

Frequently asked questions - Making Applications

Below you'll find answers to the questions we get asked most about Making Applications

Q: Will I have to interview for University?

A: Not necessarily! If you're looking at studying medicine, veterinary science, many Law degrees or applying to Oxford or Cambridge you will almost certainly interview - it depends on the course and the university. Do you have to attend? Yes! Unless there are particular circumstances requiring you to interview by phone or video (like travel issues or global pandemic).

Q: Will I have to interview for a job?

A: Yes! There is no escaping this, unfortunately you will have to interview either by phone, webcam or face to human face. But don't worry! Everyone feels nervous. Perhaps you could take part in a mock interview through your school (or put any questions you have to us at SHAPING FUTURES [Talk to Us](#) section) to get yourself prepared. Also check out our presentation on preparing for interviews on Day 4

Q: Will it be one person or several people interviewing me?

A: There are different interview formats for all occasions. Once social distancing is completed and the world is free again, you may be expected to take part in a group interview. Often used by the larger supermarkets, this is a way to see how you interact with a team of new people in several different situations or environments.

- You might have a 1:1 interview where you meet with the person who would be your manager (or perhaps your course convener at the university you're applying for). This could be on the phone or on the web or face to human face.
- You might have a panel interview. This would usually be with 3 interviewers. They will take turns asking you questions.
- The best way to approach interviews is to prepare, practice and be punctual!

UCAS: I'll be honest, there's nothing quite like the horse's mouth....click [here](#) to be directed to the UCAS FAQ page.

Q: What is UCAS?

A: Universities and College Admissions Service. You will apply for university through UCAS. You will put in your predicted grades, a personal statement, what universities you would like to attend and they will link that up for you. Your sixth form or college will have a unique code to help get you started on UCAS and here at Shaping Futures we are happy to help with any and all applications from the beginning right through to the end!

Q: Do I have to use UCAS?

A: For now, yes. Try not to complicate things.

Q: When is the UCAS application deadline for 2021?

A: This depends on the course. Medical degrees (of human and animals) require your UCAS to be filled out and ready early doors, as do applications for Oxford and Cambridge.

For these courses, the date for 2021 entry is 15th October 2020 at 18:00 hours.

Otherwise? 15th of January 2021, but your school will have an internal deadline and we recommend you stick to that for everybody's sanity!

Q: Can I only use UCAS if I'm part of a sixth form or college?

A: Not at all! If you're applying a little further down the line you're able to use it as well, the application form might just look a little different.

If you have any questions, you can live chat a member of our team [here](#).

We'd love to know if you found this resource helpful, let us know [here](#).