

Applying to University in 2022

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The University Counselling Team

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- Advise students about applying to the UK
- Check all personal statements
- Write final references
- Advise and guide students applying to North America
- Provides advice for universities outside UK and North America (Ireland, the Netherlands)



Independence and our role



**GET
ORGANISED**

- ★ Applying to university is the first step you will take into the next phase of your life. It is YOUR decision and you need to take control of it.
- ★ We are here to help when you get stuck, but we expect you to take the initiative.
- ★ We will remind you of deadlines but we do not expect to be chasing you for documents.
- ★ It is your responsibility to check if there any specific entry requirements (portfolio, audition etc.) for your course.
- ★ ***Our role is to advise with the application process, not to place students.***

Step 1: Keep thinking!

- ★ What do you want to do next? Travel? Work? Study?
- ★ Consider:
 - What are you passionate about?
 - What do you want to do for work after university and which courses will qualify you for that work?
 - What are your obstacles and how will you overcome them?
- ★ Two of the key ideas that should underpin your choices are affordability and feasibility.



Step 2 & 3 Make sure you are on classroom and are using Unifrog to research your shortlists.

- ★ Go to classroom.google.com.
- ★ Contact guidance team for the codes

- ★ Unifrog Parent link to get started:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KksyeIihOAw&feature=>
- ★ Please continue to use Unifrog to refine your choices, don't forget to check out its social media pages for new webinars and opportunities!



Step 5: Let us know your plans.

To give us a sense of how you are proceeding, please complete this [online survey](#). It should only take 10 minutes.

This will help us to gauge numbers applying to each region and evaluate the support you may require with the application.

Global issues to consider: Coronavirus

- ★ In a time of continued uncertainty caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, it may seem like a daunting time to study abroad.
- ★ **HOWEVER**, university websites provide information on what they are doing to protect students with social distancing measures on campus and/or by moving to partially online learning.
- ★ The vast majority of schools are back in the classroom, or following a staggered start with hybrid learning.
- ★ We will keep you updated as we know more.



UK issues to consider: Brexit and fees



- ★ EU citizens will not be able to receive a student loan from the national student loan company.
- ★ EU citizens will also need to consider residency requirements for the UK.
- ★ Find out about medical requirement/insurance.
- ★ Fees will be between £9,000 -£39,000 a year, depending on where you apply, your nationality and residency status.
- ★ There are scholarships to study in the UK but they have strict eligibility criteria and are highly competitive.

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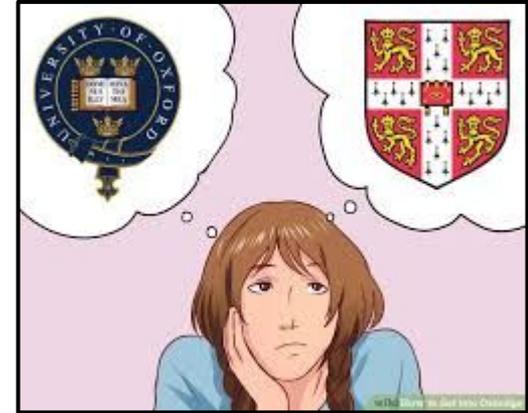
- ★ For the comprehensive guide to home status fees please see:
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1009789/EU_Exit_Student_Finance_Policy_-_Aug_21.pdf
- ★ England <https://www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Fees-and-Money/England-fee-status#layer-6082>
- ★ Scotland
<https://www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Fees-and-Money/Scotland-fee-status-for-students-starting-from-August-2021>
- ★ Wales <https://www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Fees-and-Money/Wales-fee-status>
- ★ Northern Ireland <https://www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Fees-and-Money/Northern-Ireland-fee-status>

Notices for students wishing to study in the UK

- ★ Sign up to UCAS if you haven't already. Contact us for UCAS buzzword.
- ★ Be ready to hand out reference requests to 3 or 4 of your teachers (including your anglophone teacher) by **2nd October**. They will then have a couple of weeks to return them to us so we can write your final reference.
- ★ Start thinking about and drafting your personal statement. The first draft of this important document is due on the last day of the Toussaint Break (**8th November - earlier for Oxbridge**). Guidance on personal statements will be on google classroom from the end of this week.

Notices for students wishing to study at Oxbridge

- ★ As far as we know, everyone applying to Oxford or Cambridge has already met with Ms Doggart and drafted a personal statement.
- ★ If there is anyone else who wants to apply to these prestigious universities but hasn't yet told us, please email today (university@csianglo.org or directly to Ms David : cdavid@csianglo.org).
- ★ Dates:
 - Reference requests out to teachers **this week** (there will be a notice on classroom).
 - Everything uploaded onto UCAS: **8th October** (a week before applications close).



US issues to consider: visas, increasing applications and SATs

The US has some of the best universities in the world. There are extensive resources on Unifrog which are an excellent starting point for students. HOWEVER as well as the usual hurdles that have applied to applicants in previous years (affordability, finding the 'best fit' etc.) there are some other things to consider given the current context.

