

In2Surrey Frequently Asked Questions

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Applying to In2Surrey

1. When should I apply?

For anyone planning to start at the University of Surrey in September 2021, In2Surrey applications are open from September 2020 until January 2021. Please check the In2Surrey webpage (<https://www.surrey.ac.uk/schools-colleges/in2surrey>) for exact dates.

2. How do I apply?

To apply to the scheme, simply fill out an online application form which you will be able to find on the In2Surrey webpage when applications open (<https://www.surrey.ac.uk/schoolscolleges/in2surrey>).

3. What happens if I miss the application deadline?

We cannot consider late applications unless there are exceptional circumstances involved. To make us aware of any exceptional circumstances that have affected your application, please email in2@surrey.ac.uk.

4. Do I have to provide any documents to support my application?

You will not have to provide any supporting documents. However, you will be asked to provide the name of a teacher as a referee. We may be in contact with the teacher to confirm elements of your application.

5. How do I know if I have been given a place on the In2Surrey scheme?

You will receive an email and/or letter from the Widening Participation team, confirming whether you have been allocated a place on the scheme.

6. If I am given a place on the In2Surrey scheme, can I defer my entry?

It is possible to defer your place on the In2Surrey scheme. However, you must have first agreed to defer your entry to your course with the University of Surrey's Admissions team. If you are unable to defer entry to your course, you may be able to reapply to the In2Surrey scheme in a subsequent year but please be aware that the benefits of the scheme may be subject to change.

7. I have been given an unconditional offer – how will this affect my place on the scheme?

If you have been given an unconditional offer, you will not be eligible for the grade reduction. However, you will still be eligible for a scholarship, access to an e-mentor and invitation to special events at the University of Surrey to help with your transition.

The In2Surrey Assignment

8. What is the In2Surrey assignment?

The In2Surrey assignment is an important part of the scheme. It is a piece of reflective writing, designed to encourage you to reflect upon the academic skills that you currently have and how you might apply them to university study. You must pass the assignment to obtain a reduced offer and to be eligible for the In2Surrey scholarship.

9. When will the In2Surrey assignment be set?

The In2Surrey assignment is set in February, after your place on the scheme has been confirmed. Please check the In2Surrey webpage (<https://www.surrey.ac.uk/schools-colleges/in2surrey>) for exact dates.

10. How long will I be given to complete the assignment?

You will be given approximately 3-4 weeks to complete the assignment. Please check the In2Surrey webpage (<https://www.surrey.ac.uk/schools-colleges/in2surrey>) for exact dates and deadlines.

11. What happens if I don't pass the In2Surrey assignment?

If you do not pass the In2Surrey assignment on the first attempt, you will receive feedback on your work and be given the opportunity to resubmit. If you do not pass the resubmission, you will no longer be able to continue with the In2Surrey scheme. However, this will not affect your original offer from the University of Surrey; it is still possible for you to gain a place at Surrey independently of the In2Surrey scheme.

Benefits of the Scheme

12. When will I receive the grade reduction?

Your grade reduction will become visible on UCAS Track in May. Please note that for BTEC (QCF Level 3 Extended Diploma) students, we may be unable to make a reduction of one grade due to A Level equivalencies. We may also be unable to offer a reduction in entry requirements for students who hold unconditional offers. You must place the University of Surrey as a firm choice to be eligible for the grade reduction.

13. Can I choose which of my A Levels the grade reduction will apply to?

Unfortunately, you are not able to choose which subject the grade reduction will apply to. Students must still meet all the essential requirements of the course they have applied to. For example, if your course specifies that you need an A in Maths, this cannot be reduced. In some cases, subject entry requirements may not entitle you to a grade reduction.

14. How much will I receive in terms of scholarship?

The In2Surrey scholarship is weighted against your final grades and in terms of meeting your original or alternative offer. Scholarships are available to those who:

- Exceed the conditions of their original offer = £1500
- Meet the conditions of their original offer* = £1000
- Meet conditions of their alternative offer = £500

* Please note that any students holding an unconditional will be unable to exceed the conditions of their original offer.

15. How is the scholarship paid?

The scholarship is paid directly into your bank account in the first year of university. It is split into two instalments with 50% received in the first half in semester one and 50% in semester two.

16. Do I have to repay the scholarship?

You do not have to repay the scholarship. However, if you suspend your studies, the scholarship will not be paid.

17. How do I claim the Travel Bursary?

The travel bursary is available to all In2Surrey applicants accepted onto the scheme and is in support of covering costs to attend campus applicant events. These include Open Days, Applicant Days, Interviews, Auditions and Campus Tours. You are only able to claim your travel costs ahead of your visit and we are unable to back date requests. To receive your travel bursary, please contact in2@surrey.ac.uk directly to submit your request.

18. How can my e-mentor support me?

E-mentors are current undergraduate students at the University of Surrey. They can support you by answering any questions you have about what it's like to study at the University of Surrey, the transition to Higher Education, or university life more generally.

In2Surrey Events

19. Are the Launch and the Pre-Entry events compulsory?

Although not compulsory, we strongly recommend that you attend as the events are designed to support you with the transition to Higher Education. At the events, you will be introduced to University of Surrey staff and current students. If you are unable to attend the live sessions, resources will be available for you to access online in your own time.

20. Are you able to offer any financial support for me to attend on campus events?

The travel bursary is designed to support you in accessing campus visits. However, In2Surrey is not able to provide additional support with expenses incurred in attending campus events (e.g. overnight accommodation, catering costs).

Withdrawing from the Scheme

21. I want to leave the In2Surrey Scheme - how do I do this?

If you would like to withdraw from the In2Surrey scheme, please let us know by emailing in2@surrey.ac.uk. Should you not meet the requirements of the scheme, you will be automatically removed.

22. If I don't make the University of Surrey my firm choice, will my place on the In2Surrey scheme be affected?

You must make the University of Surrey your firm choice to be entitled to the full benefits of the scheme. If you do not make Surrey your firm choice, you will be automatically removed from the scheme and, consequently, will not be eligible for the scholarship or the grade reduction.