

# YOUR FUTURE YOUR CHOICES

Your guide to university

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**UNIVERSITY OF  
GLOUCESTERSHIRE**



**Welcome to your guide to all things university.**

**When you finish school you can continue onto higher education (HE), usually at a university or college.**

**In this guide we'll look at levels of study, who higher education is for, plus what and where you can study.**

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# WHY GO?

## UoG CAREER PROMISE

If you're not in a job six months after graduating, UoG will offer six months of free support, a paid internship, and lifelong career coaching.

*"Being at university has helped develop my people skills, as I have met people from all over the world."*

UoG Psychology student



## EARN MORE

In 2024, the average graduate in the UK earned £26,500 a year. That's about £10,000 more each year than someone without a degree. Over time, going to university can really pay off. ([gov.uk](https://gov.uk))

## MORE JOB CHOICES

In 2024, 68% of working-age graduates were in high skilled employment compared to 23% of non-graduates.

## STUDY SOMETHING YOU CARE ABOUT

Whether you're studying something you love, or trying something new – uni is a great place to gain understanding and knowledge in a field you care about.

## LEARN SKILLS FOR LIFE

At university, you'll gain a wide range of life skills that are valuable both personally and professionally, including:

- Time and money management
- Research & critical thinking
- Digital skills
- Teamwork & communication
- Project management
- Creativity & innovation
- Leadership & initiative
- Problem-solving
- Adaptability & resilience
- Self-reflection

## GAIN VALUABLE WORK EXPERIENCE

Some courses include work experience, but the careers team can help you find opportunities to boost your employability.

# DEGREE OR APPRENTICESHIP?

## UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

A full-time undergraduate degree is usually 3-4 years depending on which subject you study and whether you decide to do a year in industry (a year of work experience which is sometimes called a placement year).

Some courses such as medicine, veterinary science or architecture may take longer. You'll mainly study on campus and have the option to live in student accommodation.

UCAS is the main way to apply to university in the UK, letting you apply for several courses in one place and offering helpful support along the way.

You have to pay to study at university, but you can apply for student finance to cover the cost of tuition fees.

## DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

A Degree Apprenticeship will give you a qualification at the same level as a university degree.

You will work based in a company, rather than at university so it's not a traditional student experience.

