UCAS
University and Colleges Admissions Service

370 Institutions on offer (140 'technically' universities)
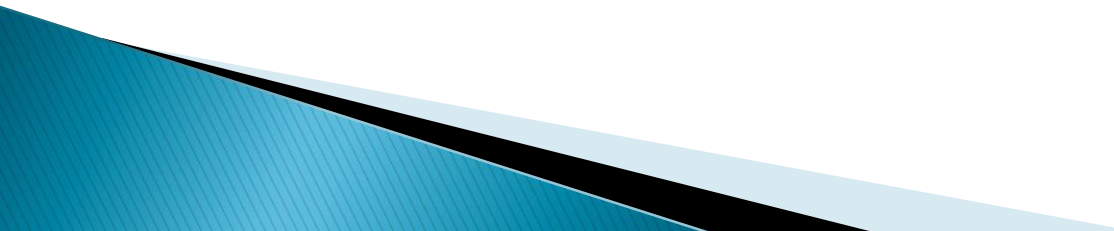
37000 courses available

Global system
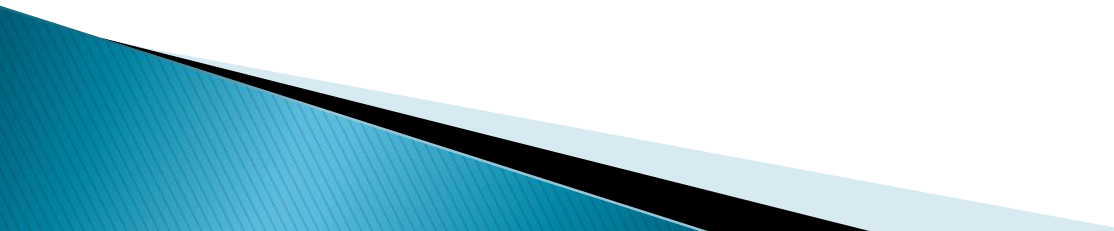
2015 – 673040 applicants. 494110 placed

10% placed through 'clearing'

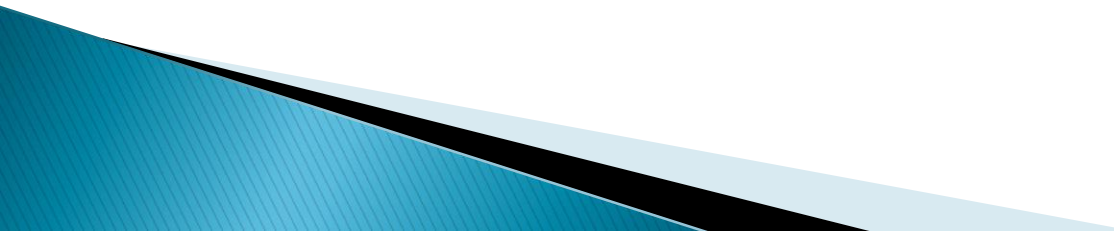Support offered on UCAS site – Get Started video and Help video

Entry requirements

- **Qualifications** – passed and predicted
- **Experience** – both of work and life
- **Skills** – 'low maintenance' students preferred eg able to work independently, use time properly, show effective study skills, be able to reflect on learning
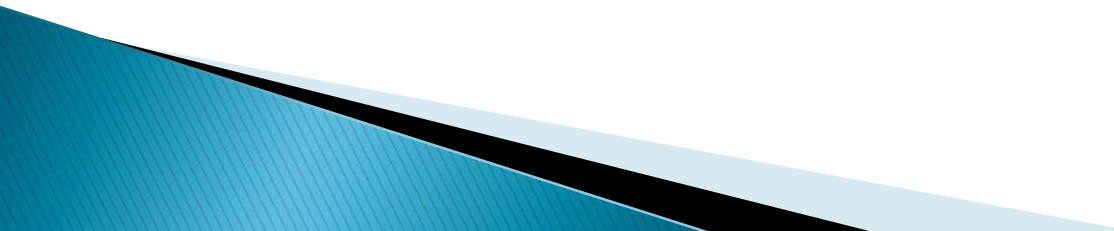- **Testimony** – Personal statement and Reference

Preparation

- Young people need to research the following areas:
- **Type of institution**
- **Courses**
- **Entry requirements**
- **Work experience**

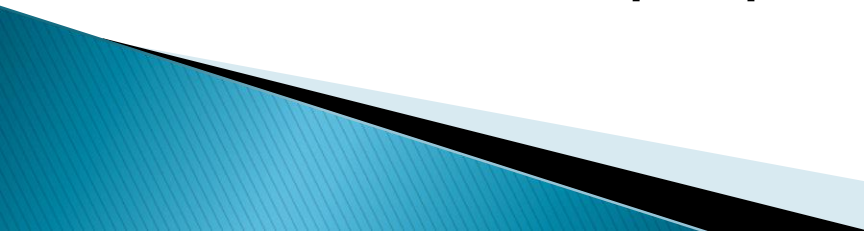# Type of Institution

- **Ancient v Modern** (Edinburgh v GCU)
- **Urban v Rural** (Stirling v Glasgow)
- **Multiple v Single Campus** (St Andrews v UHI)
- **Accessibility and Accommodation**
- **Funding implications**

