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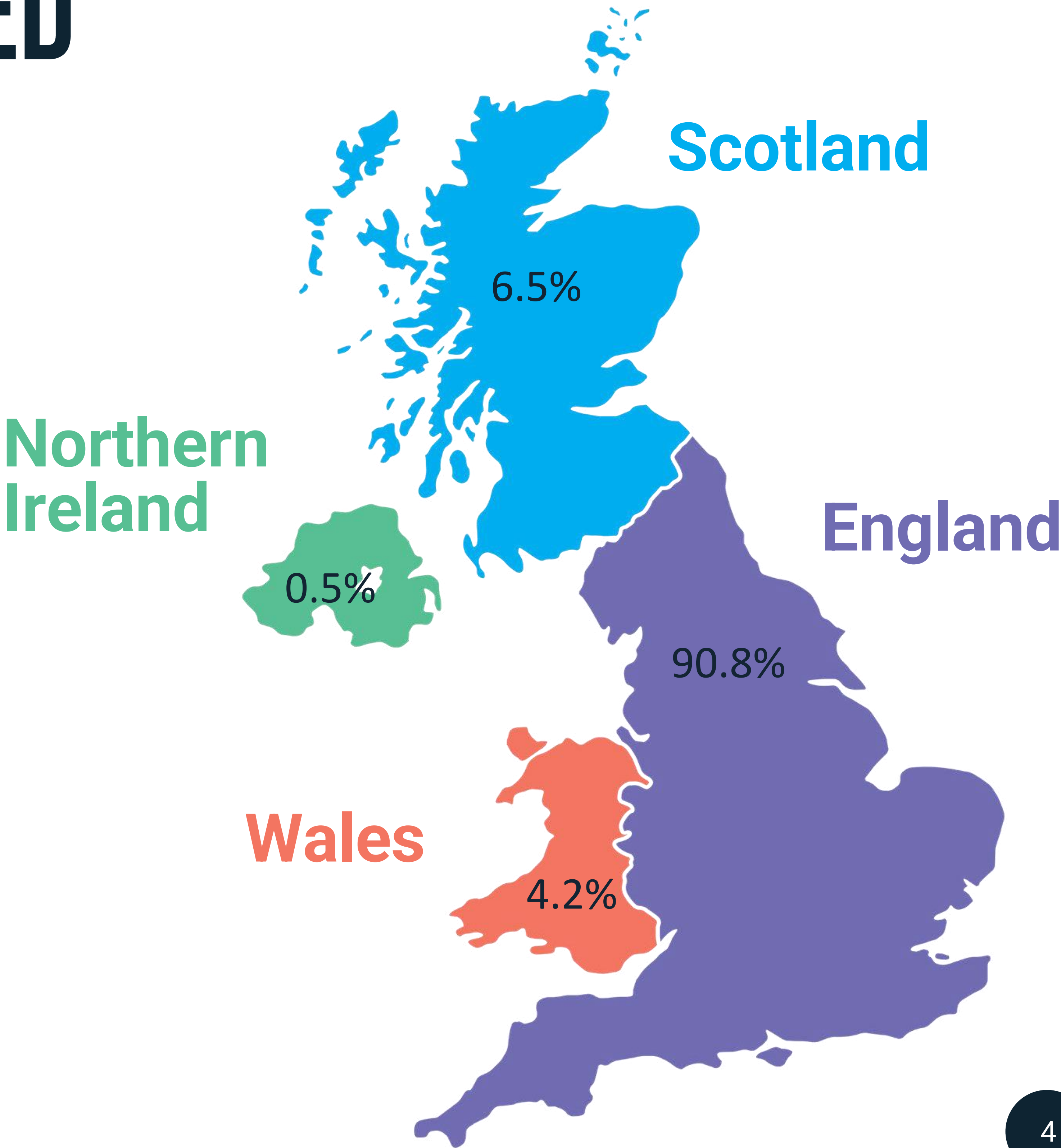
THAILAND TRENDS

End of Cycle (EOC)

