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Applying to Universities in the UK

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Overview of Presentation

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DIFFERENCES BETWEEN UK – IRELAND - USA



| | Undergraduate | Postgraduate | Application |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| UK (England, Wales, Northern Ireland) | 3 years | 1 year | UCAS, CommonApp, Direct |
| UK (Scotland) | 4 years | 1 year | UCAS, CommonApp, Direct |
| Republic of Ireland | 4 years | 1 year | Direct, CommonApp |
| USA | 4+ years | 2+ years | CommonApp, Regional apps, Direct |

- Shorter and/or focused degrees
- Opportunity to specialise early
- Direct entry to professional degrees
- Research led education
- International experience
- Key skills development

FEES & COSTS



| University | Annual Tuition | Cost of Living | Annual Total | Program Total |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| University of Warwick | \$41,750 avg | \$19,000 avg | \$60,750 avg | \$182,250 avg for 3 years |
| Trinity College Dublin | \$32,900 avg | \$19,000 avg | \$51,900 avg | \$207,600 avg for 4 years |
| NYU | \$69,500 avg | \$33,700 avg | \$103,200 avg | \$412,800 avg for 4 years |
| Columbia University | \$72,000 avg | \$31,800 avg | \$103,800 avg | \$415,200 avg for 4 years |



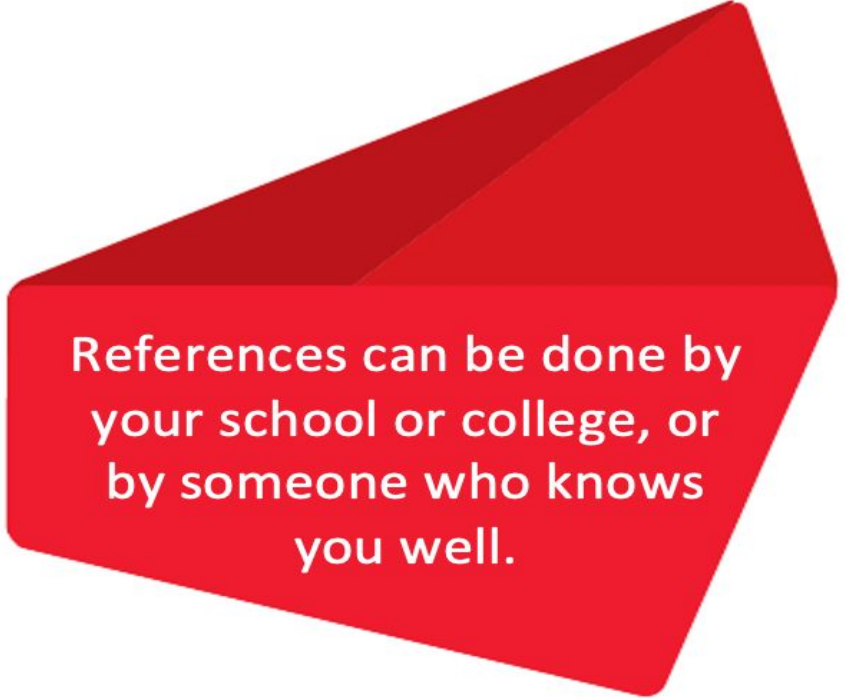
Application Overview

- ◆ Common application through UCAS - Online www.ucas.com
- ◆ Payment online £20 for a single choice and £26 for up to 5 choices (only 4 medical schools)
- ◆ Application Deadlines vary-
October 15th - Direct Entry Programs-
Medicine/Dentistry/Veterinary/Oxford/Cambridge
November 15 - Atlantic Bridge (Ireland)
January 15th - most other programs

Making a UCAS application

Every applicant has to complete:

- Personal details
- Student finance (UK and EU only)
- Choices
- Education
- Employment
- Personal statement
- A reference



References can be done by
your school or college, or
by someone who knows
you well.

The Personal Statement

- ◆ Gives you the chance to tell universities and colleges why they should want you as a student. It is a showcase of your **academic interests and accomplishments**
- ◆ Every personal statement should be unique. Just keep in mind that it's your chance to sell yourself
- ◆ What you might include:
 - **Why** you are **interested** in the **subject**
 - **Subject passion**, inspiration and knowledge
 - Areas of interest **within** your **subject**
 - **Relevant preparation** you have done for the course - this could include personal reading, seminars, workshops, summer courses, work experiences
 - What you hope to **achieve** in the course
 - Skills, hobbies, experience and personal qualities that **demonstrate your subject interest**

The Personal Statement (continued)

- ◆ **80%** of your statement should focus on academic preparation and aptitude for the **specific** subject you wish to study, **20%** can be on extra-curricular endeavours that do not relate to the academic content.
- ◆ You may write up to 4,000 characters or 47 lines of text (including spaces and blank lines)
- ◆ We recommend you write your statement first and then copy and paste into your online application (watch out for the character and line count – the processor might get different values because it doesn't count tabs or paragraphs).
- ◆ When you add to your online application click 'save' regularly; it will time out after 35 minutes of inactivity.

