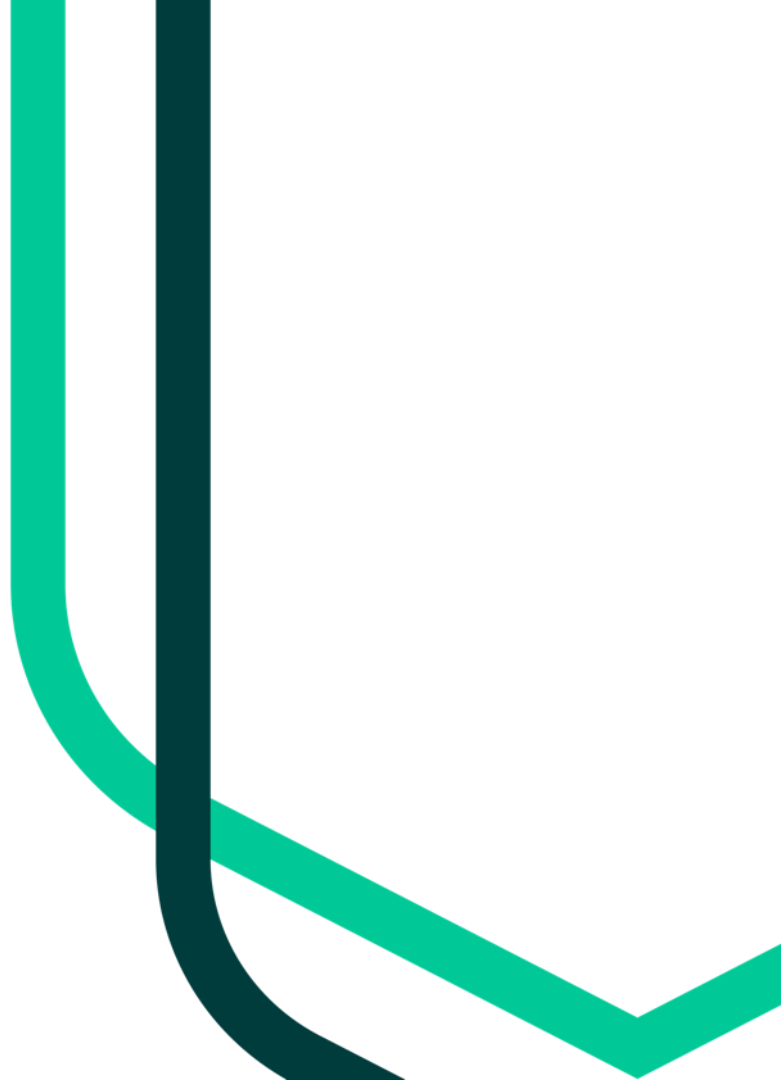




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Writing an effective personal statement

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We will look at

- What a personal statement is for
- How to get started
- What to include
- Where to start with nothing to include





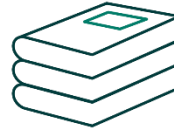
Outstanding teaching.¹



One of the best universities in the world.²

TOP 40

Top 40 most international universities in the world.³



More than 400 courses in 40 subject areas.



Four times Queen's Anniversary Prize winners, most recently in 2020 for exposing the devastating effect of plastic pollution on human and wildlife health.



90% positive graduate outcomes.⁴



Green Flag Award winning campuses across Devon and Cornwall.



30,000 students from more than 150 countries.



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Leading UK university.⁵

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- ✓ Stand Alone Pledge
- ✓ Care Leavers Covenant
- ✓ Stonewall Diversity Champion
- ✓ Athena Swann Gender Charter

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¹ Rated Gold in the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) 2023.