	2019 EOC	2022 EOC	2023 EOC
Applicants	1030	1135	1110
Acceptances	645	665	640
Acceptance rate	62.6%	58.8%	57.65%

THAILAND TRENDS CONTINUED

Course	Applications
Engineering & Technology	695
Business & management	690
Social studies	585
Design, and creative and performing arts	505
Computing	430



Key Dates – 2025 entry

30 April 2024

UCAS search displays courses

14 May

UCAS application opens for 2025 entry

15 October 2024*

Deadline for courses in medicine, veterinary medicine/science, dentistry, and courses at Oxford or Cambridge

26 February

UCAS Extra opens

5 July

Clearing opens

Adviser Portal opens for Registered Centres.

7 May

First day we can receive a completed application

3 September

UCAS equal consideration date

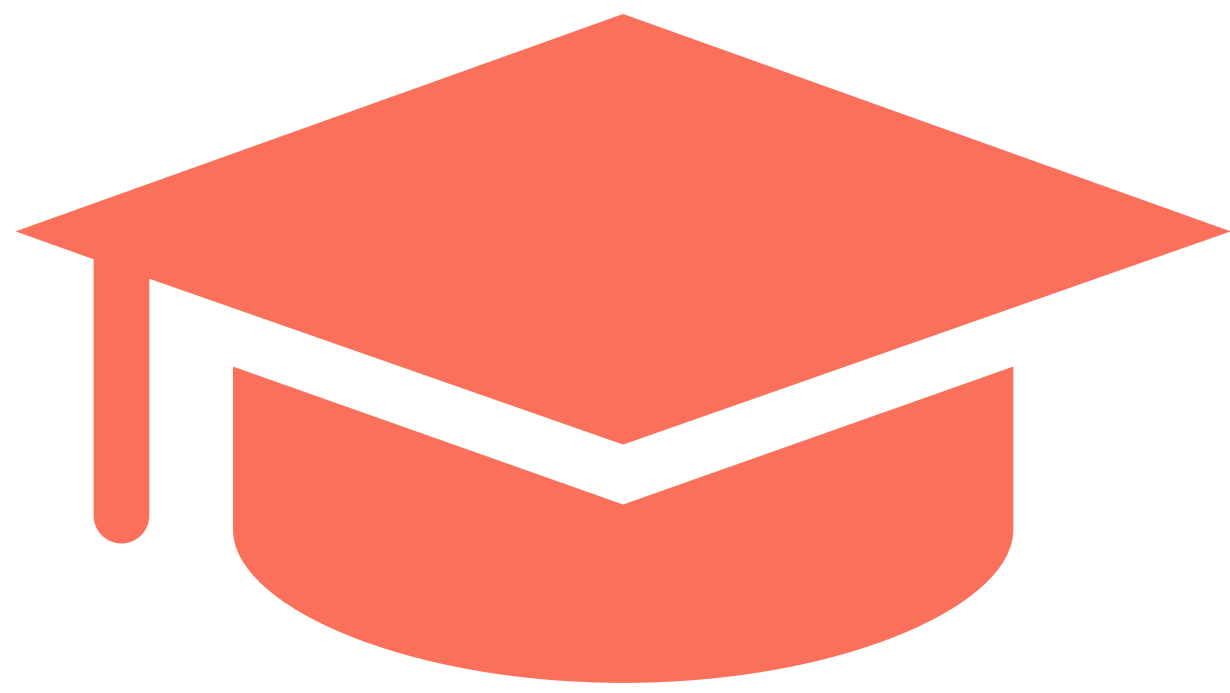
29 January 2025*

Last date to send an application

30 June

* 18.00 UK time

BEST FIT



- Course content and learning style
- Entry requirements



- Rankings
- Career prospects



- Location
- Accommodation
- Social activities



- Costs
- Available funding



- City & [location guides](#)
- Subject [tasters](#) & guides
- [Virtual work experience](#)
- Chat to a student
- Careers [quiz](#)

