

Undergraduate
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ACCESS TO LEEDS

Widening access scheme



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

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WHAT IS ACCESS TO LEEDS?

Access to Leeds is the University of Leeds' widening access scheme which guarantees special consideration for applicants whose personal circumstances have affected their ability to demonstrate their talent and potential through grades alone.

HOW DOES THE SCHEME WORK?

If you are eligible for the scheme and receive an offer for your chosen course, you will usually receive a standard offer as well as an Access to Leeds offer, which is typically two A-level grades or equivalent below the standard offer.

This alternative offer is conditional upon successful completion of the Access to Leeds module and making the University of Leeds your firm choice.

 For full details about Access to Leeds visit www.leeds.ac.uk/A2L



ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR ACCESS TO LEEDS?

Anyone applying to a full-time undergraduate degree at the University of Leeds can apply to the scheme.

To be eligible you must be living permanently in the UK, hold or be taking the required level 3 qualifications (A-levels, BTECs or equivalent) for the course you've applied to, have the potential to succeed at the University and meet two or more of the following criteria:

- be from a household with an annual income of up to £25,000* or receiving Free School Meals during GCSEs
- be in the first generation of your family to go to university
- attend a school achieving below the national average at GCSE (attainment 8 score)
- you live in a geographical area with low progression to higher education
- you are a care leaver or have spent time in public care
- your studies disrupted by circumstances in your personal, social or domestic lives

*demonstrated through receipt of 16-19 Bursary Fund or Learner Support (with income threshold of £25,000) or by completing our declaration form

For more information about the eligibility criteria, as well as a useful online postcode checker, visit www.leeds.ac.uk/A2L



ACCESS TO LEEDS MODULE

The Access to Leeds programme is designed to ease your transition to university life. It gives you a head start by providing access to our academics, IT facilities and resources before you start your studies.

The online Access to Leeds module consists of two components, study assignment and subject skills, both set at an academic level equivalent to your year 13 studies.



“For the assignment we were given five essay topics to choose from and had to write 1,250 words on it. It easily fit around my A-level study as I planned the essay whilst revising and wrote it up when I’d finished my exams. Doing the assignment put me at ease for when I came to the university as it gave me experience of writing a university style essay.”

Jack Jepson



Find out more about
Access to Leeds study support at
www.leeds.ac.uk/A2Lstudysupport

STUDY SKILLS COMPONENT

The study skills component consists of a series of online workshops designed to prepare you for university study. Topics include writing skills, referencing and critical reading which are assessed by multiple choice questions.

SUBJECT ASSIGNMENT COMPONENT

The subject assignment component is a short assignment, project or test which will be in the subject area that you have applied to.

The module takes place between April and July. You can complete each module component at a time that suits you and fits with your studies. Deadlines for completing work are in May and July and all materials are accessed online via Minerva, the University’s student portal and Virtual Learning Environment.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Financial support is available to students from the UK (excluding Wales), which is linked to annual household income.

If you're eligible you can choose how to receive this support, whether as a tuition fee discount, a discount in University accommodation, or as a cash sum. At the time of printing, our funding arrangements for students starting a course in September 2020 have not been finalised. More information should be available online by December 2019.

The University also has means-tested scholarships available, designed to support eligible students from a range of different backgrounds.

