

# DMU

## Post UCAS Application: What Happens Next?

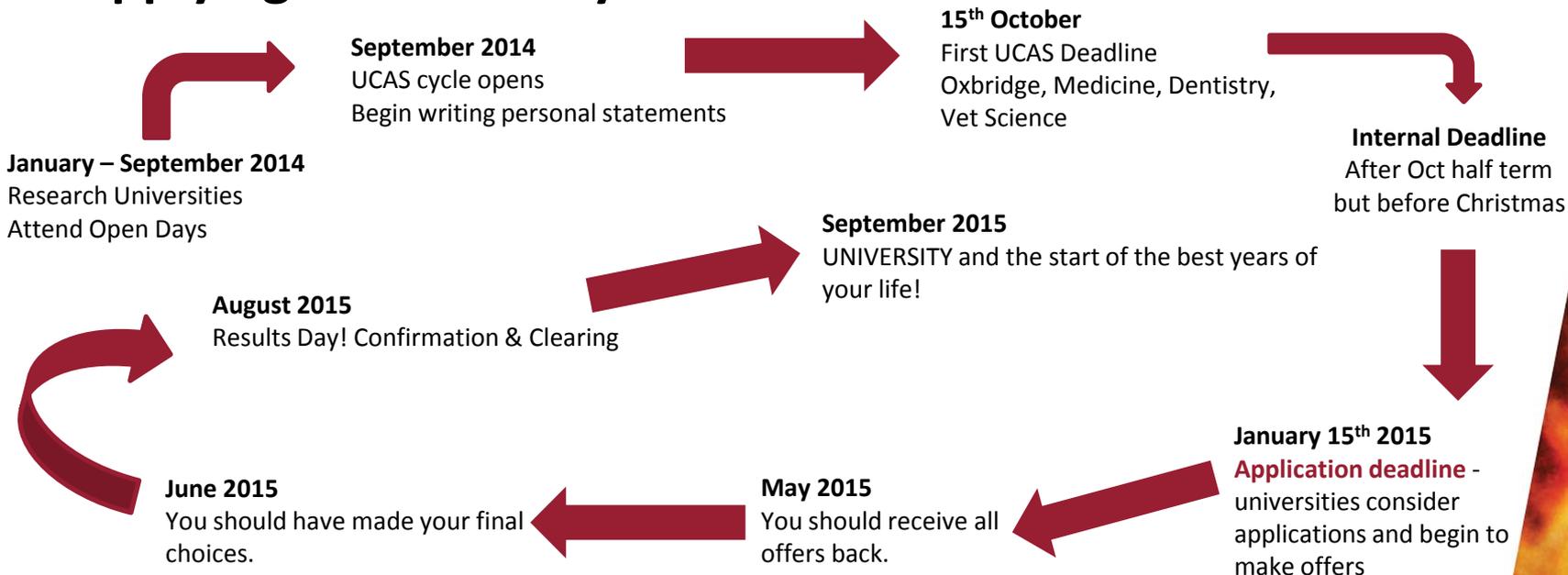
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## Applying to University



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## Types of Offers

Conditional Offer



There are conditions you need to meet to enter on to the course, usually grade/UCAS point dependant.

Unconditional Offer



There are no conditions to meet, you will be accepted if you choose this offer.

Alternative Course Offer



The university are considering you for an alternative (related) course instead.

Unsuccessful



Your application to this course has been unsuccessful.

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## Accepting Offers

Once you have received all your offers you can log in to UCAS Track and make your final choices.

You will need to pick a....

**Firm choice** – this is where you definitely want to go should you meet the conditions.

**Insurance choice** – this is where you will go if you fail to meet your firm choice conditions.

All remaining offers will be disregarded and will no longer show on UCAS Track.

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## UCAS Extra

- If all of your applications are unsuccessful or you change your mind, you can submit a new university application through UCAS Extra.

