



QUEEN'S
UNIVERSITY
BELFAST

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS – AN OVERVIEW

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UCAS



- UCAS stands for Universities and Colleges Admissions Service
- UCAS is an online application portal for Universities in the UK
- Also provides information and advice for applicants, parents, teachers and advisers

FINDING THE RIGHT UNIVERSITY



- Consider type of courses offered – traditional or vocational?
- Ranking and reputation
- Think about location – accessibility, city based or campus based
- Support and services available
- Student life
- Graduate employment
- Cost of study/living costs

CHOOSING A COURSE



- Look beyond the course title – what does it cover?
- Will it help you achieve your career goals?
- Consider additional opportunities – study abroad or placements
- Teaching style and assessment
- Connect with Queens – discover webinars and events

<https://www.qub.ac.uk/Study/connect/>



BEFORE YOU APPLY



- Do your research – attend an online open day or virtual tour
- Make use of university resources such as online prospectuses, and engage with University staff
- Check out student videos and blogs or connect with current students/alumni
- Check course entry requirements – use UCAS Search Tool
- Check application deadline
- Prepare your documentation

MAKING A UCAS APPLICATION



- You will be supported by your School/College
- They will provide you with a Buzzword to get registered
- Independent candidates must also apply via UCAS

Applying to QUB

- Institution Code Name: QBELF
- Institution Code: Q75
- Campus Code: Not required



MAKING A UCAS APPLICATION



- Register to use Apply - <https://www.ucas.com/students>
- Apply online. You can only apply once per cycle
- Choose up to 5 courses (all now or some later)
- Provide full education history, from secondary education onwards, including any exams not yet completed
- Add predicted grades if applicable
- Write a Personal Statement
- Get a reference (written recommendation from your tutor, teacher or school careers adviser)
- Pay the application fee £26 for 5 choices or £20 for 1 choice



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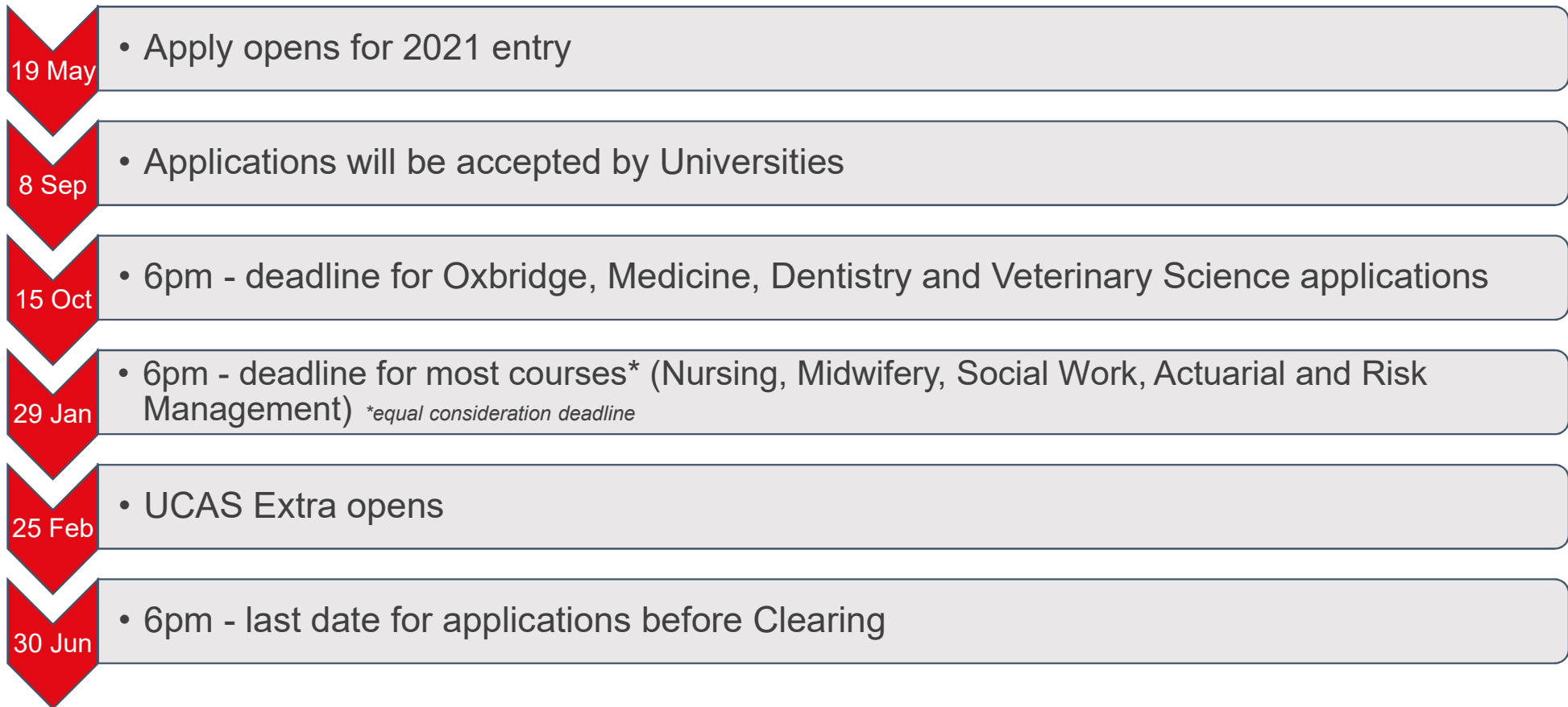
If you have already registered, please enter your username and password below to log in. **You must enter your username in lower case and your password in the same case you used to register.**