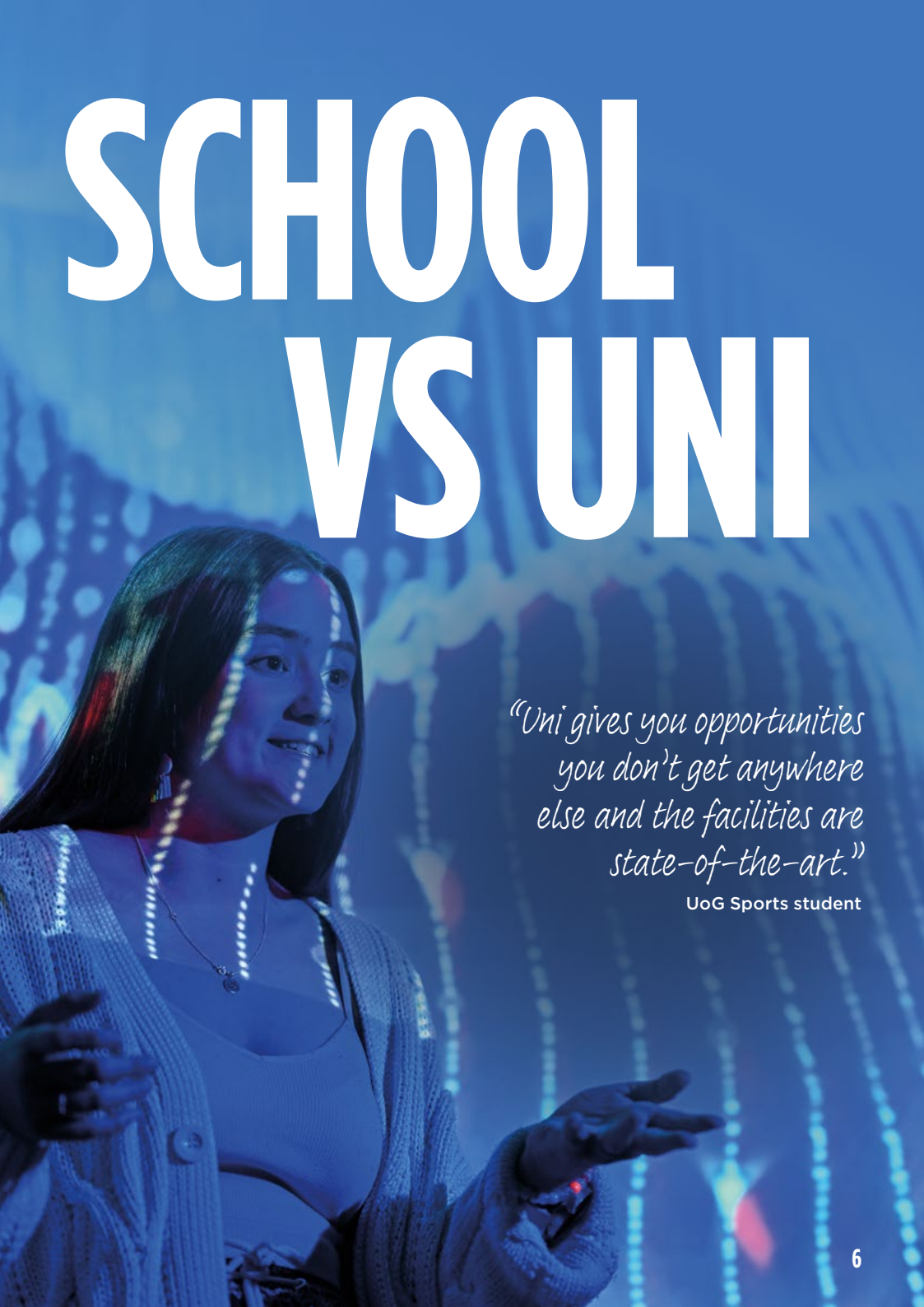
You might not need to apply for student finance, as the government and some employers will cover the costs of your course.

## FURTHER INFO

Find an apprenticeship –  
[gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship](https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship)



# SCHOOL VS UNI



*“Uni gives you opportunities  
you don’t get anywhere  
else and the facilities are  
state-of-the-art.”*

UoG Sports student

# The differences...

## MORE STUDY CHOICES

Part of studying at university is having more free choice about the subjects you study. This includes choosing modules you're really interested in.

*"Whilst studying for a BA (Hons) in Performing Arts I chose to study a module in Technical Theatre Production."*

**UoG Performing Arts student**

## FLEXIBLE LEARNING

Check how many 'contact hours' the course has (this is taught time in lessons). If there aren't many you will be expected to learn more independently at a time that suits you.

## TOP-SPEC FACILITIES

You'll have access to specialist facilities for your course, including top-spec labs, creative studios, an international Sports Arena, a dedicated Business School, cyber facilities, and simulated hospital wards.

## YOU'LL CHOOSE WHERE TO LIVE

You might choose to live in student halls during your first year, rent privately, or commute if studying near home. Whether in a big city or by the seaside, pick a location that suits you. (See page 18)

## YOU DECIDE HOW TO SPEND YOUR MONEY

You can apply to get a student loan so you'll have your own money to pay your rent, bills and social costs. (See page 20)

## MAKE FRIENDS FOR LIFE

There could be thousands of people at your university or college from all over the UK and the world. Many people make friends for life while studying.

## TAUGHT BY EXPERTS

Many lecturers are still practitioners in their field, with access to a strong network of industry contacts and opportunities.

## TRAVEL AND PLACEMENTS

Depending on your course, you might have the chance to travel abroad or complete a work placement. (See page 14)

## CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Whether you're into sport, art, music, film, or board games, there's a student-run club, society, or event for you—plus the chance to try new hobbies and meet others with shared interests. (See page 16)

# WHICH SUBJECT?

There are over 30,000 higher education courses in the UK.