To apply through UCAS Extra, you must have:

- Already made five choices,
  - Received decisions from all these choices,
  - Either had no offers, declined all of your offers or cancelled outstanding applications.
- You can then apply for one course at a time using the 'Extra' button on UCAS Track. You will need to pay an additional £11 to enter UCAS Extra.

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## UCAS Extra

- Why didn't you get an offer?
  - Higher entry requirements than you were predicted?
  - Competitive course?
- Tactics
  - Consider applying for a course with requirements closer to or matching your expected grades.
  - If you've applied to high-demand courses, you could increase your options by widening which universities and locations you would consider.
  - Look into joint or combined degrees covering two or more subjects.
- Advice
  - Make sure you contact the university or college directly to make sure that they will consider you before you apply.
  - Be aware that universities can see your initial five choices.
  - You can't change your personal statement. So if you've decided to apply for a different course – it's a good idea to get in touch with your preferred university or college directly.

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## UCAS Extra

- I've got an offer!
  - Great news! You will need to reply to it by the date shown in Track.
  - If you accept it, you won't be able to apply anywhere else, so make sure you're happy with your decision.
- I've been unsuccessful
  - If you decline an offer or your application is unsuccessful, you can still apply for another course through Extra (time permitting).
- 'I haven't heard anything'
  - If you haven't received a decision from the university or college within 21 days of applying through Extra, you can apply for a different course.

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## Results day

### Scenario A Confirmation

You get the required grades

- **Congratulations!** You're either going to your firm/insurance choice university .
- Contact your institution to confirm your place/accommodation.
- Complete any paper work needed.

### Scenario B Adjustment

You get better grades

- **Well Done!** You can apply via adjustment.
- Essentially 'trading up' on your university or course.
- Need to call up universities on results day and enquire about places.

### Scenario C Clearing

You don't quite get the grades

- **Don't panic!** It's not the end of the road.
- Around 50,000 students went in to clearing last year.
- Consider your options – re-sit exams, take a gap year, look at alternative course/universities.

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## Clearing

- UCAS Track will automatically update itself to show you are in clearing.
- You will be given a unique clearing number – keep this handy as you will need it when you begin to contact universities
- Courses available in clearing will be advertised on the UCAS website, University websites, broadsheet newspapers, local radio stations
- Ring round universities where courses are available – DMU helpline opens 7am 14th August
- You can receive as many verbal offers as you wish but you can only accept one on UCAS Track.

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## Clearing Tips

Remember the four R's:

- **Research:** The uni, the content of the course and the small print – there might be no point applying if the university is looking for specific GCSE or Standard grades you don't have, for instance.
- **Reasons for your choice:** (And by that, we don't mean 'it was the only course left open to me'). What differentiates this degree from another? What do you like the sound of in particular? What can you offer that puts you ahead of other candidates?
- **Rationalise:** Be prepared to explain why your grades were disappointing. And be honest. For example: 'I didn't revise as well as I could have, but I've got my wake up call and it won't happen again.'
- **Rehearse:** What are they likely to ask you, and what do you need to tell them? Have a bullet-pointed script next to you if necessary.

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## Top Tips for Results Day

- Be prepared for an early start to the day – clearing lines open very early in the morning!
- Ideally avoid going on holiday around results day.
- Log on to UCAS track first – it updates at midnight 14th August.
- You will still need to collect/receive your results from school/college.
- Have all of your paperwork available in case you need to contact universities.
- Charge your mobile phone and make sure your in a strong signal area.
- Listen to advice from families, tutors, university staff.
- Try not to worry and consider all of your options.
- Remember your priorities – don't 'panic buy'. Make the right choice for you!

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DATES:

**SATURDAY 4 JULY 2015**

**SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2015**

**SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER 2015**

**SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2015**

**SATURDAY 9 JANUARY 2016**

9.30AM-3PM (REGISTRATION FROM 9AM)

Our open days give you a great opportunity to see our state-of-the-art facilities, tour the campus and talk to tutors and current students about what it's like to study at DMU.

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# Any questions?