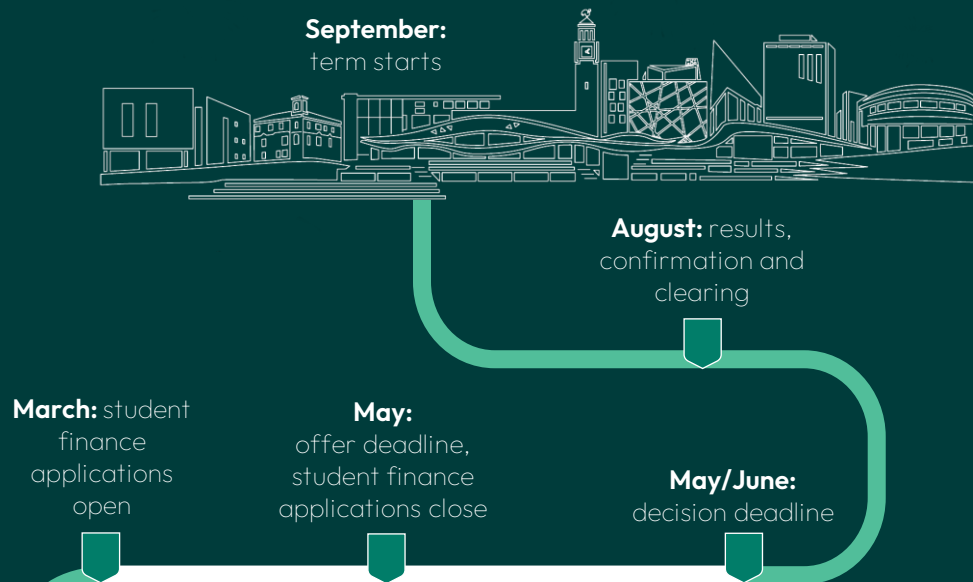
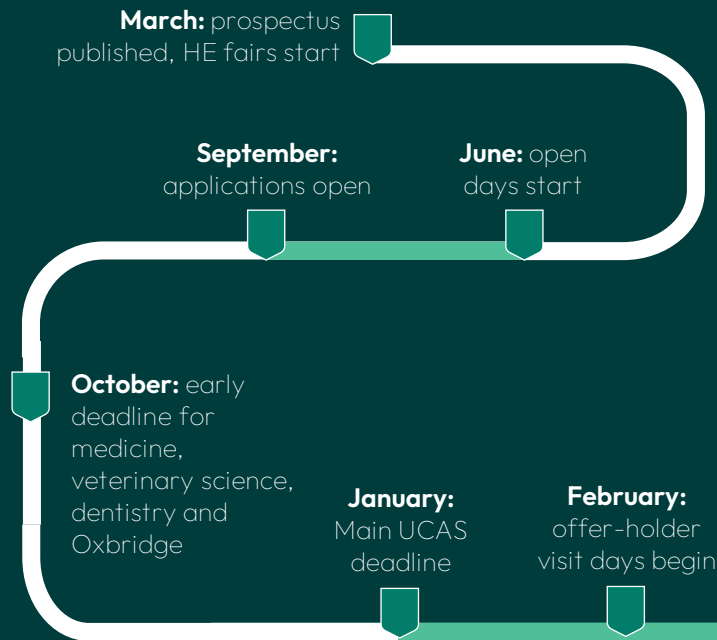
² Awarded 5 Stars rating from QS.

³ Ranked 39th in the THE Most International Universities in the World 2023.

⁴ 90% of graduates in or due to start employment or further study 15 months after graduation based on full-time, first degree, UK domiciled graduates (HESA Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21).

⁵ 11th in The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2024.