Visit the UCAS course search ([ucas.com](https://ucas.com)) for a full list of everything.

Here are some examples of the subjects on offer at UoG\*:

**ACCOUNTING & FINANCE**  
**ARCHITECTURE, CONSTRUCTION & ENVIRONMENT**  
**ART**  
**BIOSCIENCES**  
**BUSINESS**  
**COMPUTER & CYBER SECURITY**  
**CRIMINOLOGY & POLICING**  
**DESIGN**  
**EDUCATION & LEARNING**  
**ENGLISH & CREATIVE WRITING**  
**FILM, MEDIA & TELEVISION**  
**GAME TECHNOLOGIES**  
**GEOGRAPHY**  
**HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE**

**HISTORY RELIGION & PHILOSOPHY**  
**HOSPITALITY TOURISM & EVENTS**  
**JOURNALISM & COMMUNICATIONS**  
**LAW**  
**MARKETING**  
**MUSIC & SOUND**  
**PERFORMING ARTS & PRODUCTION**  
**PHOTOGRAPHY**  
**PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCES**  
**SOCIOLOGICAL SCIENCES**  
**SPORT & EXERCISE**

\*Correct as of 2025/26 undergraduate courses.

**BROWSE OUR COURSES**



[glos.ac.uk/subjects](https://glos.ac.uk/subjects)



# SUPPORT AT UoG

*"The lecturers are always supportive, helpful, and caring. I feel like I can not only learn from them but also receive real industry knowledge."*

Huy, Illustration student

## STUDENT CENTRES

The first port of call for info on all aspects of your student life. They can also sign-post you support from our Money Advice, Accommodation or Career Teams.

## STUDENT FUTURES

The Student Futures team can offer support with skill-building, finding part-time jobs, placements, volunteering, and career coaching.

## MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Our Advisors provide confidential, one-on-one support and access to free professional counselling services.

## FAITH AND SPIRITUALITY

We have Sanctuary Spaces on all campuses. A welcoming area open to everyone, no matter your beliefs, where you can take part in a range of activities.

## NOVA

Nova is a chat-based digital student assistant which provides support and straight forward information at any time, day or night.

## DISABILITY SUPPORT TEAM

We offer confidential and expert support services for students with disabilities and learning difficulties to enable you to make the most of uni life.

## MYGLOS

Our student app with everything you need for student life at UoG. It gives you timetables, course, support, maps and guides - all the important info in one place.



# ON CAMPUS

## LEARNING SPACES

Treatment rooms & mock hospital ward

Paramedic & clinical skills lab

Lecture theatres

Games tech workshops

Live trading room

Moot court

Editing & Mac suites

Media & sound studios

Fine art studios, dark rooms & processing labs

Dance & performing arts studios

Sports hall, fitness studio & conditioning suite

Libraries

## LIVING SPACES

Sanctuary spaces

Launderette

Refectories

Gardens & sports fields

Gym & sports centres

Student accommodation



*Oxstalls Campus*

Every university and college campus is different, but most have similar buildings and services. The best way to see what suits you is to visit. Open days run all year, and you don't need to be ready to apply to go.

## CAMPUS UNIVERSITY

Campus unis like UoG have everything in one place—on-site accommodation, classes and facilities creating a tight-knit student community, often just outside a town or city with plenty of green space.

## CITY UNIVERSITY

A city uni is spread across the city, so you may need to travel between buildings, but you'll have easy access to nightlife, culture, and everything the city has to offer.

