

## USEFUL LINKS

A range of support for care experienced students can be found on our website: [exeter.ac.uk/students/wp-support/supportfor/careleavers](https://exeter.ac.uk/students/wp-support/supportfor/careleavers)

### [propel.org.uk](https://propel.org.uk)

An informative website that helps you decide whether studying at university or college is right for you. It includes general information about moving into higher education from care, stories of care leavers who have studied at university, a university and course search, and detailed information about the support offered to care leavers by each college and university.

### UCAS

[ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/getting-started/individual-needs/care-leavers](https://ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/getting-started/individual-needs/care-leavers)

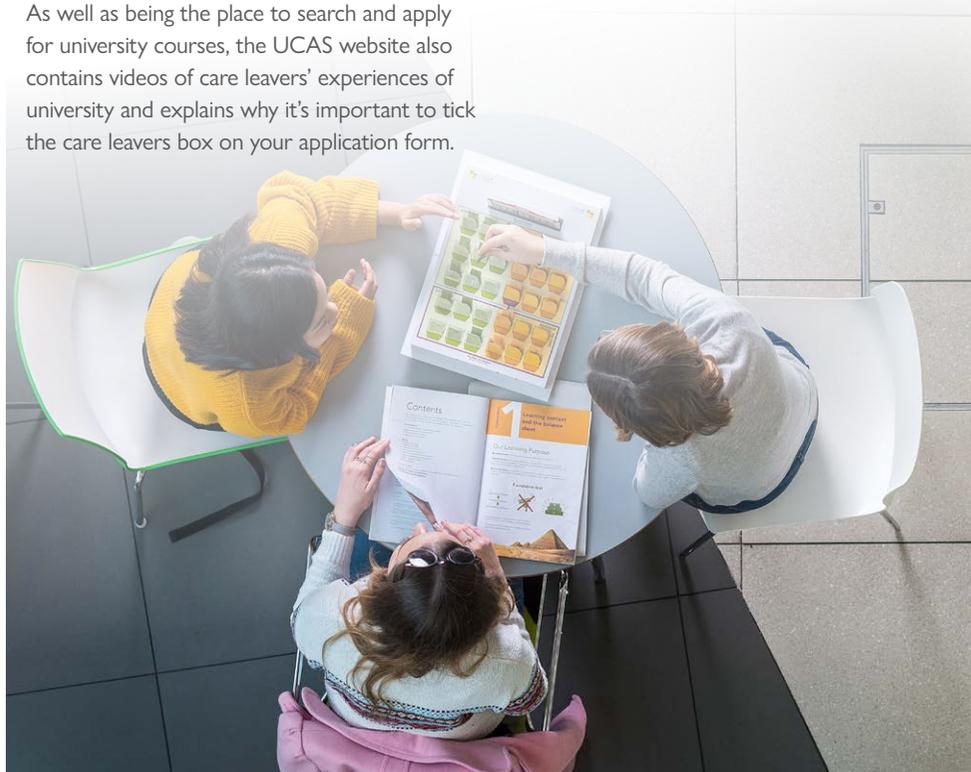
As well as being the place to search and apply for university courses, the UCAS website also contains videos of care leavers' experiences of university and explains why it's important to tick the care leavers box on your application form.

### The National Network for the Education of Care Leavers (NNECL) [nnecl.org](https://nnecl.org)

This website lists events and resources specifically for children in care and care leavers.

### Become [becomecharity.org.uk](https://becomecharity.org.uk)

Charity for children in care and young care leavers.



## CONTACT

If you are considering higher education and need advice and guidance and for information about the support offered by the University, please contact:

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## WELCOME TO YOUR UNIVERSITY >

The University of Exeter is committed to supporting care experienced students (up to the age of 25) to realise their full potential through higher education study.

Our range of services (depending on eligibility) may include travel bursaries, a personal point of contact to support you through your studies, tuition fee waivers, help with accommodation, paid internships, academic skills support, bespoke employability advice and welfare support. Eligibility for some of this support depends on the timing and duration of your period in care.

