

Supporting students to leave home and study at a Russell Group university

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Russell Group Universities



Russell Group Universities

- What are they?
- Why does it matter?
- Russell Group mythbusting



What is the Russell Group?

- A group of 24 leading universities in the UK
- 3 of the top 10 universities in the world are Russell Group institutions
- All 24 are in the top 250 universities in the world



Benefits

**Greater
graduate
earnings:
+10-13%**

**Student
satisfaction
levels are
higher: 88%
average**

**Research
intensive
courses lead to
employable
graduates**

**Taught by
world leading
academics**

**7:1 average
teaching
ratio**

Research in the Russell Group

- Access to world-class facilities and equipment
- Research informs the curriculum: learn at the cutting edge
- Research develops active learning: skilled, employable graduates



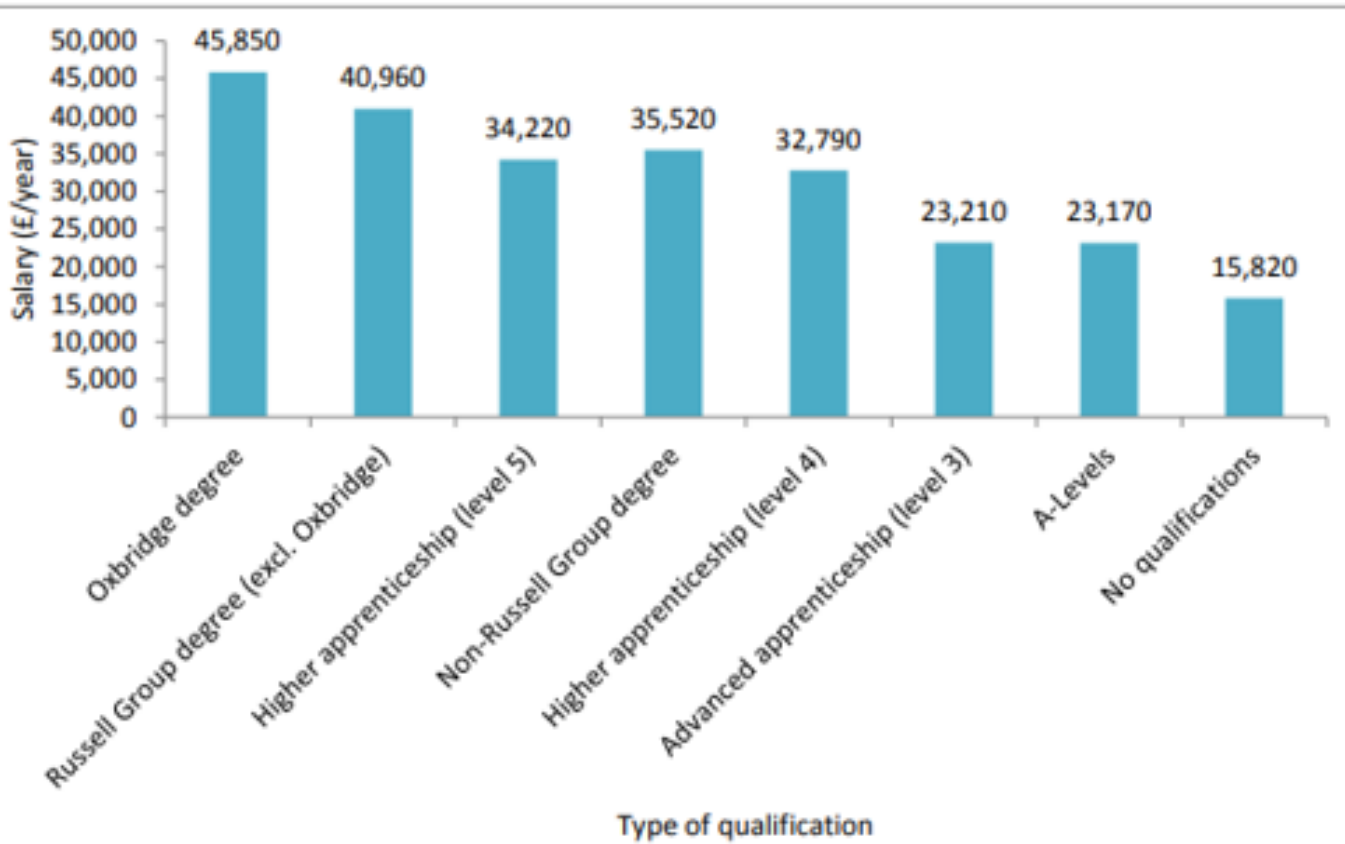
Employability

- Graduates stand a better chance of getting a job
 - According to the Graduate Outcomes survey, 80% of Russell Group graduates were in highly skilled employment 15 months after graduating, compared to 67% at other UK universities.