## COME AND VISIT US



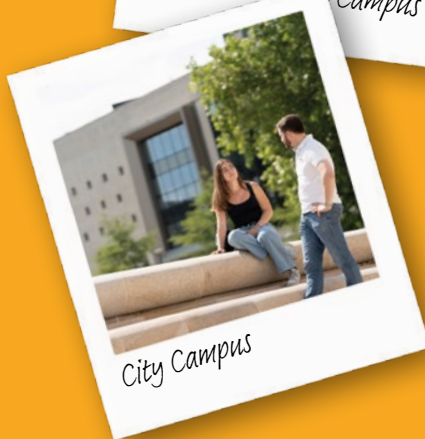
[glos.ac.uk/visit](https://glos.ac.uk/visit)



*Park Campus*



*Francis Close Hall Campus*



*City Campus*

*"As soon as I stepped onto campus, I just knew that this was where I was going to study. Everyone made me feel so welcome and I just felt at home!"*

**UoG Criminology student**

# OUR LECTURERS

Lecturers at university are different from teachers. Uni is more informal and you'll probably call lecturers by their first name. They are experts in their field and have worked in the area they are teaching so they have hands-on experience to share with you.



## EMMA ROSE

**Senior Lecturer in Occupational Therapy**

Emma leads the Occupational Therapy course at UoG and is passionate about using technology to enhance learning. Under her leadership, the course won the 2024 Best University Course Gold Award.



## SARAH DIBBLE

**Senior Lecturer in Business and Management**

Sarah leads UoG's Business & Management courses, combining academic insight with real-world skills. A former national-level rower, she brings a strong focus on leadership, teamwork and ambition.



## PROF ADAM HART

**Professor of Science Communication**

Adam is a biologist, author and broadcaster who's passionate about making science engaging. He's written popular science books and runs fun science projects like Flying Ant Day and even presented BBC4's Plant Ant: Life inside the Colony and BBC2's Hive Alive.



## **RUTH HOLLIER**

**Senior Lecturer in Primary Education**

Ruth's a former Teacher and Deputy Head who now leads the Primary Education course at UoG. She specialises in maths and teacher training, helping students become confident, classroom-ready educators.



## **DR SEPIDEH MOLLAJAFARI**

**Senior Lecturer in Cyber Security**

Sepideh is the course leader for Cyber Security at UoG. She's worked in IT, researched blockchain for her PhD and loves helping students get into cyber. She's also one of Gloucestershire's top 10 most influential women in cyber.



## **CAT MOGFORD**

**Lecturer in Design**

Cat is an award-winning multidisciplinary designer with over ten years of industry experience, working across branding, packaging, web design, social media and editorial.

# PLACEMENTS AND TRAVEL

University courses can include placements and international travel, giving you hands on experience and the chance to meet people that can help you land your dream job.

UoG students complete over 4,000 placements and internships each year. They also travel the world on incredible trips like business trips to Kuala Lumpur, training on Broadway in NYC and studying climate change in the Swiss Alps.

At University of Gloucestershire, you'll gain real-world experience with locally based yet globally recognised companies such as Superdry, GE Aviation, Raytheon, SLG Beauty, and Spirax-Sarco.

We also offer placement opportunities with major international brands including IBM, Disney, Intel, Oracle, Volkswagen, British Airways, and Nationwide.

*"My placements helped me feel confident to go straight into work after graduation."*

UoG Early Childhood Studies student

## UoG CONNECTIONS PROMISE

Access to thousands of placements, internships, trips, and over 60 clubs and societies to build your network and find your community.





**WE'RE RANKED 8<sup>TH</sup> IN THE  
UK FOR EMPLOYABILITY**

\*Uni Compare rankings 2026

# 95% OF OUR GRADUATES ARE IN EMPLOYMENT OR FURTHER STUDY AFTER 6 MONTHS\*

At UoG we support ambition in all its forms. Fitting in and making friends, trying something new, or achieving all you can in your degree and finding your dream job.

Gain the confidence and drive to succeed.



[glos.ac.uk/studentfutures](https://glos.ac.uk/studentfutures)

\*Graduate Outcomes Survey 2025 based on 2022/23 leavers.

# STUDENT LIFE

University is more than a degree – it's a chance to join a diverse community, make lifelong friends, grow in confidence and create lasting memories.

## JOIN SOCIETIES AND CLUBS

Whether you're into punk, pottery, skiing, photography, languages, film nights, drag shows, board games or sports—there's a student-run club, society or event for you.

## EXPLORE THE AREA

Team up with course mates and explore the area—there are over 500 bars, cafés and restaurants, plus stunning countryside to discover.