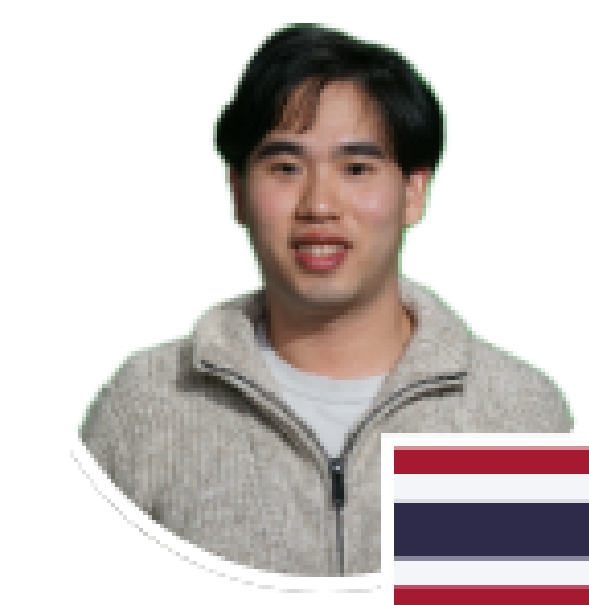
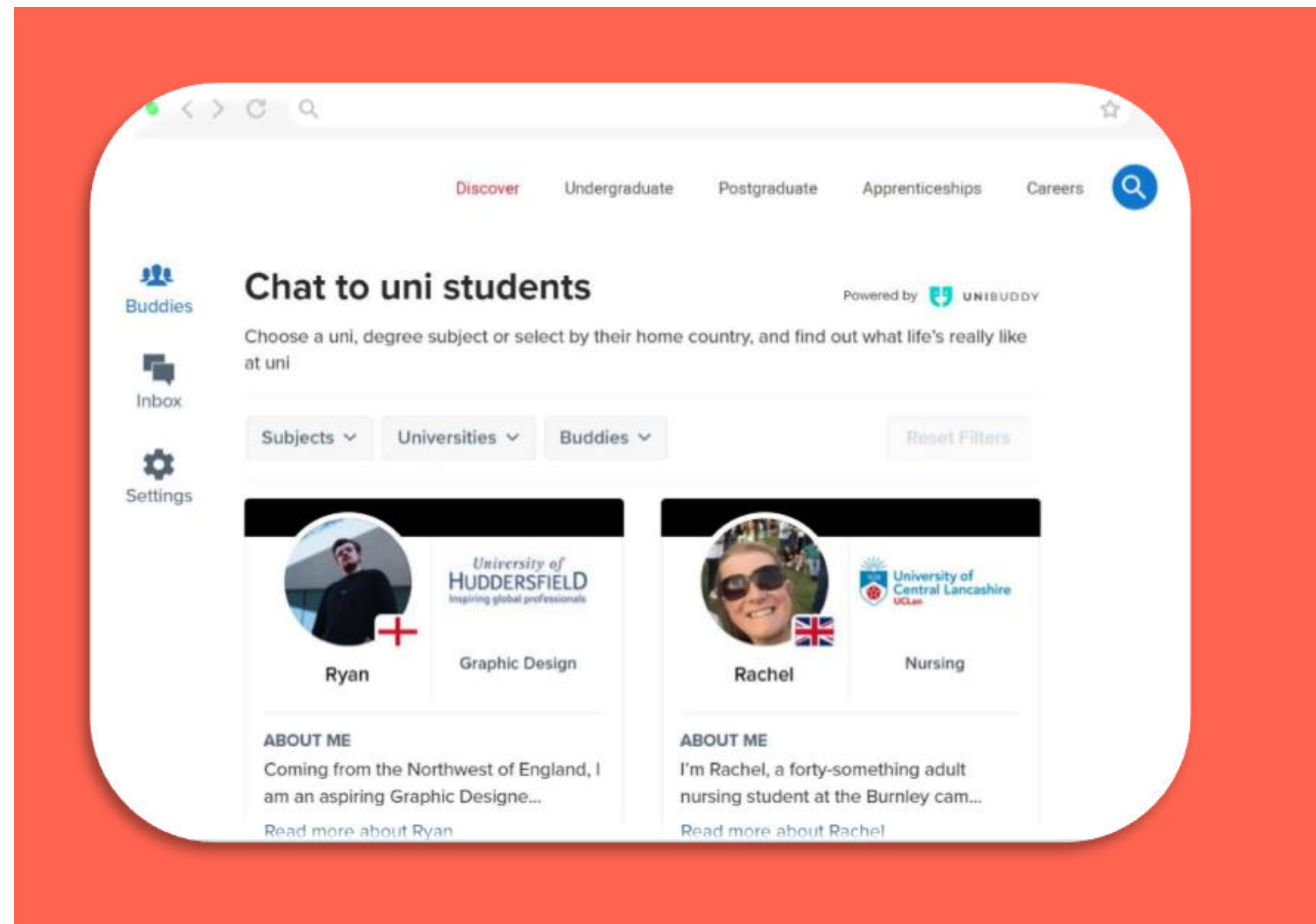