Course
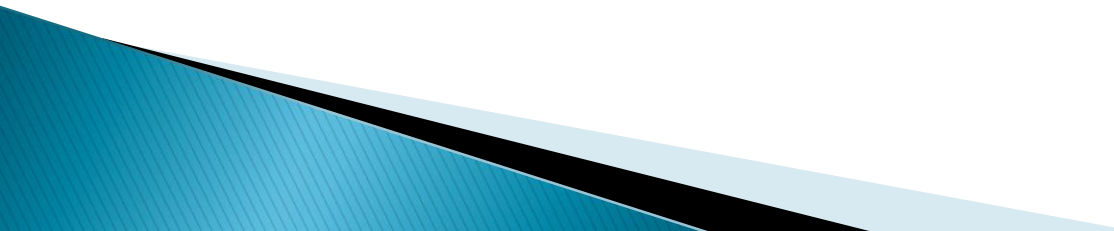
- Vocational or Non vocational
- Length of course
- **Content of course** – lecture structure, research, assessment, placement

Entry Requirements

- **Basic entry requirements** – vary based on institution and availability. Check website as well as prospectus for most current information
- **Additional requirements**: for medicine, dentistry or law, you will also need to sit LNAT or UKCAT tests. You should register for these in June. Work experience essential
- **Portfolio work** – for Art and Design courses
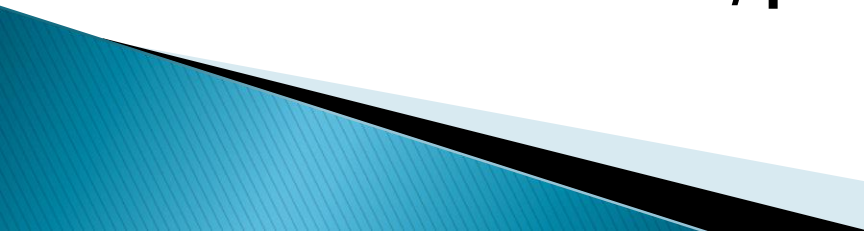- **Auditions** – for music courses – RCS etc
- **Interviews** – prepare in advance

Work Experience

- Research and arrange relevant work experience.
- Be flexible and show initiative
- Show that you can **reflect and evaluate** what you have gained from w.e.

2018 – Key dates

- Monday 29th October – Registered and all sections started.
- Friday 9th November – Draft Personal Statement to Head of House at the latest.
- Friday 30th November – Form completed and sent for Academic Reference to PT guidance.
- Friday 14th December – Completed UCAS form with academic reference ready to be sent to UCAS
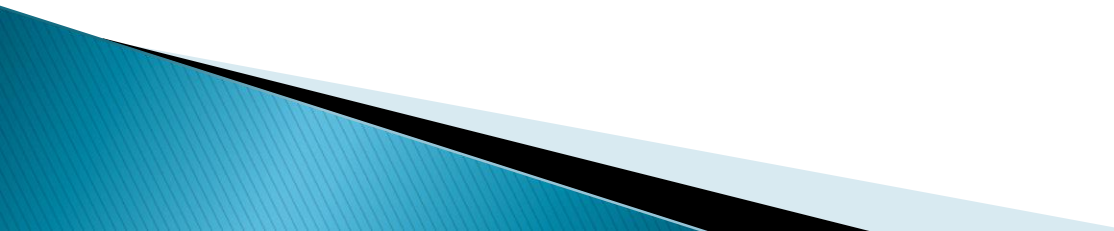- Check dates for medicine and art courses

Personal Statement

- ▸ - will set you apart from all the other applicants who have the same qualifications as you
- ▸ - will show how interested you are in the course
- ▸ - will show a range of relevant skills and abilities **not** readily seen from the rest of your application
- ▸ - will detail w.e. and relevance
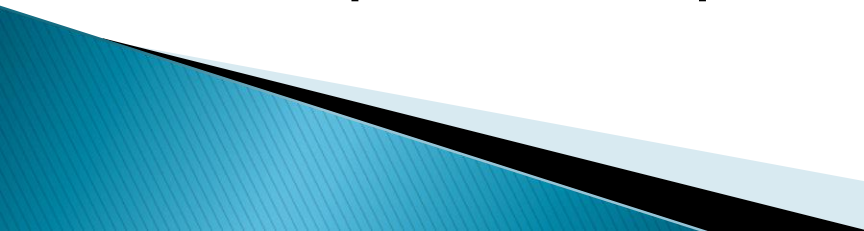- ▸ - **will be honed/polished to perfection!!**

PS content

- Evidence of research into subject area
- Rationale behind differing course choices
- Examples of good communication skills and also skills relevant to the course itself
- Future career aspirations

- Include:
- –reason for choosing course
- – background interest in subject area
- – particular interests in current studies
- – employment, w.e. or voluntary work and skills developed

PS - extras

- – social/sporting/other interests – and how these relate to the course
- – detail of non-examined subjects
- – specific relatable achievements
- – positions of responsibility
- – evidence of team working ability and other skills

UCAS – Reference

- Provides a comment on the applicant's academic performance or potential
- Describes their skills and abilities
- Confirms their suitability and aptitude for HE study
- Emphasises any information that puts the applicant's achievements into greater perspective
- Will be written by someone who knows the applicant well enough to comment on ability and personal qualities and based on trawl

UCAS login 2019

- Buzzword: sgoillionacleit2019