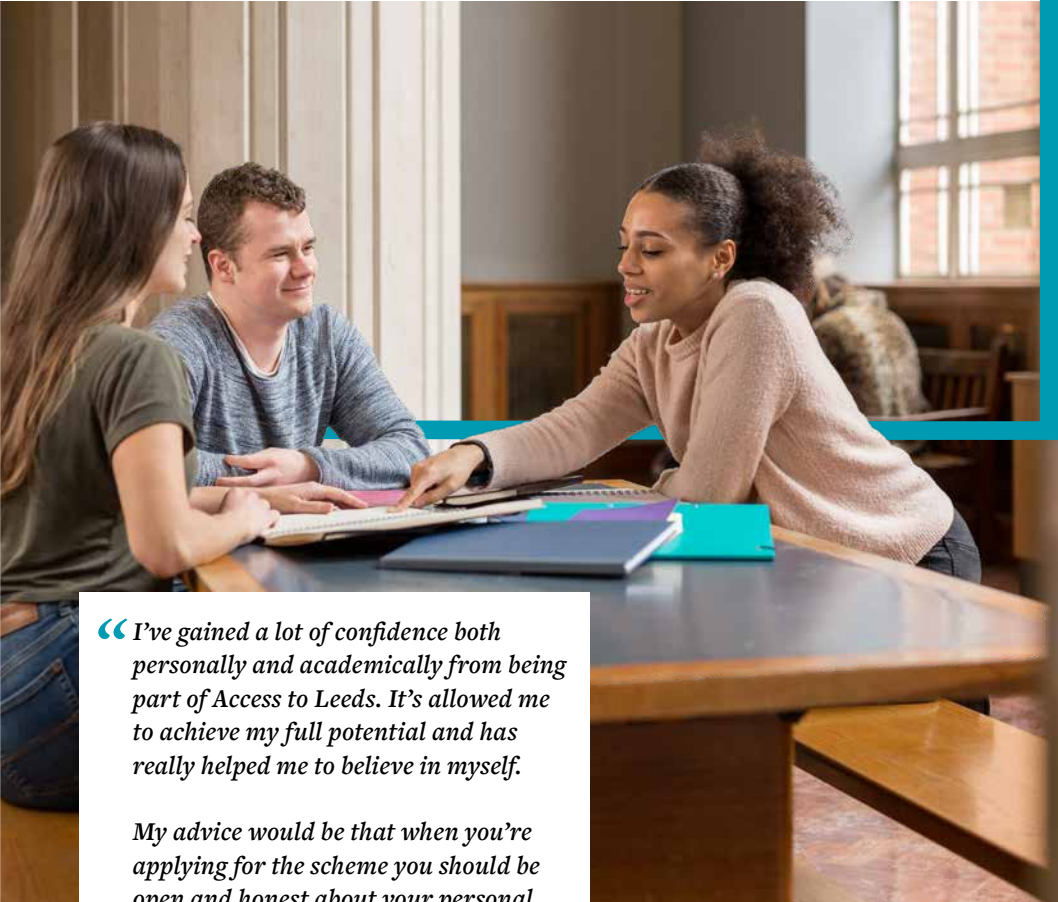
Access to Leeds students will receive extra consideration for many of these awards. In addition, loans and grants are available for certain students from the government.

For the latest information on undergraduate fees visit www.leeds.ac.uk/undergraduatefees

For questions regarding our financial support contact ugscholarships@leeds.ac.uk

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“I’ve gained a lot of confidence both personally and academically from being part of Access to Leeds. It’s allowed me to achieve my full potential and has really helped me to believe in myself.”

My advice would be that when you’re applying for the scheme you should be open and honest about your personal circumstances because the University is very understanding.”

Naomi Maher

Pictured in the University’s
Parkinson Building

 Learn more about
Naomi’s experience at
www.leeds.ac.uk/naomimaher



APPLYING TO ACCESS TO LEEDS

You need to complete an Access to Leeds application online including a reference from your school or college. The application and instructions on how and when to complete it can be found at www.leeds.ac.uk/A2L

HOW DOES ACCESS TO LEEDS AFFECT MY UCAS APPLICATION?

You need to complete an Access to Leeds application shortly after your UCAS application. Access to Leeds will ensure you receive additional admissions consideration for the University of Leeds' courses you apply to via UCAS. If you receive an offer, you will also receive an Access to Leeds offer which is typically two A-level grades or equivalent below the standard offer.

WHEN DO I APPLY?

Your Access to Leeds application should be submitted directly via the Access to Leeds website shortly after you submit your UCAS application – an overview of the application process with key dates is shown in the table below.

Please check the Access to Leeds website for further information on deadline dates.

September
UCAS applications open.
Access to Leeds applications open.
15 October
UCAS application deadline for medicine and dentistry courses.
Early November
Access to Leeds application deadline for medicine and dentistry courses.
15 January
Main application deadline for completing UCAS applications.
February
Access to Leeds application deadline for all courses (excluding medicine and dentistry).
May
Applicants decide which offers to accept or reject.
Deadline for Access to Leeds study skills module component.
July
Deadline for Access to Leeds subject assignment module component.
Mid August
A-levels and Advanced Diploma results are published.
September
Start your course.



WHAT HAPPENS ONCE I HAVE APPLIED?

Once you have applied you will receive an email confirming your eligibility within two weeks of receipt of the application. If you are eligible the email will also confirm that your application has been sent to the relevant Admissions Tutor.

Alternative formats

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