## GET INVOLVED

Immerse yourself in town or city life. With over 45 festivals, you can gain work experience alongside studying at UoG – our students get involved at top events like Wychwood, Race days, 2000trees and Big Festival.

## VARSITY

Most unis hold a Varsity event – at UoG, it's our annual sports clash with the University of Worcester. With 15+ events across both campuses, it's a highlight of the year for **#TeamGlos**.

## DIVERSE COMMUNITY

University life is diverse and inclusive. At UoG, over 10,000 students from 80+ countries come together to embrace cultures, make friends and feel valued. It's a safe space to speak up, grow, and reach your full potential.



*"I have formed amazing connections at VoG through living in halls, joining societies and my course. The warmth of the campus and all the different areas you could go explore or go to relax."*

Izzy, Cyber Security, Second Year



[glos.ac.uk/life](https://glos.ac.uk/life)



# ACCOMMODATION

## UoG ACCOMMODATION PROMISE

Guaranteed accommodation for all first-year students, either on campus or nearby.

**When you go to university, you can choose to live in halls with other students. This is a great way to make friends and settle in during your first year.**

Alternatively, if you decide to study somewhere local then you could stay at home (which will save you money). This doesn't mean you'll miss out on the student experience though, as there are still plenty of ways for you to make friends and get involved in university life.





## HALLS OF RESIDENCE

- Rented privately through a letting agent or landlord
- All bills included which can save money and easy budgeting
- Choice of locations – social or quiet options
- Facilities on-site, gym, laundry, bar – stay active and socialise
- Support teams to help you feel safe and supported
- 24/7 security giving you peace of mind
- Social spaces to make friends, hang out
- Shared kitchens to cook and eat together
- Visitors welcome to stay connected with friends and family

## PRIVATE HOUSING

- Rented privately through a letting agent or landlord
- Approved by the university
- Live independently, alone or in a group
- Most rents include utilities; some may not
- Flexibility in location, housemates and choice of agent or landlord
- Private gardens, lounges, or communal spaces
- Live in the local community and build independence

*“Looking back at my year in halls the main thing that sticks out for me is just how much fun the whole year was! We were never short on laughs throughout.”*

**Emma, Events Management graduate**

**TAKE A LOOK AT UoG  
ACCOMMODATION ON  
OUR VIRTUAL TOURS**



[glos.ac.uk/virtualtour](https://glos.ac.uk/virtualtour)

# AFFORDING UNI



*"Learning to meal prep saved me a chunk of money in my 2nd and 3rd year."*

Nico, Media Production

## SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES & AWARDS

There are a wide range of fee waivers, scholarships, bursaries and awards available at most universities.

## LOANS

You can get two types of loans:

- A tuition fee loan pays for your course and goes straight to the university.
- A maintenance loan helps with living costs like rent and food and is paid to you.

## HOW LOANS WORK

You only start repaying your loan when you earn over £25,000 a year.

You pay 9% of anything you earn over that amount.

For example, if you earn £2,333 a month before tax, you'll repay £17 a month.

Earn less, pay less – it's based on what you earn, not what you owe.

If you never earn over £25,000, you won't pay anything back.

If your income stops, so do the repayments.

After 40 years, any unpaid loan is written off.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

You can apply for grants, bursaries, and scholarships – and you don't have to pay them back.

Extra support is also available if you have a disability or need learning support, to help with costs like equipment or services.

You might be eligible based on your household income or your grades.

To see what you could get, check online. [gov.uk/student-finance-calculator](https://www.gov.uk/student-finance-calculator)

## UNITEMPS AND STUDENT AMBASSADOR SCHEME

With long holidays, it's worth considering some part-time work that fits around your studies which will help you gain experience, earn money and build confidence. At UoG we offer flexible, paid work through Unitemps or by becoming a Student Ambassador.

## MONEY ADVICE

We also have budgeting calculator, examples and tips to help you create and manage your budget.

## STUDENT DISCOUNT

All UK students benefit from discounts on shopping, food, travel, entertainment and entry prices, just by showing a student ID. This can be up to 20%.

