Once in a lifetime, there is a moment that changes everything, in which the right people, at the right time, and in the right place come together to create something extraordinary and unexpected.
Welcome

As Vice-Provost with overall responsibility for Education & Students at the University of Surrey, and having recently seen my own daughters through their university years, I welcome and encourage your involvement in helping your son or daughter choose the university that will best suit their interests, personality and ambitions.

I joined Surrey in this role very recently, attracted here by the university’s strong reputation for cultivating a lively and supportive academic community in which students flourish intellectually, personally, and socially. This reputation is built on strong foundations: we want our students and our graduates to change the world, and to do so through developing their confidence and interests – in sport, languages, politics, the arts - alongside their academic knowledge. We achieve this through ongoing investment in our facilities, our technology, and the development of our staff to create an ever-evolving range of opportunities and support for students.

Surrey’s academic standing is well established. The quality and diversity of our research is recognised, for example, by the award of three Queen’s Anniversary Prizes for Research. Our taught programmes are recognised as being of high contemporary relevance, with professional bodies accrediting many of them and numerous employers actively recruiting our students into placements and then graduate positions.

Our sector-leading Professional Training Year placement programme is a distinctive feature of our provision and a particular strength in relation to future career development, with over 2300 partner organisations providing opportunities for our students to experience varied forms of employment during the course of their studies here. This contributes to the exceptional levels of student success in their rapid progression to careers path: data from the Higher Education Statistics Agency show 96% of our graduates to be in work or further study six months after completing their programmes.

Importantly, our students themselves endorse what we do. In the National Student Surveys conducted in each of the last five years, on each occasion at least 90% of students have reported overall satisfaction. This places us consistently within the top 10-20 universities in the UK, and Surrey is now established as a ‘top ten’ university in national league table rankings: thus in 2017 we placed fourth in The Guardian University Guide and 10th in the Times Higher Education Table of Tables. We were named both “University of the Year” and “University of the Year for Student Experience” by The Sunday Times and The Times Good University Guide 2016.

We take pride in the quality of our student experience, our commitment to academic excellence, and our ongoing support for the rounded development and employability of our students. I hope that these themes resonate with you, and that if so you will find this guide useful in helping you to discuss key issues with your son or daughter as they make their decisions at this exciting phase in their lives.

With very best wishes,

Professor Jane Powell
BA MPhil PhD C Clin Psychol
Vice-Provost Education & Students
Introduction

Going to university is an important journey for your son or daughter and will include making some big decisions. How should you choose and apply for a course? What is a UCAS application? What are the financial implications of higher education study?

This guide will explore these questions from the University of Surrey’s perspective, as well as offering lots of information to help you and your son or daughter make the best decision for their future. If you have any queries after reading this guide, we’d be happy to help – just get in touch with us directly.

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### Application timeline

**UCAS Application timeline for undergraduate entry 2018.**

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Choosing a course and university

With thousands of courses and hundreds of universities and colleges, it can be difficult deciding on what and where to study. Below are some useful questions to ask your son or daughter to get them started:

Choosing a course:
- Which subject are you most interested in? Do you have an aptitude for this subject?
- Do you have a career in mind? Will this course help you to achieve that goal?
- What kind of Professional Training placement year/year abroad options are available?
- What about full-time or part-time study?
- What is the course content? How is the course delivered?
- How many lectures/classes/seminars/tutorials will you have a week?
- How is a course assessed?
- How much academic support is available?
- If you’re thinking about a gap year, does your course accept deferred entry?

Choosing a university:
- Which universities offer your course?
- What are the entry requirements? Do you also need relevant work experience?
- What is the reputation of the university/course?
- Where is the university? How far away from home do you want to be?
- Do you think you will prefer a campus or city-based university? What do you think about the local city or town?
- What financial help is available from the university? What are the living costs?
- What is the accommodation like? Is first-year accommodation guaranteed? What about subsequent years? What is the support for students in their living environment?
- What are the facilities like? Do they cater for sport? What is the library like? How active is the Students’ Union?
- How many students does the university have?
- And remember …

There’s lots of help available for you and your son or daughter to make an informed decision – especially Open Days. You’ll be able to get a feel for the location, ask any questions, explore the campus, check out the accommodation and chat with students and staff.

