:

(i) Applicants receive a conditional offer.

(ii) Applicants who meet certain criteria are invited to attend an interview with a member of academic staff. If they choose not to attend the interview, the applicant retains their conditional offer.

(iii) Applicants who attend and are successful at interview are offered an Outstanding Potential Award (OPA). The interviews are academically rigorous, and are key to determining whether an applicant is offered an OPA.

(iv) Applicants who accept the OPA are given an unconditional place.

We publish information for applicants about the Queen Mary Outstanding Potential Award scheme on our website at www.qmul.ac.uk/undergraduate/entry/outstanding-potential-award.

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

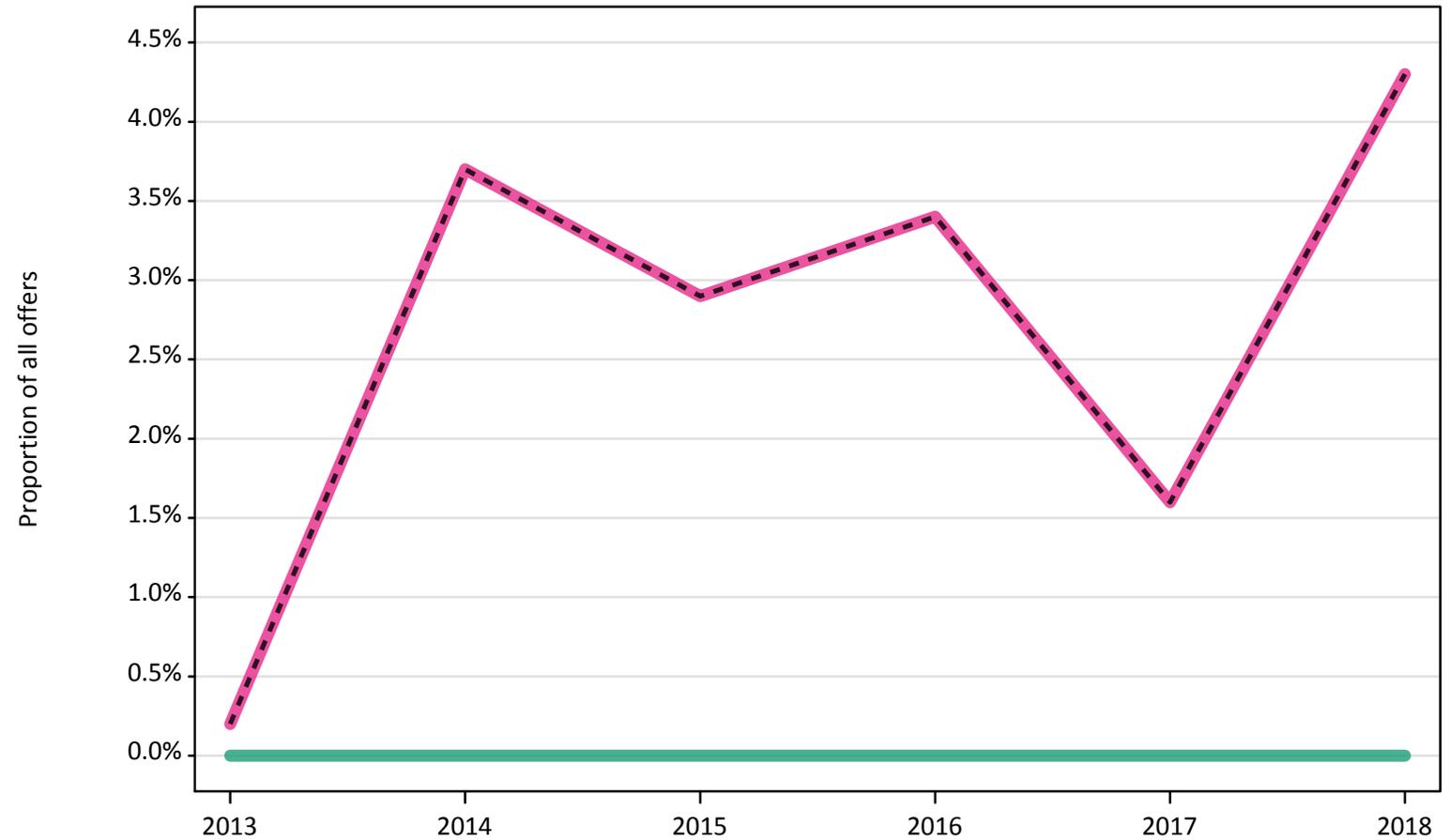
All offers made by the provider, subject to the coverage of this report. This includes conditional as well as unconditional offers to 18-year-old main scheme applicants domiciled in England, Northern Ireland, and Wales.

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	20	310	275	300	150	430
Conditional unconditional offers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Offers with unconditional component	20	310	275	300	150	430
All offers (conditional and unconditional)	7,545	8,495	9,415	8,945	9,295	9,875

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

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Unconditional offers	0.2%	3.7%	2.9%	3.4%	1.6%	4.3%
Conditional unconditional offers	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Offers with unconditional component	0.2%	3.7%	2.9%	3.4%	1.6%	4.3%

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