Employability

Average lifetime earnings by type of qualification, annual average



Mythbusting

- Russell Group universities are only for the elite
- Russell Group universities are more academic focused than vocational
- Russell Group universities don't prioritise personal development
- Disclosing a disability or support requirement will negatively impact your application




Application process (early deadline)

★ some universities


1 Choose your course



2 Choose a College or open application



3 Check admission assessment arrangements




4 UCAS application (16 October 2023)

5 Additional forms



6 Submit written work and/or take admission assessment



7 Interview (usually December 2023)



8 Decision (January 2023)





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For Teachers
and Advisers:



The Cambridge Admissions Process



Application Process



Students should...

- Think about what they enjoy
- Research course details
- Stay open-minded
- Contact the relevant Faculty or Department with any questions



Application Process



- Things to consider:
 - Accommodation
 - Location
 - Specific facilities
 - Size (number of students)
 - Vibe / instinct
- Open application



Application process

3 Check admission assessment arrangements



Most applicants to Oxbridge and some applicants to other universities will be required to take a subject-specific written assessment.

Please check the relevant course webpage carefully for information regarding the form of assessment required.



Application process



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UCAS / direct
entry application

Personal statement

- Be honest and write with integrity
- Cover your interest in the course, relevant subjects you've studied, super-curricular activities
- At least 80% academic content for Oxbridge
- For Oxbridge, extra-curricular activities that aren't relevant to the course you've applied for won't be taken into account



Application process



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Additional questionnaires



Universities may ask students to complete additional forms in order to submit their application.

- My Cambridge Application form
- Disability / Specific Learning Difficulty details
- Fee status



Application process

6 Submit written work and/or take admission assessment



Written work

- For a number of Cambridge courses, you may be asked to submit 1-2 examples of your written work from a relevant A Level / (Advanced) Highers / equivalent course

College-registered written assessments

- No need to register in advance
- Taken when / just before you're interviewed (if invited to interview)



Application process

7 Interviews (usually December)

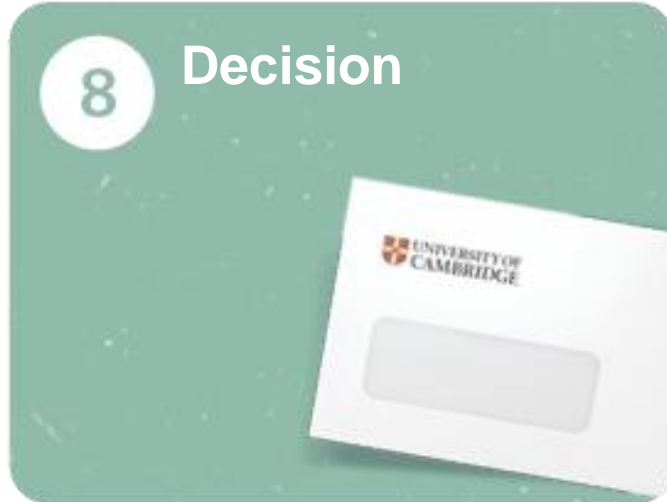


- Usually take place December (sometimes late October)
- Common in medicine and related courses

*No hidden agenda,
no trick questions,
not the be-all-and-
end-all*



Application process



You may be made an offer

- Conditional: you need to achieve certain qualifications before your place is confirmed
- Unconditional: your place is automatically confirmed
- At some universities, can be offered a place on a different course

You may be unsuccessful

- Don't be deterred from applying by the prospect of not being successful – we can only offer places to those who apply!
- Clearing / adjustment



Preparing for university



Further Research

- Deepen your research
- Open Events such as our Open Days, offer holder events
- Research accessibility and resources for your specific circumstances
- Virtual resources

bristol.ac.uk



Pre-results day preparations

- Set up a student bank account
- You could look at reading lists – but don't panic
 - You usually don't need to read before
 - You already have all the skills you need
 - There will be all kind of support to help you
- Select University Halls of Residence
 - Catered or Self Catered / City centre or Outskirts



Soft skills to hone

- Learn to cook some of your favourite recipes
- Learn to clean/laundry/household tasks
- Budgeting
- Build up CV to secure part time job at university - many virtual job opportunities



Student support at university

- Financial: bursaries, finance office
- Health and wellbeing: counselling, nurse
- Disability and accessibility
- Academic
- Pastoral: tutors
- Students' union and peer support
- Faith and spirituality
- Careers





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Settling in at Cambridge:
advice from students and parents



Any questions?



Thank
you