The University of Surrey has Open Days in June and September. Check the dates and register online at surrey.ac.uk/opendays

The following websites may also help your son or daughter to make their choice:

The website for applying to almost all UK full-time undergraduate degree programmes
ucas.com

University league tables
theguardian.com/education/universityguide

University league tables
thetimes.co.uk/tto/public/gug

Advice on courses and universities
thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk

Online student community
thestudentroom.co.uk

Information about open day dates
opendays.com

University of Surrey website
surrey.ac.uk
As your son or daughter plans their first steps into Higher Education, there may be a number of questions on your mind…

Will my son or daughter be happy here?
Is it a friendly safe environment?

**A beautiful place to live**
The University of Surrey is based on a beautiful leafy campus, nestled on a hill with views of Guildford Cathedral.

Our campus has modern first-rate facilities for learning and teaching, library study, research, sports, arts and a vibrant social life. The beautiful gardens and parkland blend seamlessly with playing fields, a picturesque lake, striking architecture and public art, making the landscape a unique and much-loved feature of the University.

**Safety first**
It’s reassuring to know that at any time of day or night, your son or daughter is under the protection of our campus security team, whose on-site office is open 24/7.

**Best ever student satisfaction**
Our final-year students have proclaimed themselves as more satisfied than ever with their course experience, according to the influential 2015 National Student Survey (NSS). Surrey climbed to fifth place in the country for overall student satisfaction with a score of 92 per cent.

**Guaranteed accommodation for first year students**
New Surrey undergraduates are guaranteed a place in University accommodation, as long as they meet the guarantee criteria. For full details of our allocation policy, including the guarantee criteria see surrey.ac.uk/accommodation

To help new students feel at home on campus they are given a Student Life Mentor who visits regularly and acts as an approachable and accessible welfare presence. Mentors provide advice and information, help resolve communal living, academic and wellbeing issues, and organise social events to promote a safe and happy living environment for all of our students.

See surrey.ac.uk/mentoring surrey.ac.uk/wardens

**Support for student life**
The Student Services Centre is a ‘first stop shop’ where trained staff can resolve a wide range of enquiries around the student experience. There are drop in and scheduled appointments with professional advice staff available, covering money (fees and funding), international (visa) or accommodation support related issues (on or off campus).

Student centre teams hold Customer Services Excellence accreditation and students have rated them very highly for satisfaction with services provided.

surrey.ac.uk/currentstudents/ask

**Health and wellbeing**
Our Centre for Wellbeing promotes the development of good emotional, psychological and physical health. Throughout the year, a team of counsellors, nurses and advisers offer a range of different type of support, from one-to-one counselling, to health information, advice and support.

The Student health Centre in University Court on campus is home to Guildowns University Medical Practice which provides an NHS GP (General Practitioner) service.

**Top four university**
In recent years, the University of Surrey has been confirmed among the top universities in the country. We achieved fourth place in The Guardian league table 2017 (for the second year in a row). We climbed to eighth position in The Complete University Guide 2016 and rose to eigth place in The Times/The Sunday Times Guide 2016.

**£400 million campus investment**
Since 2000 we’ve spent approximately £400 million in developing and enhancing our campus and facilities – including £80 million on the Manor Park Student Village, £36 million on Surrey Sports Park, £12 million on the Ivy Arts Centre and the Guildford School of Acting plus £16 million on the Library and Learning Centre.
A wonderful kick start to your career

What are my son's or daughter's employment prospects after graduation?

Figures from the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) reveal that an average of 95% of Surrey graduates over the last five years were in work and/or further study six months after they graduated.

One of the key reasons for this is our Professional Training placement programme – one of the largest in the world, with over 2,300 partner organisations in the UK and overseas. These placements provide opportunities for students to put their knowledge into practice and to experience a real working environment or even to focus on research in an academic environment. As well as helping students to hone their professional skills, most are paid on placements and visited at least once by an academic member of their department.