Scotland
Region Guide



Computer science

UNIBUDDY



Non

University of
East Anglia UEA
Environmental
Sciences

Hiya, I'm Non, your Thai
Student Ambassador...

Chat with Non

2025 CHANGES



Where you live:

- Address over the past 3 years [2022]
- Residency / nationality questions
- Enhanced data capture; renaming of sections
- Support HEPs with fee decisions



Education section:

- Improved search & add feature
- Removal of unnecessary fields [English]
- Pre-populating centre information
- Enhanced and streamlined experience

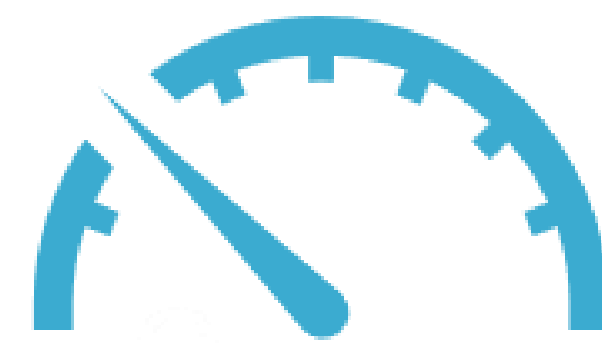
PERSONAL STATEMENTS – WHATS CHANGING FOR 2026 ENTRY



Format & structure

Move from one long piece of text to a scaffolded approach.

Three sections with question prompts.



Character Count

4000 total character count remains; includes spaces.

Minimum character count of 350 per section.



Support & advice

Clear links to guidance in the application for students.

Ongoing support ahead of the 2026 entry cycle going live.

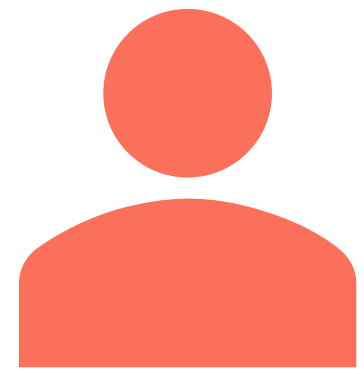
THE QUESTIONS

Why do you want to study this course or subject?

How have your qualifications and studies helped you to prepare for this course or subject?

What else have you done to prepare outside of education, and why are these experiences useful?

APPLICATION TOP TIPS



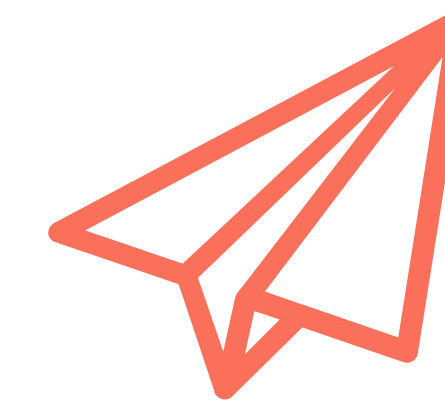
Accurate
personal details



Pay attention to
communications
and deadlines



Research is key



Reach out!



