

INSIGHTS INTO INTERNATIONAL:

2026 January Equal Consideration Date

UCAS

Total applicants in 2026:

619,360 

+18,700 vs 2025

Total international applicants in 2026:

124,830

+6,030 vs 2025



Record-high applicants at this stage of the cycle

+0.5%

on the previous record high of 2021.

TOP 5 MARKETS WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF APPLICANTS:

	34,380 +10%	CHINA
	8,870 +2%	INDIA
	6,920 +4%	USA
	6,440 +12%	IRELAND
	4,470 -1%	HONG KONG

TOP 5 MARKETS WITH GREATEST DECLINE IN APPLICANT NUMBERS:

	1,870 -4%	PAKISTAN
	1,240 -6%	ITALY
	430 -21%	RUSSIA
	870 -15%	CYPRUS
	1,760 -20%	SAUDI ARABIA

TOP 5 EU MARKETS WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF APPLICANTS:

	6,440 +12%	IRELAND
	2,770 +13%	FRANCE
	2,020 -1%	SPAIN
	1,400 -1%	GERMANY
	1,240 -6%	ITALY

EU applicants increase by:

+3.3%

vs 2025



MOST POPULAR SUBJECTS AMONGST INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS:



Business & Management



Engineering & Technology



Social Sciences



Subjects allied to Medicine



Art, Design & Performing Arts