At the University of Exeter we define care leavers as young people (up to the age of 25) who have been looked after by the local authority for more than 13 weeks since they were 14, including some time at age 16 or 17.

We define care experienced as any student who has been or is currently in care or from a looked after background at any stage of their life, no matter how short. This care may have been provided in one of many different settings, such as in residential care, foster care, kinship care or looked after at home with a supervision requirement.

### PRE-ENTRY SUPPORT

#### Exeter Scholars

As a young person who has experienced some time in care you may be eligible to be part of the Exeter Scholars programme. Becoming an Exeter Scholar can be achieved by completing one of three unique pathways that include a range of specific events and activities. This free programme gives you the opportunity to

develop your knowledge about university and experience what it is like to study a subject of your choice at university level. For more information about Exeter Scholars visit:

[exeter.ac.uk/exeterscholars](https://exeter.ac.uk/exeterscholars)

### APPLICATIONS

#### UCAS Application Form

We would encourage you to complete the 'have you been in care?' question on your UCAS application. By providing this information, the University will be able to let you know what additional support you are entitled to. We will treat this information in confidence and will only share your information with those who need to know, and who you agree should be informed.

#### Admissions

During our admissions processes we recognise the impact that being in care can have on a student's attainment and this may be taken into account when we are considering your application. This might mean that you are made an offer at the lower end of the grade range, or you may be made an 'aspirational' offer if your predicted grades aren't quite in line with our expected levels. In addition, some GCSE requirements may be waived.

## SUPPORTING YOU THROUGH YOUR JOURNEY >

If you indicate on your UCAS form that you have spent time in care, you will be contacted by our Admissions Team for further information to help us establish your eligibility for support. We will also make sure that you are aware of the financial and pastoral support that we offer.

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT (care leavers only)

- **Fee Waiver** – Care leavers starting an undergraduate or PGCE course at the University of Exeter will not have to pay tuition fees.
- **Care Leavers bursary** – The bursary is intended to help with the cost of accommodation during the summer vacation period after your first and subsequent years of study (but not final year). The bursary amount is not fixed, but is decided by taking into account the additional cost of your accommodation needs.

For more information about financial support visit: [exeter.ac.uk/students/finance/studentfunding](https://exeter.ac.uk/students/finance/studentfunding)

### OFFER-HOLDER VISIT DAYS – TRAVEL EXPENSES

You will be entitled to a travel bursary of a maximum of £150 to cover the costs of travelling to attend either an interview or an Offer-Holder Visit Day. The bursary can be used to reimburse travel expenses only and cannot be paid as a cash alternative or be used towards any other expenses incurred as a part of attending an interview or Offer-Holder Visit Day.

### ACCOMMODATION

The University of Exeter will provide 365 day access to accommodation – in particular to cover the holiday periods.

Further details regarding accommodation can be found at [exeter.ac.uk/accommodation](https://exeter.ac.uk/accommodation)

### UNITE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The Unite Foundation is a charitable trust that focuses on enabling young people under the age of 25 to make the most of educational opportunities. The Unite Foundation offers generous scholarships for care leavers and/or estranged students. Each scholar currently receives free accommodation for three years in a Unite student building. Scholarships are awarded annually. To download an application form visit the Unite Foundation website at [unitefoundation.co.uk/get-a-scholarship](https://unitefoundation.co.uk/get-a-scholarship)

### WELLBEING

Health and wellbeing are integral to effective study, alongside a rich and fulfilling student experience, but staying well in body and mind isn't always easy at university. We recognise that it's much more difficult to learn and enjoy student life when personal difficulties or emotional worries arise. Our Wellbeing Services offer a range of resources and support to help you in both personal and academic life.

For more information about this support visit: [exeter.ac.uk/wellbeing](https://exeter.ac.uk/wellbeing)

### DESIGNATED MEMBER OF STAFF

Once you have been accepted at the University of Exeter, our designated member of staff will be in touch with you before you arrive and once you have enrolled with us. They will be able to provide you with information and advice and sign-post you to other areas of the University who may also be able to offer support as needed.