- Visa - do you need one? The current pandemic has made it very difficult to obtain one and we suggest you look into this sooner rather than later
- A number of schools have waived the SAT and ACT requirements for 2022
- The USA has seen a surge in applications, check out the statistics for the courses and institutions of your choice. See for example:
- <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/campuses-majors/berkeley/>
- <https://yaledailynews.com/blog/2021/04/06/yales-acceptance-rate-drops-to-4-62-percent-a-mid-record-applicant-pool/>
- <https://www.niche.com/colleges/sarah-lawrence-college/>

Notices for students wishing to study in the US

- ★ If you are sure of the US university you want to apply to look at the early action and early decision deadlines (range from 15th Oct. to 1st February)
- ★ Decide on what teachers to ask for your recommendation letters (check out the Unifrog guide for students - teacher letters of recommendation)
- ★ Familiarise yourself with the Common Application Process (Unifrog Guide to Common App Essay tool)
- ★ Contact Ms Cassan if you have not already done so.

Solutions

This is not designed to put you off going abroad rather by taking the information in the previous slides into account we hope it will help you streamline your wish list and concentrate on those 'best-fit' courses and countries.

If you had your heart set on the UK but fees are an issue look at the Republic of Ireland and remember Canada has proven to be a very attractive option for many section students in the past.

There are no problems only solutions!

Canada

Canada consistently ranks as one of the best countries when it comes to quality of life and education. McGill and Toronto are world renowned research universities and McGill in particular has proved a popular choice with section students in the past. Canada is often seen by our students as offering a similar experience to that of the US but as a more affordable option. An approximate cost of tuition fees can be found here:

<https://www.educanada.ca/why-canada-pourquoi/reasons-raisons.aspx?lang=eng>

For the vast majority of institutions you will be applying directly (Know the deadlines for the university of your choice on their websites).

<https://www.mcgill.ca/undergraduate-admissions/apply/deadlines>

The Netherlands

One of the happiest nations in Europe, the Netherlands offers all the advantages of a liberal arts education at a fraction of the cost of other destinations, in small institutions taught entirely in English. It has become an increasingly popular destination for our students. Things to consider:

- ★ Lower fee costs both for EU (€ 2,168) and Non EU citizens (€ 6,000 - € 15,000) & relatively low costs of living
- ★ Personalised learning experiences, with the option to tailor your courses around multiple disciplines and increasing opportunities to undertake internships and placements abroad including the British Museum and ecology research stations in Aruba.
- ★ Applications are made through the Studelink portal, however, each institution is very unique in terms of supporting documentation (including language requirements and tests) as well as deadlines for applications, so it is vital you check out the course deadlines carefully.
- ★ For very competitive courses at the elite University Colleges, known as *numerus fixus*, you will need to have everything ready for your application **by the end of November** to give yourself the best chance.
- ★ Some courses will require you to provide a mini transcript with your grades from 2e onwards as part of your application. Please check out your course requirements carefully and keep us informed of what you need in a timely manner.
- ★ For more information: <https://www.studyinholland.nl>

Ireland

Applying to attend university in Ireland is quite straightforward and done through the Central Applications Office <https://www.cao.ie/>

Students can apply to up to 20 choices (10 degree level courses, 10 diploma level courses) for a small fee. Students apply between December and January each year, courses are attributed in August on a points basis. Points vary from year to year. The CAO is very familiar with the Bac and the OIB, recognition is not an issue and language test are not needed if you get over 14 in the OIB. If you have lived in an EU country for 3 of the last 5 years you should qualify for free fees.

However the cost of living in Ireland is very high and there is an accommodation crisis.

Notices for students wishing to study in Canada, The Netherlands and Ireland

Date	15/01/2022	15/01/2022	01/02/2022	01/02/2022	15/02/2022	28/02/2022	01/03/2022	01/05/2022	15/07/2022
Name of key date	Deadline for Swedish Unis	Deadline in the Netherlands	Deadline for some unis in Canada	Deadline for Irish Unis	Deadline for some unis in Canada	Deadline for some unis in Canada	Deadline for Norwegian unis	Deadline for some unis in the Netherlands	Deadline for German unis
More detail (other country deadlines)	Deadline for Swedish Unis	Deadline for 'numerus fixus' programmes in Netherlands	Deadline for some Canadian universities with international deadlines. These include Concordia and Montreal	Deadline for Irish Unis	Deadline for some Canadian universities with international deadlines.	Deadline for some unis in Canada	Deadline for Norwegian unis for EU/EEA students	Deadline for some research unis in the Netherlands	Final deadline for submission to German Unis

If you are applying to Canadian institutions, please contact Ms Cassan directly.

***McGill** applications need to be made by the **15/01/22**.

Notices for students wishing to apply to English speaking courses in other parts of the World

- ★ Use Unifrog for general guidance about the study possibilities and advantages in different countries
- ★ Visit individual university website for specific information about the course and the application process.
- ★ Contact one of the guidance team or Mr Miller, if you have any unanswered questions or if you need a specific document

Recap

- ★ Think about what you want to do.
- ★ Join google classroom.
- ★ Research your options using unifrog and other platforms.
- ★ Carefully consider the implications of Brexit and Coronavirus.
- ★ Email university@csianglo.org if you have any concerns or questions.
- ★ Make sure you are using Unifrog to record competencies, experiences, MOOCs and to check out writing guides.