Depending on the degree course, our Professional Training placement programme enables students to work and/or study abroad in their third or fourth year, and the majority of our students choose to take one of these options.

Surrey's Employability and Careers Centre

From the latest placement and job vacancy information to inspiring talks and employability workshops, our Employability and Careers Centre will help your son or daughter to transform their knowledge and skills into the tools they need for a successful career or for postgraduate study.

Our Careers team offers a wide range of support, including one-to-one advice, networking events and access to employer directories, helping students to explore the exciting opportunities available after University and navigate the different stages of recruitment. We run two large Careers Fairs where Surrey students get to meet employers offering graduate jobs and placement opportunities.

Over the last year, 153 employers exhibited at our Autumn Careers and Placements Fair, including Accenture, ATKINS, Capgemini, Clifford Chance, EY, Mott MacDonald, PwC, Thames Water and Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust. Firms based in Guildford include Ericsson, BDO, IDBS and BAE Systems Applied Intelligence. We also hosted over 100 employability skills workshops run by employers.

In 2016-17, 1,200 students are working in industry on Professional Training placements in the UK, Europe and around the world. 94 per cent of our placement students return to their final year of study feeling they are more employable. Our unrivalled programme of training and development which focuses on both the personal and professional growth of our students has made it possible for Surrey graduates to go on and develop successful careers across all industries. They can be found working as Ambassadors to HM Government, as Chief Executives in the City, in top research positions for the International Space Station, as Grammy-award winning music producers, or pioneers in the healthcare industry.
What is the University of Surrey’s academic track record?

**Best research in key areas – three Queen’s Anniversary Prizes**

Our researchers are changing the world in vital fields such as safe water, sustainable energy, telecommunications, disease control and health.

We are proud to have won three Queen’s Anniversary Prizes in recognition of this pioneering work that has generated a significant, positive impact on communities and economies across the world. Surrey is one of only twelve UK Universities to have received more than two prizes. The Queen’s Anniversary Prizes for Higher and Further Education are a biennially awarded series of prizes granted to Universities and Colleges, and are the most prestigious honour open to a UK university.

**Outstanding research**

The 2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF) has classified a significant amount of research at the University as ‘world-leading’.

In the results, Surrey ranked in the top quartile of all universities in the UK for Biomedical Sciences, Electronic Engineering and Hospitality and Tourism.

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**£70 million support for 5G Mobile Technology**

The 5G Innovation Centre will provide industry with a world-leading real-time experimental facility for testing and optimising advanced technologies, underpinning the development of the new mobile broadband internet products and services. This will give Surrey the opportunity to be a major influencer in critical standardisation and radio regulatory bodies in the emerging 5G arena.

The consortium, which includes: Aeroflex, AIRCOM International, BBC, BT, EE, Fujitsu Laboratories of Europe, Huawei, Ofcom, Rohde & Schwarz, Samsung, Telefonica and Vodafone, has pledged time, expertise and other contributions which together total more than £58 million. This will be added to the £11.6m that was awarded by the Higher Education Funding Council of England (HEFCE) under the UK Research Partnership Investment Fund (UKRPIF).

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**£45 million School of Veterinary Medicine**

In 2015, Her Majesty the Queen opened the new School of Veterinary Medicine. The cutting-edge facilities include one of the best veterinary pathology centres in Europe. The School of Veterinary Medicine embraces the ‘One Health’ philosophy that human and animal health are intrinsically linked, and that doctors and vets can pool innovation and research to improve lives.

The Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine Science degree (BVMSc) will build on the University of Surrey’s close links with local, national and international clinical and research partners, and offers students the chance to develop vital communication and business skills through the Guildford School of Acting and Surrey Business School.

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Applying to UCAS

UCAS (Universities & Colleges Admissions Service) is responsible for managing applications to almost all full-time undergraduate degree programmes at UK universities and colleges.

Applicants are generally allowed up to five choices of course through UCAS. This is reduced to four if a student is applying for Medicine, Veterinary Science/Medicine, Dentistry, although they can choose a fifth non-medicine course. Students can apply for one course at either Oxford or Cambridge in a single application cycle.