Registered centre
qualification
shortlist

PARENTS GUIDE

PARENT, GUARDIAN AND CARER GUIDE 2025

Everything you need to support your child with their higher education choices





INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FINANCE

If you're unsure if your child is eligible for home or international fees, discuss this with the university or college. International student fees vary, so make sure you check this carefully if you think that your child will be in this category. Most universities will take payment in lump sums throughout the year, but if you need to pay in instalments, check with them about payment plans.

Living costs

Living costs vary between cities – most universities will have a general budget calculator on their website so you can get a feel for this.

If your child needs a visa, there is a minimum monthly amount you must show you have in your bank account for 'maintenance' (on top of tuition fees) – find out more at www.gov.uk/student-visa/money. There is also a charge for:

- visa fees: www.gov.uk/student-visa

Working

International students can work to support themselves while studying, but they need to make sure they adhere to the UKVI guidelines about maximum hours – information about this will be clearly provided with the student visa documentation.

Be aware that for some courses, such as medicine, students are unlikely to have time to regularly work part-time as well as study and attend placements.

Loans and sponsorship

Some countries offer an official education loan system – such as FAFSA in the USA, or sponsorship options, such as the Saudi Cultural Bureau. These can often be used overseas, including in UK universities. Certain funding options can only be used for selected universities or courses, so check with the organisation providing the sponsorship/loan before deciding on where to apply. There may also be conditions attached, such as returning to work in the country issuing

the loan in a specific post for a set period of time.

Other countries have private loans specifically for the purposes of education available through banks.

Please check the terms and conditions of any loan, as some may have specific conditions linked to academic performance.

Scholarships and bursaries

Scholarships and bursaries may be available for international students and are normally applied as a tuition discount. Check terms and conditions carefully, as sometimes there are conditions such as becoming an ambassador for the university, or being featured in promotional materials. These may also be requirements for the student to maintain a certain level of academic performance.



ACCOMMODATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Some universities have dedicated international halls or guaranteed accommodation places for international students, but this varies so check with them if your child is interested in this.

If you have family in the city where your child is going to study, they could consider living with them. Research transport options to ensure your child is able to get to their classes on time!

Most private accommodation providers require a financial guarantor based in the UK. If you don't have someone who can do this, there are companies that can do this for your child.

Top tips for arriving and the first few days

- Make sure your child's phone either has international data or is unlocked to take a UK sim card so they can contact you. Many phone companies offer special international data rates, or you can consider using a Wi-Fi based service.

- If you plan to transfer money to your child, research good international transfer rates – your child can also check this when they set up their UK bank account. International students can usually only set up a student bank account in person once they've arrived in the UK, as the bank needs to see ID documents and a letter from their university.
- Many universities will offer an affordable 'starter pack' for international students with basic bedding and kitchen items that can be left for them in their accommodation.
- Bring relevant adaptors for electronics – UK plug sockets are type G.
- It's very important your child brings original copies of the documents used to gain entry onto the course (e.g. their exam certificates and language qualification) as the university needs to verify these at enrolment – they can't accept photocopies.
- Check the UK climate compared to your own country, although we would recommend buying bulky items after your child arrives. It's usually easier to find the right clothes in the UK as shops sell clothes designed for our weather! Also make sure your child understands the clothing size conversions.
- Make sure your child knows where they can go on campus for certain things, such as health services, the international office, and visa team. It's also good to know where the students' union is, for support on getting involved in activities and making friends!
- Speak to your child about the importance of turning up to any enrolment activities on their timetable (and all classes), as attendance is reported to the UKVI (UK Visas and Immigration service) as part of the agreement in issuing the visa.

UCAS SUPPORT FOR YOU



Monthly newsletters

Advisers can stay up-to-date with all the latest news and guidance by signing up at ucas.com/adviser-updates.



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ADVISER GUIDE 2025

FOR ENTRY TO UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE IN 2025

**QUESTIONS &
THANK YOU**