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STAR applicant pack for refugees and people seeking asylum

Good luck with your application to university! Here are some resources and websites to help you prepare your application.

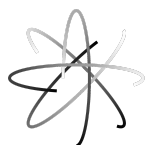
Applying to university

We have lots of information on the Access to university section of the STAR website, including:

- [STAR's guide to applying to university](#) gives an overview of the main steps.
- For information about deadlines for undergraduate degrees, read [STAR's blog about the UCAS deadline](#) and [visit the UCAS website](#).
- To find answers to common questions, read STAR's [Frequently Asked Questions page](#).
- If you are seeking asylum and have been given a 'no study' condition on your BAIL 201 letter, read [guidance from Coram Children's Legal Centre](#) and seek legal advice.
- UCAS has a range of resources about applying for university, including:
 - [a guide to applying via UCAS](#)
 - [information for refugees and people seeking asylum](#)
 - advice for [writing your personal statement](#)
 - information about [finding a reference](#) if you are not in school or college
- To search for postgraduate courses, use the [Myriad app](#) from UCAS.
- If you haven't chosen a course yet, check out:
 - the [UCAS careers quiz](#)
 - advice from [the Complete University Guide](#)
 - [university open days](#) (also advertised on university websites)
 - [pre-university courses](#)
- Sign up to the [STAR Equal Access mailing list](#) to hear updates and new opportunities.

Eligibility for student finance and home fee status

- [UKCISA website](#) - for guidance about eligibility based on immigration status. UKCISA also has an [advice line for international students](#) that you can contact.
- [GOV.UK website](#) - for general guidance about eligibility criteria for student finance.



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All about scholarships

- To find a university scholarship, visit [STAR's scholarships list](#) and contact the university to find out more. A new website - Displaced Student Opportunities UK - will also be launching in December.
- For more information about how to apply for university scholarships, read [STAR's guide to applying for scholarships](#) and watch the [STAR Scholarships Information Session 2022](#)
- For information about additional financial support, visit our [Other scholarships and grants](#) page.

Further resources and support

- [Equal Access Network](#) - an online peer support network, coordinated by STAR's Equal Access Activists. Join the network to connect with other applicants and students from refugee and asylum-seeking backgrounds.
- [Pre-university courses](#) - if you need to improve your English level or want to do a preparatory course before applying for university, look at our list of courses.
- [Refugee Education UK](#) - if you are not yet ready to apply for university and want to apply for college, get in touch with Refugee Education UK. Refugee Education UK also has [helpful information](#) about access to college and uni on their website, and runs an [advice line](#) that you can contact.
- [RefuAid](#) - education support including funding for IELTS and English exams. If you need support with an IELTS exam, apply for RefuAid's language programme.
- [Breaking Barriers](#) - if you live in London, Birmingham or Manchester and would like more support with education or employment, contact Breaking Barriers.
- [ENIC](#) - If you need to translate an overseas qualification to the UK context, ENIC provides a 'Statement of Comparability' service (for a fee). University admissions teams may also be able to help.
- For other types of support, check out [other organisations listed on the STAR website](#).

More questions?

Take a look at the [STAR Equal Access enquiry form](#), and submit any further questions there.