Key deadlines
15 October
Deadline for applicants applying to Medicine, Veterinary Science/Medicine, Dentistry, Oxford or Cambridge
15 January
Deadline for all other applications
24 March
Some Art and Design courses have this extended deadline for submission as they require a portfolio

Applying
The UCAS form has several sections that ask your son or daughter for their personal details, choices, qualifications and any employment history. Make sure they note down their username, password and personal ID.

They will also need to submit a personal statement – one of the most important parts of their application. See page 22 for some helpful advice on writing this – UCAS Apply also offers useful information. Your child’s teacher will also provide an academic reference.

After making an application
Universities will review the application and make a decision. If your son or daughter is made an offer from a university, it will be either Unconditional or Conditional. Unconditional offers are usually made to applicants that have already completed their exams and meet the entry requirements. Conditional offers are more common – and are usually based on predicted grades. Some universities may have additional criteria, such as passing a pre-interview test or attending an interview. The conditional criteria must be met before students can be accepted onto the relevant course.

For up to date information on how to apply and UCAS charges visit: ucas.com

The University of Surrey invites applicants to an Applicant Day (along with their parents) – these run from November to April and allow you to find out more about the university and course, and to meet academics and ask questions.

Once your son or daughter has heard back from all of their choices, they can make a decision on their Firm (first choice) and Insurance (back up choice) universities. Generally you should ensure that the Insurance choice university asks for lower grades than the Firm choice.

If your son or daughter hasn’t received offers from any of their five choices, they may want to think about using UCAS Extra. This system is available before results are published and gives applicants an opportunity to apply for another course.

Results
Depending on the qualification, exam results are published either before or during August. If your son or daughter meets the conditions for their Firm or Insurance choice, their place will be confirmed. If they exceed the conditions of their firm offer, they may want to go into Adjustment. This allows your son/daughter to reconsider where or what they want to study, enabling them to apply to a university with entry requirements matching their final results. If they don’t meet the conditions of their Firm and Insurance choices, then it’s still worth checking with the university to see if it will accept them. If this isn’t possible, they can try and secure a place through Clearing, which is available for applicants who haven’t secured a place at a university and helps them to apply for course vacancies after results are published. Your son/daughter is able to check all of their details through UCAS Track.

UCAS contact details
T: 0371 468 0 468 (UK)
+44 330 3330 230 (Outside the UK)
ucas.com
How to write a compelling personal statement

The personal statement is one of the most vital parts of the UCAS application. It’s your son/daughter’s chance to tell universities why they want to study a particular course and to demonstrate their passion and enthusiasm for the subject.

Universities will use the personal statement to compare an applicant to other candidates with similar grades. Not all universities will interview their applicants, so this opportunity should be used to showcase the applicant’s skills and experience.

The personal statement can only be 4,000 characters/47 lines of text long (including spaces and blank lines), so it needs to be clear and concise whilst showcasing relevant achievements and talents. If it can demonstrate an enthusiastic, intellectual curiosity about their chosen subject (using their own words), they will convey the best possible impression of themselves to the admissions tutor.

What can be included?

This isn’t an exhaustive list, but you may want to ask your son/daughter to think about the following questions before they write their statement:

- Why do you want to study this particular subject/course?
- How have your current studies helped you prepare for this next step?
- How have you gone above and beyond the curriculum to demonstrate your interest in this subject? (for example, books you’ve read, taster sessions you’ve attended if relevant)
- What skills and experience (including work experience if relevant) do you have that would help you succeed at this course and at university generally?
- What have you achieved that you’re particularly proud of?
- What are your interests/hobbies? What skills have you acquired?
- What do you hope to gain from university? What are your career aspirations?

Generally speaking, 75 per cent of the statement should be academic (course-related) and 25 per cent can focus on extra-curricular activities. Do try, where possible, to link your extra-curricular activities to skills that will help you succeed at university.

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Student finances explained

Repayable support

Tuition Fee Loan

The UK Government sets the limit for tuition fees and provides a Tuition Fee Loan for full-time UK/EU students.