\*figures correct for entry from September 2023. You can find out more about repayments

[gov.uk/repaying-your-student-loan/what-you-pay](https://www.gov.uk/repaying-your-student-loan/what-you-pay)

## MORE BUDGETING INFO



[glos.ac.uk/budgeting](https://www.glos.ac.uk/budgeting)

# JARGON BUSTER

<b>UCAS</b>	The system where you apply to university courses in the UK.
<b>STUDENT FINANCE</b>	Money help from the government to pay for university and living costs.
<b>TUITION FEES</b>	The money it costs to study a course.
<b>MAINTENANCE LOAN</b>	Money you borrow to help pay for things like rent, food, and travel while at uni.
<b>DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP</b>	A way to get a degree while working and earning money at the same time.
<b>STUDENT HALLS/ HALLS OF RESIDENCE</b>	Where many students live during their first year at university.
<b>STUDENT UNION (SU)</b>	A student-run organisation that supports students and runs clubs, events, and campaigns.
<b>VARSIITY</b>	A fun sports competition between universities.
<b>SCHOLARSHIPS / BURSARIES / GRANTS</b>	Free money you can get to help pay for university – you don't need to pay it back.
<b>STUDENT AMBASSADOR</b>	A student who helps at events and tells others what uni life is like.
<b>GRADUATE OR GRAD</b>	Someone who has finished their university degree.
<b>GRADUATE OUTCOMES SURVEY</b>	A study that asks past students what they're doing after uni – work, study, or something else.
<b>CAMPUS</b>	The university area where you learn, live, and hang out.
<b>INTERNSHIP</b>	A short-term work where a student learns about a job or industry usually for a period of a couple weeks.
<b>PLACEMENT</b>	When a student works in a real job—usually as part of their course, usually for a year.

# USEFUL WEBSITES

## UNIVERSITY OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE



[glos.ac.uk](https://glos.ac.uk)



Follow us on social media for the latest news and updates

[@uniofglos](https://www.instagram.com/uniofglos)

### [glos.ac.uk/talk](https://glos.ac.uk/talk)

Keep up to date with any free outreach activities you might want to try at University of Gloucestershire.

## CHOOSING A UNIVERSITY OR COURSE

### [ucas.com](https://www.ucas.com)

To explore higher education options, use the course search and UCAS Hub to find courses, discover universities, and watch helpful videos.

### [unitasterdays.com](https://www.unitasterdays.com)

You can visit [unitasterdays.com](https://www.unitasterdays.com) to watch videos about specific subjects at university.

### [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk)

Click on the Education and Learning tab for information on applying to university, student finance, apprenticeships and more information on how to get in to HE.

### [uogsu.com](https://www.uogsu.com)

University of Gloucestershire's Students' Union website where you can find information about different sports, clubs, societies and events.

## FINANCE

### [savethestudent.org](https://www.savethestudent.org)

For everything student finance, the latest discounts, jobs and money making ideas.

### [studentfinancecalculator.co.uk](https://www.studentfinancecalculator.co.uk)

Enter your details and discover the cost of uni unique to you!

### [gov.uk/student-finance](https://www.gov.uk/student-finance)

Find out what you're eligible for and how the gov can help.

# SUMMER RESIDENTIALS

**Are you still considering your future choices? Get a taste for university by applying to take part in a summer school.**

These FREE events are for students in year 10 or year 12 who want to find out more about university by trying it for themselves.

You would have the opportunity to stay in university halls of residence for four days and try a range of subjects. You'd also meet current university students and make new friends from across the UK, through fun social activities.

Applications usually open in March for the following summer.

## TYPICAL DAY

- Live in on-site halls and experience real uni life
- Try out subject taster sessions
- Meet students from across the country
- Learn from Student Ambassadors
- Get uni advice
- Try something new
- Take part in social activities, including games, sports, movie nights, team competitions and quizzes.
- Enjoy meals together
- Work on your personal statement and future plans



**FIND OUT MORE**



[glos.ac.uk/summer](https://glos.ac.uk/summer)