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Register

If you have not registered for 2021 entry, please click the 'register' button to use this service. **You only need to register once.** If you apply more than once in a cycle your application fee will not be refunded.

UCAS APPLICATION TIMELINE



APPLYING DIRECTLY



The Direct Entry Application Form can be used by international applicants who wish to apply directly, and only, to QUB as well as by applicants attending partner institutions with which QUB has a formal MoA including those articulating to 2+2 programmes.

Completed Direct Entry Application forms should be returned to intl.student@qub.ac.uk, along with all official transcripts of academic background to date.

Note: Direct Entry Application Forms cannot be used to apply to Medicine or Dentistry.

Download the QUB Direct Entry Application form here:

<https://www.qub.ac.uk/International/International-students/Applying/>

CRITERIA FOR OFFERS



- Academic and non-academic achievements
- Secondary Education (GCSE) level qualifications and higher
- Academic references and predicted grades
- Personal Statement showing interest/passion in subject area
- Interview
- Aptitude Tests

Ultimately, it is the job of the University admissions team to determine whether you can succeed on the course you have applied for

UNIVERSITY DECISIONS



- Conditional offer
- Unconditional offer
- Unsuccessful
- Alternative course offer

NB: Queen's makes offer decisions in terms of grades rather than UCAS tariff points

WHAT NEXT



Decision Deadlines

- **20 May 2021** – if you sent your application by 29 January 2021.
- **13 July 2021** – if you sent your application by 30 June 2020.
- **20 October 2021** – this is the final deadline for universities to make decisions on applications to courses starting in 2021.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?



Once you've sent your application and received your welcome email, you can see how it is progressing by signing in to UCAS Track: <https://www.ucas.com/students>

Offers – wait to see if any of your university choices offer you an interview or a place on their course. Offers can be conditional or unconditional.

Replies – these are the responses you make to the offers you get. In Track you can only choose two offers:

- Firm (CF/UF) – First choice
- Insurance (CI/UI) – Back-up choice

All other offers will be declined, 14 day cool-off period to change your Firm and Insurance choices

CONFIRMATION - AUGUST



- QUB will receive some exam results from UCAS (International Baccalaureate, A-Levels). International applicants taking other qualifications or Foundation Programmes should send results directly to their Firm and Insurance institutions
- If you meet or exceed the condition of your offer, you will be accepted and your offer will be updated to Unconditional
- If you do not meet your offer conditions, you may enter into Clearing
- Academic term commences: 20 Sep 2021

NEXT STEPS



Browse our Course Finder and discover QUB www.qub.ac.uk/study/undergraduate

Virtual Open Day

www.qub.ac.uk/virtual-open-day

Take a Virtual Tour

<https://www.qub.ac.uk/virtual-tour/>

- **Join our upcoming virtual events**

<https://www.qub.ac.uk/Study/connect/>

- **We are here to help; contact us!**

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