Students will not have to pay for tuition fees up front as all full-time UK/EU students are entitled to this loan to cover the cost of fees, regardless of household income.

Tuition Fee Loans are paid directly to the institution and are administered by Student Finance England.

Maintenance Loan

The Maintenance Loan is designed to pay for living costs, for example, accommodation, food, course books etc. This money is paid directly into a student’s bank account in three termly instalments and is administered by Student Finance England. All UK students are eligible for this support, and NHS funded students can apply for a reduced rate non-means tested loan.

The amount of loan your son or daughter is entitled to will depend on where they live and study plus household income.

For details see gov.uk/student-finance/overview

Repayment

The Tuition Fee Loan and Maintenance Loan are added together to make the Student Loan. The loan cannot be transferred to parents/children and won’t impact on a graduate’s ability to get a mortgage.

Your son or daughter will only be liable to start repaying their loan once they’ve graduated and are earning over £21,000 a year. Repayment of the Student Loan doesn’t begin until the April following graduation. Repayments are only linked to what a graduate actually earns, not what they owe. If your son’s or daughter’s income is £21,000 a year or less, they won’t have to make any repayments.

For more information see studentloanrepayment.co.uk

Full year maintenance loan rates: 2016 cohort F/T students not eligible for benefits or aged over 60

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Student Loan repayments: The figures

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The £21,000 annual income threshold will be frozen until 2021 and subject to review: gov.uk/government/consultations

Please use this table as a guide and contact Student Finance England for the latest information. gov.uk/student-finance

When your son’s or daughter’s income is over £21,000 a year, they will repay nine per cent of their income over this amount. The Student Loan is taken out of their wage through PAYE. Any Student Loan remaining after a 30-year period will be cancelled and there won’t be a penalty for early repayments.

If for any reason a student’s income drops below £21,000, the repayments will stop until the income returns to above £21,000.

For example, if your son or daughter takes a career break, goes on maternity leave or becomes unemployed, payments will be suspended, although interest to the loan will still be applied. If your son or daughter moves overseas, the payback threshold is adjusted according to the cost of living in that country and has been agreed by the Student Loans Company.

For more information see studentloanrepayment.co.uk

For Professional Training placements (PTP), the fee will be considerably lower and will vary from institution to institution. The University of Surrey PTP fee will be £1,800 in 2017/18 for 2015/16 entrants.

For the most up-to-date information on fees, please visit: surrey.ac.uk/discover/undergraduate-tuition-fees-bursaries-scholarships
Surrey Bursaries
For information on bursaries and awards please refer to the website for the latest information. If you have any questions, please contact:
E: bursariesandscholarships@surrey.ac.uk
surrey.ac.uk/discover/undergraduate-tuition-fees-bursaries-scholarships

Sports Scholarships
Our Sports Scholarships recognise exceptional achievement by high-calibre athletes and complement our world-class sports facilities at Surrey Sports Park.

High-performance athletes
The University of Surrey’s High-Performance Athlete Support Scheme (HPASS) is designed to help talented student athletes to fulfil their sporting potential whilst achieving academic excellence. We provide individually tailored, practical solutions and services to students that are specific to both their sport and academic situation.

HPASS benefits include:
• Free access to facilities at Surrey Sports Park
• An individual strength and conditioning programme
• Physiotherapy and sports massage
• Physiological assessments and advice through the Surrey Human Performance Institute
• Regular workshops on a range of subjects, including strength and conditioning, lifestyle and injury prevention
• Nutritional analysis and sports psychology support
• A dedicated performance manager

Suitable HPASS applicants may qualify for one of the sports scholarships, valued at £3,000. Successful applicants will be eligible to receive £2,000 of athlete services, along with a cash bursary of £1,000. Current sports scholars include GBU23 rower Alastair Douglass, GB fencer Abbie Matthews, Chelsea footballer Anne Meiwald and Surrey Storm netballer Katie Harris.