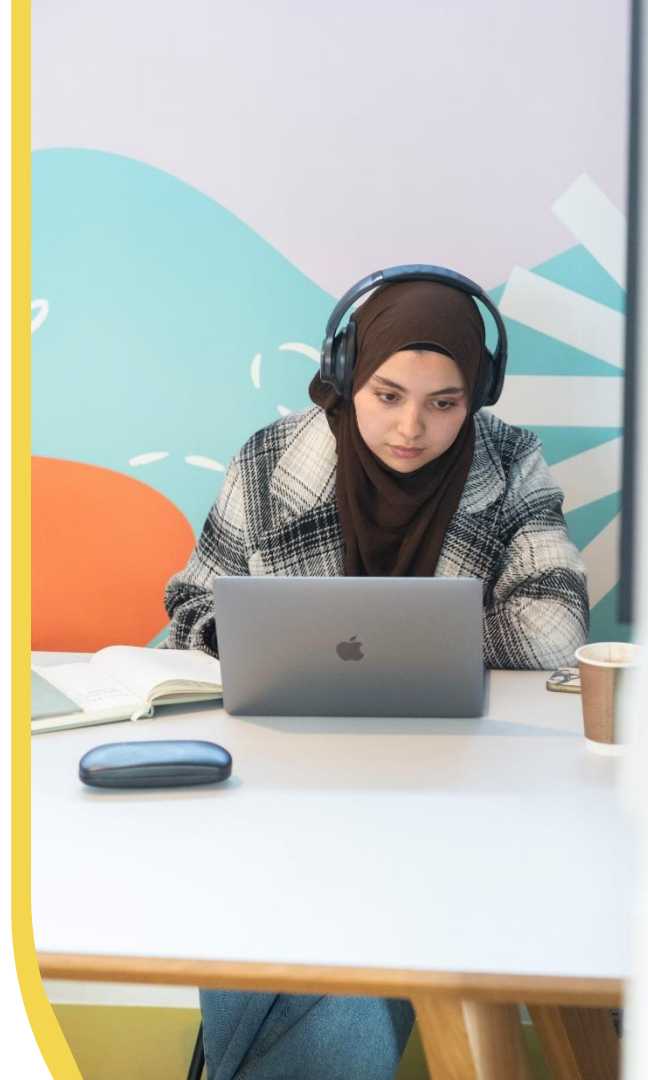
Your journey



Application process

Universities consider:

- achieved academic performance
- predicted academic performance
- personal statement and teacher reference
- any extenuating circumstances
- possible interviews / admissions tests / portfolios / auditions etc





The specifics

- Only 4,000 characters or 47 lines
- Same one for each choice
- 75% should be subject-based
- 25% should be about you as a person

