

AN INSIGHT INTO OUR OFFER MAKING PROCESS >>

At the University of Exeter we believe a diverse and inclusive community is essential to our core values, and that diversity amongst our student body enriches learning, teaching, and research.

We are committed to ensuring that no student with potential to succeed academically is deterred from applying. All applications take into account individual context and this is reflected in our offer making.

CONTEXTUAL OFFERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023 ENTRY

It is highly likely that a proportion of your students will qualify for a contextual offer below the published range, for example BBB instead of AAB or DDM instead of DDD.

Individual students may qualify on the basis of where they live, whether they have experience of being in care or if they have taken part in our fair access schemes.

ELIGIBILITY INCLUDES:

Applicants who meet one of the following eligibility criteria and are made an offer, will qualify for an adjusted offer to that we publish as our typical offer.

- All applicants who live in an area with low participation rates in higher education (POLAR 4 Quintile 1 or 2) and from a state school. You can check eligibility using the postcode checker available on the Office for Students webpages www.officeforstudents.org.uk/data-and-analysis/young-participation-by-area/search-by-postcode. Applicants in this category who receive an offer will receive a two grade adjustment.
- All applicants who live in areas of deprivation (IMD Quintile 1 or 2) and from a state school. You can check eligibility using the postcode checker imd-by-postcode.opendatacommunities.org/imd/2019. The postcode check will provide you with an IMD decile score, IMD Decile 1&2 = IMD Quintile 1, IMD Decile 3&4 = IMD Quintile 2, IMD Decile 5 or above = IMD Quintile 3 or above. Applicants in this category who receive an offer will receive a two grade adjustment.
- Applicants we define as a **Care Leaver**, anyone who has been looked after by the local authority for more than 13 weeks since they were 14, including some time at age 16 or 17. Applicants in this category who receive an offer will receive a three grade adjustment.
- Applicants we define as **Care Experienced**, anyone who has been or is currently in care or from a looked-after background at any stage of their life. Applicants in this category who receive an offer will receive a three grade adjustment.
- Applicants engaged on specific progression programmes run or managed by the University of Exeter. You can check details of these on the Exeter Scholar webpages www.exeter.ac.uk/exeterscholars/benefits/benefitspackages. Applicants in this category who receive an offer will receive a three grade adjustment.
- Applicants seeking asylum, have limited leave to remain (excluding under the EU settlement Scheme), are under 'humanitarian protection' or have refugee status. Applicants in this category who receive an offer will receive a three grade adjustment.

THE APPLICATION IN CONTEXT

The UCAS application form includes a number of questions which give us details about the context in which applicants have achieved their academic qualifications.

Evidence of contextual factors will not necessarily mean that preference will be given to a candidate, as each case will be considered on its individual merits. However, in cases where there is clear evidence that contextual factors have affected performance and achievement, and where the applicant is able to demonstrate motivation and potential to achieve, the University will consider this as part of its holistic assessment of the application and take it into account when deciding whether to make an offer and the level of offer to be made.

We also recognise that non-academic excellence adds value to the University and that students who excel in non-academic areas (such as sport or music) can make a specific additional contribution to the University.

OFFERS FOR THE 2023/2024 CYCLE

Offers will be conveyed via UCAS Track and we aim to ensure all key information is available to view by advisors. We will also follow-up with an email which contains any additional details pertinent to the offer which we cannot fit in the offer text for UCAS Track.

Applicants taking an EPQ or Core Maths qualification will receive an amended offer, in recognition of the additional preparedness this provides applicants. Those with or planning to complete EPQ or Core Maths who achieve a grade A and firmly accept our offer will be accepted one grade below their standard offer.

Where an applicant has been unsuccessful we will look to making a suitable alternative offer in some cases. In this instance applicants will be emailed and asked if they wish to take this up, if the applicant agrees the change an offer will be reflected in UCAS Track and if they turn it down or do not reply by the specified deadline an unsuccessful decision will be processed.

Our applicant webpages: (exeter.ac.uk/study/applicants) have lots of useful detail about our offer, events and registration that we hope are helpful.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA AND SELECTION

We can consider candidates with achieved results (e.g. post-A-Level) or with predicted grades (e.g. an estimate of IB Diploma points). Achieved results do not provide an advantage over predicted grades. To create scope for those who do not want to take a gap year as well as those who do, or who have done so, we may limit how many offers we make for deferred entry or to those with achieved results.

We do not make 'conditional unconditional offers' – a phrase applied to those who have not completed their qualifications but may be given an unconditional offer anyway. The only unconditional offers we make are to those with achieved results which meet our requirements and do not exceed any numbers caps or management we have in place. We are happy to consider applicants who intend to take a year out between school/college and university. Applicants applying for deferred entry will be considered in the same way as applicants applying for entry without a gap year.

WHEN WILL STUDENTS RECEIVE THEIR OFFERS?

The University operates a 'gathered field' procedure whereby applications received between September and January will be considered but a decision may not be conveyed until all applications received by the equal consideration deadline (last Wednesday in January) have been considered. We are committed to ensuring we convey a decision to these applicants no later than the end of March, though in practice it tends to be sooner than this for most programmes. On occasion it is not however possible for us to make all decisions by this date and it may take a little longer where we have applications (received by the equal consideration deadline) where information is required to make a decision, interviews are taking place, or application numbers have increased.

GETTING IN TOUCH

Please do not hesitate to get in touch should you have any further queries about our offer making approach for the 2023/24 cycle. You may do so by contacting our Admissions team at: ug-ad@exeter.ac.uk or by calling on **0300 555 60 60**.