To be eligible, you must meet the following criteria:
• Achieve the required academic entry standard for your chosen degree course
• Continue to meet the academic standards of your course during your time at Surrey in order to remain on the scholarship programme
• Be competing in a sport recognised by both UK Sport and British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) at either international or national level.
E: m.garfoot@surrey.ac.uk
teamsurrey.co.uk/performance/scholarships.php

Degree-specific scholarships, sponsorships and bursaries
When considering Surrey, speak to Fees and Funding and ask about subject-specific scholarships. We’re happy to provide you and your son or daughter with the information you need to discover how to secure funding from scholarships such as the IET Diamond Jubilee Scholarship.
E: bursariesandscholarships@surrey.ac.uk

Managing money
There’s a lot to handle – from tuition fees and accommodation to food and course materials, plus a social life. Based in the Student Services Centre at the University of Surrey, our Student Money Advisers can help students with any financial queries and problems. The Money Advisers offer advice on a vast array of issues including council tax, benefits, debt and educational trusts.

Part-time work
At Surrey, we advise that students shouldn’t work for more than 15 hours per week, so that they have enough time to dedicate to their academic studies.

Applying for Student Finance
Your son or daughter can apply online through Student Finance in the year they want to start their course. Applications usually open around January and the deadline is normally nine months after the first day of the academic year of their course. It is advisable to apply in advance of their course starting so that funding is in place in time for the beginning of the first semester.

Useful websites
surrey.ac.uk/discover/fees-and-funding
gov.uk/student-finance-calculator
studentloansrepayment.co.uk
scholarship-search.org.uk
Starting university

One of the key things that needs to be organized before starting university is where to live.

New Surrey undergraduates are guaranteed a place in University accommodation, as long as they meet the guarantee criteria. For full details of our allocation policy, including the guarantee criteria see surrey.ac.uk/accommodation

Please note, our allocation policy is reviewed annually and is subject to change.

Arranged in Courts of Residences (groups of self-catered housing), our campus accommodation provides students with a comfortable, safe living space. The University has more than 5,000 rooms available in a choice of price bands.

You can find more information at: surrey.ac.uk/ug/accommodation

Private houses owned by landlords and purpose built student accommodation from private providers are available in Guildford and the surrounding area.

Why not take a look at our accommodation through the virtual tour? surrey.ac.uk/ug/360tour

Welcome Week

Welcome Week is your son’s or daughter’s first week at Surrey. Also known as Freshers’ Week, it begins with Moving In Weekend, when our new first year students move into their accommodation just before their first week of lectures begin.

Our dedicated team of Freshers’ Angels and Student Life Mentors, all of whom are current students, alongside Wardens (University staff who live within the residences) are on hand to help students settle into their accommodation, answer any questions and offer their advice on all elements of student life.

In 2016 Surrey was ranked number 1 for overall Arrival by the Student Barometer Survey, achieving 1st out of 44 institutions globally. Surrey achieved 92.1% student satisfaction.

Welcome Week is dedicated to course related activities and information to ensure that your son or daughter has all the information they need for their course and time at Surrey. They will interact with fellow students and be taken on department and campus tours. They will also receive their course handbook as well as an introduction to the module content and their timetable, preparing all first year students for their first term.

Throughout the week the Students’ Union – run by the students for the students – will host and run a variety of daytime and evening events. At the end of the week all first year students have the chance to sign up to a large variety of brilliant sports clubs and societies at the popular Freshers’ Fayre.
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Start your journey at one of our Open Days.

OPEN DAYS
Book a place on one of our Open Days where you can meet students and academics, explore our campus and discover more about the courses that have fired your interest.

- Friday 30 June 2017
- Saturday 1 July 2017
- Saturday 16 September 2017
- Saturday 14 October 2017

To book your place, please visit:
surrey.ac.uk/opendays

CAMPUS TOURS
We run campus tours every Wednesday at 1pm – a great opportunity to explore our facilities and services. For more details and to make a booking, please visit:
surrey.ac.uk/campustour

VIRTUAL TOUR
Take a virtual tour, giving you a panoramic view of the whole campus and our local area – please visit:
surrey.ac.uk/virtualtour

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We advise all applicants to view the website prior to making any application.