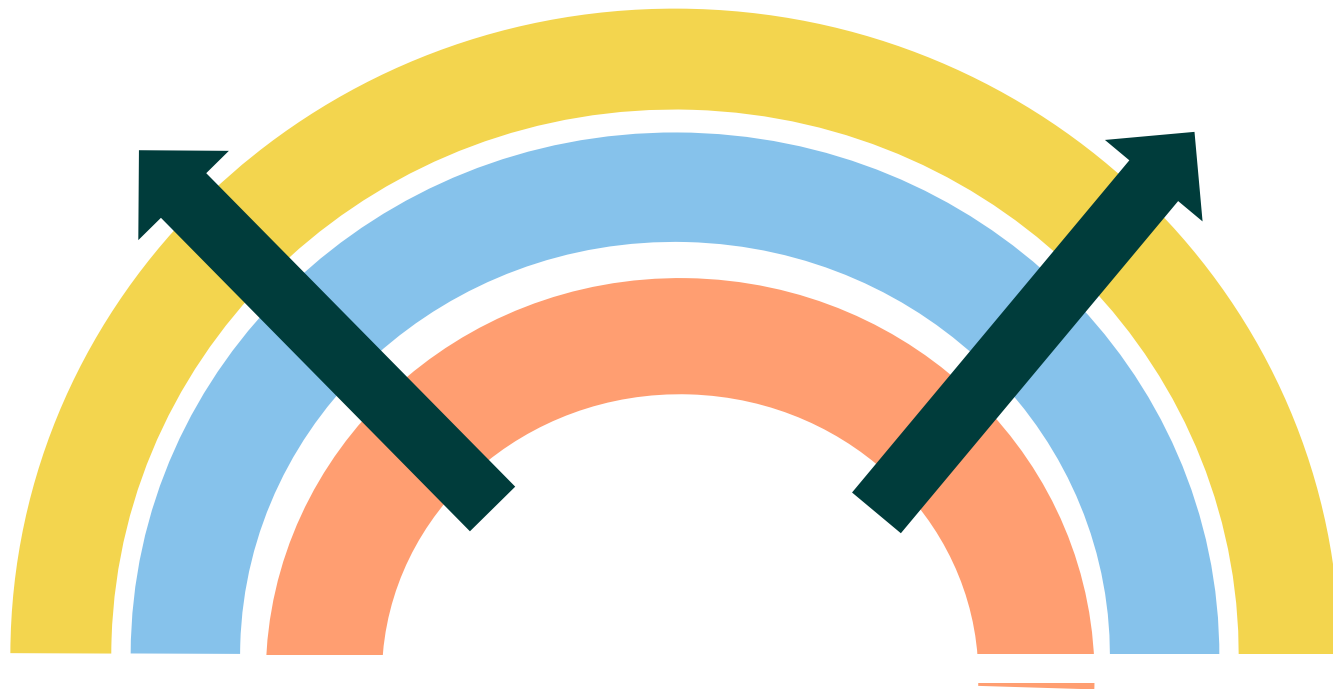


Structure

- Discuss:
 - your interest in the subject
 - super-curricular activity
 - relevant work experience
 - your current studies
 - extra-curricular activities



Getting started on the Personal Statement

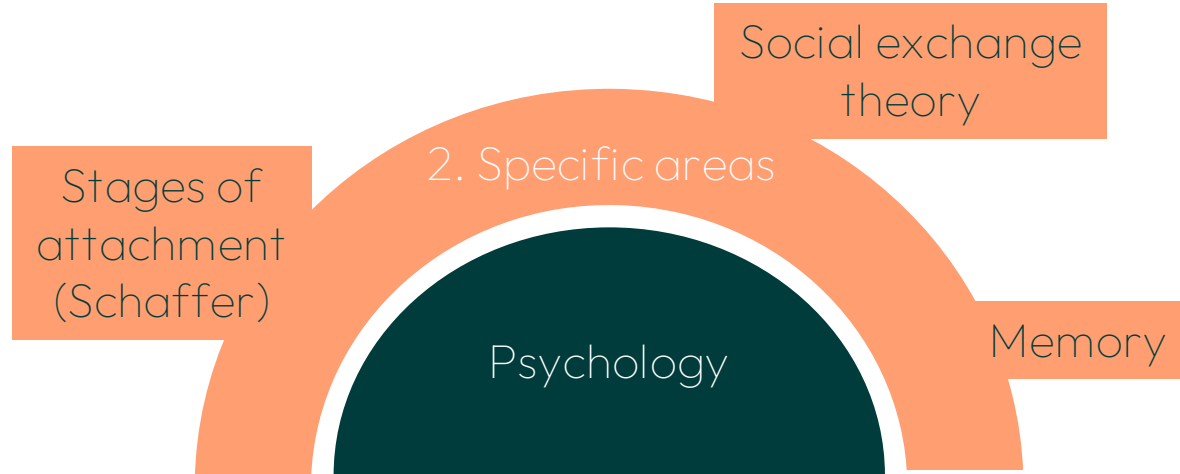


Stage 1



1. Subject(s) you
are interested in

Stage 2



Stage 3



Stage 4

Stages of attachment
witnessed on
placement within a
nursery setting

4. Experience

Listening to the
PsychCrunch podcast
about how to understand
your cat

3. Why? / What?

2. Specific areas



Extra-curricular and skills

Remember to...

- Choose your subject(s) before you start writing
- Complete super-curricular exploration before starting to write
- Think about your audience
- Check spelling, punctuation and grammar
- Get feedback
- Redraft



Avoid...

- Mentioning any university by name
- Any misleading information
- Plagiarism
- Cliches
- Leaving it until the last moment



Upcoming Events

DU online conferences

- Year 12, ‘Your Journey to HE: Why Exeter?’ conference, Saturday 22nd June



Open Days

- 29th May 2024 – Penryn Campus, Cornwall
- 31st May 2024 – Exeter Campuses, Devon
- 1st June 2024 – Exeter Campuses, Devon





Summary



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Overall: **Gold**

Student experience: **Gold**

Student outcomes: **Gold**

Teaching Excellence Framework



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- Supporting an Application to University
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26th September 2024