Havergal Process and Timeline

- ◆ Introduction to UK Application Process meeting in May
- ◆ May-September - Register with UCAS - Buzzword - **Gators2023**
- ◆ Summer - Begin to draft personal statement
- ◆ Spring and Early September - Meet with Counsellor to review process
- ◆ September - Approach 1 teacher to be your “referee”
- ◆ October - January - Complete application; enter courses and grades & release it to counsellor who adds the referee’s letter and predicted scores
- ◆ Application is sent electronically by guidance counsellor

Applying to Oxford or Cambridge

- ◆ Can apply to either Oxford or Cambridge
- ◆ They require UCAS application plus their own which is online
- ◆ Can apply to specific college or “open”
- ◆ Programs may require additional essays or testing e.g BMAT, UKCAT, LNAT, TSA, HAT
- ◆ Both Oxford and Cambridge applications are due October 15
- ◆ Certain programs may invite you to an interview –Skype or Travel to the UK

Test Centres for UK Admissions Tests

- ◆ Must write LNAT for most law programs (not all)
- ◆ You can call **Global Villages** test centre for information **416-968-1405**
180 Bloor St. West Suite# 202 email : cpink@gvenglish.com
- ◆ **For UKCAT (medical) - Pearson Professional Centres**
21 St. Clair Avenue East
Suite 501
Toronto, Ontario M4T 1L9
Phone: 416-962-2167

Havergal is Now a Test Centre!

- ◆ For students writing any of the Cambridge suite of tests (includes BMAT, TSA, Test of Math for University Admission) – BMAT and TSA the test date is October 30
- ◆ Some Medical schools require the BMAT, others require the UKCAT

Registration Deadlines for Testing

- ◆ <https://www.ucas.com/advisers/guides-and-resources/adviser-news/news/preparing-2023-cycle>
- ◆ For the LNAT, the deadline for registering is **October 5.**
- ◆ For all other admission tests, the deadline for registering is **October 15.**
- ◆ If you miss the deadline then you will not be able to register or take the test. You can't register after the deadline.

Offers

- ◆ Oxford - before Christmas
- ◆ Cambridge - end December - mid January
- ◆ Others are rolling offers
- ◆ Conditional acceptances
- ◆ Accept one and one insurance (all offers are conditional on final grades)

Direct Entry Programs

- ◆ Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine.
 - May require a standardized test (BMAT or UKCAT)
(University specific)
- ◆ Application Deadline of October 15th

Direct Entry Programs

- ◆ Programs are highly competitive as most UK schools are bound by government regulations which restrict them to allowing only 7.5% of their total student population (exception is A990 program St. Andrew's)
- ◆ Students should review the CaRMS data on IMG (International Medical Graduates) match rate to come from outside of the country.
- ◆ <http://www.studyandgoabroad.com/study-abroad/united-kingdom/studying-medicine-in-the-uk/>

Ireland - The Atlantic Bridge

- ◆ Completed form and passport photo
- ◆ Personal Statement - Essay prompt: *“WHY I WOULD BE AN ASSET TO THE MEDICAL SCHOOL AND THE MEDICAL PROFESSION”* For other disciplines, please substitute “Medical” with Dental, Physiotherapy or Pharmacy.
- ◆ 2 reference letters
- ◆ Resume
- ◆ Transcripts
- ◆ <http://www.atlanticbridge.com/medicine/>
- ◆ Deadline - November 15 - Completed applications must be mailed

Some Excellent Resources

- ◆ <http://www.medical-interviews.co.uk/>
- ◆ [General Med Council- UK](#)
- ◆ [Medical Schools Council](#)
- ◆ [Canadian Residency Match Service](#)
- ◆ [World Directory of Medical Schools](#)
- ◆ [National Residency Match Program](#)
- ◆ [Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates](#)
- ◆ [Havergal University Counselling Handbook 2021-22](#)

Rankings

All programs at all universities assessed in:

Teaching Quality & Research Quality By independent assessors
(out of 5)

Rankings by the various news agencies

<http://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/league-tables/>

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/ng-interactive/2021/sep/11/the-best-uk-universities-2022-rankings>

We have great success with our students applying to UK universities. We look forward to accompanying your family on this journey.

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Happy Researching and Good Luck!